# **HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH OF CORN HILL**



# Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 13, A.D. 2016

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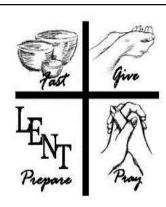
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Weekend Masses: Saturday at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday at 8:30 a.m. **Reconciliation:** Sat: 4:15–4:45 pm; Sun: 7:45–8:15 am; Wed: 5:45-6:15 pm

# Mass Schedule & Intentions for the Week

Saturday	Mar 12	5:00 PM	Bernard Martine
Sunday	Mar 13	8:30 AM	Pro Populo
Tuesday	Mar 15	6:00 PM	Martha Gracey (healing)
Wednesday	Mar 16	7:00 AM	†John Nemec
Thursday	Mar 17	7:00 AM	For Life
Friday	Mar 18	6:00 PM	†Freida Tschoerner
Saturday	Mar 19	7:30 AM	For Priests
Saturday	Mar 19	5:00 PM	Pro Populo
Sunday	Mar 20	8:30 AM	†Jerry Havelka



## **Mass Ministry Reminders**

(Stations) Wed, March 16, 6:30 PM:

Altar Servers: Thomas Clawson, Jenna Danek, William Brousseau

Saturday, March 19, 5:00 PM:

Altar Servers: Matthew & Nathan Klepac

Lector: Pete Zenner

EM's of HC: Debbie Klaus, Keith Youngpeter

Gift Bearers: Bill & Linda Montreuil

Sunday, March 20, 8:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Travis Clawson, Carter Marquis, Lucas Beyer

Lector: John Edgar

EM's of HC: Jerry David, Cynthia Edgar Gift Bearers: Billy & Belinda Beyer EMHC Route: March 20: Jerry David

## **Altar Flowers**

To donate Altar Flowers in memory/honor of a loved one, return an Altar Flower envelope. Remember: No flowers are needed during the Seasons of Lent or Easter.

## Collection

March 6: Fourth Sunday of Lent: \$4,154.00 and Catholic Relief Services: \$1,349.00



## This Week At A Glance

Sat/Sun, March 12/13: -- Cross Catholic Outreach - Fr. Dennis Rausch Sunday, March 13: --Year of Mercy Holy Hour & Lenten Penance Service

Tuesday, March 15: --RCIA Class

Wednesday, March 16: -- CCF Classes & Stations of the Cross

--St. Joseph's Altar Saturday, March 19:

Take the time, with your family, to receive the abundant Mercy that the Lord offers us in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Below are opportunities to do so:

St. Mary of Taylor: Sunday, March 20, 7:00 p.m.

St. William of Round Rock: Monday, March 21, 1:00 - 6:00 p.m.

For information on more penance opportunities, here are some other local parish phone numbers: Sts. Cyril & Methodius, Granger: 512-859-2223; St. John Vianney, RR: 512-218-1183; St. Mary, Taylor: 512-352-2175; St Helen, Georgetown: 512-863-3041; Santa Rosa, Andice: 254-793-0273

We welcome Fr. Dennis Rausch, of Cross Catholic Outreach, who is speaking to us this weekend on behalf of the poor in developing countries. This ministry was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America. Please be generous in your response to Fr. Rausch's appeal. Brochures will be provided if you wish to support this worthy Catholic ministry.

K.J.Z.T District XI Meeting and Social will be held on Sunday, April 3, at Sts. Cyril & Methodius Church in Marak. Mass will be held in the church at 10:15 a.m., followed by registration, meal, meeting and memorial service in their parish hall. 50-year pins will be awarded. All members and their families are welcome. RSVP by <u>March 13</u> to <u>pagaines2002@yahoo.com</u> or 254-697-2613 or <u>bvrazelo6@gmail.com</u> or 254-593-3021.

The Holy Trinity Parish Prayer Campaign for Church Vocations is open to all parishioners. To sign-up, contact the parish office. This week, the crucifix will be with Louise Havelka. Next week, it will be with Bill & Monica Sherek.

RCIA: Class this Tuesday, March 15, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg. Discussion: Presentation of the Creed / Lord's Prayer / Holy Week.

CCE: Class this Wednesday, March 16, from 6:15 - 8:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross in the church at 6:30 p.m., followed by class in the RE Bldg.

\*\*We would like to acknowledge those who helped with the Confirmation breakfast last Sunday. Thank you to the members of the Pastoral Council for preparing the meal; to the Confirmation 1 students and parents for serving the meal and for cleaning up; and to all others who helped in any way. God bless.

