

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH



Pope Francis
Vatican City State



Bishop Joe Vásquez
Diocese of Austin



Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

January 1, A.D. 2023

Mass Schedule & Intentions

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 Nesrsta †Howard Mertink
Sunday	Jan 1	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Pro Populo †Cyril & Eileen Rosipal
Tuesday	Jan 3	6:00 PM	†Virginia & William McMaster
Wednesday	Jan 4	6:30 PM	†Paul Straka, †Dorothy Klepac, †John & Betty Emge
Thursday	Jan 5	7:00 AM	†Paul Bonkowski Sr., †Tony & Delores Sladeczek †Frank & Barbara Simek and †Jesse Peace
First Friday	Jan 6	6:00 PM	Bill Klepac Family, †Agnes Hrcir, †Calvin Blackman Jr
First Saturday	Jan 7	7:30 AM	Walther Family, †Linda Grigsby, †Joyce Nesrsta
Saturday	Jan 7	5:00 PM	Propulo
Sunday	Jan 8	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	†Emil Danek, †AJ Tschoerner, †Frank & Barbara Simek and †Jesse Peace Louise Havelka (in thanksgiving), Liv/Dec members of Louis & Mary Zrubek Family

Ministry Schedule for January 3 - 8

Tuesday, January 3, 6:00 PM:

Altar Server: Josh Jacobs
Lector: Kitzi Crawford

Wednesday, January 4, 6:30 PM:

Altar Servers: Isaiah O., Michael & Christopher B.
Lector: Kitzi Crawford
EMHC: Jim Heuertz
Gift Bearers: CCE students

Thursday, January 5, 7:00 AM:

Altar Server/Lector: Leo Bringman

First Friday, January 6, 6:00 PM:

Altar Servers: Stefeks
Lector: Pinto Nemece

First Saturday, January 7, 7:30 AM:

Altar Server: Pinto Nemece
Lector: Janine Nemece

Saturday, January 7, 5:00 PM:

Altar Servers: Preston & Heather S.
Lector: Janine Nemece
EMHC: Monica Snook
Gift Bearers: Billy & Kathy Meissner
Head Usher: Donald Tschoerner

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

Altar Servers: Stefeks (3), Lucas B.
Lector: Chris Stefek
EMHC: Michael Bartkovak, Maria Messing
Gift Bearers: Tommy & Cindy Sladeczek
Head Usher: AJ Batla

Sunday, January 8, 10:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Michael & Jonah S.
Lector: Denise Sellers
EMHC: Joe Parks, Kelly Wood
Gift Bearers: Jim & Margie Foley
Head Usher: Jeff Voigt

EMHC to Shut-Ins:

January 8: Josh Jacobs / Spencer Chaney

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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

Cemetery Maintenance: Scott Templeton 512-845-0221

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

Finance Council: Tommy Sladeczek 512-635-3496

Pastoral Council: Brandon Danek 512-948-5292

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: Kitzi 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 Nemece 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	\$ 6,928.12
Online Donations	\$ 1,452.41
Christmas	\$ 6,019.00

Altar Flowers

To request Altar Flowers, in memory or honor of loved ones, complete and return an 'Altar Flower Envelope' (located by bulletins or from our website).

This Week at a Glance

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

Saturday, Dec 31 – Black-Eyed Pea & Cornbread Reception following 11:30 pm Mass

Tuesday, Jan 3 – Holy Hour of Reparation @ 4:30 pm in church

Tuesday, Jan 3 -- RCIA Class starts @ 7:00 pm (Topic: Holy Orders)

Wednesday, Jan 4 – CCE Classes begins at 6:15 pm

Thursday, Jan 5 -- Adoration 3:00 – 9:00 pm

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

Sunday, Jan 8 – Hospitality Sunday Breakfast after 8:30 am Mass

Rosary for Life

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

Dec 25 – Jan 1: Mike & Diana Hovatter

Jan 1 – Jan 8: Gene & Deanna Fojtik

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 – Jan 8: Brousseau Family

Joy to the World



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!

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!

On this Feast of the Holy Family weekend, all of our parish family married couples that celebrated their 10th, 15th, 20th ... 50th and up wedding anniversaries in 2022, will receive a certificate from Bishop Joe Vásquez and the National Council of Catholic Women. Please join us in congratulating them, & all other married couples, for dedicating themselves to upholding the Sacrament of Matrimony. May God continue to bless you.

