December 16, 2018 | Third Sunday of Advent

I AM BAPTIZING
YOU WITH WATER,

but one mightier than I is coming.
I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals.

- Luke 3:16

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WELCOME TO CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL
ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON — HOUSTON
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PARISH STATEMENT

Embracing the Eucharist as the source and summit of our lives, we are a Catholic community committed to peace, justice and unity, through worship, service, education and fellowship.

DEFINICIÓN DE NUESTRA MISIÓN

Acogiendo a la Eucaristia como la fuente y cima en nuestras vidas, somos una comunidad Católica, comprometida a la paz, la justicia, y la unidad a través del culto, servicio, educación y fraternidad.

MASS SCHEDULE/HORARIO DE LA MISA

Monday/Lunes	8:00am |7:00pm(Bilingual)
Tuesday — Friday	8:00am
Martes — Viernes	8:00am
Saturday/Sábado	8:00am
	5:00pm (Sunday Vigil)
Sunday/Domingo	9:00am | 11:00am
	1:30pm (Español)

Liturgy of the Hours | Liturgia de Hora
Monday—Thursday | Lunes—Jueves
7:40am

Confession | Confesiones
Saturday | Sabados
3:30pm — 4:30pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Monday, Wednesday, Friday | 9:00 am — 4:00 pm

Adoración del Santísimo Sacramento
Lunes, Miercoles, Viernes | 9:00 am — 4:00 pm

PARISH CALENDAR

- ✞ **Sat. & Sun., Dec 15-16 — CCW Holiday Bake Sale, after Masses**
- ✞ **Sun., Dec. 15, 12:15 pm — Spanish CCE students present Posada, Church, *all are invited***
- ✞ **December 16 – 23, 5:30 pm — Misa de Gallo, breakfast served after Mass in PH**
- ✞ **Sat.- Wed., Dec. 22 – 26 — Christmas Holidays observed, Parish Office closed**
- ✞ **Sun., Dec. 23 & Dec. 31 — Christmas Holidays – No CCE classes**
- ✞ **December 24 – 28 — Adoration Chapel closed; no Adoration this week**

CHRISTMAS SEASON LITURGIES

Monday, December 24
Vigil of Christmas/Christmas Eve

✞ 8:00 am Daily Mass (No Adoration after Mass)
✞ 5:00 pm Christmas Vigil Mass
✞ 12:00 am Christmas Midnight Mass (Carols begin at 11:30 pm)

Tuesday, December 25
Christmas Day/Nativity of the Lord

✞ 10:00 am Mass (English)(Carols begin at 9:40 am)
✞ 12:00 noon Mass (Spanish)

Wednesday, December 26 – Saturday, December 29
There is NO ADORATION this week.

✞ 8:00 am Daily Mass

Saturday, December 29

✞ 5:00 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, December 30
Feast of Holy Family — Jesus, Mary & Joseph

✞ 9:00 am Mass (English)
✞ 11:00 am Mass (English)
✞ 1:30 pm Mass (Spanish)

Monday, December 31
Vigil Mass – Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

✞ 7:00 pm Vigil Mass (Bilingual)

Tuesday, January 1, 2019
Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

✞ 10:00 am Mass (English)
✞ 12:00 noon Mass (Spanish)

Wednesday, January 2 – Saturday, January 5
Regular Daily Mass schedule resumes

Sunday, January 6
The Epiphany of the Lord
Regular Sunday Mass schedule

GRATEFUL FOR GOD'S BLESSINGS, WE OFFER OUR GIFTS OF TIME, TALENT & TREASURE

December 9, 2018

Offertory	$ 12,292.11
Maintenance and Repairs	$ 4,893.89

Second Collections

December 16	Fund for the Poor
December 23	Capital Improvements
December 30	Natural Disaster Relief Fund

Thank you for your generous support.

DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND UPDATE

Thank you to the parishioners who made a commitment this year to the Diocesan Services Fund. With a parish goal of $75,000, the pledges made by parishioners, allows Corpus Christi to not only achieve, but to exceed our goal. Your support is essential to helping the Archdiocese of Galveston Houston to continue in its mission to meet the needs of the greater Catholic community through education, formation, sacraments, social justice programs and liturgies.

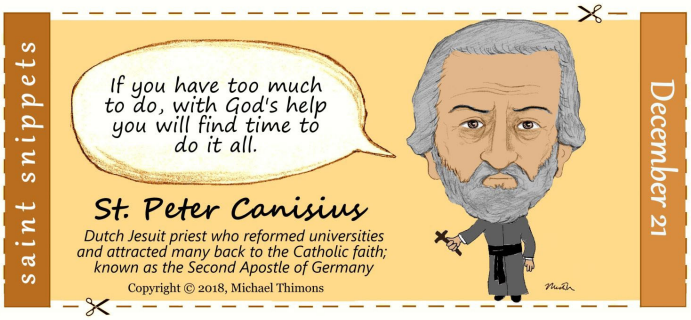
Have you made a pledge to this year's Diocesan Services Fund? Have you fulfilled your pledge? Join with your fellow parishioners who have made this commitment. 50% of pledge payments over and above our goal are returned to Corpus Christi Parish, while the other 50% provides aid to poor parishes. Contributions are accepted through December 31, 2018. The latest figures are provided as of December 10, 2018.