In celebration of St. Joseph's Feast Day, on Saturday, March 19, the Confraternity of Christian Mothers will host a St. Joseph's Altar in the PAC Bldg, immediately following the 5:00 p.m. Mass. The altar is a reflection of a deep devotion to St. Joseph, who is the patron saint of those in need. Fr. Stephen will bless the altar and then all participants may sample the foods on the altar. In keeping with the tradition of the St. Joseph's Altar, a donation basket will be available for contributions to be given to the poor (Jarrell Food Pantry).

Next Sunday, March 20, is the deadline to turn in an Easter Flower Envelope with your donation, in memory or honor of loved ones, for the Easter flowers.

The Confraternity of Christian Mothers will meet next Sunday, March 20, in the RE Bldg, immediately following the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Agenda items include the Pancake Breakfast and the Austin DCCW Convention. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

St. Joseph's Church in Cyclone invites everyone to their annual **Springfest** next Sunday, March 20. Fried Chicken & Sausage plates will be sold from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. for \$9 each. Dine-in or to-go. Also enjoy a raffle and country store.

The Year of Mercy Book Study Group will meet on Wednesday, March 23, in the PAC Bldg, immediately after Stations of the Cross. Contact Pete Zenner (512-863-4038) for questions or information.



Attn: all children of the parish and those visiting (up to age 10) --- we have it on good authority that the Easter Bunny will be making his rounds here on Easter morning!! So don't forget to bring your Easter baskets to hunt for eggs and goodies after the 8:30 a.m. Mass! (If you would like to help make the children's Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday a memorable one, please contact Lucille D'Elia (512-318-5149). Donations of specific items (such as plastic eggs, candy, etc), or money to purchase them, would be very much appreciated.)

The **67**<sup>th</sup> **annual Austin DCCW Convention** will be held April 11-12, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Austin. All ladies of the Diocese of Austin are invited to attend. This year's theme is "Catholic Women, Sowers of Mercy and Hope". Any ladies of the parish interested in attending may contact Lucille Nemec (254-527-3615) for more information and/or a registration form. Advance registration is requested by March 31.

#### EIM (Ethics & Integrity in Ministry)

Many of you have seen *EIM* written in the bulletin or heard of it somewhere or another, and you still wonder what it is all about. Even after hearing about it, you may even think "this doesn't pertain to me" or "I don't need to do that". But, there is more to this program than meets the eye --- so please read the following, which will hopefully answer some of your questions so that you can take the proper steps to get certified if there is a need or want to do so!

The diocesan EIM program is in place to create awareness of the all-too-common problem of sexual abuse of children and vulnerable adults. There are many reasons why everyone *should* attend this workshop, some of them being: it makes us all aware of the situation and gives us the knowledge of what to look for in certain situations to help keep our children safe; it tells those who may be predators that we are all watching out for each other; and it allows us all to feel safer and secure in our group settings when acts of abuse could occur. It is not an easy subject to discuss or think about, but it does happen and we need to be vigilant and mindful of it.

With that being said, we are aware that not everyone will feel they need to become certified – BUT – there are many groups or individuals who MUST be certified in order to participate in the various ministries and organizations of the Church (in any parish or Catholic school of our diocese). If you are included in any of the following – or plan to be at any point in time – you MUST take the workshop and become certified in the Ethics & Integrity in Ministry program – which includes taking a refresher course every three years after – and all workshops are free of charge.

Mass Ministers (priests, deacons, altar servers over 18, lectors, extraordinary ministers of holy communion, music ministers, ushers)

Parish Council & Committee Members (pastoral council, finance council, cemetery committee, fundraiser committees, money counters)

Religious Education (CCE Catechists and volunteers, CYM coordinators and volunteers, RCIA program coordinators and volunteers, VBS volunteers)

Parish Event Coordinators (all officers of any parish organization – KJT, KJZT, CLIU, Christian Mothers, Prayer Groups, etc)

All Parish Employees must be certified and anyone who wants to volunteer their services for the parish in any capacity should be certified as well.

If you have a question about any of the above, or are not sure whether or not you should be certified, please call the parish office.

## WE WILL BE HAVING AN EIM WORKSHOP ON SATURDAY, APRIL 16, AT 9:30 A.M. IN THE PAC BLDG.

We have SEVERAL parishioners, who are already certified, that need to take their three year refresher workshop in 2016. If you know your 'time is up' – please make every effort to attend this workshop and cross it off your to-do list! If you know you need a refresher sometime soon, but are not sure when, call the parish office and we can tell you. If you've never taken a course and want – or NEED – to become certified, please sign up for this workshop!