Our monthly **Senior Citizens' Supper** will be held on Monday, January 2, at 6:30 p.m. in the PAC Bldg, following Mass at 6:00 p.m. We appreciate the KJZT #15 for preparing the meal.

First Friday & Saturday of the month January 6/7: Friday's Mass is at 6:00 pm with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, our devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and Benediction. Saturday's Mass is at 7:30 am and will conclude with our devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

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.

All visitors and parishioners are invited for **Hospitality Sunday** (Sunday, January 8) in the PAC Bldg after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. We appreciate the Nemece brothers for preparing the breakfast.

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.

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.

Preparation for Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary - In Fatima, Our Lady said, "My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the way that will lead you to God." Please join thousands of Faithful throughout our Diocese for 33 days of preparation prayer for Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary. The prayers begin on February 20 and are done privately using the preparation book. Please visit www.TexasToJesusThroughMary.org by January 18 to receive your FREE copy of the Montfort preparation prayer book.

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.

Our annual January Fundraiser will be held on Sunday, January 22, proceeds of which will benefit the Cemetery Fund. Everyone is invited for a delicious BBQ Pork dinner with all the trimmings, served from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in the PAC Bldg. Adults \$14 / Children \$7. To-go plates will be available at the drive-thru. Spread the word and invite your family and friends! **If you would like to make a donation to help offset the cost of groceries, supplies, etc, January Fundraiser envelopes are available by the bulletins.**

Dear friends in Christ,

Merry Christmas! Hope you are having a joyful Christmas Season. Thank you to all of you for the cards, gifts and tasty treats that I received from you for Christmas. Everything is truly appreciated.

Today we celebrate the solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. It is true that we celebrate the fact that Mary is the Mother of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, but today's celebration points to the fact that Jesus is truly divine, that Jesus is God Himself, a divine person. For the first time in the history of humanity God came down to earth and was born as a little baby in the form of a human person. Mary, not understanding all which was taking place, gave of herself to God so that she may be the mother of His Son. A week ago on Christmas Eve we began our celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. We heard how the angel had told the shepherds that the Messiah and Lord had been born and that they would find Him lying in a manger. And we, like the shepherds who went to Bethlehem filled with curiosity and awe found Mary, Joseph and the baby lying in the manger, we too watched and listened as we hear about the birth of the Son of God. The shepherds returned to the fields giving glory and praise to God for all that they had seen and heard. We too give glory and praise to God for this great miracle, for giving us His Son. The shepherds left Bethlehem different persons than when they came. They left with a newfound faith and trust in God, filled with the spirit of joy and gladness. As we left Mass on Christmas we too left filled with the spirit of joy and gladness. That is the way we should leave after every Mass that we attend throughout the year. But we, as the shepherds, must listen, watch, and participate in the event taking place if we are to experience this joy and gladness in our own lives. Then we can leave and proclaim Christ to all people just as the shepherds went giving their report of what they had seen and heard to all the people that they met along the way.

On the eighth day Mary and Joseph brought the child for his circumcision and to give him the name of Jesus as the angels had instructed them. Only many years later would Mary come to realize the true and living meaning of this name, Jesus, which means "Yahweh saves", as she witnessed His death and resurrection. But, as today's gospel says, she treasured and reflected on these things in her heart during her lifetime wondering what they meant, wondering what God had in His plans for her and for this little baby, Jesus. As we know, Mary had a great faith and trust in God, but I am sure she had her moments of uncertainty, maybe even doubts as to the way in which God was working in her life. Though Mary was the Mother of God, the Mother of Jesus, she was still human and experienced the same feelings and emotions that each one of us experience. Yet she relied totally on God to guide her each day of her life and trusted that God would be with her as He promised. And as we know, there were many difficult times in their life after the birth of Jesus. Joseph, Mary, and Jesus had to rush into Egypt to escape the slaughter of the baby boys as commanded by Herod. And I am sure that there were many moments in their lives as Jesus grew as a boy and young man in which Mary and Joseph had many frightening experiences with their son just as any parents have with the raising of children. There cannot be anything more frightening than the losing and searching of your son for three days as Mary and Joseph experienced when they finally found Jesus in the Temple. I imagine that they, as any parent, experienced feelings of joy at the finding of their son, but yet at the same time they experienced some anger at Jesus for having strayed away from them. But yet they pondered at Jesus' words "Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" They must have been totally confused as to what was going on. Just think of some of the things your children tell you and how you are left confused by what they say. Sometimes they will leave you speechless. Then during the lifetime of Jesus, during his preaching and ministry to the people, his teaching the apostles, his arrest, suffering and death, during all those times of uncertainty Mary continued to trust in God that all would work out according to His will. And then the joy and happiness which Mary must have experienced at the resurrection of Jesus only for Him to leave her again as Jesus ascended into heaven. These must have been great moments of joy and sadness which Mary experienced only to end with that great heavenly joy which Mary experiences of being united with her Son after her assumption into Heaven. This is the same joy that we hope to experience after our own death and resurrection. The joy of being in the presence of God and of being united with our friends and relatives who have died and gone before us to that heavenly kingdom.

