

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH of CORN HILL



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Bishop Joe Vásquez
Diocese of Austin

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 19, A.D. 2017

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday	Nov 18	5:00 PM	Alex & Virginia Hernandez (50 th Wedding Anniversary)
Sunday	Nov 19	8:30 AM	Pro Populo
Sunday	Nov 19	10:30 AM	†Victor Palousek, Jr.
Tuesday	Nov 21	6:00 PM	Lauren Buchhorn (for healing)
Wednesday	Nov 22	7:00 AM	For Life

Thanksgiving Holiday Masses

Wednesday	Nov 22	6:30 PM	In Thanksgiving
Thursday	Nov 23	8:30 AM	In Thanksgiving
Friday	Nov 24	6:00 PM	Alicia Castro De Ramero (for healing)
Saturday	Nov 25	7:30 AM	†Emil & Ella Schwertner
Saturday	Nov 25	5:00 PM	Pro Populo
Sunday	Nov 26	8:30 AM	†Paul Mason
Sunday	Nov 26	10:30 AM	†William Harding, Jr.

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altars are donated by
A.J. & Dorothy Tschoner (63rd Wedding Anniversary)
Richard & Jeanette Nemeč (50th Wedding Anniversary)
Alex & Virginia Hernandez (50th Wedding Anniversary)
Gene & Deanna Fojtik (25th Wedding Anniversary)
 Congratulations and may God bless you all!

Last Week's Collection(s)

November 12: Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time: \$5,415.24

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Thursday in the church from 3:00 – 9:00 p.m.
 (No Adoration on November 23)

Vocations Crucifix Prayer Campaign

is open to all parishioners. To sign-up, call the parish office.

November 19 - 25: Chris & Sora Garlasco
 November 26 – December 2: Keith Youngpeter

This Week at a Glance

Tuesday, November 21: --RCIA Class
 Wednesday, November 22: --NO CCE Classes
 Thursday, November 23: --NO Pro-Life Adoration
 Thurs, Nov 23 – Fri, Nov 24: --Parish Office Closed

✠ Fr. Stephen Nesrsta ✠

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Administrative Assistant: Jennifer Klepac (254-760-4436)

Bulletin Announcement Deadline: Tuesdays @ 3:00 pm

Weekend Masses: Saturday @ 5:00 pm
 Sunday @ 8:30 am & 10:30 am

Reconciliation: Sat: 4:00–4:40 pm; Sun: 7:45–8:10 am;
 & Wed: 5:45-6:10 pm (or by appt.)

Parish Contacts & Resources

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Parish Activity Center (PAC) Rentals & Info: Parish Office

Cemetery Information: Parish Office

Cemetery Director: Johnny Martinka 512-966-4301

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Men's Prayer Group: Pete Zenner 512-863-4038

Conf. of Christian Mothers: Lucille Nemeč 254-527-3615

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Mass Ministry Reminders

Thanksgiving Holiday Masses

Wed, Nov 22 (Vigil Mass) 6:30 PM:

Altar Servers: Jakob Voigt, Thomas Clawson, Preston Snook

Lector: Kelly Godfrey

EMHC: Pete & Nancy Zenner, Leo Bringman

Gift Bearers: Snook family

Head Usher: Bill Sherek

Thursday, November 23, 8:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Caleb & Amy Stefek

Lector: Janine Nemeč

EMHC: Ray Nemeč, Lucille Nemeč, James Nemeč

Gift Bearers: Pinto & Lucille Nemeč

Head Usher: Frank Knapke

Saturday, November 25, 5:00 PM:

Altar Servers: John & Maria Bruce, Preston Snook

Lector: Leo Bringman

EMHC: Leo Bringman, Jim & Mary Margaret Heuertz

Gift Bearers: Mark & Debbie Klaus

Head Usher: Stephanie Wright

Sunday, November 26, 8:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Jamie & John Danek, Joseph Brousseau

Lector: Edgar

EMHC: John & Cynthia Edgar, Jerry David

Gift Bearers: Richard & Lisa Danek

Head Usher: AJ Batla

Sunday, November 26, 10:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Jakob Voigt, Samuel Williams, Abby Hodgson

Lector: Kelly Godfrey

EMHC: Kelly Godfrey

Gift Bearers: Hodgson family

Head Usher: Jeff Voigt

EMHC to Shut-ins: November 26: John Edgar

We will have a **second collection this weekend** (November 18/19) for the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**. This campaign is dedicated to breaking the cycle of poverty by funding community programs that encourage independence. You are essential to its success. Your generous donations will give those in poverty the support they need to make lasting changes.

The **Confraternity of Christian Mothers will meet** today (Sunday, November 19) in the RE Bldg after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Agenda items include CEF Christmas enrollments, First Penance & Christmas preparations. All members are encouraged to attend, as well as all ladies of the parish. Members will gather in the front pews for Mass to lead the Rosary prayed beforehand.

