

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

of CORN HILL



Pope Francis
Vatican City State



Bishop Joe Vásquez
Diocese of Austin



Second Sunday of Advent
December 10, A.D. 2023



Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday	Dec 9	5:00 PM	Pro Populo
Sunday	Dec 10	8:30 AM	†Dorothy Klepac, †Cyril & Eileen Rosipal, †Frankie & Barbara Simek
		10:30 AM	†Liv/Dec Members of Louis & Mary Zrubek, †Deacon Gene Davis
Tuesday	Dec 12	6:00 PM	Nancy DelSignore (healing), †Antonio Camacho, †Antonio Estorga
Wednesday	Dec 13	7:00 AM	†Ed Bauer, †Berthold Weiss, †Elsie Vasek
Thursday	Dec 14	7:00 AM	Walther Family (in thanksgiving), †Gilbert Lefner, †Fr. Victor Goertz
Friday	Dec 15	7:00 AM	†Mike Hansen, †John H. Cook, †Frankie & Dolores Viktorin
Saturday	Dec 16	7:30 AM	Craig & Krystle, Martha Pavelka (healing), †Lawrence Korenek
Saturday	Dec 16	5:00 PM	†Virgil Tonn, †Vernon Hein, †Johnnie Simek
Sunday	Dec 17	8:30 AM	†Dorothy Klepac, †Marie Cook, †Willie Vrabel
		10:30 AM	Pro Populo

Mass Ministry Schedule for Dec 12 - 17

Tuesday, December 12, 6:00 PM:

Altar Server: Josh Jacobs
Lector: Virginia Loza-Lee

Wednesday, December 13, 7:00 AM:

Altar Server: Leo Bringman
Lector: Leo Bringman

Thursday, December 14, 7:00 AM:

Altar Server: Leslie Allen
Lector: Pinto Nemeck

Friday, December 15, 7:00 AM:

Altar Server: Josh Jacobs
Lector: Josh Jacobs

Saturday, December 16, 7:30 AM:

Altar Server: James Nemeck
Lector: Janine Nemeck

Saturday, December 16, 5:00 PM:

Altar Servers: John Bruce, Thomas & Ben C
Lector: Janine Nemeck
EMHC: Leo Bringman
Gift Bearers: Gene & Deanna Fojtik
Head Usher: Bill McDonald

Sunday, December 17, 8:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Isaac N., Stefeks (3)
Lector: Adelaide Brousseau
EMHC: Ray Nemeck, Josh Jacobs
Gift Bearers: Tommy & Cindy Sladeczek
Head Usher: Tommy Sladeczek

Sunday, December 17, 10:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Samuel W., Rustin S.
Wesley & Noah C.,
Lector: Virginia Loza-Lee
EMHC: Joe Parks, Daniel Perez
Gift Bearers: Hodgson Family
Head Usher: Bill Sherek

EMHC to Shut-Ins: Dec 17

Route 1: Ray Nemeck
Route 2: Joe Parks

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT CANDLE OF Peace



The second candle, also purple, represents peace. It is called the "Bethlehem Candle" as a reminder of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.

† Fr. Stephen Nestrsta †

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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: 3:30–4:40 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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Knights of Columbus: James Von Der Vellen 512-868-6415

Catholic Daughters of the Americas: Monica Sherek 512-864-4748

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Religious Articles Cabinet: Deanna Fojtik 254-217-2268

CEF Enrollments: Janine Nemeck 512-289-9242

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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	\$ 8,055.00
Online Donations	\$ 2,024.00

