

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH



Pope Francis
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Bishop Joe Vásquez
Diocese of Austin



First Sunday of Advent

November 27, A.D. 2022

Mass Schedule & Intentions



Saturday	Nov 26	5:00 PM	†Louise Dean, Alex & Virginia Hernandez (in thanksgiving) Larry & Carol Janousek (60 th Wedding Anniversary)
Sunday	Nov 27	8:30 AM	Pro Populo
		10:30 AM	†Ollie Jo Jacobson, †Tommy Neill
Tuesday	Nov 29	6:00 PM	†Johnnie Simek, †Joyce Nesrsta, †Helen Postma
Wednesday	Nov 30	6:30 PM	†All Souls
Thursday	Dec 1	7:00 AM	†Virginia & William McMaster, †Johnny Kabella, †Andrew Waltman
First Friday	Dec 2	6:00 PM	Craig & Krystle, Joe & June Villarreal, †Dorothy Klepac
First Saturday	Dec 3	7:30 AM	Marshall, Brielle & Connor, †Tommy Neill, †Frank Rodriguez
Saturday	Dec 3	5:00 PM	Martha Pavelka (healing), †Lisa Dahlberg, †Larry Janousek, Jr.
Sunday	Dec 4	8:30 AM	Pro Populo
		10:30 AM	†Cyril & Eileen Rosipal, †Paul Straka, †Lucille DelSignore

Ministry Schedule for November 29 – December 4

Tuesday, November 29, 6:00 pm:

Altar Server: Leo Bringman
Lector: Kitzi Crawford

Wednesday, November 30, 6:30 pm:

Altar Servers: Mikey & Christopher B.,
Emmaline S.
Lector: Kitzi Crawford
EMHC: Leo Bringman
Gift Bearers: 6th & 7th grades

Thursday, December 1, 7:00 am:

Altar Server: Josh Jacobs
Lector: Josh Jacobs

First Friday, December 2, 6:00 pm:

Altar Server: Stefeks (3)
Lector: Laura Hill

First Saturday, December 3, 7:30 am:

Altar Server: Josh Jacobs
Lector: Laura Hill

Saturday, December 3, 5:00 PM:

Altar Servers: Preston & Heather S.,
Lector: Janine Nemeč
EMHC: Monica Snook
Gift Bearers: Mike & Janine Nemeč
Head Usher: Donald Tschoerner

Sunday, December 4, 8:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Lucas B, Isaac N,
Bartkovaks (2)
Lector: Chris Stefek

EMHC: Ray Nemeč, Josh Jacobs

Gift Bearers: Bartkovak Family
Head Usher: Matt Mertink

Sunday, November 4, 10:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Michael & Jonah S.
Lector: Denise Sellers
EMHC: Leslie & Linda Allen
Gift Bearers: Leslie & Linda Allen
Head Usher: Frank Knapek

EMHC to Shut-Ins: Dec 4: Brandon Danek

Rosary for Life

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

Nov 27 – Dec 4: Helen Havelka

Dec 4 – 11: Mike & Janine Nemeč

Vocations Crucifix Prayer Campaign

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

Nov 27 – Dec 4: Andrew & Susan Klepac

Dec 4 – 11: Louis & Louise Straka

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Bulletin Announcement Deadline: Tuesdays @ 2:30 pm

Weekend Masses: Saturday @ 5:00 pm

Sunday @ 8:30 am & 10:30 am

Reconciliation: Sat: 3:45–4:40 pm; Sun: 7:30–8:10 am
& Wed: 5:30-6:10 pm (or by appt.)

Parish Contacts & Resources

Director of Faith Formation: Virginia Loza-Lee 737-215-1042

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PAC Manager: Marla Tonn 512-863-0755

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Cemetery Director: Johnny Martinka 512-966-4301

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Knights of Columbus: James Von Der Vellen 512-868-6415

Catholic Daughters of the Americas: Monica Sherek 512-864-4748

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Religious Articles: Louise Straka 512-746-5322

K.J.T. Society #55: John Danek 512-819-4362

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Catholic Life Insurance #50: Tommy Sladeczek 512-635-3496

CEF Enrollments: Janine Nemeč 512-289-9242

Marriage Preparation: Contact the priest before setting a
wedding date and at least 9-12 months
before the desired date.

