

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

of CORN HILL

Pope Francis
Vatican City State



Bishop Joe Vásquez
Diocese of Austin



First Sunday of Lent February 26, A.D. 2023

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday	Feb 25	5:00 PM	†Linda Grigsby, †Floyd Lange, †Hubert Klepac
Sunday	Feb 26	8:30 AM	Liv/Dec members of Catholic Life Ins Branch # 50 †Joe & Wilma Zgarba, †Patrick Kotara
		10:30 AM	Pro Populo
Monday	Feb 27	6:00 PM	Paul Rymniak & his ministry and all who seek healing in their lives
Tuesday	Feb 28	6:00 PM	Fr. James Miller (healing), †Merlene Turman, †Mike Wright
Wednesday	Mar 1	6:00 PM	Leslie Allen (in thanksgiving), †Mark Walker
Thursday	Mar 2	7:00 AM	Members & Mission of the Czech Catholic Foundation of Tx, †Kathleen Valenta
First Friday	Mar 3	6:00 PM	†Linda Grigsby, †Edwin Cook
First Saturday	Mar 4	7:30 AM	†Richard Gerik, †Steve Janish
Saturday	Mar 4	5:00 PM	†Calvin Blackman, Jr., †Emma Ann Rodriguez, †Brooke Pillman
Sunday	Mar 5	8:30 AM	Pro Populo, †Floyd Lange, †John Cook
		10:30 AM	Jax Templin, Bill Klepac Family, †Alvin Kalinec

Ministry Schedule for February 27 – March 5

Monday, February 27, 6:00 PM:

Altar Server: Josh Jacobs

Lector: Josh Jacobs

Tuesday, February 28, 6:00 PM:

Altar Server: Josh Jacobs

Lector: Virginia Loza-Lee

Wednesday, March 1, 6:00 PM

Altar Server: Josh Jacobs

Lector: Josh Jacobs

Thursday, March 2, 7:00 AM:

Altar Server/ Lector: Pinto Nemeč

First Friday, March 3, 6:00 PM:

Altar Server: Stefeks (3)

Lector: Chris Stefek

First Saturday, March 4, 7:30 AM:

Altar Server: James Nemeč

Lector: Janine Nemeč

Saturday, March 4, 5:00 PM:

Altar Servers: Preston & Heather S.,

Emmaline S.

Lector: Theresa Orecchia

EMHC: Joe Parks

Gift Bearers: Daniel & Hilda Perez

Head Usher: Daniel Perez

Sunday, March 5, 8:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Lucas B, Isaac N.,

Michael B.

Lector: Chris Stefek

EMHC: Ray Nemeč, James Nemeč

Gift Bearers: John Sandelovic

Head Usher: Matt Mertink

Sunday, March 5, 10:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Ben & Thomas Chaney,

Samuel W.

Lector: Janine Nemeč

EMHC: Oscar Durham, Spencer Chaney

Gift Bearers: Bill & Linda Montreuil

Head Usher: Jeff Voigt

EMHC to Shut-Ins: March 5:

Route 1: Brandon Danek

Route 2: Spencer Chaney



Join us every Wednesday, beginning March 8, during Lent for the Stations of the Cross at 6:30 p.m. in the church. Take the time to reflect on the suffering and death of our Lord, Jesus Christ, on the Cross.



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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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Religious Articles: Louise Straka 512-746-5322

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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	\$ 6,724.00
Online Donations	\$ 1,207.35
Czech Seminarian Fund	\$ 440.35

This Week at a Glance

Sat/Sun, Feb 25/26 – Building Fund collection at all Masses

Sun, Feb 26 – Christian Mothers Meeting @ 9:30 am

Sun, Feb 26 – Catholic Life Social @ 11:30 am at PAC

Sun, Feb 26 – Living Stations of the Cross meeting @ 4:30 pm @ RE

Mon-Wed, Feb 27-Mar 1 – Healing Mission @ 7:00 pm in church

Mon, Feb 27 – 33-Day Consecration @ 5:30 pm in PAC

Mon, Feb 27 – Catechism In a Year discussion @ 7:30 pm at RE Bldg

Tues, Feb 28 – Bible Study begins @ 12 noon in RE Bldg

Tues, Feb 28 – Holy Hour of Reparation @ 4:30 pm in church

Tues, Feb 28 – RCIA Class starts @ 7:00 pm

(Topic: Prayer and The Holy Spirit in Our Lives)

