

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH



Pope Francis
Vatican City State



Bishop Joe Vásquez
Diocese of Austin



The Nativity of the Lord

December 25, A.D. 2022

Mass Schedule & Intentions



Christ – the Nativity of the Lord – Holy Day of Obligation			
Saturday	Dec 24	4:00 PM 6:00 PM 12 Midnight	Pro Populo Pro Populo Pro Populo
Sunday	Dec 25	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Pro Populo Pro Populo
Tuesday	Dec 27	6:00 PM	Isabella Noelle Casey (spiritual health), †Kathleen Valenta Deceased members of Joseph & Annie Straka Family
Wednesday	Dec 28	6:30 PM	Richard Buchhorn (healing), †Dorothy Klepac, †Johnny Kabella
Thursday	Dec 29	7:00 AM	†John & Betty Emge, †Dorothy Klepac
Friday	Dec 30	6:00 PM	†Emma Rodriguez, †Linda Grigsby, †Floyd Lange
Saturday	Dec 31	7:30 AM	†Ollie Jo Jacobson, †Kathleen Valenta
Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God – Holy Day of Obligation			
Saturday	Dec 31	5:00 PM 11:30 PM	†Raymond & Florence Robichau, †Joyce Nestrsta, †Howard Mertink
Sunday	Jan 1	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Pro Populo †Cyril & Eileen Rosipal

Ministry Schedule for December 27 – January 1

Tuesday, December 27, 6:00 PM:

Altar Server: Leo Bringman

Lector: Kitzzi Crawford

Wednesday, December 28, 6:30 PM:

Altar Server: Josh Jacobs

Lector: Kitzzi Crawford

Thursday, December 29, 7:00 AM:

Altar Server/Lector: Leo Bringman

Friday, December 30, 6:00 PM:

Altar Server/Lector: Pinto Nemeč

Saturday, December 31, 7:30 AM:

Altar Server / Lector: Josh Jacobs

Mary, Mother of God – Holy Day

Saturday, December 31, 5:00 PM:

Altar Servers: Michael & Jonah S.

Lector: Leo Bringman

EMHC: Monica Snook

Gift Bearers: Billy & Kathy Meissner

Head Usher: Stephanie Wright

Saturday, December 31, 11:30 PM:

Altar Servers: Carter M., Isabella H.

Lector: Jennifer Marquis

EMHC: Ray Nemeč

Gift Bearers: Hodgson Family

Head Usher: Jeff Voigt

Sunday, January 1, 8:30 AM: (Incense)

Altar Servers: Lucas B., Stefeks (3)

Lector: Laura Hill

EMHC: Maria Messing, Janine Nemeč

Gift Bearers: Pinto & Lucille Nemeč

Head Usher: AJ Batla

Sunday, January 1, 10:30 AM:

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

Lector: Denise Sellers

EMHC: Daniel & Hilda Perez

Gift Bearers: Bill & Maura Conway

Head Usher: Bill McDonald

EMHC to Shut-Ins: Jan. 1: Josh Jacobs

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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

Financial Bookkeeper: Rebecca Melend 512-863-3020

Parish Activity Center (PAC) Rentals: Parish Office

PAC Manager: Marla Tonn 512-863-0755

Cemetery Information: Parish Office

Cemetery Director: Johnny Martinka 512-966-4301

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Pastoral Council: Ken Loudermilk 512-818-1144

Pro-Life Prayer Group: Position Vacant

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

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

Conf. of Christian Mothers: Kitzzi 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	\$ 7,524.00
Online Donations	\$ 1,276.41
Building Fund	\$ 4,152.00

This Week at a Glance

Sat/Sun, Dec 24/25 – Christmas 2nd collection after all Masses

Parish office closed Dec 27 – 30, reopening Jan 3

Tuesday, Dec 27 – NO Holy Hour of Reparation

Tuesday, Dec 27 – NO RCIA Class

Wednesday, Dec 28 – NO CCE Classes

Thursday, Dec 29 – Adoration 3:00 – 9:00 pm

Saturday, Dec 31 – Black-Eye Peas in PAC after 11:30 pm Mass

Sat/Sun, Dec 31/Jan 1 – Feast of Holy Family 2nd collection

Religious Articles Cabinet

The Religious Articles Cabinet (in the foyer of church) will be open after every weekend Mass. There are many wonderful items, for all occasions, which are available for purchase.



May you have a blessed and Merry Christmas!



Rosary for Life

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

Dec 25 – Jan 1: Mike & Diana Hovatter

Jan 1 – 8: Gene & Deanna Fojtik



The parish office will be **CLOSED** December 27 – 30 for the holidays and re-opens on Tuesday, January 3.

May you have a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year!!

