

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

of CORN HILL

Pope Francis
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Bishop Joe Vásquez
Diocese of Austin



Third Sunday of Lent March 12, A.D. 2023 Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday	Mar 11	5:00 PM	Pro Populo
Sunday	Mar 12	8:30 AM	†Kathleen Valenta, †Barbara Simek, †Greg Maney
		10:30 AM	†Dorothy Klepac, †Francisca Luna, †Tony & Delores Sladeczek
Tuesday	Mar 14	6:00 PM	†Donald Stanek, †Mark Walker, †Patsy Brieden
Wednesday	Mar 15	7:00 AM	†John & Betty Emge, †Cal Johnson, †Elizabeth Maloney
Thursday	Mar 16	7:00 AM	†Francisca Luna, †Steve Janish
Friday	Mar 17	6:00 PM	†Emma Rodriguez, †Jeff Wright †Virgil Tonn
Saturday	Mar 18	7:30 AM	James Nemec (in thanksgiving), †Richard Gerik, †Cecia Ramirez
Saturday	Mar 18	5:00 PM	†Linda Grigsby, †AJ Tschoner, †Gary Wood
Sunday	Mar 19	8:30 AM	Pro Populo
		10:30 AM	†Liv/Dec members of Louis & Mary Zrubek, †Paul Bonkowski, Sr., †Stanley Havelka

Ministry Schedule for March 14 – 19

Tuesday, March 14, 6:00 PM:

Altar Server: Josh Jacobs
Lector: Virginia Loza-Lee

Wednesday, March 15, 7:00 AM

Altar Server / Lector: Pinto Nemec

Stations of the Cross:

Wednesday, March 15, 6:30 PM:
Altar Servers: Stefeks (3)

Thursday, March 16, 7:00 AM:

Altar Server / Lector: Pinto Nemec

Friday, March 17, 6:00 PM:

Altar Servers: Snooks (2)
Lector: Kitzi Crawford

Saturday, March 18, 7:30 AM:

Altar Server: James Nemec
Lector: Janine Nemec

EMHC to Shut-Ins: March 19:

Route 1: James Nemec
Route 2: Josh Jacobs

Saturday, March 18, 5:00 PM:

Altar Servers: Preston & Heather S.,
Emmaline S.
Lector: Theresa Orecchia
EMHC: Monica Snook
Gift Bearers: Clawson Family
Head Usher: Stephanie Wright

Sunday, March 19, 8:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Brousseaus (3)
Lector: Louis Brousseau
EMHC: Joe Parks, Josh Jacobs
Gift Bearers: John Sandelovic
Head Usher: AJ Batla

Sunday, March 19, 10:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Martin & Isaiah O.,
Rustin S.
Lector: Kitzi Crawford
EMHC: Leslie & Linda Allen
Gift Bearers: Roger & Maura Conway
Head Usher: Jeff Voigt

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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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PAC Manager: Marla Tonn 512-863-0755

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Cemetery Director: Johnny Martinka 512-966-4301

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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	\$ 8,379.50
Online Donations	\$ 1,872.85

This Week at a Glance

Sat/Sun, Mar 11/12 – CDA Membership drive at all Masses
Sun, Mar 12 – CDA New Membership Brunch after 10:30 am Mass in PAC
Mon, Mar 13 – 33-Day Consecration @ 5:30 pm in PAC
Tues, Mar 14 – Bible Study @ 12 noon in RE Bldg
Tues, Mar 14 – Holy Hour of Reparation @ 4:30 pm in church
Tues, Mar 14 -- RCIA Class starts @ 7:00 pm
(Topic: Catholic Moral Teachings)
Wed, Mar 15 – Spring Break – NO CCE classes
Wed, Mar 15 – Stations of the Cross @ 6:30 pm in church
Wed, Mar 15 – Choir practice for Easter season a@ 7:00 pm in church
Thurs, Mar 16 -- Adoration 3:00 – 9:00 pm
Thurs, Mar 16 – Pro-Life Rosary & meeting @ 6:30 pm in RE Bldg
Friday, Mar 17 – Fish Fry 5:30 – 7:30 pm @ PAC
Sat/Sun, Mar 18/19 – Catholic Relief Svcs second collection after all Masses
Sun, Mar 19 – Lenten Penance Service here @ 5:00 pm in church

Vocations Crucifix Prayer Campaign

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

March 12 – 19: Bill & Monica Sherek

March 19 – 26: Phil & Mary Ann Everett

Rosary for Life

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

March 12 – 19: Stephanie Wright

March 19 – 26: Michael Vrana



Daylight Savings Time
Begins this weekend. Move
your clocks forward one
hour before going to bed on
Saturday, March 11.