Baptisms: Contact Virginia Loza-Lee for questions and
requirements (737-215-1042)

Last Week's Collection(s)

Weekly Collection	\$5,387.25
Online Donations	\$1,622.52
Campaign for Human Development	\$1,443.00

Altar Flowers

The flowers at the Blessed Sacrament are placed
in memory of **Paul Bonkowski Sr.**
and are donated by the Gene & Deanna Fojtik Family.

Reminder: No flowers are needed during the
Advent or Christmas Seasons (Nov 27 – Jan 8).

This Week at a Glance

Sat/Sun, Nov 26/27 – Building Fund collection all Masses

Sunday, Nov 27 – Confirmation I & II class @ 9:00 am

Sunday, Nov 27 – Christian Mothers Meeting @ 9:30 am

Tuesday, Nov 29 – Holy Hour of Reparation @ 4:30 pm in church

Tuesday, Nov 29 – RCIA Class starts with Mass @ 6:00 pm
(Topic: Prayer)

Wednesday, Nov 30 -- CCE Classes begins at 6:15 pm

Wednesday, Nov 30 – Choir practice after 6:30 pm Mass

Thursday, Dec 1 -- Adoration 3:00 – 9:00 pm

First Friday, Dec 2 – First Friday Family Night after 6:00 pm Mass

Sunday, Dec 4 – Hospitality Sunday Breakfast and St. Nicholas
Celebration after 8:30 & 10:30 am Masses in the PAC

The family of Kathleen Valenta would like to thank Fr. Stephen and the music ministers for the beautiful funeral Mass. Thank you to those who helped with the Mass, meal and to everyone for their prayers, support, visits, cards, donations, food and flowers during this difficult time. God bless you all.

This week, we begin the new liturgical year with the first week of Advent. We will be using **NEW MISSALS**, which will include the Order of the Mass, Scripture Readings, songs, and the various sacraments and rites of the Church for the entire year. The book is similar to our current missals, only bigger.

Food Drive: "For I was hungry, and you gave me food..." Matthew 25:35. Providing help to an area family has never been easier. The KJT is collecting food for the Jarrell Community Food Pantry. Drop your non-perishable food in the boxes located in the foyer or south entrance of church. Monetary donations are also accepted and will be split between the food pantry and The Caring Place unless specified. Please contact Helen Havelka (512-869-8715) if you have any questions. **The food drive ends December 11.**

Banns of marriage are announced for the second time for Manuel Solorzano & Jakelyne Padron, who will celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony here on December 10.

With thankful hearts our **Confraternity of Christian Mothers** will hold its monthly meeting this **Sunday, Nov 27 at 9:30 a.m.** in the Religious Education Building. Our Advent & Christmas plans will be discussed. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend. Happy Advent to all, let's prepare our hearts for Jesus to come at Christmas.

Choir practice for the Christmas Season has begun and practices are on Wednesdays, at 7:00 p.m. in the church. Anyone interested in joining the choir may contact Ronnie Simek (512-630-5074) for information.

First Friday & Saturday of the month – December 2 & 3: Friday's Mass is at 6:00 p.m. with a time of Adoration, our devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and Benediction. Saturday's Mass is at 7:30 a.m. and will conclude with our devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Please join the **Knights of Columbus for First Friday Family on Friday, December 2, 2022.** The First Friday Devotion will begin with Mass at 6:00 p.m., followed by Benediction and Exposition as well as Family Potluck in the PAC with open gym for the kids. Since this is a Friday potluck, please bring only MEATLESS meals. Please sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080848AFA62BA7F85-first>.

All visitors and parishioners are invited for **Hospitality Sunday** next weekend, Sunday, December 4 in the PAC Bldg after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. We appreciate the Marquis Family for preparing the breakfast.

