

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

of CORN HILL

Pope Francis
Vatican City State

Bishop Joe Vásquez
Diocese of Austin



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
April 2, A.D. 2023



Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday	April 1	5:00 PM	Vangie Ybarra (healing), †Kathleen Valenta, †Emma Ann Rodriguez
Sunday	April 2	8:30 AM	Pro Populo
		10:30 AM	†Paul Straka, †Lawrence Korenek, †Georgia Barnard
Monday	April 3	6:00 PM	†Msgr. Benedict Zientek, Liv/Dec Benefactors of the Czech Seminarian Fund
Tuesday	April 4	6:00 PM	†Angela Danek, †Gerrie King, †Floyd Lange
Wednesday	April 5	7:00 AM	†Greg Maney, †John Cook, † Kathleen Valenta
The Sacred Paschal Triduum			
Holy Thursday	April 6	7:00 PM	For All Priests (incense)
Good Friday	April 7	3:00 PM	Passion, Veneration of the Cross & Communion
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Holy Saturday	April 8	8:15 PM	Pro Populo (incense)
Easter Sunday	April 9	6:30 AM	Pro Populo
		8:30 AM	Pro Populo (incense)
		10:30 AM	Pro Populo (incense)

Mass Ministry Schedule for Holy Week & Easter

Monday, April 3, 6:00 PM:
Altar Server: Leo Bringman
Lector: Virginia Loza-Lee

Tuesday, April 4, 6:00 PM:
Altar Server: Leo Bringman
Lector: Kitzi Crawford

Wednesday, April 5, 7:00 AM
Altar Server: Josh Jacobs
Lector: Josh Jacobs

Holy Thursday, April 6, 7:00 PM:
(INCENSE)
Altar Servers: Stefeks (3),
Michael & Jonah S.
Lector: Theresa Orecchia
EMHC: Ray Nemece, James Nemece
Leslie Allen, Linda Allen
Gift Bearers: Gene & Deanna Fojtik
Head Usher: Frank Knappek

Good Friday, April 7, 3:00 PM:
Altar Servers: Snooks, Carter M.
Lectors: Leo Bringman (Narrator)
Josh Jacobs (Voice)
EMHC: Ray Nemece, Leo Bringman
Head Usher: Stephanie Wright

Attn: Rosary Leaders
On Good Friday and Holy Saturday, there should be silence before the services, so please do not lead the praying of the Rosary on these evenings. Thank you.

Good Friday, April 15, 7:00 PM:
Altar Servers: Brousseaus (3)
Lectors: Louis Brousseau (Narrator)
Chris Stefek (Voice)
EMHC: Janine Nemece, Joe Parks
Head Usher: Jeff Voigt

Holy Saturday, April 8, 8:15 PM: (INCENSE)
Altar Servers: Jenna D., Stefeks, Joseph B.
Lectors: Virginia Loza-Lee, Louis Brousseau
EMHC: Ray Nemece, James Nemece
Janine Nemece, Josh Jacobs
Gift Bearers: Ray & Teresa Nemece
Head Usher: Frank Knappek

Easter Sunday, April 9, 6:30 AM:
Altar Servers: Jenna D., Snooks
Lector: Leo Bringman
EMHC: Monica Snook
Gift Bearers: Gene & Deanna Fojtik
Head Usher: Bill Sherek

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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

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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: Kathryn Streadwick 254-721-4530

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)

Easter Sunday, April 9, 8:30 AM: (INCENSE)

Altar Servers: Carter M., Isaac N.,
Bartkovaks (2)

Lector: Jennifer Marquis

EMHC: Maria Messing, James Nemece

Gift Bearers: Bill McDonald Family

Head Usher: Bill McDonald

Easter Sunday, April 9, 10:30 AM: (INCENSE)

Altar Servers: Samuel W., Martin & Isaiah O.
Ben & Thomas C.

Lector: Denise Sellers

EMHC: Joe Parks, Hilda Perez

Gift Bearers: Bill & Linda Montreuil

Head Usher: Daniel Perez

EMHC to Shut-Ins: April 9

Route 1: Ray Nemece

Route 2: Spencer Chaney



Vocations Crucifix Prayer Campaign

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

April 2 – 9: Chaney Family

April 9 – 16: Daniel & Hilda Perez

Rosary for Life

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

April 2 – 9: Mike & Diana Hovatter

April 9 – 16: Gene & Deanna Fojtik

Last Week's Collection(s)

Weekly Collection: \$ 6,623.00

Online Donations: \$ 1,523.99

Building Fund: \$ 3,397.00

In Memoriam

We extend our sympathies and prayers to the family of **Willie Vrabel** who died this past week. Rosary and funeral Mass will be here Monday, April 3 beginning at 10:00 a.m. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