Wed, Mar 1 – CCE classes begins at 6:15 pm

Thurs, Mar 2 – Adoration 3:00 – 9:00 pm

First Friday, Mar 3 – Fish Fry 5:30 – 7:30 @ PAC

Vocations Crucifix Prayer Campaign

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

Feb 26 – March 5: Louis & Louise Straka

March 5 – 12: Leo & Diane Bringman

“Lunch with the Lord” Bible Study begins on Tuesday, February 28 from 12 noon – 2:00 p.m. This Lent our study will be “The Passion”. Bring a lunch. Bring your Bible. To register please contact our Faith Formation office at 737-215-1042 or htcdre@yahoo.com.

Rosary for Life

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

Feb 26 – March 5: Mike & Janine Nemeč

March 5 – 12: Frankie & Betty Ann Vrabel



Clothing Swap! Beginning Ash Wednesday and rest of February, please stop by the RE Bldg and check out the gently used clothing and shoes for children and adults. As clothes come in, you will have the opportunity to look through them and hopefully find the size that your child, or yourself, now needs (during office hours and on the weekends after Mass). Contact Virginia Loza-Lee or the parish office for more information.

Lenten Fish Fry – Beginning on Friday, February 24, we will be having a Fish Fry every Friday during Lent (not Good Friday). Plates will be available for Dine-In and Drive Thru at the PAC from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., or until sold out. **Dine-In Plates: Adults \$15 / Child \$7.**

Drive-Thru: Adults Only plates. Eight (8) workers are needed each week from 5:00 p.m. til ? to work the Drive-Thru line. Please contact Becky Mertink (512-639-9091) if you would like to volunteer.

We will have our monthly **Building Fund Collection** this weekend (February 25/26). Thank you in advance for your generosity.

We congratulate and welcome **Travis Judah Melend** (son of Jeff & Rebecca Melend) into the Catholic Church and the parish family through the Sacrament of Baptism.

God’s blessings to the buyers and bakers who supported the KJT Catholic Union of Texas #55 bake sale last weekend. Together we raised \$1,250 for the society’s parish/community activities, as well as a donation to the Priest & Religious Retirement Fund. Thank you all for making it a successful event.

Our **Confraternity of Christian Mothers** will meet **this Sunday, February 26 at 9:30 a.m.** in the RE building. We’re planning our St Joseph Altar celebration to be held on March 20th, more details coming soon. All ladies of the parish are welcome to join us for prayers, spiritual formation & fellowship with that yummy German coffee! Pax, y’all.

Choir practice for the Easter season will begin Wednesday, March 8, at 7:00 p.m., in the church after Stations of the Cross. All those interested in singing with the choir should contact Ronnie Simek at 512-630-5074.

During the Season of Lent, it is important that we reconcile ourselves with one another and with God!

Please take the time for you and your family to go to Confession ... that your hearts, souls, and minds will be ready for the Sacrifice and Resurrection of our Lord.

The following are several opportunities for Confession in our area:

Sts. Cyril & Methodius, Granger: Tuesday, February 28, 7 PM ; **St. John Vianney, Round Rock:** Thurs, March 2, 7 PM

St. Joseph’s, Manor (New Church 10104 Hill Ln, Manor, TX): Tue, March 7, 6:30 – 8 PM

St. Mary Catholic School: Wed, March 8, 10 AM – 12 noon; **Holy Trinity, Corn Hill:** Sunday, March 19, 5 PM

St. Patrick, Hutto: Tues, March 21, 6:30 – 8:30 PM ; **St. Mary’s, Taylor:** Wed, March 22, 10:30 AM – 12 noon

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Taylor: Wed, March 22, 6:30 – 8:30 PM

St. Helen’s, Georgetown: Thurs, March 23, 9:30 – 11:30 AM & 7 – 9 PM

St. William’s, Round Rock: Wed, March 29, 7 – 9 PM ; **St. Elizabeth’s, Pflugerville:** Thurs, March 30, 7 PM

St. William’s, Round Rock: Mon, April 3, 1 – 6 PM

12 Day Marian Shrines Pilgrimage Raffle Drawing – St. Martin De Porres Catholic Church in Dripping Springs is selling raffle tickets for two (2) spots (people) (valued at \$7,180) to go on the Marian Pilgrimage with Fr. Justin and Fr. Stephen this October 2 -13, A.D. 2023. \$100 per raffle ticket – the drawing will be held Sunday, May 12, A.D. 2023 (winner is responsible for all taxes \$1723.20, due 2 weeks after the drawing) Please contact Fr. Justin frjustin060609@gmail.com for the raffle ticket.