Join Armor of God Radio and celebrate the 100th Birthday of Mother Angelica. March 28 – 30 from 8 – 11 a.m. & 3 – 6 p.m. daily, during our Spring Membership Drive. We'll share incredible stories and memories of a cloistered nun who had the Faith to launch a global Catholic Radio network. If you'd like to share your own story of Mother Angelica, contact Tom at 254-371-7566 or tom @armorofgodradio.com

It's time to start thinking about the Bazaar Raffle! If you would like to donate a new item or gift card, please contact Stephanie Wright at 512-470-5204.



Novena Prayer to St. Joseph

(Please pray the following with your family from March 12-20, A.D. 2023)

O Glorious St. Joseph, faithful follower of Jesus Christ, to you do we raise our hearts and hands to implore your powerful intercession in obtaining from the Merciful Heart of Jesus all the helps and graces necessary for our spiritual and temporal welfare, particularly the grace of a happy death, and the special favors we now implore... *(you may add your own petitions here)*

O Chaste Guardian of Jesus Christ, The Word Incarnate, we have great confidence that your prayers on our behalf will be graciously heard before the throne of God.

V. Glorious St. Joseph, through the love you bore toward Jesus Christ and for the glory of His name,

P. Hear our prayers and obtain our petitions. -*Let us pray*- O Glorious St. Joseph, Spouse of the Immaculate Virgin Mary, help us to be pure, humble and charitable in body, mind and soul, and to have perfect resignation to the Divine Will. Be our guide, our father and our model through life, that we may merit to die in the arms of Jesus and Mary as you did. **St. Joseph, friend of the Sacred Heart, pray for us!**

Consecration to Saint Joseph – the next meeting is Monday, March 13, 5:30 – 7:30 pm in the PAC.

Lunch with the Lord continues this Tuesday, March 14, at 12 noon. If you are interested in joining this amazing bible study series or would like further information, please contact the Faith Formation office.

Choir practice for the Easter season continues on Wednesday, March 15, 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.

We invite all parishioners, and those already part of this organization to join our **Pro-Life Prayer & Awareness Group** as we further educate ourselves of, and pray for, pro-life issues. Thursday, March 16, we will begin with a Pro-Life Rosary at 6:30 p.m. and then continue with the meeting in the RE Bldg. For information or questions, or our Pro-Life Coordinator, Kathryn Streadwick (254-721-4530 or kstreadwick7@yahoo.com).

Lenten Fish Fry – Please join us for our Friday Fish Fries during the Lenten Season. 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) to volunteer.

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:

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

We will have a **second collection** next weekend, March 18/19, for **Catholic Relief Services**, which helps children, women and families around the world. The six worldwide organizations supported by the collection provide immediate humanitarian aid, pastoral support and disaster relief to our suffering brothers and sisters around the globe. Please be generous.

If you would like to help decorate the church for the Easter season with Easter Lilies & Flowers, in memory or honor of loved ones, you may do so by completing and returning an **Easter Flower Envelope** (located by the bulletins). Please turn in envelopes by Sunday, April 2, as the memorials will be listed in the Easter bulletin.



Youth Ministry Burger Sale! Please join us on Sunday, March 26 from 11:30 – 1:30 at the PAC for a delicious burger meal to support our youth in going to Steubenville Lone Star, which is a Catholic youth conference. Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, French Fries and Dessert will be available for purchase. Thank you for your support!

Join us every Wednesday, 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.

Holy Trinity will honor St. Joseph with the celebration of a **St. Joseph Altar after the 6:00 p.m. Mass on Monday, March 20**. The Confraternity of Christian Mothers will host this beautiful tradition, an offering of love, labor & sacrifice in honor of St. Joseph. Father Stephen will bless the altar and then all participants may sample the meatless foods on the altar. In keeping with tradition, we will accept money or food donations to help the Jarrell Food Pantry. All are invited to celebrate & honor St. Joseph, the Protector of the Universal Church and the Holy Family.

Dear friends in Christ,

Praised be Jesus Christ! How is your season of Lent coming along? What are you doing different during this time of year to help you to live this season and prepare yourself for the celebrations of Holy Week and Easter? Are you preparing yourself to make a good confession sometime during this Lenten Season? Let us do all we can to make this time a special time of year and so that we may become better Christians.

Don't forget to attend Stations of the Cross every Wednesday evening during Lent with your family. Come and pray the Way of the Cross and walk with our Lord in His suffering so that you can experience the resurrection with Him.

Also, be sure to check the Penance Service schedule for the parishes in our deanery which is included in this bulletin and attend one of them this Lent and make a good confession before Easter.

On Monday, March 20, we will have Mass at 6:00 pm to celebrate the **Feast Day of St. Joseph**. Please come and join us for Mass and then go to the PAC for the blessing of the St. Joseph Altar and enjoy a wonderful meal. Spend time in fellowship with one another and reflect upon the life of St. Joseph and his witness of faith and trust in God.