This Week at a Glance

Sat/Sun, Apr 1/2 – Ashes to Easter collection at all Masses
Sun, Apr 2 – Hospitality Breakfast after 8:30 am Mass @ PAC
Mon, Apr 3 – Baptism Class (Spanish) @ 6:30 pm in RE Bldg
Mon, Apr 3 – Senior Citizens Supper @ 6:30 pm in PAC
Tues, Apr 4 – Holy Hour of Reparation @ 4:30 pm in church
Tues, Apr 4 – RCIA Class @ 7:00 pm – (Topic: Social Teachings)
(RCIA: Attend all Holy Week Services)
Wed, Apr 5 – CCE classes @ 6:15 pm
Wed, Apr 5 – Living Stations of the Cross 6:30 @ PAC
Holy Thurs, Apr 6 – **NO Adoration**, Mass @ 7:00 pm
Good Fri, Apr 7 – **Parish Offices CLOSED**
Good Fri, Apr 7 – Services @ 3:00 pm & 7:00 pm
Good Fri, Apr 7 – Holy Land 2nd collection at both Masses
Holy Sat, Apr 8 – Mass @ 8:15 pm
Easter, Apr 9 – Masses @ 6:30, 8:30 & 10:30 am
Easter, Apr 9 – Easter Egg Hunt after 8:30 & 10:30 am Masses

Thank you!!! What joy we shared celebrating Holy Trinity's **St. Joseph Altar** with the Consecration to St Joseph book study group and so many parishioners & friends. Your generous donation of \$305.00 & boxes of canned food items were happily delivered to the Jarrell Food Pantry. Thank you to all who shared their talents and help with the poor. St Joseph, Pillar of Families, pray for us.

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



This Sunday, April 2, is the deadline to turn in an **Easter Flower Envelope** with your donation, in memory or honor of loved ones, for the Easter flowers. The memorials will be listed in the Easter bulletin.

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

Our monthly **Senior Citizens' Supper** will be held Monday, April 3 at 6:30 pm. in the PAC Bldg. following Mass at 6:00 p.m. Thank you to the Catholic Life Ins. organization for preparing the meal.



**Show Your Faith
Buy Some Socks!**

Help a teen grow in their faith!
Youth Ministry is selling socks from "Sock Religious." After Mass, stop by and see a small selection or go to our website for a much larger selection: https://stores.inksoft.com/HolyTrinity_YM

We will have a **special collection on Good Friday, April 7.** As requested by the Holy Father, Pope Francis, we will take up the annual collection to support Christians in the Holy Land. Please be generous.

Reminder for Good Friday: It is our Catholic practice and obligation to **abstain from meat** on Fridays during Lent. It is also our obligation to **fast** on Good Friday – which should last until the Holy Saturday Vigil. These small sacrifices prepare us for the ultimate sacrifice of our Lord and bring us closer to Him.

The **Parish Offices will be closed** this Good Friday (open Tuesday – Thursday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.).



Easter Egg Hunt!!!! All children (thru age 11) are invited to bring their Easter baskets on Easter Sunday to hunt for eggs after the 8:30 AND 10:30 a.m. Masses.



Our Parish Family Picnic & Fun Day will be held Sunday, April 23, from 12 to 3:00 p.m. Contact Stephanie Wright @ 512-470-5204 for information.



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!**

Dear Parishioners,

Today we celebrate Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, the beginning of Holy Week. Thursday through Saturday of Holy Week are the most solemn days of our Church Liturgical Year. This is a very sacred time and we should set aside all other activities so that we are able to attend all of the Holy Week celebrations. In order to really experience the fullness of these days a person needs to attend every day as the theme of the Redemption is begun at the beginning of the The Sacred Paschal Triduum, Holy Thursday evening, which is actually the beginning of Good Friday, and ends with the triumphant conclusion upon the celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord on Easter Sunday. Our full attention should be given to celebrating these most sacred rites. Attending all of these special Services should take priority over any other event because celebrating Holy Week is what we are all about as a Catholic People. Let us do our best to show our love for our Savior by our faithfulness to these days. All of you should have made a good confession so that you are spiritually prepared to celebrate these holy days. If you have not had an opportunity yet to go to confession, I will be hearing confessions this week at various times. Please see this bulletin for the confession schedule. **Also, St. William in Round Rock will have their Penance Service on Monday, April 3, from 1 – 6 p.m.**

We will be having Altar Server practice for each of the Triduum celebrations. Altar Servers will have practice for Holy Thursday on Palm Sunday, April 2, following the 8:30 a.m. and the 10:30 a.m. 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.