➢ Parish Goal	$ 75,000
➢ Total Amt. Paid	$77,898.63
➢ Total Amt. Pledged	$82,868.63
➢ # of Participants	176
➢ Avg. Pledge	$ 470.84
➢ Paid Over Goal	$ 2,898.63
➢ Pledged Over Goal	$ 7,868.63
➢ Percent Paid	103.86%

Thank You
for your Prayers
Support and Generosity.

YEAR AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Are you thinking of making a year-end contribution to Corpus Christi Church? Contributions (checks) must be dated by December 31, 2018 and received in the parish office or offertory collection by January 6, 2019.
Thank you for your consideration.



2019 CATHOLIC CALENDAR

The 2019 Catholic calendars have arrived! The calendars are available in English and Spanish. Thank you to our sponsors, **Cindy Raimond Properties** and **Alex Perez, Realtor.**

We are grateful for their support which provides the calendars free of charge to you.

Infant Baptism (0 months – 6 years of age) takes place several times throughout the year at one of our Sunday Masses.

Parents interested in having their infant (or child) baptized are required to attend the Baptismal Preparation Class along with the chosen Godparents.

We are only accepting active registered members of the parish and those living within our parish boundaries. Parents and Godparents we need all your attention during class. No children are allowed in class. No exceptions. We do not offer childcare. **If Godparents are married, they must be married by the Catholic Church and bring proof. Single Godparents must be at least sixteen years old and have received all three sacraments of initiation and bring proof.**

The Sacrament of Baptism is scheduled to be celebrated on: Sunday, January 13 at the 11:00 a.m. Mass
Pre-Baptismal class:
Saturday, December 29 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Pre-registration is required. Please contact Connie Rodriguez at the parish office to set up a pre-registration appointment 713-667-0497, ext. 118

A PRAYER FOR ADVENT

Look on us, Jesus, and let
all the darkness of our souls
disappear before the beams
of your brightness.
Fill us with your holy love,
And open to us
The treasures of your wisdom.
You know all our desire,
So bring to perfection
What you have started,
And what the Holy Spirit
Has wakened us to ask in prayer.
We seek your face,
Turn your face to us
And show us your glory.
Then our longing will be satisfied
And our peace will be perfect.
Amen.

-St. Augustine of Hippo

WE GATHER IN PRAYER DECEMBER 2018

MISA DE GALLO

This Filipino custom is celebrated annually, with a nine-day novena of Masses at 5:30 am, followed by a light breakfast in Prefontaine Hall. The nine-day period began Saturday, December 15 and concludes Sunday, December 23. All are invited to share in this Eucharistic celebration.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER FUND!

Would you like to consider a donation to the Christmas Flower Fund in honor of or in memory of a loved one?
Envelopes are available in the vestibule. Your generosity is a lovely way to remember your loved one while helping to decorate the church for the Christmas season!

SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION
NATURAL DISASTER RELIEF FUND
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2018

All parishes in the Archdiocese of Galveston Houston have been asked to participate in a special second collection to assist those who were affected by natural disasters this past year. The funds will be disbursed through Catholic Charities to those affected by recent hurricanes, wildfires and other natural disasters in the United States. Our collection will take place the weekend of December 29-30. If you wish to write a check, please make it payable to Corpus Christi Catholic Church. All funds will be sent to the Archdiocese. Thank you for your consideration and support of those struggling to recover and rebuild their lives.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - CCE CLASS SCHEDULE

ENGLISH

- Sunday, Dec. 16 – Third Sunday of Advent – All CCE classes in session, 9:15
- CCE classes resume Sunday, Jan. 13

SPANISH

- Sunday, Dec. 16 – Third Sunday of Advent – All CCE classes in session, 11:45 am
- CCE classes resume Sunday, Jan. 13

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL – 6TH THROUGH 12TH

- Sunday, Dec. 16 – Third Sunday of Advent – All CCE classes in session, 5:00 pm
- CCE classes resume Sunday, Jan. 13

PARISH CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

In observance of the Christmas and New Year holidays, the parish office hours are as follows:

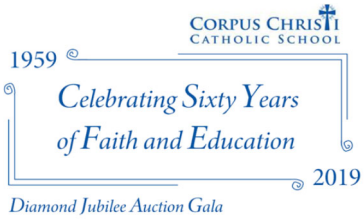
- December 22, 23, 24, 25 and 26 (Office closed)
- December 27, 28 (Office open 8:30 am – 4:30 pm)
- December 30, 31 & January 1 and 2 (Office closed)
- December 3 – Regular office hours resume

CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC SCHOOL

SMALL SCHOOL. BIG DIFFERENCE.

