



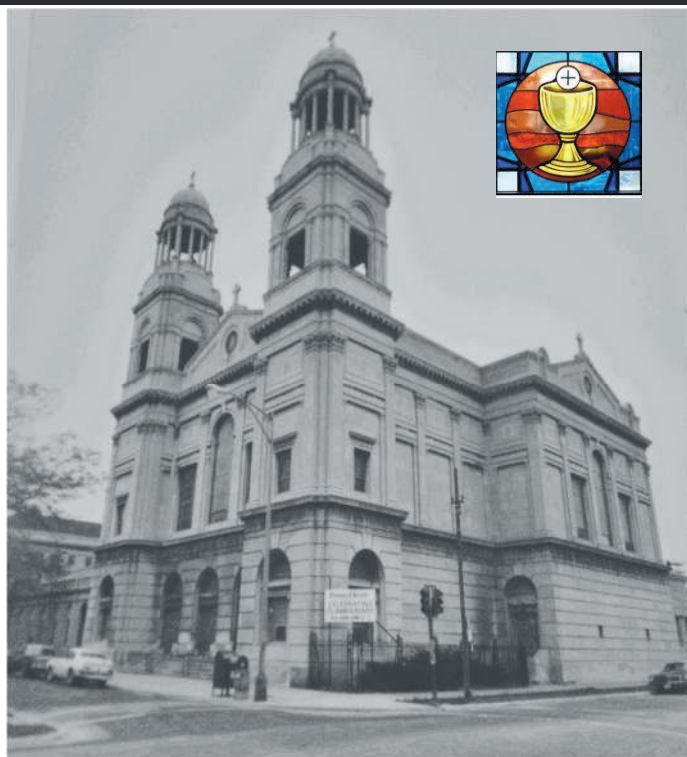
Corpus Christi Catholic Church



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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.



Corpus Christi Catholic Church

First Sunday of Advent Year C, December 2, 2018

Be vigilant & Wait for Christ's Coming

Advent is a very helpful season because it renews a call for all Christians to live with hope for the fulfillment of God's word and promises to His people; hope for the second and final coming of Christ. It is a season for us to prepare ourselves for two comings. Firstly, we prepare ourselves for the memorial celebration of Christ's first coming at Christmas. Secondly, we intensify our hopeful preparation, waiting, watching, and praying, for the second coming of Christ. We are reminded by the word of God that this world is passing away and the time when all will be fulfilled is closer than it was last year.

The first reading is taken from the prophet Jeremiah who was bringing the message of the first coming of the Messiah to the people of Israel. Jeremiah presented to the people, and he is telling us today, that our God will fulfill the promises that he made to the House of Israel and Judah. If we are children of God therefore, it is important that we live a faith-filled life that is full of hope that our God will fulfill His promises. The Psalmist in Ps. 25: 4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 and the second reading contain invitation to continue to be faithful to the terms of God's covenant with us, namely, to love God totally and others as we have been loved, and to humbly return to Him, through penance, when we stray from the terms of His covenant with us.

Living in a world that is full of distractions or mundane attractions, there is the tendency for our hearts to go to sleep, for us to lose that attitude of hope and waiting, to forget that this world, as we know it, is passing away, and to settle for the things and ways of thinking that this world offers to us. Jesus told his disciples to be vigilant, to be watchful and to notice the signs that would remind them of the imperfect nature of this world, and to always be ready, to be prepared for the end whenever it comes.

As we enter this season of Advent, we are invited to do so with prayer for God's help, to be able to withstand whatever this world throws at us without giving up our faith and the treasures of the gospel message that Jesus has given to us. With the Psalmist, let us cry out: "To you, O Lord, I (we) lift up my (our) soul(s)."

And let us continue to pray with the Psalmist: "Your ways, O LORD, make known to me (us); teach me (us) your paths, guide me (us) in your truth and teach me (us), for you are God my (our) savior, and for you I (we) wait all the day."

Let us not enter this season of Advent with our focus on Christmas gifts and other material preparations as our priority. On the contrary, let us enter this season with a spirit of prayer and penance asking God our Father to forgive our weaknesses and to continue to show us the way to live in this world, so as to be ready and worthy for the celebration of Christmas, and the second coming of Christ. We pray that God will help us to be vigilant and our hearts warm and hungry for enduring union with our God.

Fr. Anthony Anike, M.S.P.

