# HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH of CORN HILL







Bishop Joe Vásquez Diocese of Austin

## Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 15, A.D. 2017

#### Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday	Oct 14	5:00 PM	†Joe & Margaret Vrazel
Sunday	Oct 15	8:30 AM	Pro Populo
Sunday	Oct 15	10:30 AM	In Thanksgiving
Monday	Oct 16	7:00 AM	†Gladys Mendiola
Tuesday	Oct 17	NO MASS	
Wednesday	Oct 18	6:30 PM	†James Magnoli
Thursday	Oct 19	7:00 AM	Dec'd Members of Joseph & Annie Straka family
Friday	Oct 20	6:00 PM	†Raymond Angell
Saturday	Oct 21	7:30 AM	Craig & Krystle
Saturday	Oct 21	5:00 PM	†Adolph & Louise Valenta
Sunday	Oct 22	8:30 AM	†Angela Gail Danek
Sunday	Oct 22	10:30 AM	Pro Populo

#### **Mass Ministry Reminders**

Wednesday, October 18, 6:30 PM:

Altar Servers: John Bruce, William & Adelaide Brousseau

**Lector:** Jennifer Marquis **EMHC:** Lucille Nemec **Gift Bearers:** 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

Saturday, October 21, 5:00 PM:

Altar Servers: Matthew & Nathan Klepac, Preston Snook

**Lector:** Leo Bringman

EMHC: Keith Youngpeter, Jennifer Klepac, Brandi Bernal

**Gift Bearers:** John & Mary Ann Valenta **Head Usher:** Donald Tschoerner

Sunday, October 22:

8:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Caleb & Amy Stefek, Adelaide Brousseau

Lector: Louis Brousseau

**EMHC:** John & Cynthia Edgar, James Nemec **Gift Bearers:** Richard & Lisa Danek

Head Usher: A.J. Batla

10:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Thomas C, Heron Rodriguez, Jarrod Hodgson

Lector: Monica Sherek EMHC: Kelly Godfrey

Gift Bearers: Troy & Cynthia Clawson family

Head Usher: Bill Sherek

EMHC to Shut-ins: October 22: John Edgar

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**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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#### **Altar Flowers**

The flowers at the Tabernacle are placed in loving memory of Jeff Taylor and are donated by the Henry & Agnes Taylor family.

#### Last Week's Collection(s)

October 8: Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time: \$3,823.25

#### 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.

October 15 – 21: Louis & Louise Straka
October 22 – 28: Tim & Gwyn Vrabel family

#### This Week at a Glance

Sat/Sun, October 14/15: --Hurricane & Earthquake Relief Collection

Sunday, October 15: --Bazaar Follow-Up Meeting

Tuesday, October 17:
Wednesday, October 18:
--CCE Classes
--Parish Office Closed
--Pro-Life Adoration

Sat/Sun, October 21/22: --World Mission Sunday Collection



Help America ... Pray the Rosary!

**Thank you** to all who supported the Bake Sale, sponsored by the Confraternity of Christian Mothers, this past weekend. Through your generosity, proceeds, in the amount of \$663.00, were sent to the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, to aid in the construction of their Georgetown Priory.

We will have a **second collection this weekend (October 14/15) for Hurricane Maria & Mexico Earthquake Relief.** Your generous donations and prayers for those affected by these tragedies are much appreciated!

We will have our **Bazaar Follow-Up Meeting** today (Sunday, October 15) in the RE Bldg, after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. All Committee members and Function Leaders are encouraged to attend.

- **--Sunday, October 15:** St. Helen Church, in Georgetown, Fall Festival day full of food and fun for the entire family begins at 10 am on their church grounds (see flyer on bulletin board) (2700 E University, Georgetown)
- **--Sunday, October 15:** St. Stephen Church, in Salado, Fall Festival dinner served from 10:30 am 1:30 pm with a day full of activities, classic car show, for the family (see flyer on bulletin board) (601 FM 2268, Salado)

We celebrate October as Respect Life Month! If you haven't already, we invite you to pick up a Baby Bank (located at entrances and by bulletins) – put it in a place in your home where you can remember to add some change and say a prayer, daily, for those involved in, and affected by, the epidemic of the hideous crimes against LIFE – especially abortion! You will then return the Baby Bank at the end of the month – and the donations you give will benefit our parish Pro-Life Group's ministries and our diocesan Pro-Life apostolates.

Annual Cemetery Dues: The contribution, per family, of at least \$20, can be turned in using a 'Cemetery Dues' envelope (located by the bulletins or in your contribution envelope box). As written in our Cemetery Policies & Procedures: "Annual contributions of at least \$20 per family are collected each October for cemetery upkeep and maintenance. Failure to pay the annual upkeep fee will result in a parishioner being charged to be buried at HTC (\$1500 casket / \$250 urn); once an individual turns 18 years of age, even if they are still living in their parents' home, they are considered to be their own parish family and should, therefore, fulfill the responsibilities as any other parish family and pay the annual contribution to the HTC Cemetery Fund."

