

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH



Pope Francis
Vatican City State



Bishop Joe Vásquez
Diocese of Austin



Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, A.D. 2022

Mass Schedule & Intentions



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
Monday	Dec 5	6:00 PM	†Kathleen Valenta
Tuesday	Dec 6	7:00 AM	Members & Mission of the Czech Catholic Foundation of Texas
Wednesday	Dec 7	7:00 AM	†Kathleen Valenta, †LeRoy Tschoerner
<u>Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Holy Day of Obligation</u>			
Wednesday	Dec 7	6:30 PM	†Barbara Simek, †Eula Ann Witte
Thursday	Dec 8	7:00 AM	Pro Populo
		12:00 Noon	†Greg Maney, †Paul Straka, †Emma Ann Rodriguez
Friday	Dec 9	6:00 PM	†Robert & Leona Brenek, †Paul Bonkowski, Sr, †Dorothy Klepac
Saturday	Dec 10	7:30 AM	†Calvin Blackman, Jr., †Tony & Delores Sladeczek
Saturday	Dec 10	5:00 PM	Pro Populo
Sunday	Dec 11	8:30 AM	†Joyce Nesrsta
		10:30 AM	†Frank Valenta, †Gerrie King, †Donald Stanek

Ministry Schedule for December 4 - 11

Monday, December 5, 6:00 PM:

Altar Server: Pinto Nemeč Lector: Laura Hill

Tuesday, December 6, 7:00 AM:

Altar Server/ Lector: Josh Jacobs

Wednesday, December 7, 7:00 AM:

Altar Server/ Lector: Pinto Nemeč

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday, December 7 (Vigil Mass)

6:30 PM: Altar Servers: Stefeks (3), Lucas B.

Lector: Ktzi Crawford

EHMC: Jim Heuertz

Gift Bearers: Jim & Mary Margaret Heuertz

Head Usher: Stephanie Wright

Thursday, December 8

7:00 AM: Altar Server/Lector: Leo Bringman

EHMC: Maria Messing

Gift Bearers: Ray & Teresa Nemeč

Head Usher: Bill Sherek

12 Noon: Altar Server: Pinto Nemeč

Lector: Monica Sherek

EHMC: Monica Snook

Gift Bearers: Monica Snook

Head Usher: Frank Knapke

Friday, December 9, 6:00 PM:

Altar Server/Lector: Pinto Nemeč

Saturday, December 10, 7:30 AM:

Altar Server/Lector: Leo Bringman

Saturday, December 10, 5:00 PM:

Altar Server: Leo Bringman

Lector: Janine Nemeč

EMHC: Jim Heuertz

Gift Bearers: Clawson Family

Head Usher: Stephanie Wright

Sunday, December 11, 8:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Brousseau (3)

Lector: Louis Brousseau

EMHC: Brandon Danek, Ray Nemeč

Gift Bearers: Johnny & Dee Martinka

Head Usher: AJ Batla

Sunday, December 11, 10:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Michael & Jonah S., Isabella H.

Lector: Ktzi Crawford

EMHC: Daniel & Hilda Perez

Gift Bearers: Daniel & Hilda Perez

Head Usher: Jeff Voigt

EMHC to Shut-Ins: Dec 11: Josh Jacobs

Vocations Crucifix Prayer Campaign

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

Dec 4 – 11: Louis & Louise Straka

Dec 11 – 18: Leo & Diane Bringman

✠ Fr. Stephen Nesrsta ✠

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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

Cemetery Information: Parish Office

Cemetery Director: Johnny Martinka 512-966-4301

Cemetery Maintenance: Scott Templeton 512-845-0221

Music Ministry / Choir: Ronnie Simek 512-630-5074

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Pastoral Council: Ken Loudermilk 512-818-1144

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

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

Conf. of Christian Mothers: Ktzi Crawford 512-635-5967

Religious Articles: Louise Straka 512-746-5322

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

KJZT Society #15: Belinda Beyer 254-527-3657

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	\$ 5,279.30
Online Donations	\$ 1,193.25
Building Fund	\$ 2,772.00
Thanksgiving	\$ 1,590.00

This Week at a Glance

Sat/Sun, Dec 3/4 – CEF cards available after all Masses

Sunday, Dec 4 – Hospitality Sunday Breakfast and St. Nicholas

Celebration after 8:30 & 10:30 am Masses in the PAC

Monday, Dec 5 – Senior Citizens Supper @ 6:30 pm

Tuesday, Dec 6 – Holy Hour of Reparation @ 4:30 pm in church

Tuesday, Dec 6 -- RCIA Class starts @ 7:00 pm

(Topic: History of the Church)