PARISH DECEMBER CALENDAR



Sunday	December 2, FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT Rosary Families of Corpus Christi
8:40 am	
9:30 am	
Thursday	December 6, Bible Study in rectory 6:30pm
Friday	December 7, Eucharistic Adoration Chapel 8:30am to 6:00pm.
Saturday	December 8, Parish Council <i>THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</i>
Sunday	December 9 <i>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</i> Rosary Families of Corpus Christi
8:40 am	
9:30 am	
Thursday	December 13, Bible Study in rectory 6:30pm
Sunday	December 16 <i>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</i> Rosary Families of Corpus Christi
8:40 am	
9:30 am	
Thursday	December 20, Bible Study in rectory 6:30pm
Saturday	December 22, Finance Committee
Sunday	December 23 <i>FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</i> Rosary Families of Corpus Christi IGBO Community Mass
8:40 am	
9:30 am	
2:30pm	
Monday	December 24, Christmas Eve Families of Corpus Christi Church <i>Carols</i> <i>Christmas Vigil Mass</i>
9:30 am.	
9:00 pm	
10:00 pm.	
Tuesday	December 25, <i>Christmas Day Mass</i>
9:30 am.	
Sunday	December 30, <i>THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH</i> Rosary Families of Corpus Christi IGBO Community Mass
8:40 am	
9:30 am	
2:30pm	
Monday	December 31, New Year Eve

** 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

STEWARDSHIP Giving is an act of the heart. You may give without loving, but you cannot love without giving.



COLLECTION

Sunday, November 25, 2018 \$734.00

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!

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.

BIBLE STUDY CLASS



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

Lectors Schedule

- December 2, 9:30am Connie Houseworth & Silmon Reed 1st Sunday of Advent
December 9, 9:30am Donna Claxton & Lorrie Walls 2nd Sunday of Advent

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

- December 2, 9:30am Ruth Thomas & Theresa Rhea 1st Sunday of Advent
December 9, 9:30am Carrie Miller & Ronald Barner 2nd Sunday of Advent

SICK AND SHUT-IN LIST



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

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.

Church News

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.

THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO IS HIRING

The Archdiocese offers employment opportunities across our organization. We provide a competitive salary and benefit package, including medical, dental, vision, paid vacation, sick days, personal days, holidays, 403(b) and more. For the listing of current openings, please visit archchicago.org/careers, or follow us on LinkedIn.

Be part of our mission. The Archdiocese of Chicago ("the Archdiocese"), the third largest Catholic Archdiocese in the United States, serves more than 2.2 million Catholics in 336 parishes in Cook and Lake Counties. The Archdiocese's 209 elementary and secondary schools comprise one of the largest U.S. private school systems and have garnered more U.S. Department of Education Blue Ribbon Awards than any system of any type. The Archdiocese, pastored by Cardinal Blase J. Cupich, has more than 15,000 employees.

SHARE A GIFT

We need gifts of toiletries for our less fortunate neighbors. Starting Sunday, November 25 until Sunday, December 16. We appeal for donations of socks, lotion, toothpaste, toothbrush or other toiletries. Please drop off your gift items in the box located in the back of the church. For any questions please see Meltonia Swain, Donna Johnson or Bernadine McNeal. Let us help the less privileged experience the spirit of Christmas.

Renew My Church (RMC) 101

Office of Vicariate VI will be presenting a workshop on the basics of Renew My Church program. All Pastoral Council members and leaders of all ministries are expected to attend and anyone who is interest in understanding the RMC program are welcome to attend. Date: December 15. Time 11 am to 1.30 pm at Holy Angels Church. Lunch will be served. Please to RSVP call the Office (773-285-7720) or email Fr. Tony at corpuschristi4920@gmail.com by first week of December.

Black Women's Economic and Political Power

Ida B. Wells Legacy Committee's breakfast on Black Women's Economic and Political Power with guest speaker LaTosha Brown, Co-founder of the Black Voters Matter Fund, informational breakfast will take place in Corpus Christi's Social Hall, 4910 S. King Dr., on Monday, December 10, 2018, from 7:30am. - 9:30am. Tickets are \$50. You can purchase tickets online at www.idaslegacy.com or by calling 312-948-9951.

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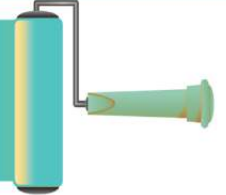
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