

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Bishop Joe Vásquez
Diocese of Austin



Third Sunday of Advent December 11, A.D. 2022 Mass Schedule & Intentions



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
Monday	Dec 12	6:00 PM	†Kathleen Valenta
Tuesday	Dec 13	7:00 AM	†Margaret Andres, †Louise Dean
Wednesday	Dec 14	6:30 PM	†Patrick Clarkin, †Andrew Waltman
Thursday	Dec 15	7:00 AM	†Email Danek, †Ed Bauer, †Elsie Vasek
Friday	Dec 16	6:00 PM	†Johnnie Simek
Saturday	Dec 17	7:30 AM	Bill Klepac Family, †Dorothy Klepac, †Eula Ann Witte
Saturday	Dec 17	5:00 PM	†Virgil Tonn, †Agnes Hrcncir, †Linda Grigsby
Sunday	Dec 18	8:30 AM	Pro Populo
		10:30 AM	†Stanley Havelka, †Anita Galvan, †Helen Postma

Ministry Schedule for December 12 - 18

Monday, December 12, 6:00 PM:

Altar Server/ Lector: Leo Bringman

Tuesday, December 13, 7:00 AM:

Altar Server: Josh Jacobs / Lector: Kitzi Crawford

Wednesday, December 14, 6:30 PM:

6:30 PM: Altar Servers: Bartkovaks, Emmaline S.

Lector: Janine Nemeč

EHMC: Leslie Allen

Gift Bearers: 1st Grade

Thursday, December 15, 7:00 AM:

Altar Server/Lector: Leo Bringman

Friday, December 16, 6:00 PM:

Altar Server/Lector: Pinto Nemeč

Saturday, December 17, 7:30 AM:

Altar Server: Leo Bringman / Lector: Janine Nemeč

EMHC to Shut-Ins: Dec 18: Ray Nemeč

Saturday, December 17, 5:00 PM:

Altar Servers: Preston & Heather S.

Lector: Janine Nemeč

EMHC: Leo Bringman

Gift Bearers: Donald & Brenda Tschoerner

Head Usher: Donald Tschoerner

Sunday, December 18, 8:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Carter M., Jenna D.,

Bartkovaks (2)

Lector: Jennifer Marquis

EMHC: Brandon Danek, Maria Messing

Gift Bearers: Ray & Teresa Nemeč

Head Usher: Matt Mertink

Sunday, December 18, 10:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Samuel W., Martin & Isaiah O.,
Rustin S.

Lector: Monica Sherek

EMHC: Kelly Wood, Hilda Perez

Gift Bearers: Vargas Family

Head Usher: Bill Sherek

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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

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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	\$ 9,356.26
Online Donations	\$ 1,193.25

This Week at a Glance

Sat/Sun, Dec 10/11 – CEF cards available after all Masses

Sat/Sun, Dec 10/11 – Priest Retirement Fund second collection

Sunday, Dec 11 – Parish Appreciation Supper @ 5:00 pm in PAC

Monday, Dec 12 – Pray & Play 9:30 – 11:30 am @ PAC

Monday, Dec 12 – Pastoral Council Meeting 7:00 pm in RE bldg

Tuesday, Dec 13 – Holy Hour of Reparation @ 4:30 pm in church

Tuesday, Dec 13 – RCIA Class starts @ 7:00 pm

(Topic: The Sacraments)

Wednesday, Nov 14 -- CCE Classes begins at 6:15 pm

Thursday, Dec 15 -- Adoration 3:00 – 9:00 pm

Sunday, Dec 18 – Decorate Church for Christmas after 10:30 Mass

Sunday, Dec 18 – Advent Penance Service

Angel Tree donations are due today, Sunday, December 11!

For questions, contact Stephanie Wright (512-470-5204). Thank you for your generosity, stewardship and participation in the corporal works of mercy!



