



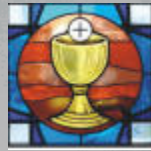
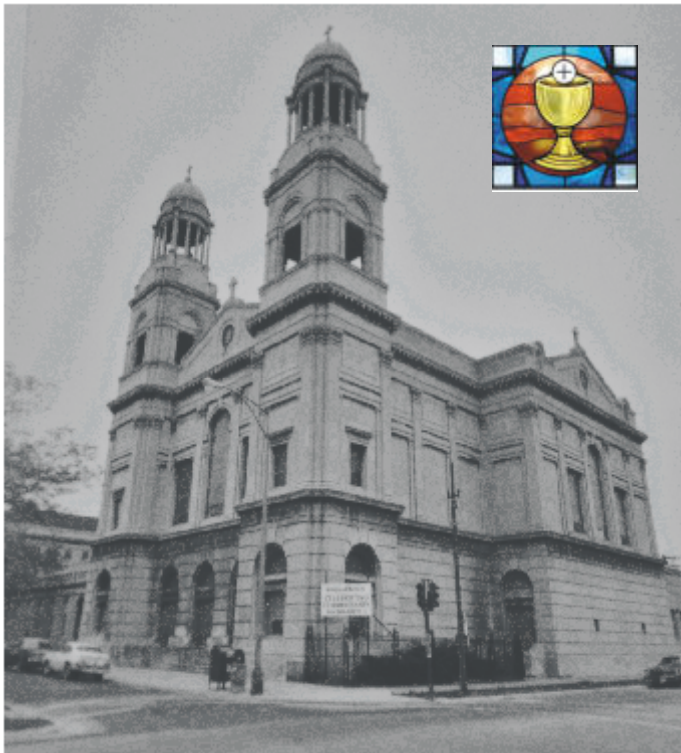
# Corpus Christi Catholic Church



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The Priests of the Missionary Society of St. Paul

**Pastor**

Father Anthony Anike, MSP

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Ms. Meltonia Swain

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Mrs. Theresa Rhea



**Sunday Masses:**

9:30 a.m.

**Igbo Community Mass**

Every last two Sundays of the month - 2:30 p.m.

**Weekday Masses:**

Monday—Saturday - 8:00 a.m.

Legal Holidays - 8:00 a.m.

Holydays of Obligation - 8 am & 6:30 pm

**Eucharistic Adoration:**

1st Fridays - 8:30a.m. - 6 pm

**Confessions:**

Saturdays 5:00 p.m. — 7:00 p.m. or by appointment

**Infant Baptism:**

Please call the parish office to make arrangements with the pastor. Parents must ensure enough time to participate in preparation meetings prior to the Baptism.

**Marriages/Weddings:** Prior to making any arrangements, please call the parish and ask to speak with the pastor at least six months before the proposed date of the wedding.

**Parish Office Hours:**

Tuesday - Friday: 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

**Parish/Rectory Phone:** 773-285-7720

**Fax:** 773-285-2572

The **Parish Pastoral Council** meets on the 2nd Saturday of the month, September through June. It's Chairperson is **Lorrie Walls**

The **Parish Finance Committee** meets on the 4th Saturday of the month, September through June. Its Chairperson is **Nancy Banks**.

**Parish Registration:** To be considered an active member of the parish, every single adult and family must be duly registered with the parish office, and must be on our mailing list, and regularly using the parish weekly donation envelopes. Please, call the office if you are interested in joining our Parish Family.

Our Mission Statement

*We, the faith community of Corpus Christi Catholic Church, believe that God, The Source of Life, has graced us through Our Lord Jesus Christ, who stands as a living example for us to follow in our daily lives. We believe that we are called by the Holy Spirit to build up the Body of Christ, to be united in a common bond as a people who proclaim the Good News of salvation and who share God's love by ministering to others.*



**A CHANGE THAT IS REAL AND CONCRETE**

The third Sunday of Advent is also called “Gaudete” Sunday; a Latin word that means “rejoice,” taken from the first word of the entrance antiphon for this Sunday's Mass, and also echoed in today's second reading from St. Paul's letter to the Philippians, where he said, “Rejoice in the Lord always.” This name is a reminder that the Advent season is a season of joy because our salvation is very near at hand.

This Sunday's Gospel continues last week's focus on John the Baptist and his role in preparing the way for Christ. John the Baptist challenged his audience, the crowds, who responded to his call, to show evidence of their repentance, because their earthly privileges as Israelites, children of Abraham, could not save them. God did not need them to fulfill His plans. God could use anyone if they refused to believe and change. The only solution was repentance. They were called to real repentance that was observable in changing the way they lived their lives; a change shown in actions.

For the gospel of St Luke, to be a Christian is more about actions, and life lived according to the gospel message and not by mere proclamation of words or expression of feelings. Also, Luke’s gospel made it clear that the call to salvation is extended to all peoples, Jews as well as Gentiles, men and women of all races and nations.

In response to the question about what they were to do, John invited them to be compassionate and generous, to share their food and cloaks. People of every vocation and profession could possibly show their love and obedience to God in their duties or professions. It was and is not enough for people to say they are Christians, they were to live just lives.

John also gives a profound witness to the way followers of Christ should live: he was humble and ready to lay down his life, to serve the will of God, even in the lowest way possible; to play his role in the plan of God to save his people. John the Baptist’s life elevated Jesus the Lord that he served and the Messiah that he was sent to announce. He made it abundantly clear that his mission was to prepare people for the Christ, the messiah and not self-gratification or to grab power. John the Baptist knew his place and his role in God's plan of salvation. John's teaching suggested that each person has a role to play in God's salvation; that God permits and asks for our human cooperation in his divine plans.