RCIA: Class this Tuesday, November 21, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg. Discussion: Tour of the Church.

CCE: NO Classes this Wednesday, November 22, due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Classes resume next Wednesday, November 29, from 6:15 – 8:00 p.m. For all CCE questions and information, contact Lucille D'Elia (737-215-1042 or htdre@yahoo.com).

The **parish office will be closed this Thursday & Friday, Nov 23/24, for the Thanksgiving holiday** (open Tues & Wed, Nov 21/ 22).

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, we will NOT have Pro-Life Adoration this Thursday (November 23). Adoration will resume on Thursday, November 30, from 3:00 – 9:00 p.m. in the church.

The **Men's Prayer Group will meet** on Monday, November 27, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg. All men are invited and you can contact Pete Zenner for information (512-863-4038).

The Clerical Endowment Fund (CEF) has special **"Christmas Enrollment" cards for Spiritual Bouquet Gifts** for the Christmas season. These enrollments, with the usual \$2 offering, can be made after all Masses on the weekend of December 2/3 in the foyer of the church. Christmas enrollments can also be made by contacting our parish CEF Chairperson, Janine Nemecek (512-863-6892).

'Tis the season, once again, to support those in need, and you can do so by visiting our **Angel Tree** (beginning next weekend, November 25/26, in the foyer of the church). To participate, you will get a tag from the tree – purchase the item(s) listed – and then bring them to the church or the parish office – UNWRAPPED & with the tag - by the due-date of Sunday, December 10. For questions, contact Debbie Klaus (512-869-7930). Thank you, in advance, for your generosity! (Donations to the Angel Tree will benefit the Annunciation Maternity Home residents, Jarrell School families and Will-O-Bell Nursing Home residents.)

If you would like to help decorate the church for the Christmas Season with beautiful poinsettias --- in memory or honor of loved ones --- you may do so by completing and returning a "Christmas Flower Envelope" (located by the bulletins). Please turn in your envelope by Sunday, December 17. All memorials will be announced in the Christmas bulletin.

Food Drive: There are many people in our area who struggle to put a good meal on the table. You can help! During the next four weeks, the Catholic Union of Texas, K.J.T. Society #55 of Corn Hill, is collecting food for the Caring Place, which assists needy residents of the Jarrell and Georgetown communities. The drive begins Thanksgiving Day and ends Sunday, December 17. A list of non-perishable food items can be found near the collection boxes in the foyer and at the south entrance of the church. Monetary donations are also accepted. Contact Helen Havelka (512-869-8715) for more information.

Marriage Anniversaries: If, in 2017, you celebrated your 10, 15, 20, 25, etc., 50th or more, wedding anniversary, the Austin DCCW, together with our Bishop, Joe Vásquez, will honor these couples with a certificate. There is a (blue) sign-up sheet in the foyer of the church. Please make sure you **fill in all of the information and print clearly** so that we don't misspell your names! Please sign-up by Sunday, December 18. The certificates will be presented to these couples on the weekend of the Feast of the Holy Family (Dec 30/31).

If you haven't already, take advantage of the ability to **"Give Online"** - conveniently and easily - through our website or the *Give+* app. Whether it's a one-time donation, or a recurring 'weekly collection' donation, you can set your own preferences and change, or add to it, at any time. Your online donations are kept track of in the parish office and will be listed on your annual donation report.

Simply follow these easy steps:

- 1) Visit our church website at www.holytrinityofcornhill.org
- 2) Click on the 'Give Online' button (on home page – approx half-way down)
- 3) Click on the Create Profile button and then follow the instructions

You can make almost any donation you want online: --Cemetery --In Memoriam --CCE Registrations --Social Ministry --Fundraisers --& More!

We do ask that you give sufficient information in the text box available to you when giving an 'Other Donation'

(examples: in memoriam of John Doe to (cemetery or church); or CCE Reg Fees for Jane and Jimmy Doe; or annl cemetery dues for John Doe)

You will NOT want to donate for: --Mass Intention \$ --Altar Flower \$ --any other Flower \$, as they require information you can't give online.

And, as the saying goes: "There's an APP for that!" You can also make a contribution to our church through the mobile app: **Give+**
Download the Give+ app for free from the App Store or Google Play (search for "church give plus") to donate directly from your smart phone!

We offer our prayers for the repose of the soul of Msgr. Frank Miller (retired priest of our diocese), who passed away. Eternal rest, grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

If anyone is interested, we have a **variety of Fr. Bill Casey's (who was here for our Parish Mission) retreat and mission series cd sets** for purchase. Price is \$20 for one and \$15 each thereafter, and you can purchase them at the parish office during regular business hours (thru Dec 1). These would make excellent Christmas gifts for your loved ones!

