

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH



Pope Francis
Vatican City State



Bishop Joe Vásquez
Diocese of Austin



The Epiphany of the Lord

January 8, A.D. 2023

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday	Jan 7	5:00 PM	Pro Populo
Sunday	Jan 8	8:30 AM	†Emil Danek, †AJ Tschoner, †Frank & Barbara Simek and †Jesse Peace
		10:30 AM	Louise Havelka (in thanksgiving), Liv/Dec members of Louis & Mary Zrubek Family
Tuesday	Jan 10	6:00 PM	†Greg Maney, †Floyd Lange
Wednesday	Jan 11	6:30 PM	†Joyce Nesrsta, †John & Mary Janosec
Thursday	Jan 12	7:00 AM	Craig & Krystle, †Mary Zigal
Friday	Jan 13	6:00 PM	†Ebbon & Lou Rodriguez, †Mark Walker
Saturday	Jan 14	7:30 AM	The Cooke Family, †Kathleen Valenta,
Saturday	Jan 14	5:00 PM	†Dorothy Klepac, †Helen Postma, †Donald Stanek
Sunday	Jan 15	8:30 AM	†Floyd Lange
		10:30 AM	Pro Populo

Ministry Schedule for January 10 - 15

Tuesday, January 10, 6:00 PM:

Altar Server: Josh Jacobs
Lector: Josh Jacobs

Wednesday, January 11, 6:30 PM:

Altar Servers: Emmaline S., Bartkovaks
Lector: Janine Nemeč
EMHC: Spencer Chaney
Gift Bearers: 3rd Grade

Thursday, January 12, 7:00 AM:

Altar Server: Leo Bringman
Lector: Leo Bringman

Friday, January 13, 6:00 PM:

Altar Server: Leo Bringman
Lector: Laura Hill

Saturday, January 14, 7:30 AM:

Altar Server: Pinto Nemeč
Lector: Janine Nemeč

Saturday, January 14, 5:00 PM:

Altar Server: John Bruce
Lector: Theresa Orecchia
EMHC: Jim Heuertz
Gift Bearers: Jim & Mary Margaret Heuertz
Head Usher: Stephanie Wright

Sunday, January 15, 8:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Carter M., Jenna D., Bartkovaks (2)
Lector: Jennifer Marquis
EMHC: James Nemeč, Josh Jacobs
Gift Bearers: Pinto & Lucille Nemeč
Head Usher: Tommy Sladeczek

Sunday, January 15, 10:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Isabella H., Samuel W.
Lector: Monica Sherek
EMHC: Leslie & Linda Allen
Gift Bearers: Roger & Maura Conway
Head Usher: Bill Sherek

EMHC to Shut-Ins:

January 15: Ray Nemeč

Rosary for Life

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

Jan 8 – 15: Gene & Deanna Fojtik

Jan 15 – 22: Keith & Stephanie Zimmerhanel

Vocations Crucifix Prayer Campaign

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

Jan 8 – 15: Brousseau Family

Jan 15 – 22: Chaney Family

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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

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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: 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: Kitzki 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	\$ 6,667.55
Online Donations	\$ 1,264.66
Feast of the Holy Family	\$ 1,834.25
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 1,415.00

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

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

Sunday, Jan 8 – Confirmation I & II classes @ 9:00 am

Tuesday, Jan 10 – Holy Hour of Reparation @ 4:30 pm in church

Tuesday, Jan 10 -- RCIA Class starts @ 7:00 pm

(Topic: Reconciliation/Anointing of the Sick)

Wednesday, Jan 11 – CCE Classes begins at 6:15 pm

Thursday, Jan 12 -- Adoration 3:00 – 9:00 pm

Sunday, Jan 15 – Altar Server Practice/Appreciation Supper @ 4:00

In Memoriam

We extend our sympathies and prayers to the families of
Howard Bruce (father of Rodney Bruce) who died this past
week. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual
light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

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

Thank you to all who enrolled their loved ones and friends in the Clerical Endowment Fund during our Annual Christmas Drive. The amount received for the enrollments was \$513.

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). **We will be selling these books after all Masses in January.**

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.

