

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH of CORN HILL



Pope Francis
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Bishop Joe Vásquez
Diocese of Austin

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 10, A.D. 2017

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday	Sept 9	5:00 PM	Bennie & Alice Klepac (50 th Wedding Anniversary)
Sunday	Sept 10	8:30 AM	†Fernando Chacon
Sunday	Sept 10	10:30 AM	Pro Populo
Tuesday	Sept 12	6:00 PM	James & Laura Mears
Wednesday	Sept 13	6:30 PM	Rosie Fonville (healing)
Thursday	Sept 14	7:00 AM	Dec'd Members of Joseph & Annie Straka family
Friday	Sept 15	6:00 PM	Confraternity of Christian Mothers
Saturday	Sept 16	7:30 AM	†Nancy Valenta
Saturday	Sept 16	5:00 PM	Lauren Buchhorn (healing)
Sunday	Sept 17	8:30 AM	†Rosie Fonville (healing)
Sunday	Sept 17	10:30 AM	Pro Populo

Mass Ministry Reminders

Wednesday, September 13:

Altar Servers: Natalie Mason, Caleb Stefek, Abby Hodgson
Lector: Zenner
EMHC: Zenner
Gift Bearers: 2nd Grade

Saturday, September 16, 5:00 PM:

Altar Servers: Matthew & Nathan Klepac, Natalie Mason
Lector: Leo Bringman
EMHC: Jennifer Klepac, Jim & Mary Margaret Heuertz
Gift Bearers: Alex & Virginia Hernandez
Head Usher: Stephanie Wright

Sunday, September 17:

8:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Carter M, Lucas B, William Fonville
Lector: Zenner
EMHC: Pete & Nancy Zenner, Johnny Martinka
Gift Bearers: Johnny & Dee Martinka
Head Usher: Tommy Sladeczek

10:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Jakob Voigt, Samuel Williams
Lector: Jill Horner
EMHC: Jerry David
Gift Bearers: Jerry David
Head Usher: Jeff Voigt

EMHC to Shut-ins: September 17: Jerry David

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

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

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Altar Flowers

The flowers at the Crucifix and the Tabernacle are placed in honor of
Bennie & Alice Klepac (50th Wedding Anniversary)
and **Hubert & Jennifer Klepac (20th Wedding Anniversary)**
and are donated by the Ronald & Melissa T. Vrabel family.

Last Week's Collection(s)

September 3: Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time: \$4,777.90

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Thursday in the church from 3:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Come and spend some time with the Lord.

Vocations Crucifix Prayer Campaign

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

September 10 - 16: Frances Nemecek

September 17 - 23: Pinto & Lucille Nemecek

This Week at a Glance

Sat/Sun, September 9/10: --Hurricane Harvey Collection

Tuesday, September 12: --RCIA Classes begin

Wednesday, September 13: --CCE Classes

Thursday, September 14: --Pro-Life Adoration

Sunday, September 17: --Annual Bazaar

In Memoriam

We extend our sympathies and prayers to the families of
Joe Domel (of Walburg); Greg Maney (son of John & Betty Maney of our parish family); and Bernadette (Bernice) Schwertner (of our parish family). (Mrs. Schwertner's funeral will be here at 10 am on Monday, Sept 11. Rosary will be held at 7 pm on Sunday, Sept 10, at The Gabriels in Georgetown.)

Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has asked all of the U.S. Dioceses to take up a **collection for the victims of Hurricane Harvey**. Therefore, we will have a **second collection this weekend, September 9/10, at all Masses**. Please be generous.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) **classes begin this Tuesday, September 12**. Discussion: Welcome and Overview of the RCIA.

CCE: Class this Wednesday, September 13, from 6:15 – 8:00 p.m. For all questions and information, contact Lucille D'Elia (737-215-1042 or htcdre@yahoo.com). ****Attn: Confirmation 1 & 2 Parents**: there will be a required parent/student meeting this week (Sept 13) in the RE Bldg after Mass. This is a mandatory meeting, as a lot of details and information will be discussed about Confirmation.

Pro-Life Adoration this Thursday, September 14, from 3:00 – 9:00 p.m. in the church. Everyone is invited to come and spend some time with the Lord, present in the Holy Eucharist.