"Together, we form scholars to learn, serve, lead and succeed."

Now accepting applications for the 2019-2020 school year! For a school tour and more information visit our school website, contact Susan Miller, Advancement/Admissions Director, smiller@corpuschristihouston.org or 713-664-3351.



ALUMNI ROUNDUP!
Join us to celebrate our 60th Anniversary in 2019!
Don't miss it! Be sure we have your contact information!

Mark your calendars for our *Diamond Jubilee Auction Gala and Dinner* on Saturday, February 9, 2019! The annual auction is one of the school's largest fundraisers and helps the school make investments in technology, facility improvements, and staff development.

Corpus Christi Catholic School is a STREAM school. Core curriculum content areas are integrated across disciplines through STREAM (Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics) fostering higher-level thinking and reasoning skills while cultivating creativity and interweaving Catholic values.

Follow us on twitter

PLAY IT SAFE DURING THE HOLIDAYS
PLEASE OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING PRECAUTIONS

Recently, we have had cars broken into and property stolen. This especially happens when the parking lot is filled with cars for sports activities, meetings and during Mass. Area police departments remind us that daycares, schools, churches and shopping malls are high target areas for vehicle thefts. Theft prevention tips include:

- Hide or remove valuables, including phones, charging cables, backpacks and packages.
- Do not leave your purse or wallet in the car.
- Never leave your car engine running.
- Never leave your child alone in the car.
- Lock your car and take your keys.

Our campus security cameras are monitored regularly. Let's continue to work together to keep our community safe.

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

CAPITAL GRILLE, 5365 Westheimer, is the destination of the Lunch Bunch at 11:30 a.m. on Dec. 18th. This festively decorated location is only open three weeks of the year for lunch. Join us!

Call Darlene at 832 335 4923 for details and reservations.

In the event of an emergency and a priest is needed, if the office is closed, please call the CORPUS CHRISTI EMERGENCY PHONE 832-264-2205

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

News and Events from Young Adult and Campus Ministry World Youth Day

Houston and Eucharistic Vigil Come join hundreds of young adults (ages 18-39) in celebrating WYD in Houston. We will celebrate at St. Jerome Catholic Church (8825 Kempwood Dr, Houston TX 77080) on Saturday, January 26, 2019, from 1:00 p.m.-8: 00 p.m. Event includes fellowship, multicultural music, talks, and a Vigil Mass. Cost to attend WYD-Houston is $20 per person and is presented in English and Spanish. Afterward, join us for a Eucharistic vigil with all-night adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 8:00 .p.m-6:00 a.m. Come for all or part of the night. The vigil is a free event and open to families. For more information and registration, contact the Office for Young Adult and Campus Ministry at 713-741-8778 or www.archgh.org/yacm

Jornada Mundial de la Juventud en Houston y Vigilia Pastoral

Ven y acompaña a cientos de jóvenes adultos de 18 a 39 años de edad a celebrar la JMJ en Houston. Celebraremos en la Iglesia de San Jerónimo (8825 Kempwood Dr., Houston TX 77080) el sábado 26 de enero de 1:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. e incluirá convivencia, música multicultural, platicas, diversión y Eucaristía. Esta porción del día JMJ tiene un costo de $20 por persona y será presentado en Inglés y Español. También, acompáñanos en la Vigilia Pastoral 2019 adorando al Santísimo toda la noche de 8:00 p.m.-6:00 a.m. La vigilia es un evento gratis y abierto a toda la comunidad. Información e inscripciones en línea www.archgh.org/yacm 713-741-8778. Patrocinado por Oficina de Jóvenes Adultos & Pastoral Universitaria.

WORLD YOUTH DAY PANAMA 2019

EDUCACION RELIGIOSA – HORARIO DE CLASES DE CATECISMO

INGLÉS

- Domingo, 16 de Dic. - Tercer Domingo de Adviento - Todas las clases de CCE en sesión , 9:15 am
- Regreso a clases de CCE Domingo 13 de Enero

ESPAÑOL

- Domingo, 16 de Dic. - Tercer Domingo de Adviento - Todas las clases de CCE en sesión , 11:45 am
- Regreso a clases de CCE Domingo 13 de Enero

ESCUELA SECUNDARIA Y PREPARATORIA – 6TO A 12O

- Domingo, 16 de Dic. - Tercer Domingo de Adviento - Todas las clases de CCE en sesión , 5:00 pm
- Regreso a clases de CCE Domingo 13 de Enero

