

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

of CORN HILL



Pope Francis
Vatican City State



Bishop Joe Vásquez
Diocese of Austin



Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 24, A.D. 2023



Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday	Dec 23	5:00 PM	Pro Populo
Sunday	Dec 24	8:30 AM	Rich DelSignore (healing), †Johnny Gerik
		10:30 AM	John Maney (healing), Sue Delsignore (healing)
Christmas – the Nativity of the Lord – Holy Day of Obligation			
Sunday	Dec 24	4:00 PM	Pro Populo
		6:00 PM	Pro Populo
		12 Midnight	Pro Populo
Monday	Dec 25	8:30 AM	Pro Populo
Tuesday	Dec 26	NO MASS	
Wednesday	Dec 27	6:30 PM	Jim Staab, †Deceased members of Joseph & Annie Straka family
Thursday	Dec 28	7:00 AM	†Andrew Schwertner, †Ken Klingele, †Terry Simonton
Friday	Dec 29	6:00 PM	Friends of Virgil & Marla Tonn, †Paul Straka
Saturday	Dec 30	7:30 AM	†David & Doris Cole, †John & Betty Emge, †Calvin Blackman, Jr.
Saturday	Dec 30	5:00 PM	Pro Populo
Sunday	Dec 31	8:30 AM	†Souls in Purgatory, †Thomas Hrivnak, †AJ Tschoner
		10:30 AM	†Richard Gerik, †Calvin Blackman, Jr., Howard Mertink

Mass Ministry Schedule for Dec 27 – Jan 1

Tuesday, December 26, NO MASS

Wednesday, December 27, 6:30 PM:

Altar Server: Josh Jacobs
Lector: Josh Jacobs

Thursday, December 28, 7:00 AM:

Altar Server: Leslie Allen
Lector: Pinto Nemeč

Friday, December 29, 6:00 PM:

Altar Server: Leo Bringman
Lector: Leo Bringman

Saturday, December 30, 7:30 AM:

Altar Server: James Nemeč
Lector: Janine Nemeč

Saturday, December 30, 5:00 PM:

Altar Servers: Preston & Heather S.
Lector: Janine Nemeč
EMHC: Monica Snook
Gift Bearers: Alcalá Family
Head Usher: Donald Tschoner

Sunday, December 31, 8:30 AM: (Incense)

Altar Servers: Caleb & Emily S.,
Adelaide & Joseph B.
Lector: Josh Jacobs
EMHC: Maria Messing, Ray Nemeč
Gift Bearers: Bartkovak Family
Head Usher: Matt Mertink

Sunday, December 31, 10:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Sam W., Martin & Isaiah O., Rustin S.
Lector: Leo Bringman
EMHC: Daniel & Hilda Perez
Gift Bearers: Vargas Family
Head Usher: Jeff Voigt

EMHC to Shut-Ins: Dec 31

Route 1: Ray Nemeč

Route 2: Joe Parks

Mary, Mother of God – Holy Day

Sunday, December 31, 12:00 AM Midnight:

Altar Servers: Isabella H., Carter M.
Lector: Jennifer Marquis
EMHC: Joe Parks, Josh Jacobs
Gift Bearers: Marquis Family
Head Usher: Jeff Voigt

Monday, January 1, 8:30 AM: (incense)

Altar Servers: Stefeks (3), Mikey B.
Lector: Laura Hill
EMHC: Ray Nemeč & James Nemeč
Gift Bearers: Ray & Teresa Nemeč
Head Usher: Frank Knapke

Monday, January 1, 10:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Sam W., Martin & Isaiah O.
Lector: Josh Jacobs
EMHC: Monica Snook, Daniel Perez
Gift Bearers: Jameson & Rebecca Haesler Family
Head Usher: Bill McDonald

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Hours: Tuesday – Friday, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Administrative Assistant: Monica Snook 512-863-3020

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

Financial Bookkeeper: Rebecca Melend 512-863-3020

Parish Activity Center (PAC) Rentals: Parish Office

PAC Manager: Laura Fowkes 512-922-4808

Cemetery Information: Parish Office

Cemetery Director: Johnny Martinka 512-966-4301

Cemetery Maintenance: Scott Templeton 512-845-0221

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: Kitzki Crawford 512-635-5967

Religious Articles Cabinet: Deanna Fojtik 254-217-2268

CEF Enrollments: Janine Nemeč 512-289-9242

K.J.T. Society #55: John Danek 512-819-4362

KJZT Society #15: Belinda Beyer 254-760-0255

Catholic Life Insurance #50: Tommy Sladeczek 512-635-3496

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	\$ 6,079.10
Online Donations	\$ 1,544.00
Building Fund	\$ 2,796.00

This Week at a Glance

Parish offices closed Dec 25 – 29, reopening Jan 2

Tues, Dec 26 – Holy Hour of Reparation @ 4:30 pm in church

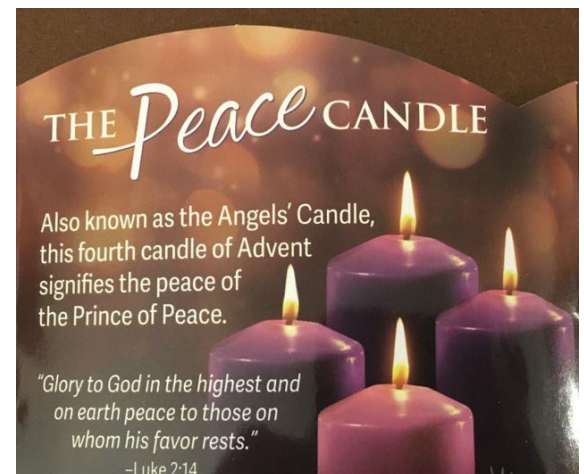
Tues, Dec 26 – **NO RCIA Class**

Wed, Dec 27 – **NO CCE classes**

Thurs, Dec 28 – Adoration 3:00 – 9:00 pm

Sat/Sun, Dec 30/31 – Feast of Holy Family 2nd collection

Sun, Dec 31 – **No Youth Ministry/Confirmation classes**



Rosary for Life

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

Dec 24 – 31: Frankie & Betty Ann Vrabel

Dec 31 – Jan 7: Michael Vrana

The Parish Office will be closed for the holidays the week of December 25 - 29, and will reopen on Tuesday, January 2. May you have a blessed and Merry Christmas!

