# HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH of CORN HILL







Diocese of Austin

# **Fourth Sunday of Easter**

May 7, A.D. 2017







# Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday	May 6	5:00 PM	Pro Populo
Sunday	May 7	8:30 AM	Liv/Dec Members of Martin & Frantiska Vrabel family
Tuesday	May 9	NO MASS	
Wednesday	May 10	NO MASS	
Thursday	May 11	NO MASS	
Friday	May 12	NO MASS	
Saturday	May 13	7:30 AM	†Richard & Maryann Garlasco
Saturday	May 13	5:00 PM	Pro Populo
Sunday	May 14	8:30 AM	For All Mothers, Living & Deceased

#### **Mass Ministry Reminders**

Saturday, May 13, 5:00 PM:

Altar Servers: John & Maria Bruce, Natalie Mason

Lector: Leo Bringman

EMHC: Jim & Mary Margaret Heuertz, Keith Youngpeter

Gift Bearers: Johnny & Bernice Hernandez

Head Usher: Frank Knapek

Sunday, May 14, 8:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Thomas C, Joseph & Adelaide Brousseau

Lector: Louis Brousseau

**EMHC:** Lucille Nemec, Pete & Nancy Zenner **Gift Bearers:** Richard & Lisa Danek

Head Usher: Jerry David

EM to Shut-ins: Sunday, May 14: Jerry David

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#### Parish Contacts & Resources

Dir Rel Educ & Bookkeeping: Lucille D'Elia 737-215-1042 Parish Activity Center (PAC) Rentals & Info: Parish Office

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Cemetery Director: Johnny Martinka 512-966-4301
Cemetery Maintenance: Ken Loudermilk 512-869-7351
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## **Altar Flowers**

If you would like to donate Altar Flowers in memory or honor of loved ones, you may do so with an Altar Flower Envelope (by bulletins or from our website).

# Last Week's Collection(s)

**April 30:** Third Sunday of Easter: \$3,946.00 5th Sunday Collection for Jarrell Food Pantry: \$972.25

### **Vocations Crucifix Prayer Campaign**

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

May 7 - 13: Henry & Agnes Taylor
May 14 - 20: Jim & Mary Margaret Heuertz

#### 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.

#### **Religious Articles Cabinet**

in the foyer of the church, is full of many wonderful items, for all occasions, which are available for purchase. You may contact the parish office, Louise Straka (512-746-5322) or Janine Nemec (512-863-6892), to purchase items, or to have items ordered for you.

#### This Week at a Glance

Sat/Sun, May 6/7: --Mother's Day CEF Drive

Sunday, May 7:

Tuesday, May 9:

Wednesday, May 10:

Thursday, May 11:

Sat/Sun, May 13/14:

--Bible Study

--RCIA Class

--CCE Classes

--Pro-Life Adoration

--Second Collection

The CCE program would like to thank Mark & Debbie Klaus and Marla Tonn for the wonderful lunch they provided for our First Holy Communion class and guests. Great food and fellowship!

**Today, May 7, is the 2017 World Day of Prayer for Vocations.** We must all pray, foster and support the various vocations in service to God and His Church. Parishioners are asked to consider joining our **Vocations Crucifix Prayer Campaign**. Each week, the crucifix is entrusted to a parish family or individual who promises to pray during the week for Church vocations, priests, deacons and religious and lay ministers. **If you would like to join the prayer campaign, sign-up sheets will be available this weekend, <b>May 6/7.** You may also contact the parish office.

\*\*\*Please see the enclosed Vocations flyer to learn more about what it might mean in your life, or that of a family member or friend.

This is your last weekend to turn in a Mother's Day Remembrance envelope - to donate for altar flowers in honor/memory of your mother, grandmother, aunt, etc (please make sure you check living or deceased). The memorials will be in the May 14th bulletin.

Clerical Endowment Fund Drive for Mother's Day --- Spiritual Bouquet Cards will be available after Masses this weekend, May 6/7, and next, May 13/14. You may also contact Janine Nemec (512-863-6892) to obtain a card. The usual offering is \$2.00 per person, per card. The enroller and enrollee's benefits are prayers and Masses said for them for a whole year. The money collected goes to our diocese to help with the education of our seminarians.