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.

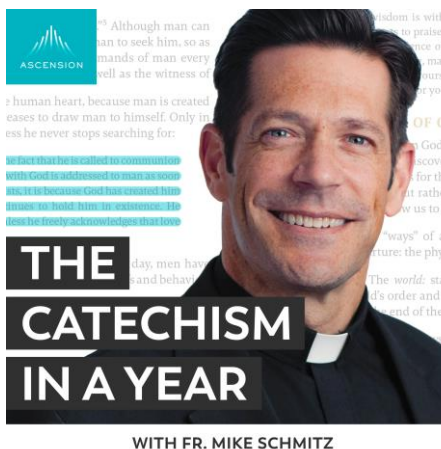
--After practice, all new and current Altar Servers and their families are invited to the PAC Bldg for our annual Altar Server Appreciation Supper (at 5 pm). Please RSVP to the parish office to give us a head count of those attending the meal.



A poster for a Baptism Preparation Class. It features a white cross on a blue background. The text reads: "Parents or Godparents seeking baptism", "Baptism Preparation Class", "January 29, 2023", "11:30am", "RE Building", "RSVP to Virginia", and "htcdre@holyltrinityofcornhill.org". There is a small image of a baby's feet on the left.



A poster for a Blanket Making event. It features a photo of a pug dog wrapped in a blanket. The text reads: "Everyone needs a blanket.", "Youth Ministry", "Blanket Making", "January 22", "After 10:30 Mass", "SSCM DPC", "Then we will travel to Will O'Bell Nursing Home in Bartlett and deliver blankets and pray the rosary.", "Lunch will be provided.", "Open to all middle school and high school students."



A poster for "The Catechism in a Year" featuring Fr. Mike Schmitz. It includes the Ascension Press logo and the text: "THE CATECHISM IN A YEAR WITH FR. MIKE SCHMITZ". There is also some background text from the Catechism.

As we make plans to better ourselves in this new year, the area often lost or forgotten is our faith life. The best way to start the year off right is to make the commitment to understand what it means to be Catholic and allow those truths to shape our lives, day by day. This year, beginning on January 1st, we have the opportunity to join hundreds of thousands of Catholics in listening to The Catechism in a Year podcast with Fr. Mike Schmitz. The Catechism is a work rooted in Scripture that discusses and explains the fundamental teachings of our faith. The Catechism in a Year podcast reveals the good, true, and beautiful teachings of the Church Christ founded. Each daily episode will be 15-20 minutes long, making it easy to listen to while going on a daily walk, drinking your morning coffee, or driving into work. Popular Catholic priest Fr. Mike Schmitz will guide us through the entire Catechism, offering encouragement and insight as we go so that we can clearly understand Church teaching and live it out daily. To join in this journey through the Catechism, visit AscensionPress.com/CIY. The podcast is completely free and available on all major podcast apps and YouTube. **On the 4th Monday of the month, at 7:00pm, we will be meeting in the RE Building.** We will share our thoughts, highlights, and what we are learning from the podcast.

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.**

MARRIED COUPLES: Valentine's Day is coming soon! Need a special gift for your spouse? Why not take them away for a weekend that will make a difference in your marriage - **MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER.** Upcoming weekends are scheduled for February 10-12 at the Wingate Hotel in Round Rock or April 21-23 at Cedarbrake Renewal Center. To apply online visit: austinme.org or contact Zeb and Geraldine Evans: 512-677- 9963 or email wwmeaustin@gmail.com. Call early to ensure a space. Para información en español llamar al 512-844-0785.

Dear friends in Christ,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Today we celebrate this great feast of Epiphany, a day where in some countries gifts are exchanged. Today, though, we celebrate that day when Christ was shown to the world. It was a star that stirred the curiosity of the three men, known as astrologers, kings, magi, or wise men, and led them to Bethlehem, to the manger where Jesus lay. However, this was no ordinary star. This star is a signal from heaven to earth. It inspires these three men to make a journey of thousands of miles. This star even frightened King Herod. Why did God choose to use a star to announce the birth of His Son, Jesus?