Vocations Crucifix Prayer Campaign

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

Dec 25 – Jan 1: Phil & Mary Ann Everett

Jan 1 – 8: Brousseau Family



The second collection this weekend (Dec 24/25) will be for Christmas. Please use the “Christmas” envelope for those who have boxed contribution envelopes.

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. 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.

December 31/January 1 Collections – With the New Year beginning on Sunday, there is 1 envelope in the 2022 box for “Solemnity of Mary”. Please put this Holy Day envelope AND the weekly envelope (which is in the 2023 contribution box) in the 1st collection. The second collection, in the 2023 contribution box, labeled “Feast of the Holy Family” will be the 2nd collection. We apologize for the confusion!

After our 11:30 p.m. Mass Saturday evening, December 31 for the Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God, all are invited to the PAC Bldg for our annual **Black-eye Pea and Cornbread Reception!** Help us ring in the New Year with friendly fellowship!

The Knights of Columbus will lead the Rosary Sunday, January 1 at the 8:30 am Mass. We ask that all members attending will sit together as a group. Thank you!

Please join the **Knights of Columbus for First Friday Family on Friday, January 6, 2023**. 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.

The **Catholic Daughters and Knights of Columbus** will have their family Christmas party on Saturday, January 7 at 6:00 pm in the Holy Family room in the PAC. For more information or to RSVP KC's call Michael Bartkovak at 512-636-7210 or George Hill at 512-587-8257. The Catholic Daughters RSVP to Monica Sherek at 512-864-4748. Anyone interested in joining the Catholic Daughters of the Americas or Knights of Columbus are welcomed to join us at this Christmas party! Please contact the names above to RSVP or for more information.

There are still several boxes of **2023 Collection Envelopes** that have yet to be picked up in the church. If you do not have a box in there and want one, please put your name on the list provided – then check back the next weekend for your box. If you are now making your donations online and no longer want 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.

Cedarbrake retreat - The first annual Biblical Institute will be offered Jan. 6 - 8 at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Temple. Begin the New Year learning about the great prophet Jeremiah who endured a life-long vocation of proclaiming demanding and often controversial messages from God. The complex and intriguing figure of Jeremiah, his times, his message, and their meaning for our day will be the subject of this three-day workshop led by Father Eric Wagner. He holds a doctorate in Biblical Studies from The Catholic University of America and currently teaches at St. Louis University. The cost for this retreat is \$280 for a private room, \$240 for a shared room and \$140 for commuters. Details: austindiocese.org/cedarbrake or (254) 780-2436.

For those interested in becoming an Altar Server (4th grade and up, with the appropriate sacraments), we will have an Altar Server Practice Sunday, January 15, at 4:00 p.m. in the church. Contact the parish office to sign-up or for more information.

--For our current Altar Servers – the practice, on Sunday, January 15 is for you, too, so please make every effort to attend.

--After practice, all new and current Altar Servers and their families are invited to the PAC Bldg for our annual Altar Server Appreciation Supper (at 5 pm). Please RSVP to the parish office to give us a head count of those attending the meal.

Dear friends in Christ,

Merry Christmas! Thank you to everyone who helped to decorate the church last Sunday. Everything is certainly very beautiful. Thank you also to everyone who is singing and playing the organ or keyboard to help us to worship God and to give Him glory and honor. Your presence here brings much beauty to our celebrations.

Today we celebrate the Incarnation of Jesus Christ, God becoming man. What an awesome mystery it is for us to meditate upon. For us who believe, the Incarnation, God becoming man in Jesus Christ, brings much hope, joy, and peace into our lives. We are comforted by the reality that God would lower Himself to become human and allow Himself to be faced with all the dangers and difficulties which that entails. God did this so that we could experience the great love that He has for each one of us in a very intimate and profound way. God loves us so much that He sent His only Son as a sign of that love, as a gift to you and I. God allowed us to love Him in return which He experienced through the human nature of Jesus Christ. Just as any newborn baby attracts the attention of family and friends, the infant Jesus attracts our attention just as if He is being born again this very day. Just as Jesus called people to Himself as an infant, He continued to call people to gather around Him all throughout His life, as a child at the age of twelve in the Temple, and then in His adult years as He served His Father in His public ministry. People from miles around would gather to see Jesus and to hear the words He spoke. All people were in awe at these words and believed Jesus to be a holy man of God.

Today, Jesus continues to call us to Himself and He calls us to listen to His word. Jesus continues to call us to Mass so that we can listen to Him and receive His presence, His body and blood, soul and divinity, in the most holy Sacrament of the Eucharist. The Shepherds and the three Wise Men said “yes” to God by their going to Bethlehem after they heard the announcement by the Angels and followed the Star which led them to the birthplace of His Son Jesus. In the same way we say “yes” to God by coming to Mass on this Christmas Day and by coming to Mass every week of the year. We come because of the great love God has shown to us by giving us His Son that special night in Bethlehem. And like the Shepherds and the Wise Men we come to adore Him and worship Him. When we leave Mass on Christmas Day, I pray that we will have the same spirit of love and reverence for Christ all year long as we do today and that we will take this hope, joy, and peace to all people we meet each day.