Rosary for Life

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

Dec 11 – 18: Frankie & Betty Ann Vrabel

Dec 18 – 25: Michael Vrana

Vocations Crucifix Prayer Campaign

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

Dec 11 – 18: Leo & Diane Bringman

Dec 18 – 25: Bill & Monica Sherek

We congratulate and welcome **Constantine Becket Matak** (daughter of Mitchell & Kellie Matak), **Dominic Joseph Anderson** (son of Raymond & Kimberly Anderson) and **Zachary Thomas Kaluza** (son of Brandon & Jennifer Kaluza) into the Catholic Church and the parish family through the Sacrament of Baptism.

We congratulate **Manual & Jakelyn Solorzano**, who celebrated the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony here this past Saturday. Please offer your prayers for them, that their lives together may be truly blessed by the Lord.

Food Drive: This is the last weekend of the food drive for the Jarrell Community Food Pantry. The KJT would like to thank everyone who donated food and money. Every can, box and bag of food makes a difference. God bless you all.

We will have a **second collection** this 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.

Clerical Endowment Fund Christmas Cards will be available after all Masses on the weekends of 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.

Commemorative Book: Treasures of the Diocese of Austin - Commissioned by Bishop Joe S. Vásquez in celebration of the 75th anniversary of the Diocese of Austin, this beautifully bound book captures the history and images of our vast diocese. From its earliest days, when residents, settlers and newly arrived migrants came to Texas, building towns and living their Catholic faith, to the present day, this almost 300-page book tells the history in text and photos. Photos of all parishes, missions, convents, schools, hospitals and more live in this compilation. The "Treasures of the Diocese of Austin" book is a keepsake and will be a wonderful addition to every home. The book is \$40 (cash or check) and may be purchased in the parish office.

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.

The **Pastoral Council will meet** this Monday, December 12, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg. All parishioners are invited to attend. The meeting agenda is posted on the church bulletin board for your information and preparation.

We will have our monthly **Building Fund Collection** next weekend (December 17/18). Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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 by the Risen Lord statue. 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.

A Message from Bishop Vásquez - In the Diocese of Austin, we are privileged to call Mary, under her title of the Immaculate Conception, our patroness. During this season of Advent, may our Blessed Mother lead us closer to her Son, our Savior. May our devotion to the mother of our Lord show our unity with Jesus, Mary, and one another during the 75th anniversary of this local church.

The **Parish Offices will be closed for the holidays** during the week of December 26 - 30, and will reopen on Tuesday, January 3. **Bulletin announcements for the December 31/Jan 1 bulletin are due by Wednesday, December 21, by 2:30 p.m.**

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

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,

Listed in this bulletin are the Penance Services of the parishes in our deanery. Please plan on going to Confession sometime before Christmas. Here at Holy Trinity we will have our Penance Service on Sunday, December 18, at 5 pm. It is one of the best ways that you can prepare your soul to celebrate the birth of the Savior. Our being cleansed of all sin in the Sacrament of Reconciliation brings joy to all the saints and angels in heaven. When we go to confession we not only please God, but we make it possible for us to experience joy on a much deeper level and we experience the love and grace of God.

Today we celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent. "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say rejoice! The Lord is near!" (Philippians 4:4,5) This verse is taken from today's entrance antiphon. It expresses the theme of this Sunday's readings.

In today's second reading St. James offers us some good practical advice in this time of year when everyone's life is filled with much busy-ness and stress. St. James says, "Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord. ...Do not complain, brothers and sisters, about one another, that you may not be judged." How patient have you been lately? How much complaining have you done? It is sad that when we should be preparing for the celebration of the Birth of the Lord that people are running around like chickens with their head cut off in the stores trying to get the best deal, worrying about what gifts they should be buying for family and friends. And, in the process, they get all irritated and upset and their tempers flare. Patience is lost. On the news all they speak about is how much money everyone is or is not spending. It seems the Advent Season is all about money and the economy. You never hear anything on TV about how we should prepare spiritually for Christmas. So, as we continue in this Season of Advent I encourage you to take more time out for prayer and less time for shopping. Remember that the greatest gift we can give is the gift of ourselves, both to our Lord and to one another. Remind others to read the daily readings and to pray together and attend daily Mass when possible. Spending more time in prayer is the best gift we can give to ourselves any time of the year.