The youth of our parish will present outdoor **Stations of the Cross** this Wednesday, at 6:30 p.m. Please try to attend so that your experience of Holy Week can be all that it can be.

In today's Gospel we recall the event of Jesus' triumphal entrance into Jerusalem. Then, as we read the Passion, we hear about the arrest, suffering, crucifixion and death of Jesus. I would encourage you to spend some time today reflecting on these events and what meaning they have for you as you live your Christian faith.

Warmer weather is approaching. Usually when summer approaches we are tempted to dress rather lightly or skimpy for Mass. We need to remember that as we come to Mass we come to worship God and to receive His Son in Holy Communion. We should dress in a way that shows respect for God. The general rule that I believe is appropriate is that anyone over 6 years of age should not wear shorts to Mass. Also, girls and ladies should wear blouses or dresses that are appropriate for Mass, nothing strapless or no spaghetti straps. Some say that God doesn't care what you wear to Mass. Well, that may be so. But the question should be "do you love God enough that you care what you wear to Mass and are you willing to do something special for Him?" Do you stand in honor in His presence? Also, if you dress appropriately for Mass you will not be cold in church from the air conditioning. If the air is blowing on you and you are cold, try to move to another part of the church.

The Novena of Divine Mercy begins this week on Good Friday. Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet everyday with your family or with another family or group of families until Divine Mercy Sunday. We will have a Divine Mercy Holy Hour on Sunday, April 16, at 3:00 p.m. Come and join us for this hour of prayer.

May all of you have a spiritually renewing Holy Week and a joyful celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord on Easter Sunday.

Fr. Stephen Nesrsta, farář

K ZAMYŠLENÍ: Když se čtou pašije, nejednou vyvstane otázka, zda Nebeský Otec skutečně opustil Ježíše, svého syna. Velké teologické téma má řadu praktických důsledků. Ježíš ve svém lidství neskutečně trpí pro strašlivou bolest způsobenou mučením, ale také jako druhá božská Osoba, která na sebe vzala důsledky lidského hříchu, což znamená oddělení se od Otce. Proto mluvíme o obrovské temnotě, do které Ježíš vstoupil, když na sebe vzal náš hřích. V tomto smyslu prožívá opuštěnost. Ale fakticky Otec prožívá Synovu oběť s velikou bolestí lásky. Otec je u kříže přítomen! Zároveň ale ví, že kříž není poslední krok této cesty. Zázrak vzkříšení je triumf, kterým je i Zlo zaskočeno. Ježíš na kříži cituje slova Žalmu 22, protože tento žalm výstižně zachycuje bolest trpícího, ale také důsledek vysvobození. Nejde tedy spíš o proctví, které tu naznačil? Toto máme zakusit o Velikonocích! (Vira.cz)

Domingo de Ramos: Nuestro viaje cuaresmal encuentra su clímax en la celebración de la Semana Santa. Nuestra liturgia comienza con la entrada triunfal de Jesús en Jerusalén, pero la lectura de la Pasión nos invita a caminar con Jesús a través del sufrimiento y la muerte también. La promesa de Dios es la plenitud de la vida, pero con frecuencia en su lugar nos aferramos a las promesas vacías de la vida que el mundo ofrece: poder, fama y riqueza material ¿A qué debemos morir para vivir más completamente con Cristo y compartir su 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.



Palm Sunday: Setting Captives Free



THE GRACE I SEEK: to believe that Jesus will grant me true freedom

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 set me free.

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.

“The LORD God is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame.” (Isaiah 50:7)

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

How have you felt misunderstood and judged—even by those closest to you, your own family? How have you been imprisoned by the words and deeds of others—and even your own words and deeds? How has sin played a role in this unfreedom? Speak to Jesus about this sin, suffering, and pain. Be honest about your experience with him, especially feelings of anger, shame, resentment, and abandonment.

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.

“Pilate said to them, ‘Then what shall I do with Jesus called Christ?’ They all said, ‘Let him be crucified!’ But he said, ‘Why? What evil has he done?’ They only shouted the louder, ‘Let him be crucified!’” (Matthew 27:22-23)

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

Jesus, the innocent Lamb of God, takes on the burden of our sin. Imagine how he felt as he heard the crowds shout mercilessly, “Let him be crucified!” Gazing upon Jesus in the Eucharist, allow yourself to enter into Jesus’ experience of rejection and sorrow that he bore for your sin. Ask him to help you experience sorrow for your own sins and seek forgiveness, especially in 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 — Almighty ever-living God, who as an example of humility for the human race to follow caused our Savior to take flesh and submit to the Cross, graciously grant that we may heed his lesson of patient suffering and so merit a share in his Resurrection. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. (Collect, Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion)

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 freedom from sin and shame.