# HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Bishop Joe Vásquez Diocese of Austin



# Fifth Sunday of Lent March 26, A.D. 2023

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday	Mar 25	5:00 PM	Sr. Incarnata, †Lena Love Drake, †Michael Cornelius
		8:30 AM	Pro Populo
Sunday	Mar 26	10:30 AM	Roger Conway (birthday blessing) & Roger & Maura Conway (53 <sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary), †Floyd Lange
Tuesday	Mar 28	6:00 PM	†Dorothy Klepac, †Frank & Anastasia Knapek
Wednesday	Mar 29	7:00 AM	†Richard Gerik, †Claudia Lorenzo, †Raymond & Alex Klepac
Thursday	Mar 30	7:00 AM	†Lawrence Korenek, †Linda Grigsby, †Louise Palousek
Friday	Mar 31	6:00 PM	†Paul Straka, †Payton English, †Louis & Agnes Straka
First Saturday	April 1	7:30 AM	Marilyn Baugas (healing), †Virgil Tonn, †Mark Walker
Saturday	April 1	5:00 PM	Vangie Ybarra (healing), †Kathleen Valenta, †Emma Ann Rodriguez
		8:30 AM	Pro Populo
Sunday	April 2	10:30 AM	†Paul Straka, †Lawrence Korenek, †Georgia Barnard

# Ministry Schedule for March 28 - April 2

Tuesday, March 28, 6:00 PM: Altar Server: Josh Jacobs Lector: Virginia Loza-Lee

Wednesday, March 29, 7:00 AM Altar Server / Lector: Pinto Nemec

Stations of the Cross
Wednesday, March 29, 6:30 PM
Altar Servers: Martin & Isaiah O.,
Heather S

Thursday, March 30, 7:00 AM:
Altar Server / Lector: Josh Jacobs

Friday, March 31, 6:00 PM: Altar Server: Heather S., Martin O. Lector: Kitzi Crawford

First Saturday, April 1, 7:30 PM: Altar Server: James Nemec Lector: Janine Nemec

EMHC to Shut-Ins: April 2 Route 1: James Nemec Route 2: Josh Jacob Saturday, April 1, 5:00 PM: (Palm Sunday)

Altar Servers: Snooks, Emmaline S. Lectors: Louis Brousseau (narrator) Josh Jacobs (voice)

EMHC: Monica Snook

Gift Bearers: Mike & Janine Nemec

Head Usher: Bill McDonald

Sunday, April 2, 8:30 AM: (Palm Sunday)

Altar Servers: Brousseaus (2) Bartkovaks (2)

Lectors: Pinto Nemec (voice)
Chris Stefek (narrator)

EMHC: Ray Nemec, Michael Bartkovak Gift Bearers: Johnny & Dee Martinka

Head Usher: Frank Knapek

Sunday, April 2, 10:30 AM: (Palm Sunday)

Altar Servers: Michael & Jonah S., Isabella H.

Lectors: Leo Bringman (narrator)
Josh Jacobs (voice)

EMHC: Oscar Durham, Leslie Allen

Gift Bearers: Voigt Family Head Usher: Jeff Voigt

Join us Wednesday evening 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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#### Parish Contacts & Resources

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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	\$ 5,759.30
Online Donations	\$ 2,321.08
Catholic Relief Svcs	\$ 1,645.00

#### This Week at a Glance

Sat/Sun, Mar 25/26 – Building Fund second collection at all Masses Sun, Mar 26 – YM Burger Sale 11:30 am @ PAC

Mon, Mar 27 – Catholic Daughters meeting 6:15 pm Mass in RE Bldg Tues, Mar 28 – Holy Hour of Reparation @ 4:30 pm in church

Tues, Mar 28 -- RCIA Class starts @ 7:00 pm

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Wed, Mar 29 – Stations of the Cross @ 6:30 pm in church Wed, Mar 29 – Choir practice @ 7:00 pm in church

Thurs, Mar 30 -- Adoration 3:00 - 9:00 pm

Friday, Mar 31 – Fish Fry 5:30 - 7:30 pm @ PAC

Sat/Sun, Apr 1/2 – Ashes to Easter collection at all Masses Sun, Apr 2 – Hospitality Breakfast after 8:30 am Mass @ PAC

# Youth Ministry Burger Sale!

Please join us this 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. Thank you for your support!



Vocations Crucifix Prayer Campaign
Open to all parishioners. To sign-up,
call the parish office.

