

Corpus Christi Parish



“As members of the Body of Christ, Corpus Christi Parish celebrates the presence of God in all people through our thoughts, words and deeds. We answer Christ’s call as a community of believers to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless and love one another.”

December 8, 2024
Second Sunday of Advent

Immaculate Conception Church
Holy Redeemer Church
St. Anthony Church

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Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday

4:00PM St. Anthony
5:30PM Immaculate Conception

Sunday

7:30AM St. Anthony
9:00AM Holy Redeemer
10:30AM Immaculate Conception

Confession

Saturday

3:00PM to 3:30PM
St. Anthony Church

Daily Mass Schedule

Mon 7:30AM Immaculate Conception
8:30AM Holy Redeemer
12:10PM St. Anthony

Tues 7:30AM Immaculate Conception
8:30AM Holy Redeemer

Wed 7:30AM Immaculate Conception
8:30AM Holy Redeemer
12:10PM St. Anthony

Thurs 7:30AM Immaculate Conception
8:30AM Holy Redeemer

Fri 7:30AM Immaculate Conception
8:30AM Holy Redeemer
12:10PM St. Anthony

Watch Sunday & Daily Mass at

www.corpuschristinepa.com

Weekly Collection **December 1, 2024**

Weekly.....\$12,227.50
E Giving..... \$2,098.00
Total \$14,325.50

No Bazaar Collection \$200.00
Total **\$42,790.00**

Thank you everyone, for your generous support of our parish.

Second Collection This Weekend—At all Masses this weekend, we will take up the Diocesan Second Collection which will benefit the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your generosity is appreciated.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve:

4:00PM—Immaculate Conception
4:00PM—Saint Anthony Church
10:00PM—Immaculate Conception Church

Christmas Day:

7:30AM—Saint Anthony Church
9:00AM—Holy Redeemer Church
10:30AM—Immaculate Conception Church

New Year’s Mass Schedule

New Year’s Eve:

4:00PM—Saint Anthony Church
5:30PM—Immaculate Conception Church

New Year’s Day:

9:00AM—Immaculate Conception Church

No Religious Ed Classes—There are no morning classes today, Sunday, December 8th, for grades K thru 5 only.

EM’s & Lectors—Contact Teresa at 570 357 3985 or tacross5@comcast.net by December 11th to let her know of your availability to serve at our Christmas and New Year’s Masses.

2025 Parish Calendars—We wish to thank Gubbiotti Funeral Home, LLC for the donation of our 2025 parish calendars. They can be found in the vestibules of the churches.

Christmas Eve Family Mass—All children are welcome to take part in our “Family Mass” on December 24, 2024 at 4:00PM in Immaculate Conception Church. If your child is interested in participating as a lector, usher, gift bearer, greeter, etc, contact Mary Ann Oliveri at 570 357 1778 or mare0912b@epix.net or Sarah Boyle at skono1683@yahoo.com or 570 498 9304.

Christmas Wafers—Are available in the vestibules of the churches. They are \$2.00 for a pack of 4 wafers.

The Giving Tree

Please know all Giving Tree gifts **MUST** be returned by the morning of **Sunday, December 15th** as we will be distributing the gifts that afternoon between 3:00PM and 5:00PM. It is very important that the family number is put on every gift you buy as that is how we identify the child who will receive the gift.

For your convenience, a virtual “Giving Tree” can be accessed on our website at www.corpuschristinepa.com. Once again, please be sure to put the family number on every gift. Thank you!!



**REVERSE
ADVENT CALENDAR**

The spirit of Advent is about preparing for the birth of Jesus. During this time, we pray, reflect, and look forward to His coming. The Reverse Advent Calendar fits this spirit. It encourages us to act with kindness and charity. It helps us practice giving, which Jesus calls us to do.

