

# HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

of CORN HILL



Pope Francis  
Vatican City State



Bishop Joe Vásquez  
Diocese of Austin



Third Sunday of Advent  
December 17, A.D. 2023



## Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday	Dec 16	5:00 PM	†Virgil Tonn, †Vernon Hein, †Johnnie Simek
Sunday	Dec 17	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	†Dorothy Klepac, †Marie Cook, †Willie Vrabel Pro Populo
Tuesday	Dec 19	7:00 AM	Whitney Thornton (healing), †Jeff Wright, †Ernst Michel & Family
Wednesday	Dec 20	6:30 PM	†Steve Janish, †Marie Cook, †Richard Danek
Thursday	Dec 21	7:00 AM	Liv/Dec members of Weiss & Hill children, Mark & Debra Klaus (in thanksgiving)
Friday	Dec 22	7:00 AM	†Kathleen Valenta, †Louise Palousek, †Christopher Bigan
Saturday	Dec 23	7:30 AM	The Cooke Family, †Emil Danek, †Lawrence Korenek
Saturday	Dec 23	5:00 PM	Pro Populo
Sunday	Dec 24	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Rich DelSignore (healing), †Johnny Geri John Maney (healing), Sue Delsignore (healing)

## Mass Ministry Schedule for Dec 19 - 24

### Tuesday, December 19, 7:00 AM:

Altar Server: Leo Bringman  
Lector: Leo Bringman

### Wednesday, December 20, 6:30 PM:

Altar Server: Josh Jacobs  
Lector: Josh Jacobs

### Thursday, December 21, 7:00 AM:

Altar Server: Leslie Allen  
Lector: Pinto Nemeck

### Friday, December 22, 7:00 AM:

Altar Server: Josh Jacobs  
Lector: Josh Jacobs

### Saturday, December 23, 7:30 AM:

Altar Server: James Nemeck  
Lector: Janine Nemeck

### Saturday, December 23, 5:00 PM:

Altar Servers: Preston & Heather S.,  
Lector: Theresa Orecchia  
EMHC: Monica Snook  
Gift Bearers: Billy & Kathy Meissner  
Head Usher: Stephanie Wright

### Sunday, December 24, 8:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Mikey & Christopher B.,  
Ava H.  
Lector: Louis Brousseau  
EMHC: Michael Bartkovak,  
Brandon Danek  
Gift Bearers: Cassidy Goode & Ronnie V.  
Head Usher: Frank Knapck

### Sunday, December 24, 10:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Martin & Isaiah O., Isabella H.,  
Luke A., Arian Perez  
Lector: Denise Sellers  
EMHC: Daniel & Hilda Perez  
Gift Bearers: Bill & Linda Montreuil  
Head Usher: Jeff Voigt

### EMHC to Shut-Ins: Dec 24

Route 1: James Nemeck  
Route 2: Spencer Chaney

### Christmas Masses

#### Sunday, December 24, 4:00 PM:

Altar Servers: Wesley & Noah C., Snooks  
Lector: Laura Hill  
EMHC: Leslie & Linda Allen  
Gift Bearers: Chad Allen Family  
Head Usher: Donald Tschoerner

#### 6:00 PM:

Altar Servers: Michael & Jonah S.,  
Isabella H.  
Lector: Theresa Orecchia  
EMHC: Leo Bringman, Josh Jacobs  
Gift Bearers: Clawson Family  
Head Usher: Stephanie Wright

#### Midnight:(Incense)

Altar Servers: Stefeks (3), Isaac N.  
Lector: Jennifer Marquis  
EMHC: Joe Parks, Ray Nemeck  
Gift Bearers: Ray & Teresa Nemeck  
Head Usher: Tommy Sladeczek

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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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Parish Activity Center (PAC) Rentals: Parish Office

PAC Manager: Laura Fowkes 512-922-4808

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Cemetery Director: Johnny Martinka 512-966-4301

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Knights of Columbus: James Von Der Vellen 512-868-6415

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

Conf. of Christian Mothers: Kitzki Crawford 512-635-5967

Religious Articles Cabinet: Deanna Fojtik 254-217-2268

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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)

### Monday, December 25, 8:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Adelaide & Joseph B.  
Lector: Monica Sherek  
EMHC: Daniel & Hilda Perez  
Gift Bearers: Johnny & Dee Martinka  
Head Usher: Frank Knapck

## Last Week's Collection(s)

Inmaculate Conception	\$ 2,247.00
Weekly Collection	\$ 8,006.00
Online Donations	\$ 1,759.00
Clergy & Religious Retirement	\$ 2,660.00

## This Week at a Glance

Sat/Sun, Dec 16/17 – Building Fund collection after all Masses  
Sun, Dec 17 – Decorate Church for Christmas after 10:30 Mass  
Tues, Dec 19 – Holy Hour of Reparation @ 4:30 pm in church  
Tues, Dec 19 – RCIA @ 7:00 pm in RE Bldg  
Wed, Dec 20 – NO CCE classes  
Wed, Dec 20 – Choir practice @ 7:00 pm in church  
Thurs, Dec 21 – Adoration 3:00 – 9:00 pm

## Christmas Mass Schedule

**Sunday, December 24**  
4:00 p.m. / 6:00 p.m. / Midnight  
&  
**Monday, December 25**  
8:30 a.m.





THE THIRD CANDLE IS PINK & IS THE  
*"Candle of Joy."*  
 IT RECALLS THE JOY WE HAVE IN  
 KNOWING, LOVING, AND FOLLOWING  
 CHRIST – NO MATERIAL POSSESSION OR  
 GIFT CAN TAKE THE PLACE OF THE JOY  
 WE HAVE IN FRIENDSHIP WITH JESUS.