--Sunday, September 10: St. Mary's, in Taylor, 83rd annual Fall Festival and Parish Picnic – Meal served at 11 am with an afternoon of family fun – all held at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Taylor (2201 E 4th St)

--Sunday, September 10: Sts. Cyril & Methodius Church, in Marak, Annual Homecoming & Picnic – Home-Fried Chicken & Sausage Meal at 11 am - \$10/plate; entertainment for the entire family (7 miles NW of Cameron, FM 2269)

--Sunday, September 24: St. Elizabeth, in Pflugerville, Annual Fall Fiesta – 10:30 am – 5 pm – food, fun & entertainment for the entire family (1520 N Railroad Ave, Pflugerville)

Dear friends in Christ,

Peace be with you! Our Parish Bazaar is next Sunday. If you have not volunteered to work, please stop by the Raffle Table after Mass to sign up to help in the area(s) that need it. Everyone is needed to help lighten the load so that all will be a fun, successful day.

This week, we celebrate many feast days. Two of these are The Exaltation of the Holy Cross on Thursday, September 14, and Our Lady of Sorrows on Friday, September 15. It is through Jesus' death on the cross that salvation comes to us all. This feast day celebrates the finding of the true cross by St. Helena in the year 320 who was the empress of the time. This feast also celebrates the first church built over the empty grave of Jesus in the year 335. On the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows, we remember the suffering Mary endured because of the cross of Jesus. Just as the prophet Simeon had foretold, a sword of sorrow would pierce the heart of Mary as she saw her Son, Jesus, die on the cross. Traditionally, the "sorrows" of Mary number seven: 1) the presentation of Jesus in the Temple, 2) the flight into Egypt, 3) Jesus being lost in Jerusalem, 4) the meeting of Mary and Jesus on the way to Calvary, 5) the crucifixion, 6) the taking down of Jesus' body from the cross, and 7) Jesus' burial. Mary can be of assistance to us in our times of sorrow. Ask Mary for her intercession to our Lord to assist you in overcoming your times of sorrow and sadness so that you can rejoice with her in the new life that Jesus promises to those who love Him.

According to today's readings, we have an obligation to lobby government for laws which are pro-life and for laws which are in line with Catholic teaching. This is because, as one of the works of mercy teaches, we are to admonish the sinner, we are to speak up when we see others do wrong and we are to try to correct them if possible, if they are willing to listen to us and accept our advice. Jesus says today, *"...tell the church"* if something which is troublesome in life cannot find a resolution among the few who first consider it. Since the time of Jesus, government and religious leaders around the world have turned to the Church for light and guidance. Millions of Christians turn to the Church every day seeking guidance and advice in regards to war and peace, marriage, racism, segregation, socialism and capitalism and many other issues. Because the Church is the Mystical Body of Christ on earth, it cannot turn away from the issues which concern all people of the world, issues which concern you and me in our daily lives.

In today's first reading, the prophet Ezekiel carries a strong message from God to all of us about speaking out against sin and evil. He says that if we fail to call attention to the evil that a wicked man chases after, then we are also responsible for his downfall. We cannot sit back and do nothing ... we must speak out and make others aware of their faults. We must do this out of love for them, a love founded and rooted in the love of Jesus Christ. Jesus' words in today's Gospel reading remind us that loving someone does not mean simply indulging them or turning a blind eye to their weaknesses. When we see someone being harmed or harming themselves, we are not showing them love by remaining silent. Confronting them in a disapproving or patronizing way is not showing them love either. The challenge of today's Gospel is to treat others with respect and love, even when they are doing what we believe to be wrong. Sometimes, though, this love may even mean not allowing them to receive the Sacraments of the Church in order to help them see the seriousness of what they are doing, and so that they may come to a conversion of heart and seek reconciliation with God and His Church. And this is what excommunication is all about.

Since the Church is the Body of Christ, it, above all, must speak up forcefully and accurately to us, the People of God, about our faith and morals -- and to all mankind about the morals of the natural law, written in the hearts of all people. It cannot remain silent in the face of wrongdoing, any more than a mother and father can be silent in the face of drugs, violence and sexual deviations infiltrating the lives of their children. The Church has an advantage in regards to these matters because the Church has the promise from Jesus Christ that the Holy Spirit will be with the Church, giving it guidance and wisdom until the end of the world.

For our part, let us stand steadfast with our Church when it, through its rightful leaders, speaks forth on faith and morals. For we know, by the words of Jesus, that the Church contains a wisdom and knowledge that we cannot individually obtain in our limited time on this earth. By listening to the voice of the Catholic Church, through which the Holy Spirit speaks to us, and by listening to the voice of the Spirit through prayer, we will never be misled if we seek Jesus in complete honesty and faith.