This Week at a Glance

Sat/Sun, Dec 9/10 – CEF cards available after all Masses

Sat/Sun, Dec 9/10 – Priest Retirement Fund second collection

Sun, Dec 10 – Advent Penance Service @ 5:00 PM

Mon, Dec 11 – Pray & Play 9:30 – 11:30 am @ PAC

Tues, Dec 12 – Jim Heurtz Rosary & Funeral Mass @ 9:30 am

Tues, Dec 12 – Holy Hour of Reparation @ 4:30 pm in church

Tues, Dec 12 – RCIA @ 7:00 pm in RE Bldg

Wed, Dec 13 – CCE classes begin 6:15 pm

Wed, Dec 13 – Choir practice @ 7:00 pm in church

Thurs, Dec 14 – Adoration 3:00 – 9:00 pm

Thurs, Dec 14 – Knights of Columbus Meeting @ 6:30 pm in PAC Bldg

Sun, Dec 17 – Decorate Church for Christmas after 10:30 Mass

In Memoriam

We extend our sympathies and prayers to the families of **Jim Heurtz** and **Mike Hansen (father of Wendy Staab)** who died this week. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.

Vocations Crucifix Prayer Campaign

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

Dec 10 – 17: Chaney Family

Dec 17 – 24: Daniel & Hilda Perez

Rosary for Life

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

Dec 10 – 17: Helen Havelka

Dec 17 – 24: Mike & Janine Nemeck

The Season of Advent – our time of preparation for the birth of our Lord & Savior, Jesus Christ – has begun.

Holy Trinity of Corn Hill – Sunday, December 10, 5 PM; St. Mary's – Taylor – Thursday, December 14, 10:30 AM – 12:00 NOON
St. Joseph – Manor – Thursday, December 14, 6:00 – 8:30 PM; St. John Vianney – Round Rock – Friday, December 15, 7 PM
Our Lady of Guadalupe – Taylor – Sunday, December 17, 6:00 – 8:00 PM
St. Helen – Georgetown – Tuesday, December 19, 9:00 - 11:00 AM & 7:00 – 9:00 PM
St. William – Round Rock – Wednesday, December 20, 1 – 6:00 PM
St. Elizabeth – Pflugerville – Thursday, December 21, 7 PM; St. Patrick – Hutto – Friday, December 22, 6:30 – 8:30 PM

Angel Tree donations are due this weekend! For questions, contact Stephanie Wright (512-470-5204). Thank you for your generosity, stewardship and participation in the corporal works of mercy!

Food Drive: This is the last weekend of the food drive for the Jarrell Community Food Pantry. The KJT would like to thank everyone who donated food and money. Every can, box and bag of food makes a difference. God bless you all.

Clerical Endowment Fund (CEF) Christmas Cards will be available after all Masses this weekend December 9/10. Cost of each card per person is \$2.00. You may also contact Janine Nemecek at 512-289-9242 for more information.

We will have a **second collection** this weekend (December 9/10) for the **Priest & Religious Retirement Fund**. This collection allows the opportunity to “give to those who have given a lifetime”. This annual appeal benefits 32,000 elderly Catholic priests, sisters and brothers whose religious congregations lack adequate retirement funding.

Marriage Anniversaries: If, in 2023, you celebrated your 10, 15, 20, 25, etc., 50th or more, wedding anniversary, the Austin DCCW, together with our Bishop, Joe Vásquez, will honor these couples with a certificate. **Please sign-up by this Sunday, December 10,** on the (gold) sheets in the foyer of the church and please **print clearly!** The certificates will be presented on the weekend of the Feast of the Holy Family.

Knights of Columbus (KC) – Holy Trinity Council: There will be a KC meeting Thursday, December 14, at 6:30 p.m. in the PAC Bldg. All members are invited. All men interested in becoming a member of the KC, are also invited and encouraged to attend. For questions or more information, contact James VonDerVellen (512-868-6415 or vondervellen1958@gmail.com).

If you would like to help decorate the church for the Christmas Season with beautiful poinsettias --- in memory or honor of loved ones --- you may do so by completing and returning a “Christmas Flower Envelope” (located by the bulletins). **Please turn in your envelope by Sunday, December 17th.** All memorials will be announced in the December 24th bulletin.