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, the coming of the Prince of Peace and the source of our joy, perhaps we should think of creating some gesture that would reflect in some small way the meaning of this feast. There is no better gift to give to Jesus than the gift of your own self. See what you need to do to make some sign that you believe that Christ has come and is still present in our world. If you do this, then when Christmas arrives, you will know in a very real way that some of the wilderness in our world has been allowed to flourish and bloom.

May all of you continue to have a most blessed Advent Season.

Fr. Stephen Nerssta, farář

K ZAMYŠLENÍ: Jan – statečný muž, oddaný Boží věci, prochází nejistotou. Nyní zakouší příkoří proto, že vyžadoval zachování Božího zákona od Heroda. A k tomu žije v obavě, že se mýlil, když Ježíše označil za mesiáše. Pán nekritizuje Janovy pochybnosti, ale vyzdvihuje jeho statečný život a jeho službu! Bůh není věčným kritikem, ale vidí každého člověka i s jeho příběhem, životem, zápasy. A velmi si toho cení! Co znamená „nejmenší v Božím království“? V překladu je chybně vloženo písmeno „i“. Doslovný překlad: „Ten nejmenší v Božím království je větší než on“ odkazuje na roli Jana Křtitele. Smyslem jeho vystoupení bylo poukázat na Krista. Ježíš je onen nejmenší, poslední v očích světa, který je však ve skutečnosti Pánem dějin i celého Božího království.

Tercer Domingo de Adviento: Este domingo, las lecturas nos dicen dónde buscar la venida del Señor: cuando los ciegos vean, los cojos caminen; cuando los muertos sean levantados a la vida y a los pobres les sean anunciadas buenas noticias. En nuestros días, La presencia del Señor es vista cuando caen los muros de la opresión, cuando enemigos buscan avenidas de compañerismo y confianza, cuando los pobres y las personas sin hogar encuentran cuidados y los olvidados son incluidos. El Reino está entre nosotros ¿Actuamos como personas del Reino?

During the four weeks of Advent, these daily prayers and meditations can help calm your heart during a season filled with distractions. Pray these prayers each day to draw close to God during Advent in 2022.

†**God, be with me today. Help my heart be open to the ways Jesus is at work in my life. Amen.**

†**Give me peace today, O Lord. Help me to live this day in eternal hope knowing Jesus will come again.**

†**Heavenly Father, Give me the strength to have the same trust in You that Mary had, as she awaited the birth of Jesus.**

†**I pray for humility today, Father. Our Savior entered this world in a manger with animals. When I feel too proud, let me remember the Holy Family and Jesus's humble birth.**



Our Lady of Guadalupe - Guadalupe, Mexico (1531)

Patroness of the Americas

Feast Day in the USA - December 12th

The opening of the New World brought with it both fortune-seekers and religious preachers desiring to convert the native populations to the Christian faith. One of the converts was a poor Aztec Indian named Juan Diego. On one of his trips to the chapel, Juan was walking through the Tepayac hill country in central Mexico. Near Tepayac Hill he encountered a beautiful woman surrounded by a ball of light as bright as the sun. Speaking in his native tongue, the beautiful lady identified herself:

"My dear little son, I love you. I desire you to know who I am. I am the ever-virgin Mary, Mother of the true God who gives life and maintains its existence. He created all things. He is in all places. He is Lord of Heaven and Earth. I desire a church in this place where your people may experience my compassion. All those who sincerely ask my help in their work and in their sorrows will know my Mother's Heart in this place. Here I will see their tears; I will console them and they will be at peace. So run now to Tenochtitlan and tell the Bishop all that you have seen and heard." Juan, age 57, and who had never been to