March 26 - April 2: Brousseau Family

April 2 – 9: Chaney Family

### Baptism Class (Spanish)

Clase de Bautismo en Español, el 3 de Abril a las 6:30pm en el edificio RE. Para más información: llame a 737-215-1042 htcdre@holytrinityofcornhill.org

### Rosary for Life

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

March 26 – April 2: Matt & Maria Messing
March 26 – April 2: Mike & Diana Hovatter

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:

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

Ashes to Easter Second Collection. Though we did not receive the Lenten boxes this year, we will be having a second collection next weekend, April 1/2 for the mission work of our diocese. Thank you for your sacrificial Lenten almsgiving and generosity.

Our **Confraternity of Christian Mothers** will meet this Sunday, March 26th at 9:30 a.m. in the RE Building. So much to do now that Spring is here & the ADCCW Convention is next month. All ladies of the parish are welcome to join us for prayer & fellowship!! Keep praying for peace in the world as we continue preparing our hearts this Lent.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas will hold their monthly meeting this Monday, March 27 at 6:15 p.m. in the RE building. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.



Our **ANNUAL PARISH BAZAAR** will be held Sunday, September 17. It is time to prepare for the **RAFFLE**. If you are interested in donating a prize, please contact Stephanie Wright (512-470-5204). Gift Cards have been very popular, but any NEW and UNUSED item valued at \$50 or more will be gladly accepted. You may consider combining resources with a friend or family member for a larger priced card or item. The deadline for prize donations is Sunday, May 7. **More information coming soon!** 

**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.

First Saturday of the month – April 1: Saturday's Mass is at 7:30 a.m. and will conclude with our devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

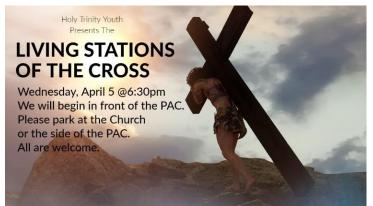
All visitors and parishioners are invited for **Hospitality Sunday** next weekend (Sunday, April 2) in the PAC Bldg after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. We appreciate the Marquis Family for preparing the breakfast.

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.





**He is RISEN!!** The Knights of Columbus are selling Easter yard signs to help us celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Let's proclaim the Good News with those around us by displaying these signs in front of our homes. The signs are double-sided, measure 18"x 24", and come with a metal stake. **\$25 each**. They will be available for purchase after the weekend masses or contact David Richardson at 737-444-9250. Thank you for your support.





**Next week all are invited to join us for an exciting 3 day celebration of Mother Angelica**. See the flyer on the bulletin board in the foyer of the church for list of guest and speakers. There will also be several <u>surprise</u> guests who will regale us with amazing stories of Mother Angelica. You'll want to tune in all three days! You can always stream the broadcast through the website: armorofgodradio.com

#### Dear Parishioners.

May the peace and love of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. For the next two weeks our statues will be covered to remind us that we are in the most solemn time of our Church year. The covering of the statues reminds us that we are to give up all that is pleasing to our senses during this remaining time of Lent and focus upon the suffering of our Lord. Let us enter into these final days of Lent with our entire being, mind, body and soul, so that we can even more intensely experience the joy of the resurrection and salvation.

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week. The Easter Triduum during Holy Week is our most sacred and solemn time of the whole year. We should make it a priority to attend the celebrations on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday, and setting aside other non-religious activities that may conflict with these sacred days. Let us be faithful to God.

Try to attend the Stations of the Cross every Wednesday at 6:30 pm, including during Holy Week. Some of you may already be making plans for Holy Week and Easter. Our schedule for the Easter Triduum will be as follows:

Holy Thursday - 7:00 p.m., Good Friday - 3:00 pm & 7:00 p.m., Holy Saturday - 8:15 p.m., Easter Sunday - 6:30 am, 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

We will be having Altar Server practice for each of the above celebrations. Altar Servers will have practice for Holy Thursday on Palm Sunday, April 2, following the8:30 & 10:30 am Masses. Altar Server practice for Good Friday will be after Mass on Holy Thursday. Altar Server practice for Holy Saturday will be at 11:00 a.m. on Holy Saturday. All Altar Servers who are scheduled to serve at each of the above celebrations are asked to be at these practices. If you are not able to serve when scheduled, please find a substitute for you and be sure to tell them that they must attend the practice as scheduled for that particular day. Also please call Monica to let her know so that we will know who will be serving. Thank you to all of you for serving at God's Altar.

