## HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH of CORN HILL







Bishop Joe Vásquez Diocese of Austin

## Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 22, A.D. 2017

#### Mass Schedule & Intentions

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
Tuesday	Oct 24	6:00 PM	For Life
Wednesday	Oct 25	6:30 PM	†Albert Tschoerner
Thursday	Oct 26	7:00 AM	*Nancy Valenta
Friday	Oct 27	6:00 PM	Lauren Buchhorn (healing)
Saturday	Oct 28	7:30 AM	†Adolf & Mary Schwertner
Saturday	Oct 28	5:00 PM	†Leslie K. Shaw
Sunday	Oct 29	8:30 AM	†Bernadette Schwertner
Sunday	Oct 29	10:30 AM	Pro Populo

#### Mass Ministry Reminders

Wednesday, October 25, 6:30 PM: Altar Servers: Matthew Klepac, Carter Marquis, Joseph Brousseau Lector: Zenner EMHC: Zenner Gift Bearers: 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Saturday, October 28, 5:00 PM: Altar Servers: John & Maria Bruce, Natalie Mason Lector: Janine Nemec EMHC: Janine Nemec, Patsy Hightower, Irene Cavanaugh Gift Bearers: Mark & Debbie Klaus Head Usher: Stephanie Wright

Sunday, October 29: 8:30 AM: Altar Servers: Jamie, John & Jenna Danek Lector: Zenner EMHC: Pete & Nancy Zenner, Ray Nemec Gift Bearers: Billy & Belinda Beyer Head Usher: Tommy Sladecek

#### 10:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Jakob Voigt, Abby Hodgson, Samuel Williams Lector: Jill Horner EMHC: Lucille Nemec Gift Bearers: Richard & Julia Hodgson family Head Usher: Jeff Voigt

EMHC to Shut-ins: October 29: Ray Nemec

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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 Cemetery Information: Parish Office Cemetery Director: Johnny Martinka 512-966-4301 Cemetery Maintenance: Ken Loudermilk 512-869-7351 Music Ministry / Choir: Ronnie Simek 512-630-5074 Finance Council: Tommy Sladecek 512-746-5881 Pastoral Council: Pete Zenner 512-863-4038 Pro-Life Prayer Group: Chris Garlasco 860-689-3021 Men's Prayer Group: Pete Zenner 512-863-4038 Conf. of Christian Mothers: Lucille Nemec 254-527-3615 K.J.T. Society #55: John Danek 512-746-4168 K.J.Z.T. Society #15: Dorothy Klepac 512-746-2902 Catholic Life Insurance #50: Tommy Sladecek 512-635-3496

#### Altar Flowers

The flowers at the Crucifix and the Tabernacle are placed in loving memory of Adolph & Louise Valenta and are donated by the Valenta family.

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

October 15: Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time: \$4,343.25 (above includes Online Giving amount) & Hurricane Maria / Mexico Earthquake Collection: \$2.244.80

#### 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 22 – 28: Tim & Gwyn Vrabel family October 29 – November 4: Louise Havelka

#### <u>This Week at a Glance</u>

Sat/Sun, October 21/22: Monday, October 23: Tuesday, October 24: Wednesday, October 25: Thursday, October 26: --World Mission Sunday Collection --Pastoral & Finance Council Meetings --RCIA Class --CCE Classes --Pro-Life Adoration



#### Help America ... Pray the Rosary!

The family of Jeff Taylor would like to express their appreciation for the kindness shown at the passing of their special guy. Jeff loved his church and the people in it. They thank you for the prayers, cards, masses, donations and kind words.

We would like to thank the family of Robert Chambers for donating, to Holy Trinity, a 7 ft. crucifix, which was restored by him. It is located in the RE/Office Bldg and is a beautifully detailed reflection of Our Lord's sacrificial offering.

**Celebrate Respect Life Month** by adding some change to your BABY BANK and saying 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.

**Don't forget your 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."

We will have a **second collection this 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** this Monday, October 23, in the RE Bldg (Pastoral Council at 7:00 p.m. with Finance to follow). All parishioners are invited to attend.

**RCIA:** Class this Tuesday, October 24, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg. Discussion: Jesus and the Paschal Mystery.

**CCE:** Class this Wednesday, October 25, from 6:15 – 8:00 p.m. For all questions and information, contact Lucille D'Elia (737-215-1042 or htcdre@yahoo.com). **More volunteers are always needed and appreciated to help our program run smoothly. Please prayerfully consider offering a couple hours a week for the benefit of our children.** 

**Pro-Life Adoration** this Thursday, October 26, 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. If you would like to sign-up for a specific time spot for adoration, need more information, etc, please contact the parish office.

Catholic Life Insurance, Corn Hill Branch #50, will be sponsoring a **Children's Book Drive.** The children's books, both new and gently used, that are donated, will be given to the Jarrell Food Pantry ... who will then give them to children of families that visit the Pantry for assistance. <u>Books can be dropped off in the 'book boxes' in the foyer of the church (from October 28 through November 5)</u>. Anyone interested in giving cash donations to purchase books, or any other information, should contact Tommy Sladecek at 512-635-3496.