Wednesday, Dec 7 – **NO CCE Classes - Please attend Mass**

Thursday, Dec 8 -- Adoration 3:00 – 9:00 pm

Saturday, Dec 10 – Theisen funeral @ 9:00 am

Saturday, Dec 10 – Solorzano/Padron wedding @ 12:00 noon

Rosary for Life

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

Dec 4 – 11: Mike & Janine Nemeč

Dec 11 – 18: Frankie & Betty Ann

The **family of Floyd Lange** would like to thank Fr. Stephen, Marla Tonn, Mark & Debbie Klaus and all who helped the Funeral Mass and meal. Also, Thank you to everyone for their thoughts, prayers, and support during this difficult time.

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.

All visitors and parishioners are invited for **Hospitality Sunday** this 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 the parish office.**

Food Drive: You can make an impact on the lives of those in need in our immediate area. The KJT is collecting food for the Jarrell Community Food Pantry. Drop your food items 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. **The food drive ends next weekend.** Please contact Helen Havelka (512-869-8715) if you have any questions.

The Office of **Ethics and Integrity in Ministry (EIM)** is excited to be transitioning to VIRTUS for our database and training programs. To facilitate an accurate conversion, the database is closed for updates and there are no EIM Workshops or online EIM training available at this time. Information about registration for new volunteers, as well as EIM training, will be available in early January. Please contact your site administrator or eim@austindiocese.org with questions or concerns.

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

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.

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

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

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We will have a **second collection** next weekend (December 10/11) for the **Priest & Religious Retirement Fund**. This collection allows the opportunity to “give to those who have given a lifetime”. This annual appeal benefits 32,000 elderly Catholic priests, sisters and brothers whose religious congregations lack adequate retirement funding.



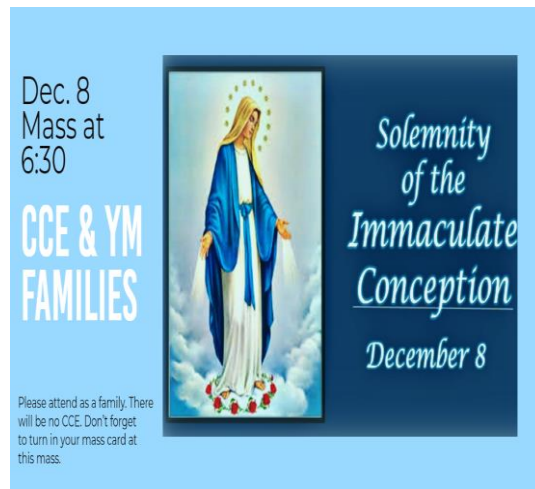
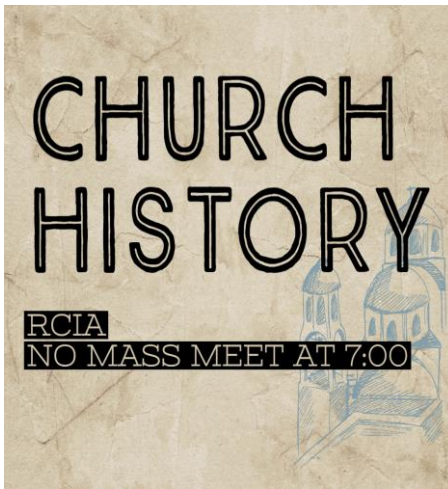
Help those in need by visiting our Angel Tree in the church foyer. To participate, pick up an "Angel Tree" envelope. You can either donate cash, a check or purchase a gift card from any retailer (such as HEB, Walmart, Target, etc.) Place your gift in the "Angel Tree" envelope and return it by **December 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).

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, Dec. 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.

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 **2023 Collection Envelopes** are available in the church sanctuary. If you do not have a box in there and want one, please put your name on the list provided. If you are now making your donations online and no longer need a box of envelopes, please let the office know.

If you would like a **2022 Donation Report** for tax, or other, purposes, please let the office know. If you received one this past year, you will automatically receive one again. Reports will be mailed out by January 31.



Dear friends in Christ,

Here we are at the Second Sunday of Advent. Advent is a time of preparation for the celebration of the Birth of Jesus and also for the Second Coming of Jesus. One of the themes in today's first reading taken from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah and also today's gospel reading is that of fear. However, this fear is not one which should make a person feel threatened or scared. It is a fear which should heighten our reverence and respect for God and for all that is sacred. Webster's dictionary defines fear as: "a profound reverence and awe, especially toward God." This is a fear which reminds us that God is great and glorious, all-powerful and mighty, and that we should worship Him and give Him all glory, honor, and praise. This is a reverential fear which ought to inspire us to be a godly people. This is the kind of fear that will be a sign of the presence of the spirit in the Messiah, as Isaiah says in today's first reading: "a spirit of knowledge and fear of the Lord, and his delight will be a fear of the Lord."