Here's how you do it: visit the diocesan website – <a href="www.austindiocese.org">www.austindiocese.org</a> – go to the Ethics & Integrity in Ministry page and read and follow all of the directions. If you have questions about any of it, you can either contact the diocesan EIM office, or you may contact the parish office. If you do not have the internet, please call us and we will help you do what is needed.

It is truly our goal to have <u>everyone</u> certified, so we are here to answer your questions and help you in any way.

It's only a few hours of your time every three years. A very small sacrifice for the protection and well-being of our children and vulnerable adults!

#### Dear Parishioners.

Here we are on this Fifth Sunday of Lent. For the next two weeks, our statues will be covered to remind us that we are in the most solemn time of our Church year. The covering of the statues reminds us that we are to give up all that is pleasing to our senses during this remaining time of Lent and focus upon the suffering of our Lord. Let us enter into these final days of Lent with our entire being, mind, body and soul, so that we can even more intensely experience the joy of the resurrection and salvation.

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week. Our Mass schedule for the Easter Triduum will be as follows: Holy Thursday - 7:00 p.m.; Good Friday - 7:00 p.m.; Holy Saturday - 8:00 p.m.; Easter Sunday - 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

The Easter Triduum during Holy Week is our most sacred and solemn week of the whole year. We should make it a priority to attend the celebrations on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday. Please consider making it a priority in your life and the life of your family, setting aside other non-religious activities that may conflict with these sacred days. Let us be faithful to God.

We will be having Altar Server practice for each of the above celebrations. Altar Servers will have practice on Palm Sunday, March 20, following the 8:30 a.m. Mass, for Holy Thursday. Altar Server practice for Good Friday will be after the 7:00 p.m. Mass on Holy Thursday, and on Holy Saturday practice will be at 11:00 a.m. All Altar Servers who are scheduled to serve at each of the above celebrations are asked to be at these practices. If you are not able to serve when scheduled, please find a substitute for you and be sure to tell them to be at the practice for that particular day. Also please call the parish office so that we will know who will be serving. Thank you to all of you for serving at God's Altar.

In today's gospel, Jesus meets the woman who was caught in the sin of adultery. The Pharisees and the Scribes condemn the woman. However, Jesus points out their own sinfulness which leaves them speechless. Then, turning to the woman, he offers her God's love and forgiveness. He then tells her "Go, and from now on, do not sin anymore." Many people go to God and ask for forgiveness. They may say that God will forgive every sin so they have nothing to worry about. But they often forget that Jesus said "Go, and from now on, do not sin anymore." They ignore the fact that God expects a change to take place within us, that He expects us to change our way of life. This is the only qualification that God puts on forgiveness. Let us pray that we can respond to God's request so that we can truly live in the freedom of the children of God.

May all of you continue to have a spiritually renewing Season of Lent as we prepare ourselves for Holy Week and the celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord at Easter.

Fr. Stephen Nesrsta, farář

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## Jubilee Year of Mercy

Though we often think of the Sacrament of Penance as a highly individualized and private sacrament, we must not forget its communal dimensions. In this sacrament, we are not only reconciling ourselves with God but also reconciling ourselves with our community and the Church as a whole. Every time we sin, we distance ourselves from God and neighbor. We may not have sinned against a particular person, but when our relationship with God is broken, our relationships with others suffer since we no longer have God as our guiding light. This sacrament helps us renew our lives to be witnesses of the Good News of Christ and builds us up as members of the Body of Christ.



- 1. Invite somebody, perhaps someone from a small faith-sharing group at your parish or a friend, to go with you to a reconciliation service at your parish or another before the celebration of Easter.
- 2. Begin to make amends with someone you are in conflict with. A perfect resolution does not have to occur, but approaching the conflict with an attitude of mercy and compassion will help ease the tension and help you to look on this person with the love of God.

# The Corporal Works of Mercy

Feed the hungry
Give drink to the thirsty
Clothe the naked
Shelter the homeless
Visit the sick
Visit the imprisoned
Bury the dead

# The Spiritual Works of Mercy

Admonish the sinner Instruct the ignorant Counsel the doubtful Comfort the sorrowful Bear wrongs patiently Forgive all injuries Pray for the living and dead