**Rosary for Life**  
 Open to all parishioners. To sign-up, call the  
 parish office.  
**Dec 17 – 24: Mike & Janine Nemece**  
 Dec 24 – 31: Frankie & Betty Ann Vrabel

**Vocations Crucifix Prayer Campaign**  
 Open to all parishioners. To sign-up,  
 call the parish office.  
**Dec 17 – 24: Daniel & Hilda Perez**  
 Dec 24 – 31: Ed & Renee Reilly

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

**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

**Food Drive:** "For I was hungry, and you gave me food..." Matthew 25:35. Thank you to all parishioners who participated in the food drive sponsored by the KJT Corn Hill Society #55. **We donated approximately 1,000 pounds of food and \$1,055 to the Jarrell Community Food Pantry. An additional \$250 was donated to The Caring Place in Georgetown.** God bless you for your generosity.

**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** this weekend (December 16/17). Thank you in advance for your generosity.

The **Parish Offices will be closed for the holidays** during the week of December 25 - 29, and will reopen on Tuesday, January 2. **Bulletin announcements for the December 30/31 bulletin are due by Wednesday, December 20, by 2:30 p.m.**

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.

**Applications for 2024-2025 School Year are now being accepted!** Savio Families with siblings currently in **8th grade** seeking admission to Savio for the 9th grade must complete an online application and submit all required supplemental documents. Complete and submit the on-line application and application fee by January 19, 2024. Submit all additional supporting documents by February 2, 2024. **The online application can be accessed through your FACTS SIS Family Portal (aka Parentsweb).** To begin the online application, log into your Family Portal/Parentsweb account > from the menu on the left click on Apply/Enroll > click on Application and follow the prompts. If you have any questions, please contact Holly Bologna at [hbologna@saviochs.org](mailto:hbologna@saviochs.org)



## Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Advent is upon us - a time to prepare our hearts for the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ, and his return at the end of time. The penitential nature of the season of Advent allows us time to reflect on our personal weaknesses that prevent us from fully encountering Christ. During Advent, in listening to God's word, in the hymns we sing, and in the prayers we offer, we focus our attention upon the birth of the Savior who is coming. Let us embrace this sacred time so that God's graces penetrate our minds and hearts knowing that Christ is found in the Holy Eucharist and is always near.

~ Bishop Joe S. Vásquez

## Dear friends in Christ,

Here we are already on the Third Sunday of Advent. "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say rejoice! The Lord is near!" (Philippians 4:4,5) This verse, taken from today's entrance antiphon, expresses the theme of this Sunday's readings and the reason we call this Sunday "Gaudete Sunday".

This year the Season of Advent is only three weeks and a day. So, we are already past the midway point preparing ourselves for the great event -- the birth of the Son of God, Jesus Christ. For all of us there are many preparations to be made. It requires a lot of time and energy to be spent generously and wholeheartedly if it is to be a successful event. We accept the work and sacrifices with a spirit of joy in anticipation of the happy event.

Advent gives us a chance to take the necessary steps to prepare for the birth of the Lord, the Son of God. Besides preparing materially for the birth of the Lord, we also need to spend time and energy to prepare our own heart to be ready to welcome the newborn infant on Christmas morning.

We sometimes think of Advent as a time for prayer and sacrifice, just as we do during the Lenten Season. However, there is a major difference in that our prayer and sacrifices are grounded in a deep sense of hope. It is the realization that soon the Creator of the Universe will humble Himself to share in our humanity. In joyful anticipation we look forward to the coming of the Savior.

How are we preparing ourselves for this great event? We turn to the prophet John the Baptizer who admonished the people to turn aside from their sins, repent, and be cleansed in the waters of baptism. All of John's preaching reflected back, not on himself, but on Jesus. John said, "There is one among you whom you do not recognize...whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." It is to this exalted One, Jesus our Lord, whom we turn to for forgiveness and reconciliation. All of us have this opportunity to be reconciled with God and with His Church by going to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Listed in this bulletin are the remaining Penance Services in our Deanery. So, be sure to make a good confession before Christmas.

Also, this season calls us to be of service to others, joyfully and generously. This is a challenge for us today. We need to minister, not for our own glory and honor, but as a means of reflecting God's love in our lives by what we say and do. In today's first reading Isaiah describes his mission as service to his people. He was to bring glad tidings to the lowly, to heal the brokenhearted, proclaim freedom to the captives and release to prisoners. Isaiah's mission was to be of service to others.