Today's gospel is the story of Jesus meeting the woman of Samaria at the water well. In those days men would not have approached a woman alone and they would not have spoken to her. The fact that Jesus talks to her and asked her for a drink of water would have been very scandalous. But, Jesus teaches us what is really important. Helping the woman was more important than the laws that were against such an encounter. Jesus wanted to give her the "living water" of the Spirit. Donald Schwager writes, *"The image of "living water" is used throughout the scriptures as a symbol of God's wisdom, a wisdom that imparts life and blessing to all who receive it. "The teaching of the wise is a fountain of life" (Proverbs 13:14). "Living water" was also a symbol for the Jews of thirst of the soul for God. The water which Jesus spoke of symbolized the Holy Spirit and his work of recreating us in God's image and sustaining in us the new life which comes from God. The life which the Holy Spirit produces in us makes us a "new creation" in Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17). Do you thirst for God and for the life of the Holy Spirit within you?*

Hippolytus, a second century Christian writer, explains the significance of the Holy Spirit's work in us: "This is the water of the Spirit: It refreshes paradise, enriches the earth, gives life to living things. It is the water of Christ's baptism; it is our life. If you go with faith to this renewing fountain, you renounce Satan your enemy and confess Christ your God. You cease to be a slave and become an adopted son; you come forth radiant as the sun and brilliant with justice; you come forth a son of God and fellow-heir with Christ." (From a sermon, On the Epiphany)

Basil the Great (c. 330-379) speaks in a similar manner: "The Spirit restores paradise to us and the way to heaven and adoption as children of God; he instills confidence that we may call God truly Father and grants us the grace of Christ to be children of the light and to enjoy eternal glory. In a word, he bestows the fullness of blessings in this world and the next; for we may contemplate now in the mirror of faith the promised things we shall someday enjoy. If this is the foretaste, what must the reality be? If these are the first fruits, what must be the harvest?" (From the treatise, The Holy Spirit)

We receive this "living water" every time we receive the Sacraments, especially in Baptism, Confirmation, Reconciliation (Confession) and the Eucharist. When we receive the Sacraments we receive a special grace of the Holy Spirit. In addition to this Jesus wants us to meet Him at the well as often as possible to receive the food and drink that brings us eternal life, His Body and Blood that we receive at Mass in Holy Communion. Even though Jesus invites, many do not come. They reject what Jesus has to offer saying that they do not need it. So they live in their own little world without being fed and nourished by our Savior. It is no wonder that they continue to be misguided and do not understand what Jesus teaches since they are not accepting His invitation every week to be with Him and receive Him. If we reject Jesus' invitation now then we will not be able to accept His invitation at the time of death. We all need to pray a little more for those who do not come to Mass and we also need to pray that our faith will not falter. Ask for the Spirit to be with you each day.

May all of you have a most blessed week in this Lenten Season.

Fr. Stephen Nerssta, farář

K ZAMYŠLENÍ: Co bychom odpověděli Bohu na prosbu: „Dej mi napít“? Copak mu něco může chybět? A přeci nás o to žádá. Boží žízeň je žízni po vztahu, důvěře, po člověku. On přichází s velikou nabídkou, ale odpověď, přijetí Boží nabídky je na nás! (Vira.cz)

Tercero Domingo de Cuaresma: Experimentamos en la profundidad de nuestro ser un hambre profunda y una sed por el Dios viviente. Estamos invitados a conocer esa necesidad pero a no desesperar como nuestros ancestros lo hicieron en el desierto. Dios nos alimenta y nos nutre. Dios satisface nuestra sed si nos abrimos al amor transformante de Dios. Como la Samaritana, estamos llamado a estar abiertos a las aguas de vida que nos da Cristo. Como ella, estamos llamados a ser agentes del amor transformante de Dios en nuestro mundo ¿Quiénes en nuestras vidas necesitan que seamos agentes del amor de Dios para ellos? ¿Qué en nuestro mundo necesita la acción y transformación de Dios?

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.



Third Sunday of Lent: I Thirst



THE GRACE I SEEK: to believe that Jesus will quench my thirst for eternal life

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 believe that you will quench my thirst for eternal life.

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.

“In those days, in their thirst for water, the people grumbled against Moses, saying, ‘Why did you ever make us leave Egypt? Was it just to have us die here of thirst with our children and our livestock?’” (Exodus 17:3)

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

Are there any ways you find yourself thirsting for healing, conversion, or belonging, and doubting the Lord wants to satisfy your thirst? Do you feel like God has let you down when you sought his help? Honestly share that experience of unmet desire or disappointment 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.

“Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.’ The woman said to him, ‘Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.’” (John 4:13-15)

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

Jesus has a gift like none other: he offers living water. This is the water that washes our wounds, cleanses our sins, and draws us into new life as a beloved child of God. It was first offered to us through the waters of Baptism, welling up from Jesus and flowing from his side on the cross. Gazing upon Jesus in the Eucharist, ask him to help you open your heart to this life-giving water.

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 — O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness, who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness, that we, who are bowed down by our conscience, may always be lifted up by your mercy. 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, Third 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 spiritual thirst and desire for the life-giving water of Jesus, that you may be satisfied and allow this living water to well up in you and be a source of life for others.