We will have our monthly **Building Fund Collection** next weekend (December 16/17). Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Holy Trinity
Youth Ministry
Invites All Teens
To
A
Pajama
Party
Lock In

Friday, December 29
8:00pm-8:00am @ the
PAC
Wear your favorite
PJs
Bring a sleeping bag,
pillow, your favorite
game, clothes, and a
friend
RSVP to Virginia @
htcdre@holyltrinityofcornhill.org

Prize goes out to
the best PJ's!

December 31/January 1 Mass schedule change
With the New Year beginning on a Monday, the Sunday, December 31 Mass for the Feast of the Holy Family will be at the regular 8:30 & 10:30 am times. The Masses for the Solemnity of Mary will be Sunday night, December 31 at 12:00 Midnight this year and Monday, January 1 8:30 & 10:30 am. **There is NO vigil Mass for the Solemnity of Mary Holy Day on Sunday afternoon this year.**

The 2024 Collection Envelopes are available in the new Choir Room (where the temporary confessional was). If you do not have a box in there and want one, please put your name on the list provided. If you are now making your donations online and no longer need a box of envelopes, please let the office know.

If you would like a **2023 Donation Report** for tax, or other, purposes, please let the office know. If you received one in past years, you will automatically receive one again. Reports will be mailed out by January 31.

Dear friends in Christ,

Greetings to each of you in this holy Season of Advent. How many of you have had and have everything go your way in your life, just as you think it should go, according to your plans? Probably not one person can say that everything always goes your way, according to your liking. If you can say this, then there is something definitely wrong. How do we respond and react when things do not go our way?

The Second Letter of Peter addresses this problem in today's reading. The hearers of this letter were experiencing doubt and disappointment in certain elements of their new faith. Not everything was working out as they believed it would. These early members of the Christian community believed that the Second Coming of Christ was very close at hand. They fully expected to see the Risen Lord again within their lifetime. But as the years wore on and Jesus did not return, it became clear to these first Christians that either they had misunderstood or they were wrong. Or even worse, perhaps Jesus himself was wrong.

When things do not work out in people's lives as they believe that it should, many people leave the practice of their faith because of disappointment that God has not done things as was expected or wanted by them. Some members of the early community began to deny belief in the Second Coming of Jesus in the same way we deny or ignore our own beliefs if they do not work out as we expected or if they do not suit us. It is no secret that many of us ignore our Church's moral teachings because they do not suit us. In addition, some early Christians, as maybe we have, simply lost enthusiasm.

The Second Letter of Peter addresses this human experience of denial, doubt and disappointment and says: *"Wait a minute! We must remember who God is and what God is about. He is patient with us, but the time is here for Him to have His way. All God wants is what is good for us."* God's way is not our way, and we tend to forget or ignore this. For God, one day may be as a thousand years and a thousand years as a day. But we have become too accustomed to a microwave society, getting things when we want them, everything being instant, and everything being our way. This letter reminds us that we have to let God be God. We must let God do things His way, in His time, and in the way He sees fit because that is the way that is going to serve us best. We try to find peace in our lives in many ways, but letting God have His way is the secret of finding peace.

Unfortunately, we are so into what we want and how we want it, and into the fact that we want it right now, that we tend to forget that the life of faith is not about our expectations but, instead, God's expectations.

Advent, in part, is about reminding ourselves of God's great gift to us in the life of Jesus. It is also a reminder of Jesus' promise that He is going to come back to us, to take us with Him. And He tells us that the hour is known only to the Father. But He clearly lets us know that He is coming back.

Every Sunday we profess, *"I believe...He will come again in glory..."* Do we appreciate what it means to believe this? Does our behavior match what comes from our mouths -- or are we simply mouthing? Do we believe that the Lord will return? Do we believe and understand that we are going to die, or do we somehow pretend, "Not so!"