CALENDARIO PARROQUIAL

- **Sábado y Domingo, 15-16 de Diciembre — CCW Holiday Bake sale, después de Misas**
- **Domingo, 15 de Diciembre, 12:15 PM — Estudiantes españoles de CCE presentan Posada en la iglesia, todos están invitados.**
- **16– 23 de Diciembre, 5:30 PM — Misa de gallo, desayuno servido después de Misa en PH**
- **Sábado — Miércoles, 22 — 26 de Diciembre - Navidad Días festivos observados, oficina parroquial cerrado**
- **Domingo, 23 y 31 de Diciembre — Vacaciones de Navidad – no clases de CCE**
- **24 - 28 de Diciembre — Capilla de adoración cerrada; no adoración esta semana**

ALERTA DE SEGURIDAD
POR FAVOR TOME PRECAUCIONES

- No deje o esconda artículos de valor, incluyendo celulares, cargadores, mochilas y paquetes. Las mujeres se les recuerda llevar sus bolsas cuando bajen de sus coches.
- Nunca deje su coche en marcha.
- Nunca deje sus niños solos en el coche.
- Cierre con llave su carro y lleve las llaves con usted.

Nuestras camaras de seguridad regularmente monitorean el área. Continuemos trabjando para mantener segura nuestra comunidad.

Informacion sobre el Bautismo

El bautismo infantil (0 meses - 6 años de edad) se lleva a cabo varias veces durante el año en una de nuestras misas dominicales.

Los padres interesados en bautizar a su bebé (o niño/a) deben asistir a la Clase de Preparación Bautismal junto con los Padrinos elegidos.

Solo estamos aceptando miembros activos registrados de la parroquia y aquellos que viven dentro de los límites de nuestra parroquia. Padres y Padrinos necesitamos toda su atención durante la clase. No se permiten niños en clase. Sin excepciones. No ofrecemos cuidado de niños. Si los Padrinos están casados, deben estar casados por la Iglesia Católica y traer pruebas. Los Padrinos solteros deben tener al menos dieciséis años y haber recibido los tres sacramentos de iniciación y traer pruebas.

El Sacramento de Bautismo está programado para celebrarse el Domingo, 20 de Enero en la Misa de 1:30 p.m.
Clase pre-bautismal:
Sábado, 12 de Enero 2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Se requiere preinscripción. Por favor, póngase en contacto con Connie Rodriguez en la oficina de la parroquia para hacer una cita de preinscripción 713-667-0497, ext. 118.

WEEKLY UPDATES

Mass Intentions & Saints Feast Day For the Week

Monday, December 17.....*St. Hildegard of Bingen*
5:30 AM Espinoza & Velez Families
8:00 AM Robert Hollingsworth †
7:00 PM Florence Alt †

Tuesday, December 18.....*Bless. Anthony Grassi*
5:30 AM Anacleto Mapa †
8:00 AM Regina & Samuel Martinez

Wednesday, December 19..... *Bless. Pope Urban V*
5:30 AM Rebecca L. Horfilla †
8:00 AM Gabriel Gutierrez

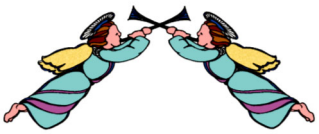
Thursday, December 20..... *St. Dominic of Silos*
5:30 AM Onofre & William Fontanilla ††
8:00 AM Robert Hollingsworth †

Friday, December 21..... *St. Peter Canisius*
5:30 AM Uncle Ito & Bongbong Padua ††
8:00 AM Rev. Father Francis Tran Ngoc Kiet †

Saturday, December 22..... *Bless. Jacopone da Todi*
5:30 AM Pilar Alfaro Pineda †
8:00 AM Mathilda Fuller †
5:00 PM Dr. Justin Yong †

Sunday, December 23..... *4TH Sunday of Advent*
5:30 AM Juanita Johnson & Family
9:00 AM Peter Tien & Maria Ty Thi Nguyen ††
11:00 AM Verna Gabriel †
1:30 PM People of the Parish

REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS



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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Tuesday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Wednesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab,16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Thursday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38
Friday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a;Ps 33:2-3,11-12,20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Saturday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Sal 72 (71):1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Martes: Jer 23:5-8; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Miércoles: Jue 13:2-7,24-25a;Sal 71(70):3-4a,5-6ab, 16-17; Lc 1:5-25
Jueves: Is 7:10-14; Sal 24 (23):1-6; Lc 1:26-38
Viernes: Cant 2:8-14; Sal 33(32):2-3,11-12,20-21; Lc 1:39-45
Sábado: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lc 1:46-56
Domingo: Mi 5:1-4a;Sal 80(81): 2-3, 15-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lc 1:39-45