First Friday & Saturday of the month – March 3 & 4: Friday’s Mass is at 6:00 p.m. with our devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and Benediction. Saturday’s Mass is at 7:30 a.m. and will conclude with our devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.



Next Sunday, March 5, 5 of our youth will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation at Sts. Cyril & Methodius Catholic Church in Granger! The Mass will be at 10:00 am. We congratulate and pray that the Holy Spirit dwell within them and may they continue to grow in their Catholic faith.

On the back of the bulletin, we have added Eucharistic Meditations from the National Eucharistic Revival series that are designed to help you spend 30 minutes to an hour in meditation and silent prayer with Jesus during Eucharistic adoration. Even if you cannot be physically present in a church or adoration chapel with the Blessed Sacrament, you can unite yourself spiritually to the Eucharist as you spend this time in prayer. Thank you for praying with us as we seek to spend time with our Eucharistic Lord.

Dear friends in Christ,

Peace be with you. Thank you to everyone who helped to make our Sts. Cyril and Methodius celebration to be so beautiful and meaningful. Thank you to the choir and organist for the beautiful singing and music. Thank you to all who participated in the Mass as altar servers, lectors, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, ushers, and anyone else for your service to our Lord and His Church. Thank you to the set-up crew, the cooking crew for the wonderful meal, the clean-up crew and anyone else who help to make the meal in the PAC a wonderful time for food and fellowship. May God's blessings be upon you all.

Thank you to all who sent me birthday cards and wishes. Your generosity, thoughtfulness and prayers are greatly appreciated. May God's blessings be with you.

Please pray for those of our parish and of Sts. Cyril and Methodius parish in Granger who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation next Sunday. This year Confirmation will be in Granger at their 10:00 am Mass. I will be there for Confirmation so Fr. Don Loftin will be with you to celebrate the 8:30 am and 10:30 am Masses.

This past week we began the holy season of Lent. Lent is a forty-day period of time before the Easter Triduum in which we prepare ourselves for the celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord at Easter. During the Lenten season we as Catholics pray the Stations of the Cross every week as we meditate on Jesus being arrested in the Garden, brought before Pilate, scourged, crowned with thorns, carrying His cross, being crucified and then buried. By meditating on these last events of Jesus' life we come to have a greater appreciation of the Resurrection of our Lord from the dead so that we can truly celebrate Easter with abundant joy. Please join us every Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm to pray and reflect upon the Stations of the Cross. However, this week we will have our Lenten Parish Healing Mission. The rosary, with meditations, will be prayed on Monday and Wednesday evening. On Tuesday we will pray and meditate upon the Stations of the Cross. Let us join together for this Lenten Parish Healing Mission to receive healing and strength in mind, body and soul.

As we live the Season of Lent we may want to see how this holy season can strengthen our family life. Think of ways in which you can celebrate this season as a family...i.e., pray together at home as a family, attend Mass on the weekend and, when possible, during the week as a family, attend Stations of the Cross as a family, read the Bible together as a family, go to confession together as a family, come as a family on Thursdays for a period of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in Adoration. I am sure there are many things you can do as a family to make this season more meaningful to you. Every good Catholic will do everything possible to help them and their family to grow in faith and in their relationship with our Lord Jesus. Every good Catholic will try to attend Mass every weekend and will try to attend Stations of the Cross to help their family to grow in union with Christ and with His Catholic Church. Let us all support one another in faithfully living our faith.

In today's first and second reading we hear how sin came into the world through Adam and Eve in their act of disobedience to God. Ever since then we have struggled with being obedient to God, we struggle to keep His Commandments. As today's Psalm 51 says we cry out to God, "Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned." We continually fall into sin and seek God's mercy and forgiveness. There are ways that God has given us so that we can avoid giving in to the temptation of sin. In today's Gospel we heard how Jesus was in the desert for forty days spending time in prayer and fasting. Even though He was strong spiritually since He is the Son of God, Jesus still needed to discipline his human body so that it would be strengthened against the temptations of the flesh. As we heard in the Gospel, Jesus was tempted by the devil and He resisted those temptations. These forty days of Lent are meant to help us be strengthened spiritually and physically so that we can be prepared for everything that the devil might throw at us in ways of temptation. May we respond to Jesus' invitation and do all that He asks us to do so that we are prepared for all that awaits us in life.