SIGN UP – by Sunday, December 4th – for our Parish Appreciation Dinner, which will be held on Sunday, December 11, at 5:00 p.m. in the PAC bldg! We want to show our thanks and appreciation to ALL of our PARISHIONERS, so if you participate in any ministries or activities here at our parish, sign-up you and your family for a delicious catered meal – on us! **Sign-up sheets are available in the foyer of the church, or you can contact the parish office.**

Clerical Endowment Fund Christmas Cards will be available after all Masses on the weekends of December 3 & 4 and December 10 & 11. Cost of each card per person is \$2.00. You may also contact Janine Nemecek at 512-289-9242 for more information.

Our monthly **Senior Citizens' Supper** will be held Monday, December 5 at 6:30 pm. in the PAC Bldg. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for preparing the meal.

Help those in need by visiting our Angel Tree in the church foyer. To participate, pick up an "Angel Tree" envelope. You can either donate cash, a check or purchase a gift card from any retailer (such as HEB, Walmart, Target, etc.) Place your gift in the "Angel Tree" envelope and return it by **December 11th** by putting it in the collection basket, placing it in the Donation box in the church foyer, or by bringing it to the parish office. If giving a gift card, please write the \$ amount on it. For questions, contact Stephanie Wright (512-470-5204). Donations will benefit local families and children.

Marriage Anniversaries: If, in 2022, you celebrated your 10, 15, 20, 25, etc., 50th or more, wedding anniversary, the Austin DCCW, together with our Bishop, Joe Vásquez, will honor these couples with a certificate. **Please sign-up by Sunday, December 11**, on the (green) sheets in the foyer of the church and please **print clearly** so that we don't misspell your names! The certificates will be presented on the weekend of the Feast of the Holy Family.

Men of the parish, have you considered whether God might be calling you to the priesthood? Join Fr. Greg Gerhart, the Vocation Director of the diocese, for **The Heart of Jesus: A Discernment Retreat for Men**. The retreat will include time for prayer, spiritual conferences on discernment and vocations, and opportunities to speak with priests, seminarians, and other men discerning their vocation. The retreat will take place on December 14-16 at Cedarbrake Renewal Center in Belton, TX, and is open to single men who are 18-40 years old. Register today at www.austinvocations.com.

If you would like to help decorate the church for the Christmas Season with beautiful poinsettias --- in memory or honor of loved ones --- you may do so by completing and returning a "Christmas Flower Envelope" (located by the bulletins). Please turn in your envelope by Sunday, December 18th. All memorials will be announced in the December 25th bulletin.

The Season of Advent – our time of preparation for the birth of our Lord & Savior, Jesus Christ – begins this week.

Sts. Cyril & Methodius – Granger – Tuesday, November 29, 7 PM; **St. Patrick – Hutto** – Wednesday, November 30, 6:30 – 8:30 PM
St. Helen – Georgetown (Morning Session) – Thursday, December 1, 9:30 - 11:30 AM
St. Helen – Georgetown (Evening Session) – Thursday, December 1, 7:00 – 9:00 PM
St. Joseph – Manor – Tuesday, December 6, 6:30 – 8 PM; **St. Mary School – Taylor** – Wednesday, December 7, 9:30 – 11:30 AM
St. William – Round Rock – Wednesday, December 14, 7 - 9 PM; **St. Mary – Taylor** – Thursday, December 15, 10 AM – 12 PM
St. Elizabeth – Pflugerville – Thursday, December 15, 7 PM; **St. John Vianney – Round Rock** – Thursday, December 15, 7 PM
Our Lady of Guadalupe – Taylor – Thursday, December 15, 7 PM; **Holy Trinity, Corn Hill** – Sunday, December 18, 5 PM
St. William – Round Rock – Thursday, December 22, 1:00 – 3:30 PM
St. William – Round Rock – Thursday, December 22, 3:30 – 6:00 PM