Isaiah's prophecy about the coming of the Messiah and its fulfillment in John the Baptizer is both a joyful message and a warning to be ready. This Advent, and every Advent, is a reminder to acknowledge this reality and struggle to grasp its full implication. John preached a way of making ourselves ready, and that is the way of repentance. We must face ourselves as we are. We must see the arrogance in our casual denial of letting God have His way. As John asked the people to repent, so must we repent. **Our Advent Penance Service is this Sunday, December 10, at 5:00 pm.** Make a good confession before you celebrate Christmas. Be ready, be prepared!

This Advent, are we ready to give up, to repent, of those things that stand in God's way of drawing himself closer to us? We believe that Jesus will come again. This belief is the source of great joy. But it also is a promise that should make us nervous. What are we going to do to change and improve our lives and prepare ourselves for our meeting with Jesus? Let's take time to think about it very seriously.

When we come to Mass, whether it be on Saturday evening or Sunday morning and also on a weekday, we should come early enough to prepare ourselves through prayer for what we celebrate at Mass. If we rush in and have not quieted ourselves mentally and spiritually we will miss out on the true experience of what the Mass is all about. The rosary helps us to prepare by focusing us on the life of Jesus. Also, other private prayers that come from your heart should be prayed before Mass so that you are truly in communication with our Lord. Pray the prayers that best express your inner sentiments. You can find extra prayers on pages 266-273 in the Heritage Missal in the pew. **Have a most blessed week.**

Fr. Stephen Nesrsta, farář

K ZAMYŠLENÍ: Minulou neděli jsme četli Kristova závěrečná slova Krista v Markově evangeliu. Jejich tématem byla výzva: „Bděte!“ Dnes čteme první verše stejného evangelia. Nejen, že představují postavu Jana Křtitele jako divokého muže, ale především uvádějí vyprávění o Kristu vystoupením Jana jako skutečného proroka, který se nebojí tnout do témat, která se běžně neotvírala. Proč? Aby se lidé připravili, byli schopni slyšet a setkat se s mesiášem. Bohem slíbený záchránce přichází v moci Boží, plný Božího Ducha. A to i pro nás. (Vira.cz)

Segundo Domingo de Adviento: En el Evangelio de hoy escuchamos el mensaje de Juan el Bautista llamándonos a cambiar nuestro corazón y recordándonos que la verdadera luz y gloria de la tierra es Jesucristo. Mientras estamos ocupados con los árboles de navidad, los regalos y las decoraciones, debemos estar, especialmente enfocados y atentos a Cristo quien se presenta ante nosotros en aquel que no tiene un hogar que decorar, un lugar para un árbol ni esperanza de recibir regalos ¿Podemos nosotros darles el regalo de hacer contacto visual con ellos, o preguntarles su nombre o, platicar con ellos por algunos momentos? ¡Este puede ser el regalo más importante que podemos dar este año ya que no conocemos el disfraz de necesidad que Jesús puede que use para acercarse a nosotros!

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Without a doubt, the Eucharist (Holy Communion) is the most widely misunderstood and hotly debated teaching in all of Christianity.

Whether you're a lifelong Catholic, new to the Church, one of our Protestant or Evangelical brothers and sisters, or someone starting to question if God could be real, **a little clarity would be nice!**

What proof is there that Jesus Christ ever said that a piece of bread and a cup of wine contain his entire body, blood, soul, and divinity?

Why do Catholics consider the Eucharist to be the centerpoint of everything they believe—Isn't it just a symbol?

My church has communion, but I'm not Catholic. Why is there a difference?

In recent decades, teachings on the Eucharist have fallen out of style in favor of lessons on how to live right, how to help the poor, how to live the Faith in the workplace, and more. All of these are important and necessary, but they miss the *core essence* of our Faith.

That's why the Catholic Church in America is right now in the midst of a **Eucharistic Revival** to bring awareness, understanding, and desire to the Sacrament; set hearts on fire with love for Jesus; and bring us, the faithful, into a deeper relationship with our Lord and Savior.