Paul told the Thessalonians how they should prepare while they are waiting for the Lord to come. He instructed them to be waiting in hopeful and joyful expectation as he says, "Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus". He knew that lives, lived in hope and love, would give peace and joy in this world, and would grant everlasting happiness in the next.

While we are waiting, let us take to heart the advice that John the Baptizer gave to the people of his day. We are to make straight the way of the Lord in our hearts and in our daily lives by examining our conscience, resolving to do better, and repenting of our sins. By doing this, Christmas will have a special meaning for us, one that will continue throughout our lives and we will be properly prepared to meet our Lord, Jesus Christ.

**For those of you who are counting, next Sunday's Mass does not fulfill your Christmas obligation and the Christmas Masses do not fulfill your obligation to attend Mass on Sunday. So, you need to go to the weekend Mass and the Christmas Mass to be faithful to God and to His Church.**

May the joy of this season be in your heart and soul.

Fr. Stephen Nesrsta, farář

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**K ZAMYŠLENÍ:** Text evangelia se znovu vrací k postavě Jana Křtitele. Tento prorok vystupuje jako svědek, který dosvědčuje Boží pohled na situaci. V tomto případě svědčí o Božím světle, které přichází na svět. Sám se označuje jako „hlas volající po narovnaní cest“. Jako by člověk měl ve své moci srovnat cestu od Boha k nám či Boha v nás. Možná by bylo lepší představit si paprsek světla, kterému brání nějaké překážky, takže nemůže prozářit celý byt. Není těžké nadělat mnoho bariér, které Bohu znemožňují přímý přístup k našemu srdci! To by znamenalo, že my sami máme moc zkomplikovat Bohu přístup do našeho nitra. Ale také naopak máme moc „srovnat cesty“ tak, aby Bůh mohl vstoupit a zářit.

**Tercer Domingo de Adviento:** Puede que usted note que Juan no usa el nombre de Jesús en el Evangelio, sino que solo se refiere a Él como "el que ustedes no reconocen". A pesar de que conocían el texto de Isaías, los Fariseos no estaban realmente preparados para encontrar al Mesías prometido entre los rotos de corazón, los solitarios, los cautivos o aquellos que no tenían justicia y paz ¿Sabemos nosotros dónde buscar a Jesús? ¿Lo reconoceremos entre aquellos los más ignorados y olvidados en el mundo?

Please see, below, the **2024** schedule of “**PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS**” (Hospitality Sundays & Senior Citizens’ Suppers).

We are making this available to you ahead of time so that you can mark your calendars for the entire year!

If you don’t have a 2024 calendar yet, you are welcome to pick one up in the church (by bulletins – one per family, please).

This schedule is also available on our website year-round on the ‘Parish Events’ page.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the parish groups, committees and individuals that prepare the meals for each of these events ... because, without you and your stewardship ... this would not be possible!

For those of you that are new to the parish, or who are unsure of how these events work ... here’s some information: Each month, the parish provides opportunities for our parishioners and visitors to come together in fellowship and camaraderie.

The Senior Citizens’ Supper is for those who fall into the category of an older, wiser age ☺ (as the name suggests...) and is typically held on the first Monday of the month, unless otherwise noted on the schedule.

At the Hospitality Sundays --- the breakfast is provided for you to enjoy – while getting to know your ‘neighbor’.

All of these events are free of charge to all who attend (*though donations are always accepted* ☺) and the meals are prepared by the groups, committees and individuals listed with each one.

If you are interested in helping with, or ‘picking up’, one or more of these events, you may contact the parish office for more information. Volunteers are always welcome!!

**Hope to see you there!**

**Senior Citizen Suppers**  
**Monday evening @ 6:30 p.m.**

**Hospitality Sunday**  
**after the 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass**

January 8, 2024: **KJZT**

January 7, 2024: **Nemec Brothers**

February 5, 2024: **Marquis Family**

February 4, 2024: **Havelka Family**

March 4, 2024: **Host Needed**

March 3, 2024: **Marquis Family**

April 1, 2024: **Catholic Life**

April 7, 2024: **Knights of Columbus**

May 6, 2024: **Youth Ministry**

May 5, 2024: **KJZT**

June 10, 2024 (2<sup>nd</sup> Monday due to June Fundraiser):  
**Christian Mothers**

*No Hospitality Breakfast due to June Fundraiser*

July 1, 2024: **KJZT**

July 7, 2024: **Christian Mothers**

August 5, 2024: **Catholic Daughters of the Americas**

August 4, 2024: **Youth Ministry**

*No Senior Supper in September*

September 1, 2024: **Host needed**

October 7, 2024: **Knights of Columbus**

October 6, 2024: **Catholic Daughters of the Americas**

November 11, 2024

November 3, 2024: **KJT**

(2<sup>nd</sup> Monday due to Walburg Wurstbraten): **Catholic Life**

December 1, 2024: **Marquis Family**

December 2, 2024: **Sherek or Dorothy Klepac Family**