The birth of Jesus brought about a new beginning in the life of Mary, Joseph, and of the whole world. This one event changed their lives and our lives forever. No single event or person has had such an impact on the world and the lives of all people as did the person of Jesus. Our whole calendar and recording of history revolve around the birth of Jesus. The dating of the years is even divided between B.C., Before Christ, and A.D., Anno Domini, In The Year of the Lord. This is all because Jesus is truly the Son of God, the Son of Mary.

Just as Jesus changed the lives of Mary, Joseph and all the people He met, He will change our life as well. He changed the life of the shepherds after they visited Him in Bethlehem. If we allow Him Jesus will also change each one of us every time we come to receive Him in the Eucharist, in Holy Communion. As we begin this New Year what changes will we allow Jesus to make in our lives? Will we be like Mary and Joseph and totally commit ourselves to serving God each day and say as Mary said, "Let it be done to me according to your word,"? As we begin the New Year I ask that each of you do something different than you have been doing in your life. It may be praying more with your family at home during the year. You might want to begin spending time during the week in prayer before His presence in the tabernacle in the Blessed Sacrament or coming to spend some time in Adoration on Thursdays of each week. Or maybe you could commit yourself to attending daily Mass. Each of us could commit ourselves to spending more time with our families and being nicer to our parents, brothers, sisters, sons, and daughters. We could try to be more helpful at home and try to love one another more in the example given to us by Jesus Christ. Before you decide on what you want to do I ask that you spend time in prayer to be sure it is what God wants you to do. For just as He guided Mary and Joseph, He will guide and protect you as long as you have faith and trust in Him. He will certainly make our times of trial and suffering easier to bear and our times of joy even more joyous.

So, as we begin the New Year let us pray to Mary, the Mother of God, that she will pray for us and assist us in living a life of faith and trust in her Son, Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

Are your Christmas lights still shining? The Christmas Season continues until Sunday, January 9, 2023. Keeps those 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 AD 2023.

Fr. Stephen Nestrta, farář

K ZAMYŠLENÍ: „Pastýři se zas vrátili...“ Naše slavení Vánoc leckdy připomíná jen tato slova. Vše se vrátí do starých kolejí. Ale v evangelijním úryvku to tak nebylo, pastýři se vrátili, ale jejich život se stal modlitbou, radostí nad tím, co Bůh činí. Uvěřili slovům, která slyšeli a o kterých se přesvědčili. Nový kalendářní rok nemusí být stejný jako ty předchozí. Můžeme se snažit vidět stopy, které svědčí o jednajícím a milujícím Bohu.

Solemnidad de María Santísima, Madre de Dios: Mientras nos preparamos para el año nuevo, que la paz de Cristo controle nuestros corazones. Y que la palabra de Cristo viva en nosotros.



Holy Trinity Catholic Church of Corn Hill

(8626 FM 1105, Jarrell)

You're invited to enjoy a delicious

BBQ Pork Dinner with all the trimmings!

on

Sunday, January 22, 2023

Mass at 10:30 a.m. in the church

Meal served from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
in the Parish Activity Center

Adult to-go plates available at drive-thru (11-12:30)

Adults \$14 / Children \$7

Proceeds will benefit the Holy Trinity Cemetery Fund

Directions: From I-35: Exit 271 (Ronald Reagan Blvd): Take CR 311 East to stop sign. Take right onto FM 1105.
¼ mile to church on left.