May the Lord bless you all with a spiritually renewing Season of Lent.

Fr. Stephen Nesrsta, farář

K ZAMYŠLENÍ: Ježíš se postí a je pokoušen. Hned dva zdánlivé rozpory. Proč se má Boží Syn omezovat? Smyslem postu je zřeknutí se nějakých dober ve prospěch jiné, vyšší skutečnosti. To dává člověku příležitost postavit se svým vlastním vášním, zlu, napnout vlastní vůli. Jde o to, že se nepostíme jen „od“, ale že se postíme „pro“. Právě proto se kolem takového úsilí otáčí také Zlo, které nesnáší nic, co slouží intenzivnímu vztahu s Bohem. Bůh tak tříbí naši vůli i naše srdce. (Vira.cz)

Primer Domingo de Cuaresma: Comenzamos la temporada de Cuaresma con Jesús yendo al desierto. Necesitamos seguirlo en el desierto del ayuno, la oración y la abstención para poder aprender de nuevo el modo de vida convenido que viene con nuestro bautismo. Ahora es el momento de dejar las distracciones. Ahora es el tiempo de recordar y reverenciar nuestra propia dignidad y la vida y dignidad de cada persona como amada del Señor. Ahora es el tiempo de dejar de lado cualquier cosa que nos distraiga de nuestra verdadera hambre y sed de Dios y su convenio de amor con toda la humanidad ¿Cuál es el ayuno que Dios desea de todos nosotros para esta Cuaresma?



First Sunday of Lent: The Hunger for God



THE GRACE I SEEK: to believe that Jesus longs to feed my soul with himself

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. AMEN.

Jesus, the Lord of Life, has given himself to you in the Eucharist. He is gazing upon you, his beloved child, with great love at this very moment. Pause for a few moments and wonder at his gift for you. Allow yourself to rest in his loving gaze.

Thank Jesus for the gift of himself in the Eucharist.

ASK FOR THE GRACE: Jesus, help me to believe you will satisfy every longing of my heart.

SCRIPTURE MEDITATION — *Read slowly, 3-4 times. Allow the words of Scripture to wash over your mind and heart. Allow the Holy Spirit to speak to you through this passage.*

“But the serpent said to the woman: ‘You certainly will not die! No, God knows well that the moment you eat of it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods who know what is good and what is evil.’ The woman saw that the tree was good for food, pleasing to the eyes, and desirable for gaining wisdom. So she took some of its fruit and ate it; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.” (Genesis 3:4-6)

REFLECTION QUESTION — *Allow yourself to sit with these questions for a while, being attentive to how the Lord is speaking in your heart.*

What are the “fruits” your heart is hungering for? Are there times you have grasped at ways to satisfy this hunger in your heart, only to realize these things did not satisfy? Share these openly and honestly with the Lord.

SCRIPTURE MEDITATION — *Read slowly, 3-4 times. Again, allow the words of Scripture to wash over your mind and heart. Let the Holy Spirit speak to you through this passage.*

“The tempter approached and said to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread.’ He said in reply, ‘It is written: One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.’” (Matthew 4:3-4)

REFLECTION QUESTION — *Allow yourself to sit with these questions for a while, being attentive to how the Lord is speaking in your heart.*

Jesus desires to fulfill the deepest longings of our heart with himself—his Body and his Blood. Gazing upon the Eucharist, ask Jesus to show you how he wants to satisfy the hunger of your heart. Beg him to enter into that hunger with his Eucharistic presence.

Remain in silence with the Lord. Allow him to speak in the silence, in your heart. Receive his presence. If it helps, write down what you sense the Lord communicating to you during this time of prayer.

CLOSING PRAYER — Grant, almighty God, through the yearly observances of holy Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. (Collect, First Sunday of Lent)

SUNDAY MASS CONNECTION — At every Mass, Jesus offers himself to the Father for us. We can always join our own offerings with Jesus at Mass. This Sunday, offer your deep desire for Jesus’ Presence, trusting that he longs to feed you with himself through the Eucharist.