In this Sunday's Gospel we have the story of the raising of Lazarus from the dead. This is another proof that Jesus is the promised Messiah. Even though Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead Lazarus still had to die again but I am sure his second death must have been a little different than the first. I wonder how he lived his life after Jesus raised him from the dead? What did he do differently? Through His death and resurrection Jesus gives us an opportunity to rise from the dead, both now and at the time of His Second Coming. Are you living the resurrected life now? What are you doing different than other people who don't believe in Jesus Christ? Can they tell you are a follower of Jesus? Jesus wants you to live the fullness of life now and that can only be done by living a life of faithfulness to Him and to His Church, which Jesus promises He will be with until the end of time. So, live life and don't walk around trying to have one foot in heaven and one in hell. Be fully committed to our Lord so that you may sing His praises on Easter morning and on every day of the year.

Recently I have been asked several times whether it is o.k. for a Catholic to attend the wedding of a Catholic in the church of another denomination or in a garden or hall or other non-sacred place. First of all, all Catholics are obligated to be married in a Catholic church by a priest or deacon. If they do not, then they are committing serious sin and can no longer receive Holy Communion. If the Catholic is marrying a non-Catholic and the couple wants to get married in a church of another religious denomination, the couple may ask for permission from the bishop who will normally grant such permission. For Catholics, the Sacraments are celebrated in the Church. Permission is not usually given to have a wedding in a garden, hall or any other non-sacred place. Catholics may attend weddings of two non-Catholics, i.e. anyone who was not baptized in the Catholic Church, wherever the wedding takes place because non-Catholics are not under the obligation of Catholic Law. So, if you are invited to a wedding of a Catholic to a non-Catholic that is being held in a church other than a Catholic Church, and you are unsure about whether it is o.k. to attend or not, asked the couple getting married or ask their parents, whether they have received permission from the bishop to have their wedding in that church. If not, then you should not attend because the Catholic who is getting married in the non-Catholic church or in a garden or hall, etc., by a J.P. or by some other minister, is not being faithful to the teachings of Jesus and His Church and is therefore committing a sin, and you do not want to support or participate in their act of sin. I hope this is clear enough. I had something similar to this in a bulletin about a year ago but it seems this question keeps arising. Faithfulness to the Jesus and to His Church is more important than anything else. Let us all do our best to be faithful and to give witness to our faith in Jesus Christ and in the Church that He began through His apostles some 2000 years ago.

May all of you continue to have a spiritually renewing Season of Lent as we prepare ourselves for Holy Week and the celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord at Easter.

Fr. Stephen Nesrsta, farář

**K ZAMYŠLENÍ:** Mnozí z nás nemají problém vyznat, že Bůh existuje, že je jistě mocný... Ale že by konkrétně zasahoval do našich životů, do mého života? Že by dokonce mohl někomu vrátit život? Ale o to se právě v příběhu křesťanství jedná! Nejde o teoretickou víru "v něco nad námi". Ale o víru v Boha, který touží dát nový život člověku propadlému smrti skrze hřích. To je větší dar, než někoho vzkřísit z mrtvých!

**Quinto Domingo de Cuaresma:** En las lecturas de este domingo escuchamos la promesa de Dios de espíritu y vida. No tenemos que permanecer sepultados por el miedo, el egoísmo, la envidia, la ambición o cualquier otra maldad que mata la vida de Dios en nosotros. Jesús pasó por el sufrimiento y la muerte para que pudiéramos tener vida abundante ¿Cuál es la nueva vida que Dios nos está llamando a experimentar? ¿Qué tumba debemos de abandonar para vivir en la libertad de Dios y en la plenitud de la vida?

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.





### Fifth Sunday of Lent: Dying and Rising

THE GRACE I SEEK: to believe that Jesus will give me new 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 give me new 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.

"O my people, I will open your graves and have you rise from them, and bring you back to the land of Israel. Then you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and have you rise from them, O my people!" (Ezekiel 37:12-13)

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

How are you "spiritually" buried right now? What parts of your heart feel lost in darkness and death? Speak to Jesus about these places of sorrow and loss.

**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.

"[Jesus] cried out in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, 'Untie him and let him go.'" (John 11:43-44)

**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 power over life and death. The grave is no hindrance to his creative love. Imagine Jesus commanding you by name to "come out!" of whatever spiritual grave has robbed you of life. Gazing upon Jesus in the Eucharist, ask him to gently untie the burial cloths around that place in your heart most in need of resurrection and new life. Ask him for the courage to bring any sins that weigh you down to the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

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** — By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God, may we walk eagerly in that same charity with which, out of love for the world, your Son handed himself over to death. 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, Fifth 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 desire for new life where your heart needs it most.