Bible Study: Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible: meeting today, Sunday, May 7, at 5:00 p.m. in the PAC Bldg. Next meeting will be held on Sunday, May 14. For information, contact Pete or Nancy Zenner (512-863-4038 or <a href="mailto:npzenner@suddenlink.net">npzenner@suddenlink.net</a>).

RCIA: Class this Tuesday, May 9, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg. Discussion: Bible Study, Prayer Groups and Catholic Customs.

**CCE:** Classes this Wednesday, May 10, at 6:15 p.m. We will not have Mass, but will gather together in the church at 6:30 p.m. to pray the Rosary together. Parents are invited to stay and pray with us! For information, contact Lucille D'Elia (htcdre@yahoo.com or 737-215-1042). \*\*Don't forget: parents are encouraged to pre-register their children for next year's CCE classes – especially those with children new to our program.

**K.J.Z.T. St. Agnes Society #15 will meet** this Wednesday, May 10, at 6:00 p.m. in the home of Dorothy Klepac. All members are welcome to discuss upcoming events and activities their Society will be hosting.

The **Georgetown/Round Rock Deanery Council of Catholic Women (DCCW) will meet** this Thursday, May 11, at St. Mary's Church in Taylor. Registration at 9:30 a.m. with meeting at 10:00 a.m. All ladies of the parish are invited to join them. For information, please contact Linda Montreuil (512-864-2451).

**Pro-Life Adoration** this Thursday, May 11, from 3:00 – 9:00 p.m. in the church. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come and spend some time with our Lord, present in the Holy Eucharist. Anyone interested in signing up for a specific 30-minute or hour time slot can contact the parish office.

A nation-wide collection, for the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception's Trinity Dome Project, will be taken up next weekend, May 13/14. For information on this project, you may visit www.TrinityDome.org.

The Cemetery Committee will meet next Thursday, May 18, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg.

This year's High School Graduates will be honored at the 8:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, May 21. Please wear your graduation gowns and sit in the front pews.

Our June Fundraiser will be held on Sunday, June 4. Our 10:30 a.m. Mass will include traditional Czech hymns sung by our choir and the Happy Czech Singers of Austin. We will have a delicious Fried Chicken & Sausage meal from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., followed by an afternoon dance with music by the Jodie Mikula Orchestra! If you would like to contribute by making a monetary donation to help pay for groceries and supplies, 'June Fundraiser' envelopes are available by the bulletins.

This year's **Vacation Bible School will be held on Saturday**, **June 10**, and what a fun day we have planned! See the back of this bulletin for information. To sign-up, please contact Lucille D'Elia (htcdre@yahoo.com or 737-215-1042).

We have sets of Fr. Ricardo Pineda's 'Parish Mission CDs' available (\$20/set). If you would like one, call the parish office. These would be a great gift for a friend or loved one – especially for those who commute long distances to work and could benefit from a spiritual 'journey'!

We are still in need of a **Catholic Youth Ministry (CYM) Coordinator.** This would be perfect for a husband and wife, or maybe a couple of friends, to minister to the high school youth of our parish. If you are interested, please talk to Fr. Stephen.

Many of you have asked over the past few years, "When are we going to have a 10:30 a.m. Mass again on Sundays?" ... and now that we have added this second Sunday Mass (beginning in just a few weeks), we need your help!! We need more Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Head Ushers and Altar Servers (ministers are needed for ALL weekend Mass times, but especially at the new 10:30 a.m.). Please prayerfully consider taking that extra step to heed the call of the Lord to participate more fully in the Mass as a lay minister! For more information or to volunteer, please contact the parish office or speak with Fr. Stephen.

#### Dear friends in Christ,

Peace be with you. We congratulate our First Communicants for having received the Body, Blood, Soul & Divinity of Jesus for the first time last Sunday. We also thank all those who prepared and helped with the reception and meal afterward. God bless you all

The month of May is the month of our Blessed Virgin Mary. Please take some time each day to pray the rosary together as a family. We will have the crowning of Mary at our last religious education class on Wednesday, May 17, at 6:30 pm. Everyone is invited to attend this Mass. Let us give honor to Mary because, in doing so, we are giving honor to her Son, Jesus.