Dear friends in Christ,

Praised be Jesus Christ! Now and forever! Amen. We had a wonderful Parish Mission this past week with Fr. Bill Casey. Thank you to everyone who responded to God's call to attend the Mission. Fr. Bill reminded us of our call to holiness and what we need to do to make our families holy. He also reminded us of our responsibilities as Catholics and how we are called to live our faith at home, at work, and in public. May we all go forth and try to live our Christian values and restore in our country what has been lost. Thank you to those who prepared the meals each day and the reception: Moravian Club, KJT, CCE, and the Confraternity of Christian Mothers. Thank you to our altar servers, the choir, organist, and anyone else who helped out with the Mission. May God bless you in return.

Today's readings tell us what happens when we use the Common Sense and Wisdom God gives us and also the Gospel tells us what happens when we *do not* use these two important elements. The reading taken from the Book of Proverbs, and the Gospel, praises those people who are industrious and reliable. The reading from Proverbs puts a special emphasis on a woman who puts her energy and talents to good advantage. Their families benefit from such industriousness. Such a woman takes advantage of the available tools that keep families well clothed and fed. This reading also praises "the woman who fears the Lord." Because of her faithfulness to her family and to God, she will be rewarded for her labors, for all that she does.

Today's gospel tells us about investments. This gospel sounds like an article that might be written for the *Wall Street Journal*. It is about being industrious and about being reliable. In these readings, we find a little thread of wisdom woven throughout them. The woman in the reading from Proverbs is concerned about others more than about herself. The men in the Gospel are concerned about their master's money more than they are about their own. Two of the men are industrious stewards with their master's money. The third man is more worried about his own well-being. Being industrious and reliable do not interest him. He did not put to good use what his master gave him.

The main lesson of today is that God is in charge of our lives. God gives us Common Sense and Wisdom, along with many other talents and opportunities, which vary from person to person. We are expected to act responsibly and industriously with all we have received.

Today's readings come to us near the end of the Church year. They remind us that there is judgment awaiting all of us. The Master, God the Father, returns to ask what we have done with our lives. How are we going to respond to this question? The letter of Paul to the Thessalonians tells us that we are "all children of the light and children of the day. We are not of the night or darkness. Therefore, let us not sleep as the rest do, but stay alert and sober." St. Paul is telling us to not be lukewarm in our faith, nor to be lazy in living out our faith. He is telling us to be industrious and reliable, using the common sense and wisdom God gives us to the building of His Kingdom on earth. What return are we going to be able to show for what God has given us?

This week, we will celebrate Thanksgiving Day. What does this holiday mean to you? Thanksgiving is a day set aside by our country to give thanks to God for the way in which He has blessed us as individuals and how He has blessed our nation. We should attend Mass together as a family and give worship and thanks to our God first of all, before we do anything else that day. See the Mass schedule in this bulletin for Thanksgiving Day Masses. Then, after we have given thanks to God and have enjoyed a meal with our families, we can sit back and enjoy the Thanksgiving Day football games. As a Catholic family, it would be good to reflect upon how much you have to be thankful for as a family and as individuals. Count your blessings and share your thankfulness with other members of your family. We, as Catholics, realize just how much we are blessed each day. That's one reason why we celebrate the Eucharist, the Mass, everyday. Eucharist means "thanksgiving". It is our ultimate thanksgiving prayer to God. We give thanks to the Father for giving us His Son, Jesus. We give thanks for the gift of salvation and for Jesus' dying and rising from the dead. We give thanks to Jesus for giving us His Body and Blood in Holy Communion at Mass, through which we are nurtured and strengthened in our faith. We give thanks for His constant presence with us when we are trying to live a life of faithfulness to Him. And we give thanks for the gift of the Holy Spirit who leads us in this life of faith. We certainly have much for which to be thankful. Sometimes we get so caught up in the events of our lives, our country and the world that we fail to see God's blessings. Remain focused on the Lord and give Him thanks. Take time to see the blessings in your life.

Next Sunday is the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, and will be the last Sunday of our liturgical Church year. Be thinking about how you may truly dedicate your life, and the life of your family, to Jesus Christ the King. Is He really your King? Are you his faithful subjects?

Please continue to pray for the Souls in Purgatory during this month of November, as we remember those who have died. May they rest in peace.

**In Christ,
Fr. Stephen Nestrta, farář**

It's Thanksgiving week, and everywhere I look, everyone is talking about thankfulness.

You don't need me to remind you that this is a time to be thankful. I'm sure that, like me, you're hearing it everywhere.

Sometimes, when I'm doing these thankful exercises, I start out specific and work my way into general things. I might think about the food that feeds my family; the work that provides the money for the food, the store in town where I buy it; the farmers who work so hard in the fields around our house; the system that allows us to have access to so much food.