John the Baptizer certainly tried to instill fear in his followers and the religious leaders of his time by declaring: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." "...The chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." This really got their attention. As you know the chaff is the so-called trash that is left over after the grain has been sifted. It is not good for anything but to be thrown away. John the Baptizer is not telling us this to scare us, but only to bring to our attention the need for us to reform our lives and prepare ourselves for the coming of the Savior. And this is what this Advent Season is all about -- preparing ourselves for the birthday of Christ and for His Second Coming.

Fear does play a part in our Christian life. John the Baptizer instilled fear in the people so that they would prepare themselves for the coming of Christ. We also need a wholesome fear, not a fear of panic, terror or fright, but a holy fear of an awesome God so that we can prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ into the lives of all of us who profess Jesus as our Savior. This is not just a time of preparation for the receiving of gifts, not just a time for a break with Jim Beam or Jack Daniels, and not just a time to receive the latest gadget or toy, no, it is a time to prepare ourselves for Jesus Christ. This time before Christmas is a time to mend our ways and to regain the virtues of honesty, or chastity, or charity, or prudence, or whatever virtue we may have lost. It is a time to take seriously the call of John the Baptist to reform our lives and to return to a reverence and respect for God. True fear is rooted in a respect for the designs of God, a reverence for the way things ought to be. This Advent is a time to let God take control of our lives and to stop doing whatever pleases us and to do that which pleases God.

In these days of preparing to celebrate the Christmas mystery of the birth of Jesus Christ may we be blessed with this fear of our Lord and give Him the glory, honor, and praise that He deserves. And may we strive to remain faithful to Jesus all the days of our life so that we can receive Him into our hearts and souls with great joy, at Mass, at His coming at Christmas, and at His second coming.

In this bulletin you will find the list of **Penance Services** for our Deanery. Our Penance Service will be Sunday, December 17, at 5:00 pm. Please take the advice of St. John and make a good confession before we celebrate Christmas.

This Thursday, December 8, we celebrate a Holy Day of Obligation as we honor the Blessed Virgin Mary and her Immaculate Conception in the womb of her mother St. Anne. All Catholics should attend Mass on this Holy Day of Obligation. Let us gather together to reflect upon how Mary was prepared from the time of her conception in the womb of her mother to be the mother of the Savior. Mary, under the title of the Immaculate Conception, is the patroness of the United States. Our Masses will be on Wednesday, December 7, at 6:30 pm and on Thursday, December 8, at 7:00 am and 12:00 noon.

May the peace and love of our Lord be with you in this holy season.

Fr. Stephen Nestrta, farář

K úvaze: Ježíš je plný Ducha Božího, a s ním i jeho tajemné tělo, to je církev. Teď Ježíš rozsuzuje podle spravedlnosti, i když neodsuzuje ty zlé, jak bychom chtěli. Ale orientace na pravdu a dobro je podle něho jednoznačná. A tam, kde je skutečně poznání Hospodina (což je dnes i poznání Ježíše a jeho slova), tam začíná harmonie. V křesťanském společenství, které žije z Krista, lze dost dobře zakusit tu harmonii, o které obrazně Izajáš píše. A hledáme-li cestu k naději a cestu k pokoji, pak pro toho, kdo "zná" Písmo a bere ho vážně, nevede cesta jinudy, než přes "poznání Hospodina", které má naplnit zemi. V tom je také jedinečný a nezastupitelný úkol těch, kdo ho znají, vůči těm, kdo ho neznají.

Segundo Domingo de Adviento: El Salmo de Hoy es "Florecerá en sus días la justicia, y la plenitud de la paz para siempre". ¿Cómo estamos trabajando para la justicia y la paz hoy?

8 Ideas for Celebrating Advent

--Brandon Harvey

Each December brings the same temptation for Catholics: Join one's daily focus with the commercially oriented Christmas frenzy in nearly every corner of modern American society or avoid it for the sake of focusing on living and breathing the meaning of Advent in preparation of the *real* Christmas season. The tension between the movement of society and Christmas is perhaps not too different than what occurred at the time of Jesus.

