

One Body in Jesus Christ

St. Paul faced various problems with the early Church in Corinth. There were factions in the Church, rampant sexual immorality, church members suing each other in the pagan courts, some members claiming spiritual superiority over others and some had turned the Lord's Supper into a gathering where the wealthy ate and drank too much, leaving the poor Christians with little or nothing. Some commentaries point out that the problems were largely due to the social and cultural differences between the Jewish and pagan converts in Corinth.

St. Paul tried to address the problem of divisiveness in the Church by using the human body as a metaphor to represent the Church – the mystical Body of Christ. St. Paul said, "As a body is one though it has many parts, so all the parts of the body, though many, are one body in Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit." (1Cor 12:12-13).

St. Paul explains further: "If a foot should say, 'Because I am not a hand I do not belong to the body,' it does not for this reason belong any less to the body. Or if an ear should say, 'Because I am not an eye I do not belong to the body,' it does not for this reason belong any less to the body" (1Cor 12:15-16); but as it is, there are many parts, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I do not need you,' nor the head to the feet, 'I do not need you.'" (1Cor 12:20-21)

St. Paul concludes: "Now you are Christ's body, and individually parts of it. Some people God has designated in the



Church to be, first, apostles; second, prophets; third, teachers; then, mighty deeds; then, gifts of healing, assistance, administration, and varieties of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work mighty deeds? Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? Strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts." (1Cor 12:27-31)

The metaphor calls for unity in the Church, while acknowledging the diversity of its members; it emphasizes that all members of the Church are equally valuable in the eyes of God, and that each member of the Church has to do their part, for we all belong to the one Body of Jesus Christ.

In a similar manner, St. Paul tells the early Church in Galatia: "Through faith you are all children of God in Christ Jesus, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free person, there is not male and female; you are all one in Christ Jesus." (Galatians 3:26-28)

St. Paul's message of unity in the Church applies to the Church today. Most parishes in the United States have members that come from different social and cultural backgrounds. In our own small parish, there are cultural differences even within the Chinese community: some of us come from different parts of mainland China like Northern China, Shanghai and Fuzhou, some of us come from Taiwan, Hong Kong and other countries in Southeast Asia. But as St. Paul tells us time and again, even if we don't think alike or do things alike, we are all one because we have been baptized into Christ.

Within the Church, all of us are called to serve in different ways and capacities. Not only are all members of the Church valuable in the eyes of God, what everyone does in the Church are also valuable in the eyes of God.

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reserve the date: Due to the cancellation of the Eucharistic Congress of the Archdiocese of Atlanta this year, Holy Name of Jesus Chinese Catholic Church will hold a week-long Eucharistic Renewal event from June 18 to June 24, 2025. Our invited guests include Most Reverend John Lee Juo-wang, Bishop Emeritus of the diocese of Tainan, Taiwan and Fr. Francis Ching of the Companions of the Cross based in Toronto, Canada, as well as a Chinese band led by Mr. Jianren Zhu from Los Angeles. Come, participate and make the most of that week with our special guests. They are coming to Atlanta especially for you, in order to inspire and deepen your devotion to the Eucharist!



Attention children and parents: We will have Sunday School this Sunday. Parents are welcome to sit in the Sunday School classes.

Attention all Parish Council members. We will have a meeting this Sunday at 12:00pm.

2025 Year of the Snake



新年快樂!

Our Chinese New Year Mass, solemn tribute to our ancestors and Chinese New Year celebration will be on February 2, 2025. The theme of our Chinese New Year celebration is: "Out with the Old and In with the New: Spiritual Renewal During the Lunar New Year." We invite everyone, young and old, to participate in our New Year's Wishes for Catholics activity.

Attention all volunteers for "Helping Mamas," the volunteer date has been rescheduled to March 8, 2025.

Prayer List: Liu Guifang, Lydia Chen, Lu Shumi, David Wang, Chen Jianxin, Liang Chenjing, Pan Bohao and Xu Taicheng.

Mass Schedule	Confessions	Bible Study
Sundays 10:30 AM (Chinese)	Sundays 9:00-9:30 AM	Wednesdays 10:00 AM (Chinese)
Sundays 2:00 PM (English)	Tuesdays 2:00-3:00 PM	Mondays 6:00 PM (English)
	By Appointment	
Mondays 12:00 PM (English)		Eucharistic Adoration
Tuesdays 12:00 PM (English)	Anointing of the Sick	Sundays 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM
Wednesdays 12:00 PM (Chinese)	First Sundays after 10:30 AM Mass	Tuesdays 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM
Fridays 12:00 PM (English)		
First Friday 7:00 PM (English)		
First Saturday 10:00 AM (Chinese)		