In Christ,
Fr. Stephen Nestrta, farář

✠ PARISH BAZAAR ✠

On Sunday, September 17, we will host a BBQ & Fried Chicken Dinner from 11 am – 1 pm in the PAC Bldg (adult plate drive-thru from 11 am – 12:30 pm). Adults \$10 / Children \$5. We will have a full day of eats, treats and family fun, including homemade kolaches for sale, live polka music during the meal, cake walk, children's games, bingo, silent & live auctions and a raffle drawing! BBQ by the Pound at the Pit from 8 am – noon. Hamburgers in the PAC at 2:30. Invite your friends!

★ Don't forget to stop by the 'Raffle Table' to pick up more tickets to buy or sell, or to turn in your ticket stubs and money! We very much appreciate your efforts in selling tickets to your family members, coworkers, friends and neighbors! You can also get more tickets and turn in money/stubs at the office during the week.

★ **Bingo Workers Needed!** Willing to work a one-hour shift – between the hours of 1:30 – 5:30? Contact the office or sign-up at the Raffle table at a weekend Mass!

★ If you would like to donate for the groceries and other expenses of the Bazaar, 'Bazaar Donation' envelopes can be found on the bulletin tables. No donation is too small and all are very much appreciated!

★ **The Bazaar is just a week away and we are still in great need for donated items for the Bazaar games, silent and live auctions, etc!** Please see suggested items below. Unless otherwise noted below, all donations can be brought to the PAC Bldg (which will be open every weekend after Mass), to the parish office during the week, or to the PAC Bldg during set-up on Friday & Saturday, September 15 & 16.

- ❖ **Live Auction** – NEW & Unused items – valued at \$25 or more – please contact Jacqueline Danek (512-423-2598) for suggestions/questions
- ❖ **Silent Auction** – NEW & Unused items – religious articles, homemade goods, crafts, candles, small tool & garden sets, kitchen items, lotion/bath sets, etc
- ❖ **Bingo Prizes** – NEW & Unused items - valued at \$5 or more – coffee, sugar, snacks, candy, laundry and/or dish detergents, etc
- ❖ **Toy Walk Prizes** – NEW & Unused items - valued at \$5 or more – stuffed animals, Barbies / dolls, tractors, trucks, crafts, Legos, board games
- ❖ **Ring Toss Game** – 2 liter sodas (any brand / any flavor) – **we need 150 sodas and currently only have 20!!!**
- ❖ **Cake Walk** – cakes ONLY (bring to the PAC the morning of the Bazaar)
- ❖ **Sweets for the dinner Dessert Table** (all types and flavors!) (bring to the PAC the morning of the Bazaar)

★ **Mark your calendars for Set-Up!** Men, women and teens are encouraged to come help set-up, both inside and out (tables, chairs, games, tents, etc). On Friday, September 15, we will begin in the late afternoon and work 'til dark ... and ... what doesn't get finished on Friday continues on Saturday morning 'til it's done! Refreshments will be provided both days. For specific information, contact Billy Beyer (254-541-5992) or the parish office.

Thank you, in advance, for your participation in, and generous contributions for, our annual fundraiser.

Please don't hesitate to contact the parish office for general information or questions (512-863-3020).

ATTENTION! IN ORDER TO ALLOW FOR SUFFICIENT PARKING FOR OUR GUESTS AND VISITORS ON THE DAY OF THE BAZAAR ... IF YOU ARE WORKING AT THE BAZAAR, WE ASK THAT YOU PLEASE PARK BETWEEN THE PAC BLDG AND THE CEMETERY!



Exalt the Holy Cross; Love the Sorrowful Mother

Kathleen Beckman

In the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem is the ever-venerated rock of Calvary upon which stood the royal cross of Jesus Christ. A few feet to the right of the Calvary memorial is the icon of the Sorrowful Mother that dramatically portrays Mary's heart pierced by one singular, large sword. In Jerusalem both memorials are appropriately side-by-side just as the Church's liturgy honors the Exaltation of the Cross and Our Lady of Sorrows coupled in consecutive days.