Dear friends in Christ,

Peace be with you! Are you still stuffed from your Thanksgiving dinners? I hope that all of you had an enjoyable Thanksgiving with your family and friends. This weekend we are beginning the Season of Advent. Most of you have already made your plans for family gatherings and events during this season and during the upcoming Christmas Season. During the next four weeks we will be preparing ourselves for the celebration of the Birth of the Lord at Christmas. The Christmas Season begins on the evening of December 24 and continues until Monday, January 9, when we will celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. So, after Christmas Day on December 25, please do not say that Christmas is over, because, it has actually just begun. Too many Catholics and other Christians have given into the secular celebration of Christmas, a celebration that is completely absent of the presence of Jesus Christ, whose birthday we celebrate. Don't fall into this trap. Celebrate these special seasons as they are meant to be celebrated. Celebrate Advent as a time of preparation, make a good confession and spend extra time in prayer with your family. Many parishes have Penance Services with many priests present to hear confessions. Please check the Penance Schedule listed in this bulletin and make a good confession before Christmas.

During the Season of Advent we usually begin decorating our homes for Christmas. I always recommend that you wait until the Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday, before you turn on your Christmas lights. Also, I encourage you to leave your tree and decorations up and your Christmas lights shining until the end of the Christmas Season on January 9. Let us truly celebrate Christmas during the entire Christmas Season. I also encourage parish organizations to have their Christmas parties during the Christmas Season and not during Advent. In the USA Santa Claus has only become an advertising gimmick. Instead of Santa coming to our parties, we should live the truth of our faith and have St. Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, come to our celebrations. He is the one who brought gifts to the poor and needy of his day. Our faith is filled with wonderful traditions that have been handed down to us during the past 2000 years. The more we present our faith in the spirit and truth it is meant to teach, the more people will have a conversion of heart and think about the faith they have received.

Today's readings speak to us about the fulfillment of God's promise to His people. The first reading from Isaiah speaks to us about the coming of the house of the Lord, the Kingdom of God. Both the second reading and the Gospel speak to us about being vigilant and being prepared for the return of Jesus. St. Paul in his letter to the Romans gives us some good practical advice of we are to conduct our lives so that we are prepared when Jesus comes again. Jesus tells us in the Gospel that not everyone will be prepared. This is a sad reality. Some will be prepared and will be saved, while others will not be prepared and they will not be taken into the fullness of God's Kingdom. Which one will you be? As we live this Advent Season let us live in the joyful expectation of the coming of Jesus at Christmas and at His second coming into the world.

Don't forget to mark your calendars to attend Mass on **the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation**. Mass will be on Wednesday, December 7 at 6:30 pm, and on Thursday December 8 at 7:00 am and 12:00 noon.

May all of you have a very blessed Advent Season.

In Christ, Fr. Stephen Nesrsta, farář

K úvaze: Je pozoruhodné, že všechna možná data konců světa, mnohokrát různými lidmi stanovená, vzbuzují zpravidla větší pozornost, než evangelium samotné. Lidé se spíš ptají "kdy to bude", než "co to bude". Proto je dobré sledovat linii Izajášova textu a jeho naplňování: řešení života nespočívá v tom, že se konec světa přivolá, odloží nebo vypočítá. Jde o to, koho nebo co očekáváme. Ne "někdy", ale teď. Protože už teď lze vystupovat na "horu Hospodinova domu" - do církve, která spojuje jako mystické tělo Kristovo po dva tisíce let zemi s nebem. Už teď lze učit životním cestám z evangelia. A tedy už teď může být člověk zachráněn. A v perspektivě Nového zákona je mírem a pokojem jen a pouze Ježíš sám - Ef 2,14 v doslovném řeckém znění (on sám je pokojem). Nelze čekat tedy "až někdy" bude pokoj, ale čekat, že Ježíš sám se stane mým pokojem, a to už teď. (Pastorace.cz)

Primer Domingo de Adviento: "Esperar activamente al Señor significa no dejarnos adormecer por puros intereses privados en nuestras casas y apartamentos, pero donar nuestra atención, tiempo y talentos. Esto implica compartir nuestras fortalezas y aceptar nuestras debilidades en nuestras parroquias, escuelas, comunidades de trabajo y en la sociedad," dijo el Cardenal Joseph Bernardin ¿Cómo podemos "esperar activamente" la llegada de Cristo durante este Adviento?