Are you a family (especially with kids) – living in this technologically advanced, ever-changing and challenging world – and looking to embrace technology, yet be a 'media smart, faithful family'??? If so, then you are encouraged to attend the Parish Mission at St. Vincent de Paul, in Austin, entitled "Becoming a Cultural Mystic: Is there an app for that?" The Mission will be held this Monday – Wednesday, October 16-18. For more information, visit their website at www.svdpparish.org, or contact them at 512-255-1389. See the flyer on our church bulletin board for more information as well.

**RCIA:** Class this Tuesday, October 17, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg. Discussion: Our Liturgical Year and Catholic Devotions.

CCE: Class this Wednesday, October 18, from 6:15 – 8:00 p.m. For all questions and information, contact Lucille D'Elia (737-215-1042 or htcdre@yahoo.com). \*\*\*Due to the addition of new classes and some other changes, we need a couple more catechists and more volunteers to help the program run smoothly. Please prayerfully consider offering a couple hours a week for the faith education of our children.

The Parish Office will be closed this Thursday, October 19, for the attendance of the annual Diocesan Admin Staff Retreat.

**Pro-Life Adoration** this Thursday, October 19, 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. **Thank you** to those who signed up these past two weekends to attend our weekly Adoration! If you would like to sign-up, need more information, etc, please contact the parish office.

We will have a second collection next weekend, October 21/22, for **World Mission Sunday**. This collection is a unique, global effort for the entire Church to provide for the building up of over one thousand local churches in Asia and Africa, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe. Through the work of these churches, and their witness to Christ, the poor receive practical help – and experience God's love and mercy, hope and peace.

The **Pastoral Council and Finance Council will meet** on Monday, October 23, in the RE Bldg (Pastoral Council at 7:00 p.m. with Finance to follow). All parishioners are invited to attend.

**Give your loved ones the gift of prayer.** Complete and return an **All Soul's Envelope** by Sunday, October 29. All names given will be prayed for throughout the month of November.

The **Men's Prayer Group will meet** on Monday, October 30 (instead of Oct 23 – due to a scheduling conflict), at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg. For information, contact Pete Zenner at 512-863-4038.

ATTN: High School Students: the S.M.Y.R.T. (St. Mary's Youth Retreat Team) of College Station will be here on Saturday, November 18 (10 am—7 pm) for our High School Retreat. All students, grades 9-12, are invited for an awesome day of "Catholic FUN & fellowship", so sign-up – by November 8 – to attend! Cost is only \$20 per student and includes meals. Contact Lucille D'Elia for more information and to register at htcdre@yahoo.com or 737-215-1042.

#### Dear friends in Christ,

Peace be with you! This weekend, we welcome two priests who are visiting from the Czech Republic, Fr. Aleš Písařovic and Fr. Libor Churý. May they have a welcoming and enjoyable time during their short visit with us.

Don't forget that this is Respect Life month. Continue to pray for those who are praying in front of abortion clinics, for those who are going there for abortions, and for those who are working for Planned Parenthood and other abortion facilities killing babies in the wombs of their mothers. May they have a conversion of heart and mind and may God's mercy be with them. May they see the evil that they are doing.

Today's gospel speaks to us about God's invitation to each of us and our response to that invitation. Last week we heard in the Gospel about the tenants and how they murdered the servants which were sent to the vineyard to collect the owner's share of the harvest. In the end the owner sent his own son and he was also killed. The owner had all the tenants punished and provided his vineyard with new tenants. The son who was killed, of course, refers to Jesus Christ and how He was not accepted by the Jewish leaders, the then tenants of the faith. Today we see that the people once again do not accept an invitation to a banquet, a banquet given by God, the King in today's Gospel.

The wedding feast is a common allusion to salvation, as we heard in the reading from Isaiah today. Our all-powerful, all-loving God provides for us in abundance. God invites us to salvation through Jesus Christ and He also provides us the means to attain it, namely, through the Church and the Seven Sacraments.

We are first invited to God's banquet through our baptism, in which we begin to live in the life of Jesus Christ through His death and resurrection. Second, we are invited through His Word, through Sacred Scripture, which we read individually, or hear read to us every day of the year at Mass or in our homes. Thirdly, we are invited to the continual presence of the Holy Spirit. And, we are invited by God's gift of the Sacraments in which we truly encounter Christ. In the Sacrament of the Eucharist, Holy Communion, we are invited, literally, to God's banquet. It is at the altar that God nourishes us for our journey. When we gather in church we are at the heavenly baquet.