Also, Saturday, May 13, is the feast of Our Lady of Fatima. It has been 100 years since the Blessed Mother appeared to the three children, Lúcia Santos and her cousins Jacinta and Francisco Marto, in Fatima, Portugal. She appeared to them between May 13 and October 13 in 1917. At the last apparition on October 13, the "Miracle of the Sun" occurred. A huge crowd, which some estimated to be about 100,000 people, including newspaper reporters and photographers, gathered at Cova da Iria. There had been a heavy rain that finally ceased and there was a thin layer of cloud. Lucia, seeing light rising from the lady's hands and the sun appearing as a silver disk, called out, "Look at the sun". Witnesses spoke of the sun changing colors and rotating like a wheel. Witnesses gave varying descriptions of the sun's dance. Poet Afonso Lopes Vieira and schoolteacher Delfina Lopes (with her pupils and other witnesses in the town of Alburita), reported that the solar phenomenon was visible up to 25 miles away. This miracle was reported in newspapers around the world. This is one of the most remembered apparitions and maybe one of the most controversial as many people continue to discuss, and even argue, about what Mary said to the children. Usually the controversy is about the Third Secret, of which some say has not been fulfilled, and also about the consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Because this is the 100th anniversary of this apparition, and because most people have not responded to Mary's message and God's call to conversion – that everyone reject sin and be faithful to the gospel – many are predicting some catastrophe, probably a major war, to take place this year. However, whatever happens, we know that the Most Holy Trinity and the Blessed Virgin Mary are with us, so we should never have anything to fear. I encourage everyone to attend Mass on Saturday morning, May 13, at 7:30 a.m. on this special feast day. In this month, we also celebrate the Feast of The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary on May 31.

In today's Gospel, and in the Responsorial Psalm and the Second Reading, we hear about sheep and the Shepherd. Jesus is truly our Shepherd. But since He is with His Father in Heaven, He has given us another Shepherd to lead and guide us here on earth, and this is the Pope. The Pope is the Vicar of Christ, the shepherd of the flock ... the Church. Jesus told Peter, "I declare to you that you are 'Rock' and on this rock I will build my Church and the jaws of death shall not prevail against it. I will entrust to you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you declare bound on earth shall be bound in heaven." Because of Jesus entrusting His Church to Peter, the Church has made four proclamations De Fide, meaning all are irreversible articles of faith:

- 1. Christ appointed Peter to be the first of all the apostles and to be the visible head of the whole Church in primacy of jurisdiction.
- 2. Peter is to have successors in his primacy over the whole Church for all time.
- 3. The successors of Peter in the primacy are the bishops of Rome.
- 4. The Pope, the successor of Peter, possesses full and supreme power of jurisdiction over the whole Church, not merely in matters of faith and morals, but also in Church discipline and in the government of the Church.

That means that the Pope must teach, govern, and sanctify the flock entrusted to his care. He has no choice, for his first accounting must be to God and not to any human person. His role is to guide and protect us from false teachings and to inform us of the truth in matters of faith and morals, and also to discipline us, the flock, when needed. He has the most awesome responsibility of anyone in the world because all he does concerns the souls of all people around the world. No other leader has this much responsibility.

So perhaps we ought to pray for our shepherd, the Pope, and stand firm with him and support him, always waiting for him to study, ponder, and decide. And when he pronounces, even in a disciplinary sense, we would do well to honor the proclamation, because it is very likely "bound in heaven."

The Church Fathers, such as St. Pope Clement I (AD 80), St. Ignatius of Antioch (AD 110), St. Cyprian of Carthage (AD 251), St. Augustine (AD 430) and many others, speak about the Pope as head and shepherd of the universal Church. As St. Ambrose (AD 397) said, almost 1,650 years ago, "Where Peter is, there is the Church." We, too, as a humble flock, rejoice that God has given us such a great shepherd. Praised be Jesus Christ! Now and forever!

May all of you have a most blessed week.

Fr. Stephen Nesrsta, farář



Excitement is building!



# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ... the best day of the summer! JUNE 10, 2017

- - Amazing experiments
- Make new friendsCreative games
- Lip-smacking snacks
- Surprising adventures
- Incredible music

**Location: Holy Trinity Catholic Church - CCE Building** 

Ages: 4 through 11

Check-in begins at: 9:30 AM

Time: 10 AM to 4 PM