Other times, I do things the opposite way. I might see the blue sky and the lovely weather of a late fall day and, in being thankful, turn my attention to my specific patch of land, and then to my old farmhouse — which, though I love it and hate it at the same time, is a house nonetheless. Then I'll look inside the house, beyond the stuff and junk, to the people who make this old house a place where I want to be.

At the heart of my thankfulness is my faith.

I look at the person I almost was, at the path my life was taking, and I thank God for the series of interventions that led me to this point, where I live in a home filled with kids and a dog and a husband, with family just down the road.

I can't help but be thankful for the divine hand that led me to Mother Church, that saved me from the person I almost was. And when I think about my conversion to the Catholic Church, I can't help but think about Mary.

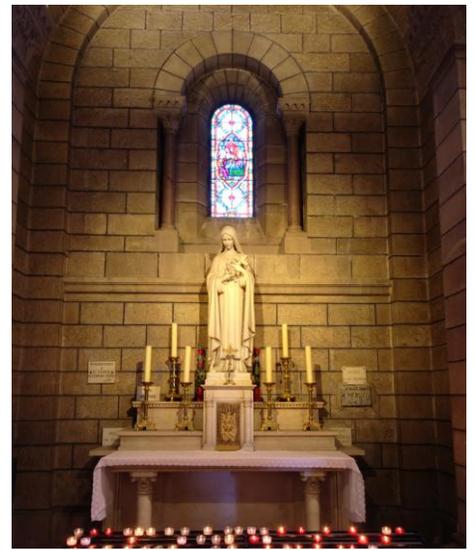
Mary has been many things to me over the last 12 years. She has been a lovely statue, a nice idea, a remote figure in a Bible story. She has been the gentle touch during a sob-fest, a shoulder to rest my head on, the hand I hold when I don't know how to pray. She has been inspiration for pursuing a dream. She has been confidence in my parenting journey. She has been comfort during storms and trials.

But most of all, for me, she has been an example and an inspiration. As my mother, she has never let me down, has never hurt me, has never pushed me away. As my comrade-in-arms, she has never failed to encourage me, never stopped me from trying to do good, never pointed anywhere but heavenward.

I can look to Jesus with some measure of love because of Mary. I can think of Him holding me close because I have experienced the love of His mother.

That's what she does, you know. She leads you to her Son. This Thanksgiving, allow Mary to point you in the direction of her Son in a new and special way.

--Sarah Reinhard



AROUND THE DIOCESE

The Silent Advent Retreat at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton Dec. 1-3 is a weekend of silence and solitude combined with communal prayer and Mass. Brian Egan and Beverly Collin will lead this retreat. Spiritual direction will be available. The cost is \$185 per person. To register, call (254) 780-2436 or visit www.cedarbrake.org.

The annual **Advent Dinner** at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton will be Dec. 6 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Join in an evening of wine and cheese, a delicious dinner, with a reflection on the season of Advent by the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist. The cost is \$25 per person. To register, call (254) 780-2436 or visit www.cedarbrake.org.

The world-famous international **Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Fatima** is touring the dioceses of Texas this fall as part of a nation-wide call to prayer and penance for peace in our nation and conversion of hearts. From Dec. 6-10, the statue will visit five parishes in the Diocese of Austin: St. Luke in Temple, St. Helen in Georgetown, St. Mary Cathedral in Austin, St. Thomas Aquinas in College Station and St. John the Evangelist in Marble Falls. For more information about parishes and schedules, visit www.austindiocese.org/fatima100.

Dolores Parish in Austin will host a **Christmas Bazaar** Dec. 2 and 3 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the parish hall. More than 65 vendors will sell handmade Christmas items, jewelry, crocheted shawls, baked goods and much more.

The Ladies Society of Holy Family Parish in Copperas Cove will host their **4th annual Christmas Bazaar** Dec. 2-3 after all of the Masses in the Social Hall. There will be handmade crafts as well as delicious baked goods and free donuts and coffee.

St. Mary Catholic Center in College Station will host the **20th annual Christmas Work of Human Hands Sale** Dec. 2 - 3 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. The sale benefits Catholic Relief Services.

Holy Cross Parish in Austin will host an **Advent Revival** Dec. 3 at 6 p.m., Dec. 4 at 6:30 p.m. and Dec. 5 at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call the parish at (512) 472-3741.

"Better Food. Stronger Family" will be held Dec. 6 at St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Austin. Author, speaker, TV and radio host, Father Leo Patalinghug will be the presenter. Check out more of his work at www.gracebeforemeals.com. This event is the time for the entire family to grow in faith and in their understanding of their parish community. For ticket information, contact Luc at Luc@svdpparish.org or call (512) 255-1389.