We have been invited by God to participate in His divine banquet. Since we have been invited, what does God expect of us? He expects us to respond to this invitation. God expects that our lives are changed by all that He has offered. The type of clothes worn in the Gospel represented a change in the person invited -- a change or conversion of mind and heart. But have we changed; are we different than the rest of the world? Do our lives reflect the gospel values? Have we repented of our sins? Do we come to church dressed as if we were attending a wedding banquet or do we give no respect to God and to the presence of Jesus Christ at Mass? Do we show disrespect for the Eucharist by chewing gum or eating candy during Mass? Do we remain focused on Jesus during Mass, or do we spend most of our time talking to the person sitting next to us or looking at our cell phones? This is not meant to be just a social hour, it is a time to worship our God and to give Him our full attention. How well are we responding to God's invitation? Is there the possibility that we will be thrown out from God's heavenly banquet as the man who was not appropriately dressed in today's Gospel? These are questions that all of us need to reflect upon very seriously. God has invited each of you, individually, to His banquet. He expects a response. Will we respond, or will we just act as if we were never invited?

Let each of us resolve to appreciate all that God has provided us. Let us approach each new day as an opportunity to accept God's invitation and not to reject it in favor of earthly pursuits. Most of all, let us give thanks to our Lord of Hosts for this abundant feast in which we receive the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord. God bless you.

May all of you have a blessed week.

In Christ, Fr. Stephen Nesrsta, farář

If you've visited our website in the past week, you will see that we are moving up in the world of technology and will now be participating in **Online Giving!** Please see next week's bulletin for all of the ins-n-outs of this exciting new venture. Thanks!

## Holy Trinity Catholic Church of Corn Hill

# Parish Mission

"Challenge Yourself ... to Make a Stronger, Deeper, More Personal Commitment to Christ and His Church"

Join us

### Sunday, November 12 – Thursday, November 16

to hear

Fr. William "Bill" Casey, CPM, of the Fathers of Mercy

speak to us about...

~Divine Mercy~

~The Power of Prayer~

~The Virtue of Humility~

~The Blessed Virgin Mary~

~The Biblical & Historical Foundations of the Mass & the Holy Eucharist~ ~The Reality of Personal Sin and the Need for Sincere Conversion & Repentance~

...and more!

**Event Schedule:** (meals & reception are in PAC Bldg) (Church & PAC located at 8626 FM 1105, Jarrell)

Sunday, November 12: Confessions 6:00 – 6:45 pm / Mission: 7:00 pm

Monday, November 13: Confessions at 6:00 – 6:45 pm / Light Meal: 6:00 – 6:45 pm / Mission: 7:00 pm Tuesday, November 14: Confessions at 6:00 – 6:45 pm / Light Meal: 6:00 – 6:45 pm / Mission: 7:00 pm Wednesday, November 15: Confessions at 5:30-6:15 pm / Light Meal: 5:30-6:15 pm / Mission: 6:30 pm Thursday, November 16: Confessions at 6:00 – 6:45 pm / Mass & Mission: 7:00 pm / Closing Reception

#### Parish Mission Prayer

Almighty God and Father of Mercy, we ask your blessings upon us as we prepare for our Parish Mission. We pray that through the preaching and teaching of Fr. Bill Casey we may grow in your grace and in knowledge of our faith. We pray that our Parish Mission may be an experience of your love for us and that we may all respond to the gift of your mercy especially as we receive it in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. May we have the heartfelt courage to respond to our will as did the Most Blessed Virgin Mary when she said "yes" to you and she conceived of your Son. Please bless our Parish Mission and especially Fr. Bill as your Holy Spirit speaks to us through him. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.



Fr. Bill Casey was born on November 3, 1955, and is a native of Philadelphia, PA. He is a 1979 graduate of Temple University of Philadelphia. After graduation, he served as an officer in the U.S. Army, but gave up his military career in order to study for the priesthood. He entered the Congregation of the Fathers of Mercy and has been a member of the community since 1986. He is a graduate of Holy Apostles Seminary in Cromwell, CT.

Fr. Bill attributes his call to the priesthood to the Divine Mercy, his love for the study of Sacred Scripture and his strong devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Fr. Bill served as Superior General of his Congregation from 1997 to 2009. He has worked extensively with Saint Joseph Communications since 1995 and has appeared on Eternal Word Television Network since 1999.

The Congregation of the Fathers of Mercy was founded in 1808 under the title of "The Missionaries of France." The order was founded for the purpose of evangelizing the French people after the Catholic Faith had been subjected to years of attacks and persecution during the French Revolution. After the suppression of the order by a new revolutionary regime some three decades later, many of the priests of the community came to America, and the Fathers of Mercy eventually became an American order.