(2022 Season of Advent is celebrated November 27 – December 24)

The events that come to mind when we say “Christmas” are so tremendous that their commemoration cannot be celebrated in a single day each. Weeks are needed: first, weeks of preparation, of becoming attuned in body and soul, and then weeks of celebration. This process goes back to an age when people still had time — time to live, time to enjoy.

In our modern day, we face the puzzling fact that the more time-saving gadgets we invent – the more buttons to push in order to ‘save hours of work’ — the less time we actually have. We have no more time to read books; we can afford only digests. We have no time to walk a quarter of a mile; we have to hop into a car. We have no time to make things by hand; we buy them ready-made. This “hurry up, let’s go” atmosphere does not provide the necessary leisure in which to anticipate and celebrate a feast. Stop! Let us learn again to live each day as it is meant – a celebration of life, given to us by God – and live each day in a holy manner.

During the holy Season of Advent, we prepare ... for the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ, which occurred more than 2,000 years ago, by His birth in Bethlehem ... and we prepare to celebrate with family and friends, offering gifts of love and hospitality – just as the Wise Men did on that wondrous night so long ago.

Christmas is the celebration of the Light of Christ being brought to all in this world through the birth of our Lord, and it is a light that should shine from each of us in all that we do and say. Celebrating Advent, as family, and with friends when possible, is a good way to strengthen and brighten this Light to make it all the more meaningful on Christmas morning and all the days of our lives. See next week’s bulletin for several ideas and ways you can celebrate Advent in a meaningful way!

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

(December 8)

St. Ann conceived Mary, not by the power of the Holy Spirit as Jesus was conceived, but by normal means. However, when she was conceived in her mother’s womb, Mary was without the stain of original sin. This was a special grace granted by God. Truly, this was what God had willed for all mankind, as it was with Adam and Eve, who were also without sin. However, sin entered the world when Adam and Eve fell from grace and because of that, we are born with the stain of their sin.

Jesus, our Lord and Savior, is also the Savior of His mother. He saved her from sin before she was born, at the moment of her conception in St. Ann’s womb. In doing so, He also prepared her womb for His Presence. Jesus, who made all things (Jn 1:2), created His own mother, creating her perfectly pure and sinless. He later, under the power of the Holy Spirit, dwelled in that flawless womb under her Immaculate Heart. To prepare her for her role as mother of the Savior, “Mary was enriched by God with gifts appropriate to such a role” (*Lumen Gentium* 56).



In the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we praise and thank God for his love and graciousness to Mary whom He had prepared to be the Mother of his Son. And we thank Mary for her generous and courageous acceptance of God’s invitation, “I am the handmaid of the Lord, let it be done to me as you have said.” (Lk 1: 38)

In the second reading from Paul’s letter to the Ephesians, Paul recalls the free and loving choices of God: of the Jewish people to prepare for and await the coming of the Messiah and of Paul himself, the Christians in Ephesus and all who share Christian faith to “receive grace and peace from God our Father,” “chosen in Christ before the creation of the world.” (Eph 1: 1, 3)

God’s love and invitation to Mary are similar to God’s love and invitation to each one of us, “chosen by Him in Christ before the creation of the world.” God invites and asks us to respond generously to Him and to partner with him in whatever He has planned for each one of us.

In the same way that the angel assured Mary, “Do not fear, Mary, for God has looked kindly on you,” God tells us not to fear to respond to him and assures us of his help and grace. God tells us not to fear in loving and serving Him and our neighbor for love of God.

And we also have the love and support of our loving Mother, “**Holy Mary, conceived without original sin, pray for us.**”