Tenochtitlan, nonetheless immediately responded to Mary's request. He went to the palace of the Bishop-elect Fray Juan de Zumarraga and requested to meet immediately with the bishop. The bishop's servants, who were suspicious of the rural peasant, kept him waiting for hours. The bishop-elect told Juan that he would consider the request of the Lady and told him he could visit him again if he so desired. Juan was disappointed by the bishop's response and felt himself unworthy to persuade someone as important as a bishop. He returned to the hill where he had first met Mary and found her there waiting for him. Imploring her to send someone else, she responded: "My little son, there are many I could send. But you are the one I have chosen." She then told him to return the next day to the bishop and repeat the request. On Sunday, after again waiting for hours, Juan met with the bishop who, on re-hearing his story, asked him to ask the Lady to provide a sign as a proof of who she was. Juan dutifully returned to the hill and told Mary, who was again waiting for him there, of the bishop's request. Mary responded: "My little son, am I not your Mother? Do not fear. The Bishop shall have his sign. Come back to this place tomorrow. Only peace, my little son."

Unfortunately, Juan was not able to return to the hill the next day. His uncle had become mortally ill and Juan stayed with him to care for him. After two days, with his uncle near death, Juan left his side to find a priest. Juan had to pass Tepayac Hill to get to the priest. As he was passing, he found Mary waiting for him. She spoke: "Do not be distressed, my littlest son. Am I not here with you who am your Mother? Are you not under my shadow and protection? Your uncle will not die at this time. There is no reason for you to engage a priest, for his health is restored at this moment. He is quite well. Go to the top of the hill and cut the flowers that are growing there. Bring them then to me." While it was freezing on the hillside, Juan obeyed Mary's instructions and went to the top of the hill where he found a full bloom of Castilian roses. Removing his tilma, a poncho-like cape made of cactus fiber, he cut the roses and carried them back to Mary. She rearranged the roses and told him: "My little son, this is the sign I am sending to the Bishop. Tell him that with this sign I request his greatest efforts to complete the church I desire in this place. Show these flowers to no one else but the Bishop. You are my trusted ambassador. This time the Bishop will believe all you tell him." At the palace, Juan once again came before the bishop and several of his advisors. He told the bishop his story and opened the tilma letting the flowers fall out. But it wasn't the beautiful roses that caused the bishop and his advisors to fall to their knees; for there, on the tilma, was a picture of the Blessed Virgin Mary precisely as Juan had described her. The next day, after showing the Tilma at the Cathedral, Juan took the bishop to the spot where he first met Mary. He then returned to his village where he met his uncle who was completely cured. His uncle told him he had met a young woman, surrounded by a soft light, who told him that she had just sent his nephew to Tenochtitlan with a picture of herself. She told his uncle: "Call me and call my image Santa Maria de Guadalupe". It's believed that the word Guadalupe was actually a Spanish mis-translation of the local Aztec dialect. The word that Mary probably used was Coatlicue which means "one who treads on snakes"! Within six years of this apparition, six million Aztecs had converted to Catholicism. The tilma shows Mary as the God-bearer - she is pregnant with her Divine Son. Since the time the tilma was first impressed with a picture of the Mother of God, it has been subject to a variety of environmental hazards including smoke from fires and candles, water from floods and torrential downpours and, in 1921, a bomb which was planted by anti-clerical forces on an altar under it. There was also a cast-iron cross next to the tilma and when the bomb exploded, the cross was twisted out of shape, the marble altar rail was heavily damaged and the tilma was...untouched! Indeed, no one was injured in the Church despite the damage that occurred to a large part of the altar structure. In 1977, the tilma was examined using infrared photography and digital enhancement techniques. Unlike any painting, the tilma shows no sketching or any sign of outline drawn to permit an artist to produce a painting. Further, the very method used to create the image is still unknown. The image is inexplicable in its longevity and method of production. It can be seen today in a large cathedral built to house up to ten thousand worshipers. It is, by far, the most popular religious pilgrimage site in the Western Hemisphere.