It is very clear therefore that this season of preparation means that we should not take God’s mercy for granted, not take the opportunity this season gives us for granted, but always in humility be ready to follow Christ whom we profess. We should use this advent season to effect some change in our lives, in the way we live our practical lives, in the way we do our daily chores and, in the way, we handle our interactions with people of every state in life.

Fr. Anthony Anike, M.S.P.

**PARISH  CALENDAR**

Sunday	<b>December 16</b> <i>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</i>
8:40am	Rosary
9:30am	Families of Corpus Christi
Thursday	<b>December 20</b> , Bible Study in rectory 6:30pm
Saturday	<b>December 22</b> , Finance Committee
Sunday	<b>December 23</b> <i>FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</i>
8:40am	Rosary
9:30am	Families of Corpus Christi
2:30pm	IGBO Community Mass
Monday	<b>December 24</b> , Christmas Eve
9:30 am.	Families of Corpus Christi Church
10:00pm	<i>Carols</i>
10:30pm.	<i>Christmas Vigil Mass</i>
Tuesday	<b>December 25</b> ,
9:30am.	<i>Christmas Day Mass</i>
Sunday	<b>December 30</b> , <i>THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH</i>
8:40 am	Rosary
9:30am	Families of Corpus Christi
2:30pm	IGBO Community Mass
Monday	<b>December 31</b> , <i>New Year Eve</i>
Tuesday	<b>January 1, 2019</b> <i>SOLEMNITY of MARY &amp; NEW YEARS</i>
9:30am	

\*\* Daily Mass 8:00 am Monday—Saturday  
 \*\* Saturday Confessions (In Church) 5 - 7 pm  
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**A Prayer For “Renew My Church”**

*Lord Jesus, you speak to us today, as you spoke to holy men and women who have gone before us. In every age and in our own time, you call to us and say: Renew My Church.*

*Pour out the gift of your Holy Spirit upon us, and so enable us to hear you clearly to listen to each other attentively to imagine our future boldly to discern your direction wisely to persevere in your holy will courageously to stay together in charity to surrender our own plans readily to embrace the greater good to hand on your gifts to future generations.*

*May we remain in the holy company of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the apostles, and all the saints. May their example and presence inspire us with patient confidence in the work of your grace. We ask this of you who live and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.*

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**ROSARY & LITANY SCHEDULE**



*The Rosary & Litany is at 8:40 am to 9:10 am each Sunday. A prayer guide will be available for the parishioners at the ushers table. Please join us.*



COLLECTION



Sunday, December 9, 2018  
1,113.00

If you work on Sundays or for some other reason are unable to attend Corpus Christi on Sundays, know that we seriously would appreciate and need your tithes. If we all contribute our tithes, it would help us reach the \$3,000 goal per Sunday that we need.

We are grateful and thankful to the individuals and families of our parish who are making sacrifices to support the parish financially. God bless you all!

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Lectors Schedule

- December 16, 9:30am Joseph Taylor & Anthony Williams  
3rd Sunday of Advent
- December 23, 9:30am Nancy Banks & Larry Cope  
4th Sunday of Advent
- December 24, 10:30pm Connie Houseworth & Lorrie Walls  
Christmas Eve
- December 25, 9:30am Ruth Willingham & Silmon Reed  
Christmas Day

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

- December 16, 9:30am Larry Cope & Lorrie Walls  
3rd Sunday of Advent
- December 23, 9:30am Ruth Willingham & Ruth Thomas  
4th Sunday of Advent
- December 24, 10:30pm Larry Cope & Ronald Barner  
Christmas Eve
- December 25, 9:30am Meltonia Swain & Theresa Rhea  
Christmas Day

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SICK AND SHUT-IN LIST



- Curtis Albright
- Dorla Allen
- Eva Awong
- Myra Baugh
- Barbara McGee-Berry
- Lee Etta Clark
- Byron Diggs
- Ola Mae Forde
- Mable Gray
- Rochelle Gresham
- Adolphus Hall
- Mildred Jackson
- Georgia Leftridge
- Carrie Miller
- William McCullough
- Rita White

Take a moment to remember our sick & shut-in members by keeping them in your prayers. We ask that our members check on our elderly and sick & shut-in members, and those who are hospitalized or in nursing homes. As a courtesy, please call before visiting.

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BIBLE STUDY CLASS

Bible Study on Thursday, December 20, 2018 in the rectory at 6:30 pm.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION HELPS TO BUILD A STRONG FOUNDATION

If you know of anyone who is interested in becoming a Catholic or if you or anyone you know would like to learn more about the Catholic faith, please contact Theresa Rhea at (773-671-3890). Classes for preparation for Reconciliation and First Communion for Catholic children at least 7 years old and Bible Study for all children are held on the third and fourth Saturdays of each month, 10:30 am until 12:00 pm.



SOUP KITCHEN

Our Soup Kitchen a place where we provide food and fellowship to those who are homeless or destitute. Our evangelizing staff of volunteers from Corpus Christi Catholic Church and Saint Dorothy's Catholic Church, served 209 meals for the 4 Wednesday in the month November 2018. Thanks to all who volunteers their service each Tuesday and Wednesday

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SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE

The Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women offers a \$1,000 per year scholarship renewable for four years to a young Catholic woman, currently a high school senior; rules/criteria and application are available for download at [www.accwchicago.org/scholarship](http://www.accwchicago.org/scholarship); deadline for submission is March 20; call the ACCW office at 312-534-8330 with questions.

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