The ancient cultures believed the stars were gods, and that the fate of men on earth was controlled by those gods. Stars that stayed in formation, or constellation, were considered good omens. Lost travelers could find their way home by the guide of these predictable stars. But when stars moved, such as comets or planets, the gods were restless. And when the gods were restless, men were afraid, for the ancient gods were dangerous. When bad things happened on earth, most people believed one of these moving stars caused the problem. The root of the word "disaster", means "bad star" or "evil celestial influence", is a reflection of this old belief.

At the time of Jesus' birth, astrology was big business. An astrologer was an expert in the art of mapping stars. This skill made the astrologer a man of great mystery, a wise man, with kingly status, and often brought him great wealth. The Magi in today's gospel reading were such men. When they observed the special sign in the heavens, they assumed it was the sign of the birth of a special child. Their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh were fitting for royalty. The wise men brought gold for a king, incense for a priest, and myrrh which is a balm for suffering and death. All three of these gifts reveal something to us about Jesus. Jesus is the King of the world, He is the Priest for all time, and He did suffer and die for you and I. Did the wise men know all this? Probably not. But they did know this child must be a special child.

Their journey to Bethlehem had some unexpected turns. The wise men assumed a kingly child would be found in a castle, in a capital city, born to a family of royal lineage. When the star moved them toward Bethlehem they turned aside instead to Jerusalem, the home of King Herod. It was difficult for them to imagine a royal child born in a tiny shepherd village, to a poor couple, in a stable for animals. Jesus is born among the poor and the outcast and it is the wealthy astrologers who are first to recognize and worship Jesus in Matthew's Gospel. Sometimes in our life God calls us to follow Him to unexpected places in unexpected ways. So always expect the unexpected in your life.

The star came to rest over Jesus. For us Jesus is the Star of the world. To know Christ, and to worship Him, is the destination of every life's quest. And notice that having worshipped Jesus, the wise men left for home by a different way. I am sure that this experience must have had some impact on their lives. And so it is with us. When a person has met Jesus, and truly worshipped Him, and offered to Him the treasures of their heart, they too, live their life in this world in a different way. You cannot go home the same way again.

It is the tradition that on the **Feast of the Epiphany** that we bless our homes by marking them with blessed chalk with the current year and the initials of the Three Wise Men -- Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar -- and these letters also stand for the Latin phrase "Christus Mansionem Benedicat", which means "May Christ bless this dwelling". The initials of the Wise Men in Czech are KMB. Mark your home above the front door so that all may know that your home is a Christian home. With this bulletin you will find the blessing prayer and instructions on how to mark your homes.

Are your Christmas lights still shining? The Christmas Season ends this Monday, January 9, as we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

As we begin this New Year we are reminded to give faithful witness to Jesus all throughout the year. 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. As part of your witness to the presence of Jesus in your life I would like to encourage you to use A.D. every time you write the date for 2023. Example: January 1, A.D. 2023. By doing this you will give witness to Jesus as being the center of your life throughout the year and you may even spark some question and discussion as to what this means.

May all of you have a very blessed, healthy and holy New Year.

Fr. Stephen Nesrsta, farář

K úvaze: Aktualizace je zde choulostivá věc. Základní téma výpovědi je třeba respektovat. A skutečnosti také. Prvá dvě čtení hlásají Krista jako světlo světa, jako světlo pohanů. Naše skutečnost ukazuje, že mnozí mají křesťanství za tmou a jakožto po světle po něm jinak netouží. A tak jsme blízko biblické situace. Matoušovo líčení: Ježíš je světlem, které poznávají a respektují jen moudří. Ale skutečně moudří, ne jen moudří podle zdání světa, nebo podle zdání vlastního. Moudrost mimo jiné znamená, že se člověk nechává oslovit Bohem, že si to "nechává líbit" a zařídí se podle toho. Moudrost tak úzce souvisí s pokorou.

La Epifanía de Nuestro Señor: En el Evangelio de este Domingo, encontramos a los magos siguiendo la estrella para encontrar a Jesús ¿Cómo podemos guiar a otros hacia Cristo tal como la estrella lo hizo para los magos?



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.