Next weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, and New Year's Day. We will have an extra Mass at 11:30 p.m. on New Year's Eve and after Mass we will have our black-eye pea and cornbread reception in the PAC. Come and join us to pray-in the New Year and to share in fellowship with one another after Mass.

Please be sure to pick up your Collection Envelopes if you have not already done so. Every husband and wife should have one set of envelopes. Also, any adult children who are living at home or living on their own and are working should have a set of envelopes. If there is not a set with your name on it write your name on the list at the entrance of the church and we will send a box to you or you may pick them at church or at the parish office. All of us should be doing our part to provide for the needs of the parish by giving in our weekly collection.

The Christmas Season continues until Sunday, January 9, 2023. Keeps those Christmas lights on until the end of the Christmas Season to give witness to the true Light of the world, Jesus Christ.

May all of you continue to have a very blessed Christmas Season and a Happy, Healthy, Holy, Joyful New Year of A.D. 2023.

Fr. Stephen Nestrta, farář

Myšlenky: Narození Ježíše není jen počátkem života Mesiáše. Je to počátek podivuhodných věcí, které se staly v náš prospěch. Není to jen cesta vyučování, zázraků, napomínání, vítězných půtek s odpůrci, která je korunována smrtí a vzkříšením. Je to také vylíčení Ducha. Od Ježíšovy doby začíná nová možnost pro člověka: žít vědomě z Ducha Božího, který byl Ježíšovým učedníkům slíben a který je na ně vyléván. Je to v dějinách vidět? Ano i ne. Není to vidět v intenzitě, která by byla žádoucí, kterou by lidstvo i církev potřebovali. Ale je to možné, stále je to možné. V každé generaci, u každého člověka. A stále se nacházejí lidé, kteří toho využijí, kteří se Duchu otevírají a žijí z něho.

Není to právě obvyklé uvažovat o Vánocích o Duchu svatém. Ale svou logiku to má. Ježíš přišel, aby nás vykoupil. Jeho spása není ovšem jen dar, který se týká věčnosti, který přijde ke cti až po smrti. Spása se týká člověka teď a týká se také života tohoto, dnešního světa. Je tedy třeba, aby se smysl Ježíšova narození v nás naplňoval. Tím, že mu uvěříme, že ho přijmeme. Tím, že budeme žít z jeho odpuštění. Tím, že v Ježíši zemřeme. Ale v neposlední řadě také tím, že budeme žít z jeho Ducha. Je to největší dar Kristův pro život jeho učedníků na této zemi. Kdyby nebyl využit, kdybychom ho nechápali, byla by naše oslava Ježíšova narození podivná, možná pokrytecká, v každém případě nedostatečná. (Pastorace.cz)

La Natividad del Señor: Un día sagrado ha brillado para nosotros. Vengan naciones, y adoren al Señor, porque hoy ha descendido una gran luz sobre la tierra. Aleluya.



*Thank you to all who made a donation for poinsettias
in memory or honor of the following loved ones.
Thank you for your generosity. Merry Christmas!*



