



The Roman Catholic Archdiocese *of* Washington

**Eucharistic Procession for Immigrants – Feast of Corpus Christi
June 7, 2026**

Frequently Asked Questions

What is Corpus Christi?

“The words “Corpus Christi” mean ‘Body of Christ’ and are another name for the ‘Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ’ celebrated on the Sunday after Trinity Sunday. This solemnity marks with particular emphasis the doctrine of Christ’s real presence—body, blood, soul, and divinity—in the Eucharist.” (From [Corpus Christi Procession: Q&A, Diocese of La Crosse](#))

What is a Eucharistic procession?

“The Church has a rich tradition of holding eucharistic processions on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. The purpose of such processions through the streets is to give public witness to the faith of the Christian people and to manifest their devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. (From [Corpus Christi Procession: Q&A, Diocese of La Crosse](#) and [Guidelines for the Worship of the Eucharist Outside of Mass, Archdiocese of New York](#))

What is the connection between the Eucharist and Catholic Social Teaching?

“The Eucharist is ‘the source and summit of the Christian life’ (Lumen Gentium, no. 11). In the Eucharistic Liturgy and our prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, we encounter God’s presence in personal and profound ways. But the Eucharist is also social, as Pope Benedict XVI reminds us in Deus Caritas Est (God Is Love): ‘A Eucharist which does not pass over into the concrete practice of love is intrinsically fragmented’ (no. 14). The Eucharist, celebrated as a community, teaches us about human dignity, calls us to right relationship with God, ourselves, and others.”

“As the Body of Christ, it sends us on mission to help transform our communities, neighborhoods, and world. Church teaching, rooted in both Scripture and

Tradition, emphasizes both the personal and social natures of the Eucharist.”
(From [Eucharist: Body of Christ, Broken for the World, USCCB](#))

Where do we walk in procession?

We will be walking from the Shrine of the Sacred Heart to the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle. The route is 1.9 miles and is mostly flat and downhill.

I'm not Catholic, can I still participate?

We welcome people of all faiths to join this Corpus Christi procession. The Eucharist is the very foundation of the Catholic faith and we believe that the consecrated host is the real presence of Jesus Christ. Therefore, we ask that everyone, regardless of their faith tradition, help us to maintain a respectful and solemn atmosphere during the procession.

What should I bring?

We will be walking nearly two miles so make sure you wear comfortable shoes. Prepare for the June heat by bringing water, sunscreen, and a hat. Feel free to wear a shirt that represents your parish or supporting organization.

What is the parking and transit information?

- The Shrine of the Sacred Heart Address: 3211 Sacred Heart Way, Washington, DC 20010
- The Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle Address: 1725 Rhode Island Ave NW, Washington, DC 20036
- Surrounding The Shrine of the Sacred Heart there is free and metered parking. DC USA is a nearby parking garage where you can pay to park.
- The closest Metro stop to Sacred Heart is Columbia Heights. It is a seven-minute walk from the Columbia Heights Metro station to Sacred Heart.
- The closest Metro stop to the Cathedral is Dupont Circle. It is an eight-minute walk from the Cathedral to the Dupont Circle Metro station.
- During the procession, no buses will be running along the procession route. Following the reposition of the Blessed Sacrament at the Cathedral, buses will be running again. The recommended bus route from the Cathedral back to Sacred Heart is the D6X 16 St Limited or the D60 16 St.
- Additional parking information can be found on the District of Columbia's Parking Meter Map. Due to limited parking in the area, we recommend using public transportation.