The first reading of the Mass describes the Lord's reaction to the disgruntled Israelites in the desert. After sending a plague of snakes, the Lord relented because they repented. Then the Lord told Moses to make a bronze serpent, which he put on a stand so that if any afflicted person looked upon the bronze figure, they'd be cured. This was the foreshadowing of Christ being lifted up on the cross so that we who gaze upon Him with faith receive the gift of salvation. The Lord told Nicodemus, "The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life" (Jn 3:14-15). Henceforth, the cross is the path of salvation, holiness, healing.

The cross is present in our lives in different ways. Today's feast offers the opportunity for us to prayerfully consider what is our habitual disposition when we come face to face with the cross, with the Crucified Jesus, and His Sorrowful Mother? Personally, in the darkest hours of suffering I find the greatest consolation by contemplating the crucifix, the passion of Christ, and the sorrows of Mary. The cross is the place where my suffering meets the Lord's and finds meaning and value. The sorrowful Mother is my refuge; she understands every kind of human suffering. She stays with us while grace carries us through the fire of purifications and pain.

In my work in the Church's ministry of healing, deliverance and exorcism, repeatedly I observe the unspeakable power of lifting up the cross of Jesus as the most effective victory sign over evil. That is why the devils cower before the Crucifix now. And they flee the presence of the all-humble, holy Mother of God who did not recoil from the cross.

On pilgrimages to the Holy Land, I received the grace to spend many hours in prayer in the still of the night sitting at Calvary and at icon of the Sorrowful Mother.

For the feast of the *Exaltation of the Cross* and the memorial of *Our Lady of Sorrows*, I offer the following reflection wherein we consider what the Lord Jesus may have communicated to His sorrowful Mother—speaking heart to heart on the *Via Dolorosa*.

Mother, be valiant as you always are. Mother, they deride me, but they will not disrespect you. No one will lay a hand on you, Mother of the Condemned One. No one will speak an unkind word to you, Mother of the Messiah. They will not cease their cruelty against me until I breathe my last. Death by crucifixion is their only aim. It is sport to them.

The devils are unleashed to enter this crowd to carry out the most tortuous execution possible. But the devils will not dare to harm you. The Father will not permit it. Legions flee from you because you are altogether too much for the fallen angels. Any number of people will do their evil bidding but not you.

Mother, I know that you choose to share in my physical pain. It is enough that you share the pain of my soul. Your sorrow is seven times complete. Our two hearts are beating in love's synchronized rhythm that we always share. This maddening crowd stares at you, "There is his mother". While they have no sympathy for me, you elicit sympathy from them.

Mother, your tears are sanctifying the earth. They fall and mingle with my blood and sweat to purify the earth's children. Mother, your Son's hour is now. We talked about this moment. We prepared one another for this hour. My enemies think that it is their hour. But we know the truth.

Mother, your tender heart is pierced as the prophet Simeon foretold. Your noble heart is completely anguished, and at the same time, rapt in selfless love. My pure Mother, your love always tends upward. You could no more wish ill upon my persecutors than I could. Your suffering is complete because of the affection that you have for these people. You know that I love them and so do you. Love bears all things with equanimity.

*Mother, your eyes speak volumes to me. You are always full of grace, my humble, tender Mother. Valiant Lady, thank you for accompanying me on the *Via Dolorosa*. My friends fled in fear. You remain with me always. Take courage now, as I must complete the mission. That I may finish the sacrifice I shall not receive the consolation of your loving gaze again until this Body is raised on the third day.*

Let me look at your lovely face one last time before it is finished. Your countenance is sorrowful but noble, more beautiful than ever. My Queen, your heart is well prepared for the piercing sword of bitter sorrow. Most holy Mother, I die for you also. My will is fixed, Mother, fiat!

With the praying Church that exalts the Cross and loves the Sorrowful Mother, let us sing, "Lift high the Cross, the love of Christ proclaim 'til all the world adore His sacred Name. Come, brethren, follow where our Captain trod, our King victorious, Christ the Son of God. Led on their way by this triumphant sign, the hosts of God in conquering ranks combine. Each newborn soldier of the Crucified bears on the brow the seal of him who died. This is the sign which Satan's legions fear and angels veil their faces to revere. Saved by this Cross whereon their Lord was slain, the sons of Adam their lost home regain. From north and south, from east and west they raise in growing unison their songs of praise. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, as thou hast promised, draw the world to thee. Let every race and every language tell of him who saves our souls from death and hell. From farthest regions let their homage bring, and on his Cross adore their Savior King. Set up thy throne, that earth's despair may cease beneath the shadow of its healing peace." (Words: George William Kitchen and Michael Robert Newbolt, 1916)