



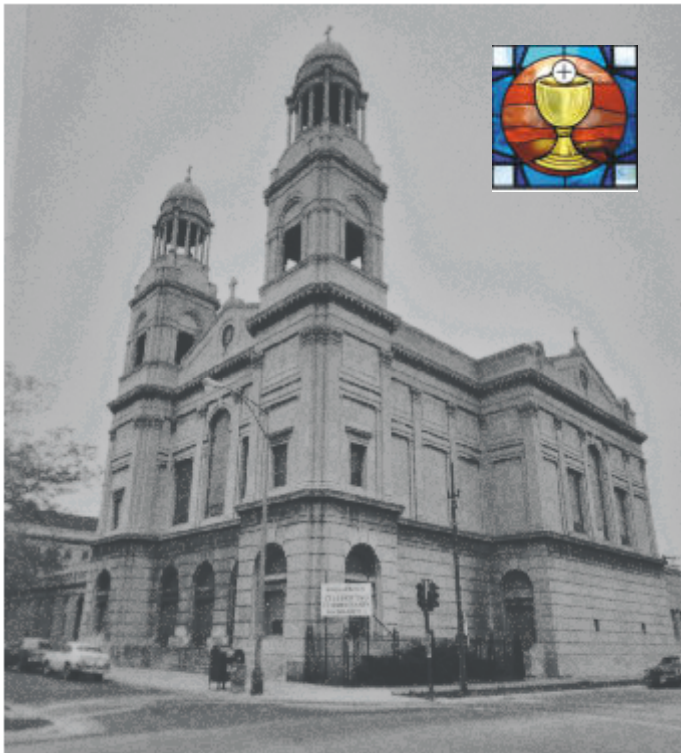
Corpus Christi Catholic Church



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The Priests of the Missionary Society of St. Paul

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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.



Work to Prepare the Way for Christ

On this second Sunday of Advent, the church presents to us in the gospel of St Luke, the message of John the Baptist with a message addressed to us; to prepare the way for the coming of the Lord, a call to a deeper conversion and repentance from our individual and communal sins. We are also called to focus more earnestly on spiritual renewal for the celebration of Christmas, to dispose ourselves to growth in imitation of Christ, and to make more lasting effort to be ready for the final coming of Christ, whenever that may be. The Lord has already begun some good work in our lives; we are already Christians, but there is always more to do. As St. Paul says in the second reading, we need to respond more deeply and authentically to Christ's call by increasing our love "ever more and more" so that we "may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness ..."

We know our God is dynamic, always working, always moving, always coming to us. But we also know that, although we love God and wish to serve God truly, we live with a lot of distractions, and our good wishes may never come to fruition because we do not really have the time for "Opus Dei," for the work of God; in other words, we do not give time to work on our lives, to align our lives or to make our lives fit the pattern of the Christ whom we follow, to live the life that we say we believe in.

John the Baptist calls out to God's people to "make straight his paths," to fill up every valley, to bring every mountain low, and to make the rough ways smooth. This is some work my friends! It means advent is a time for spiritual work. We are invited to work to respond more deeply to the Christ who came, who comes, and who is coming again. In this second week, let us look at the lacks in our spiritual lives; the things we that we should be doing and never get to do. Let us look and see if pride and inordinate self-love has become an obstacle to our spiritual growth. Let us look to see if there is any part of our spiritual life that has gone crooked, and the rough edges of our lives. Let us get down to work, so that our Lord might find us ready and our hearts a welcoming home for the Holy Spirit at Christmas and whenever he comes.

What are some of the different works that the church has taught us: the work of praying more seriously; giving more time for reflection, looking at our lives and examining our consciences too see the areas we need to change, to respond more obediently to God's call for deeper conversion, and to make humble and sincere confession. It is time for us to look at our journey so far and how well we have been able to bear wrongs patiently, to forgive offenses willingly, to comfort the afflicted, and to feed the hungry, to give water to the thirsty, to clothe the naked, to shelter the homeless, to visit the sick, and those in prison. If we are so prepared, then our Christmas will not just be material celebration but a joyful celebration of spiritual renewal, and growth in becoming more like Christ our Lord. Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus!

Fr. Anthony Anike, M.S.P.

Sunday	December 9 <i>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</i>
8:40 am	Rosary
9:30 am	Families of Corpus Christi
Thursday	December 13 , Bible Study in rectory 6:30pm
Sunday	December 16 <i>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</i>
8:40 am	Rosary
9:30 am	Families of Corpus Christi
Thursday	December 20 , Bible Study in rectory 6:30pm
Saturday	December 22 , Finance Committee
Sunday	December 23 <i>FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</i>
8:40 am	Rosary
9:30 am	Families of Corpus Christi
2:30pm	IGBO Community Mass
Monday	December 24 , Christmas Eve
9:30 am.	Families of Corpus Christi Church
9:00 pm	<i>Carols</i>
10:00 pm.	<i>Christmas Vigil Mass</i>
Tuesday	December 25 ,
9:30 am.	<i>Christmas Day Mass</i>
Sunday	December 30 , <i>THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH</i>
8:40 am	Rosary
9:30 am	Families of Corpus Christi
2:30pm	IGBO Community Mass
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.

Church News

COLLECTION



Sunday, December 2, 2018 \$1,623.00

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.

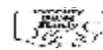
We are grateful and thankful to the individuals and families of our parish who are making sacrifices to support the parish financially. God bless you all!

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 13, 2018 in the rectory at 6:30 pm.

Lectors Schedule

- December 9, 9:30am Donna Claxton & Lorrie Walls 2nd Sunday of Advent
December 16, 9:30am Joseph Taylor & Anthony Williams 3rd Sunday of Advent

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

- December 9, 9:30am Carrie Miller & Ronald Barner 2nd Sunday of Advent
December 16, 9:30am Larry Cope & Lorrie Walls 3rd 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.



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.

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.

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.

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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