Saints Elizabeth and Zechariah heard the news that the birth of Jesus was coming (Luke 1:39-45). Mary and Saint Joseph alone traveled to Bethlehem, where Jesus would be born, for the census (Luke 2:1-5). Jesus was not born in a home or inn surrounded by others; it was a modest event to the human eye with the Holy Family alone being present (Luke 2:6-7). There were some shepherds (Luke 2:8-20) and Magi (Matthew 2:1-12) that later arrived to participate in the blessed event. As we can see, from the very beginning the birth of Christ went unnoticed by most of the corporeal world. We too should not fear having a different rhythm and set of habits for the upcoming holiday season as we prepare through Advent for the true meaning of Christmas: The Nativity of our Lord.

The Directory of Popular Piety and the Liturgy provides us many insights into celebrating Advent with the heart and mind of the Church. It provides three key themes for the celebration of Advent: "a time of waiting, conversion and of hope" (No. 96). The theme of waiting is to remember the initial coming of Jesus 2,000 years ago in the city of Bethlehem as well as our current waiting for "his final, glorious coming as Lord of History and universal Judge" (No. 96). Conversion is at the heart of the Advent celebrations as we too seek to repent and be ready for the coming of Christ. Hope speaks of our hope of all that is possible by Christ's grace as we grow in holiness.

Perhaps it might be beneficial to revisit some less often quoted words concerning Advent and Christmas. In the period of Advent, for instance, the Church arouses in us the consciousness of the sins we have had the misfortune to commit, and urges us, by restraining our desires and practicing voluntary mortification of the body, to recollect ourselves in meditation, and experience a longing desire to return to God who alone can free us by His grace from the stain of sin and from its evil consequences.

With the coming of the birthday of the Redeemer, she would bring us to the cave of Bethlehem and there teach that we must be born again and undergo a complete reformation; that will only happen when we are intimately and vitally united to the Word of God made man and participate in His divine nature, to which we have been elevated.

Returning to the *Directory* mentioned above, here are some of the suggested, although not exhaustive, means of celebrating Advent with the mind and heart of the Church:

1. *The Advent Wreath* is a four-candle wreath used to solicit a sense of waiting and progression while recalling the "various stages of salvation history" that culminates with the coming of Christ (No. 98).

2. *Advent Processions* have either been to announce the birth of Jesus Christ to the world or to recall the journey of the Holy Family to Bethlehem (No. 99). This is seen in many parishes and neighborhoods under the name *posadas*.

3. *Marian Devotion* throughout the season of Advent recalls both the "women of the Old Testament who prefigured and prophesied her mission" (No. 101) and recalls Mary's faith and role in the events preceding the birth of Christ. Some examples of such devotion include: the Novena of the Immaculate Conception that progresses through the Marian passages from Genesis 3:15 to Luke 1:31-33, and devotions to Our Lady of Guadalupe. These devotions are rooted in and flow towards their corresponding liturgical celebrations (No. 102).

4. *Vespers [Evening Prayer] from the Liturgy of the Hours* is a means of preparing for Christmas through the daily rhythm of the Church's liturgical prayer and in a special way through Vespers from December 17th-23rd with the "major antiphons" (No. 103). There are many apps for smart phones for accessing the Liturgy of the Hours easily and the clergy are already praying these liturgical prayers (Code of Canon Law 1174 §1).

In the hope of promoting the themes of waiting, conversion, and hope, I would like to humbly add some additional ideas for celebrating Advent:

5. *The Sacrament of Confession* to renew and deepen our conversion to Christ. Confession is also called the Sacrament of Conversion (CCC 1423).

6. *Daily Reading of Scripture* to recall the major events of salvation history and prophecies related to the coming of Christ by reading these passages, within their broader context. Some examples: Genesis 3:15, Genesis 49:10, Numbers 24:17, 2 Samuel 7:16, Isaiah 11:1, Isaiah 7:14, Jeremiah 23:5, Micah 5:2, Luke 1:1-80. The Jesse Tree is also a wonderful tool in this practice.

7. *Eucharistic Adoration* to spend time before the Blessed Sacrament, the Sacrament of the Presence of Christ. This is an excellent opportunity to contemplate the mystery of Jesus as Emmanuel, "God with us" (Matthew 1:23).

8. *Increased Care for the Poor* to remember Jesus who was born in the humblest of circumstances and "emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men" (Philippians 2:7).

There is not a person on earth that does not hunger for the gift of joy, hope, and meaning. Especially in the times we find ourselves in, we hunger for it even more. Nothing will bring us a better sense of these gifts during the Advent Season than celebrating Advent with the heart and mind of the Church, basking in the grace of God as we prepare for Christmas Mass and Christmastide.