**Give your loved ones the gift of prayer.** Complete and return an **All Soul's Envelope** by next 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.

Our **Pro-Life Prayer & Awareness Group will meet** on Thursday, November 2. Everyone is invited to join them at 6:30 p.m., in the church, to pray the Pro-Life Rosary. They will then continue the meeting at the RE Bldg – to which everyone is invited as well.

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/or to register at htcdre@yahoo.com or 737-215-1042.

We are excited to announce that you now have the ability to "Give Online", conveniently and easily, through our website. 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. No more writing checks and remembering envelopes every week ... your online donations are kept track of in the office and will be listed on your annual donation reports ... and all of it is done on a secure site, approved by the Diocese.

Simply follow these easy steps:

- 1) Visit our church website at <u>www.holytrinityofcornhill.org</u>
- 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 to create profile and schedule your contributions

If at any time, you have concerns or questions, don't hesitate to contact the parish office. And, if you have any suggestions of what we can add or offer to make it all more user-friendly, accessible, etc, we would like to hear from you!

#### Dear friends in Christ,

Peace be with you! Please continue to pray for a greater respect for life, from the moment of conception to natural death, during this Respect Life month. And, in being the month of the Rosary as well, it would be good to offer your daily rosary for this intention. May our Blessed Mother Mary intercede for the lives of the unborn and may her prayers gain forgiveness for the horrible crimes being committed by the killing of babies in the wombs of their mothers through the procedure known as abortion.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen

May the eyes of all people be opened to see the evils of abortion and all other evils against the dignity of life.

In today's Gospel, a group of people came to Jesus asking if it was lawful to pay taxes to the emperor. This was a loaded question. They were hoping that Jesus would get himself in trouble by answering it. And that could have happened easily. If he said yes, the people would have branded Him a traitor. If He said no, the Romans would have charged him with insurrection. But He did neither. Instead Jesus answers: "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, but give to God what is God's." In reality, this response did not answer their question. He was telling them to figure it out for themselves, what belongs to Caesar and what belongs to God. We must realize that we cannot separate the spiritual from the physical world. They go together and we must deal with both, with the Caesars of our world and with God.

In today's Gospel, Jesus also uses good old common sense. He tells them: "Show me the coin used for the tax." Someone handed Him a Roman coin, a denarius. He held it up and asked the people: "Whose inscription is this?" They said, "Caesar's". Then Jesus said, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's." Jesus knew that Rome did not look kindly on those who did not pay their taxes. Besides, the people owed Caesar something because he built and maintained roads which they used, like the state and federal governments do for us now. Paying taxes was a matter of common sense.

We need to apply this logic of Jesus to modern issues as well. We have all read and heard how drug use is up among young people. Some youth may be wondering, "Should I, or should I not? We need to apply common sense to that question. First of all, it is illegal. If you get caught, serious trouble may follow. You could also get addicted. I know a number of young people who were drug addicts at one time in their life. They did not intend to get hooked, but they did. Now their lives are messed up and may never get straightened out. Could that happen to you? Is it worth the risk? Think about it.

Thinking things through and applying a little common sense can also help us avoid a lot of grief. If the Jews had listened to Jesus, they may have averted tragedy. Because of their resentment towards the Romans, they became rebellious. Finally, Nero sent his armies to end the unrest. They laid siege to Jerusalem in 70 A.D. and they slaughtered close to a million Jewish people. The Jewish state was no more and they did not regain their homeland until 1948. If they had listened, and if they had thought, that tragedy might have been averted.

The same can be true in our own lives. We cast upon ourselves many unnecessary problems. These problems could be prevented, if only we would think. Let us consider an example. There is a man with a wife and family. He has a good home, loves his wife and children and he is respected by his friends. He has a bright future with much promise. But even with all this, the man is having an affair with another woman. He gambles his home and his family's happiness against a brief romance. To do that is sinful and stupid. That man needs to use his head. Ten minutes of intelligent thought could spare him and his family a lifetime of regret. The same can be said for a woman who does the same thing.

Often, we forget that our faith is not something just of the heart or just of the head. It is a combination of both, enmeshed in prayer. If we follow Christ, we need a loving heart and we also need intelligence and a close relationship with Jesus through prayer. We can never stop thinking, praying and loving. Listen quietly and you may hear a voice from eternity saying: "You have a brain. Use it!"

Saturday morning, October 28, we celebrate the feast of Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles. Please consider attending the 7:30 am Mass to honor these two special saints.

May all of you have a most blessed week.

In Christ, Fr. Stephen Nesrsta, farář



Holy Tríníty Catholíc Church of Corn Híll

# Parísh Míssíon

"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 FAC 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 pmThursday, 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.