By participating in our Reverse Advent Calendar, you will be helping refill our food shelves which will be quite bare once we give out our Christmas Food. Thank you for your participation in our Reverse Advent Calendar. May it remind us all Christmas is not just about receiving, but about sharing love and helping those in need. Each item donated is a small act of love. Each day, you move closer to Christmas by caring for others.

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| December 8 - | applesauce |
| December 9 - | hot cereal |
| December 10 - | macaroni & cheese |
| December 11 - | box of cereal |
| December 12 - | pasta sauce |
| December 13 - | pasta or rice |
| December 14 - | box of cereal |
| December 15 - | hot chocolate |
| December 16 - | boxed milk |
| December 17 - | canned beans |
| December 18 - | canned soup or broth |
| December 19 - | jelly |
| December 20 - | canned tuna |
| December 21 - | pasta |
| December 22 - | pasta sauce |
| December 23 - | peanut butter |
| December 24 - | hot chocolate |



For Our Homebound

Our homebound parishioners love receiving gifts of homemade food and goodies. For Christmas, we are asking all you bakers, to consider baking a couple extra dozen of your favorite cookies, etc. and drop them off at the rectory no later

than Tuesday, December 17. Our Social Concerns members and volunteers will package and wrap them for delivery to our homebound.

All Volunteer Help is Welcome!!

•Tuesday, December 10th 5:00PM in ICC hall to package Christmas food bags for pick up

•Sunday, December 15th 11:30AM in IC Church to sort and pack Giving Tree gifts for distribution

•Sunday, December 15th 2:00PM-5:00PM in IC Church to help with distribution of Christmas food and gifts

•Tuesday, December 17th 1:30PM in ICC hall to pack home baked goodies and package Christmas gifts for our homebound and nursing homes.

•Thursday, December 19th 9:00AM in ICC hall/kitchen to make "Cake Pops" for Christmas



December 9 through 15, 2024

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| Mon | 7:30AM (ICC) | Alex J. Nobile By Wife, Ann & Family |
| | 8:30AM (HRC) | Wayne Williams By Holy Name Society |
| | 12:10PM (SA) | Carmen Thomas Santasania By Parents |
| Tues | 7:30AM (ICC) | Rita Colando By Jeff & Dolores Rozelle |
| | 8:30AM (HRC) | Kathleen Bestider By Litwin Family |
| Wed | 7:30AM (ICC) | Anita Montante By Jack & Mary Poerstel |
| | 8:30AM (HRC) | Jean Kardel By Grega Family |
| | 12:10PM (SAC) | Florence DiMaria By Children & Grandchildren |
| Thurs | 7:30AM (ICC) | Dominick & Lucy Occhiato By Family |
| | 8:30AM (HRC) | Derek Warfield By Erin Lucas |
| Fri | 7:30AM (ICC) | Johanna DiPietro By Allan & Evelyn Hughes Patrick & Jennifer Farrell |
| | 8:30AM (HRC) | Irene Pluskey By Karen & Charlie Barry |
| | 12:10PM (SAC) | Richard Trotta By Berti Family |
| Sat | 4:00PM (SAC) | Christopher Dauber By Sebastian Gattuso |
| | 5:30PM (ICC) | Josette Yakobitis By Jerry, Faith, Andrew & Michael |
| Sun | 7:30AM (SAC) | George J. Maffei & Elaine Gager By George T. Maffei |
| | 9:00AM (HRC) | Bernadine Kozloski By Children |
| | 10:30AM (ICC) | Frank Colella By Wife & Children |

Candles

Altar Candles at ICC

Cheryl Devers.....By Rosella Fedor

Holy Family Candle at ICC

Paul Laure.....By Daughter, Donna

Sanctuary Candle at ICC

Jerry & Cookie Zezza....By Jim & Terri Zezza
& Bob & Ruth McCormick

Altar Candles at SA

Loretta Bufalino.....By Natalie, Mary & Bufalino Family

Sanctuary Candle at SA

Robert Christian.....By Family