In memory of Angela Danek, Joe & Annie Danek and
James & Mary Ziegler, by Raymond & Jane Danek
In memory of the deceased family members of Michael & Janine Nemeč
In memory of Emil & Elva Ploessl, by Mary Weiland
In memory of Joe & Annie Danek and Wilburn & Joyce Bloomquist,
by Jodie & Patsy Danek
In memory of Ane Elinor Gorbach, by Lisa Gorbach
In memory of Carmen & Frances Luna, by Rosa Luna
In memory of Obaldo Perez Jr. and Carmen & Frances Luna,
by Daniel & Hilda Perez
In memory of Gene & Maxine Everett and Joseph & Patricia Giromini,
by Phil & Mary Ann Everett
In memory of Rita Melos, by Paul Melos
In memory of R.V. & Shirley Barker, William & Bernadette Schwertner
and Joan Schwertner and Stephanie Barker Wood,
by Robert & Carolyn Barker
In memory of Joe & Annie Danek, Richard Danek and Doris Cole,
by Brandon Danek Family
In memory of Beth Gandia, by Cody & Allison Moczygamba
In memory of the deceased members of the Frankie Vrabel family,
by Frankie & Betty Ann Vrabel
In memory of Fran & Florence Von Der Vellen and Albert & Emma
Khalar, by Jim & Emma Von Der Vellen
In memory of Joe & Viola Sevcik, Ernest & Ludmila Marburger and
Emil Danek, by the John & Jacqueline Danek family
In memory of Margaret Giese, by David & Kim Giese
In memory of Howard Mertink, by Becky Mertink
In memory of the Albert Kalinec family, Herbert Lange family and
Floyd Lange, by Juanita Lange
In memory of Larry Janousek, Jr., by Larry & Carol Janousek
In memory of the deceased members of the Blakeslee and Goerner
families, by Duane & Gwen Blakeslee
In memory of Willie & Albina Beyer, Herbert & Ethel Luning, Laddie &
Sharon Danek, by Billy & Belinda Beyer
In memory of Carmen & Ramon Razo, by Alex & Virginia Hernandez
In memory of deceased members of the Malain family,
by Harold & Cathy Malain
In memory of Louis & Albina Sladecek, by Tommy & Cindy Sladecek
In memory of Michael Pagan and Rose Baker
In memory of John J. & Valeria Pavelka, by Martha Pavelka
In memory of Joe & Mary Simek and Emil & Antonie Malish,
by Hubert & Dorothy Tomasek
In memory of Joe & Angeline Havelka and John & Mary Cathryn
Matthews, by Richard & Margie Matthews
Donation made by Margaret M. Smith
In memory of Pete & Eleanora Schwertner and Helen Postma,
by the Berumen's
In memory of John & Germylla Paulasek and Linda Grigsby,
by Patsy Hightower & Grigsby Family
In memory of Paul Bonkowski Sr., by Gene & Deanna Fojtik
In memory of Stanely Havelka, by Louise Havelka

In memory of Patty Racicot and Bill McDonald Sr.,
by Bill & Brionne McDonald
In memory of Sherry Wrzesinski, by Larry Wrzesinski
In memory of Christopher Bigan, by Marsell & Constance Craig
In memory of Virgil J. Tonn, by Marla Tonn
In memory of Olaf & Cookie Allen and Raymond & Florence Robichau,
by Leslie & Linda Allen
In memory of Louis & Agnes Straka, Robert & Leona Brenek Sr.,
Paul Straka, and Carmen Clawson, by Louis & Louise Straka
In memory of Augusta & Bud Fitts and Agnes & Claud Huffington,
by Jim & Claudine Fitts
In memory of John & Frances Nemeč, by James Nemeč
In memory of August & Louise Batla, by A.J. & Jennifer Batla
In memory of Ed & Doris Nesrsta, by Fr. Stephen
In memory of Anita Galvan and Kathleen Valenta, by a parishioner
In memory of Frank & Anastasia Knapke, by Frank Knapke Jr.
In memory of Benny Kubacak, Anton & Mary Kubacak and
Werner & Hulda Marburger, by Dorothy Kubacak
In memory of Viola Kuhn, by Cathy Robinson
In memory of the LaMaestra, Magazzu, Hill, Weiss, Bell, and Guse
families, by George & Laura Hill
In memory of Dorothy, Wilfred and Roy Montreuil and Pauline &
Anthony Ragnelli, by Bill & Linda Montreuil
In memory of Louis & Mary Stojanik, Albert & Frieda Tschoerner,
Clay Lloyd and A.J. Tschoerner, by Kevin & Sharon Lloyd
In memory of Rafael & Mercedes Rivera, by Yolanda Rodriguez
In memory of Carmen Marie Clawson, Paul Louis Straka and
Forrest Allen Clawson, by the Troy Clawson Family
In memory of Larry Streadwick and Paul Bonkowski Sr.,
by Adam & Kathryn Streadwick
In memory of Brooke Pillman, by Joe Parks
In memory of James & Edith Brown, André and Jacques Brousseau,
by Agnes & Louis Brousseau
In memory of Anita Galvan, by Helen Havelka
In memory of Greg Maney and Carol Higdon Maney,
by John & Betty Maney
In memory of Buddy Hopkins, Ann Thompson and Marjorie Chote,
by Michelle & Dennis Mesex
In memory of Clifford & Lillian Schwertner,
by Andrew & Teresa Schwertner
In memory of Rev. Dan Morales, by Iris S. Bailey
In memory of Tom Illes & Virginia Windelgass, by Kathleen Windhauser
In memory of Willie J. & Dorothy Klepac, Joe F. & Annie Klepac,
Frank J. & Marcella Viktorin and Aaron Micheal Klepac,
by the children of Willie J. & Dorothy Klepac
In memory of Albert & Frieda Tschoerner, Louis & Mary Stojanik and
A.J. Tschoerner, by Dorothy Tschoerner
In memory of John & Frances Nemeč and Robert & Leona Brenek,
by Bernard & Lucille Nemeč
In memory of parishioners who died in 2022,
by Jim & Mary Margaret Heuertz