Vocations Crucifix Prayer Campaign

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

Dec 24 – 31: Ed & Renee Reilly

Dec 31 – Jan 7: Phil & Mary Ann Everett

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, let us rejoice! At Christmas we reflect on the mystery of the Lord's incarnation and his presence among us. Like the humble shepherds, let us come to the manger to adore the infant Lord with hearts full of gratitude. As we celebrate the Eucharist this Christmas season, may you and your loved ones be filled with hope, peace, and joy. I offer you God's blessings now and in the new year!

~ **Bishop Joe S. Vásquez**

Thank you to everyone for the items and donations for our Angel Tree. Your spirit of incredible generosity is a true symbol of Christ's love and makes all the difference to those receiving the gifts!

The **2024 Collection Envelopes** are available in the new addition of the church. If you do not have a box in there 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 this past year, you will automatically receive one again. Reports will be mailed out by January 31.

We will have a **second collection** next weekend, December 30/31, for the **Feast of the Holy Family**, which supports the maternity homes of our diocese and the diocesan office of Pro-Life Activities. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



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On behalf of all the loyal donors and listeners of Armor of God Catholic Radio, we are happy to announce that the Network has expanded into your area with the acquisition of 2 new stations!! The flagship station, KOOV, 106.9fm is joined by KTON, 1330am and K230CH, 93.9fm. This expansion will stretch the Catholic Radio coverage to over 1.2 million people all over Central Texas. Now Armor of God will reach souls as far west as Lampasas and Lometa, north to McGregor and Temple, east out to Hearne and Franklin, and south down to Cedar Park, Georgetown, Hutto and Taylor. Armor of God Catholic Radio Network, an EWTN Affiliate, has been a part of the Central Texas airwaves since 2018, and has served a very important role

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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



Cedarbrake retreats

Rest in Me, a weekend retreat, will be offered Jan. 19-21 at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Temple. This retreat is a weekend of rest for moms/female caregivers of children with physical, mental, or intellectual disabilities and/or chronic medical issues. This weekend is a time for each caregiver to share and find strength in each other and God. Mass, adoration plus praise and worship will be part of the retreat. Cost: \$225 for a private room; \$200 for a shared room; \$100 for commuters. For more information, visit www.austindiocese.org/cedarbrake or call (254) 780-2436.

Sacred Silence: Reflecting on and Writing on God will be offered Feb. 9-11 at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Temple. Silence is a powerful aid to reflecting on our relationship with God, and writing is a tool to concretely chronicle that relationship. This silent retreat will provide participants with prompts and strategies for writing about their spiritual experiences; spiritual direction will also be available. Led by writer, editor and spiritual director Nathaniel Lee Hansen, this retreat requires no prior writing experience. Cost: \$295 for a private room; \$255 for a shared room; \$150 for commuters. For more information, visit www.austindiocese.org/cedarbrake or call (254) 780-2436.

Dear friends in Christ,

Today is the 4th Sunday of Advent. Christmas is just around the corner. Are you prepared?

Christmas begins this Sunday evening, December 24, and continues until Monday, January 8. Keep your Christmas lights shining brightly all throughout the Christmas Season. Let us celebrate this season in its fullness. During the Christmas Season are several important Feast Days. During the Octave of Christmas, we have The Birth of the Lord on December 25, St. Stephen on the December 26, St. John on December 27, The Holy Innocents on December 28, The Holy Family on Sunday, December 31, and Mary, the Holy Mother of God on January 1. In the remainder of the Christmas Season, we have The Most Holy Name of Jesus on January 3, The Epiphany of the Lord on January 7 and The Baptism of the Lord on January 8. Try to attend as many of these Masses as possible. It is good for your soul and for your eternal well-being.

We have been pondering the coming of Jesus Christ during this Advent Season. We have tried to imagine the time Jesus lived. But we really cannot imagine or experience such a time. It is impossible. The idea of the coming of the Messiah began around the time of King David. David had done many bad things. He had a man killed and took his wife. He was unfaithful. But he still loved the Lord, wanting to make a house for God to dwell in. But instead, God told David that He would make David a house, the House of David, from which would come the heir that would build a kingdom like no other. David was king around the year 1000 B.C. For a thousand years the people waited for the "heir," the Messiah, to arrive. Now 2000 years after the Jesus' birth we continue to celebrate. The simple gesture of offering to give God a house turned into a promise that has affected humankind for 3000 years.

God is capable of such great surprises. We do something simple for God, and then God blesses our gift and turns it into something greater than we could have ever imagined. Today we also read in the Gospel about a young girl who also made a very simple gesture. Mary was very young, probably about 14 years of age when the angel Gabriel came to her. Life was not simple. She was already betrothed to be married and was already doing a woman's work. She had to go to the river to clean clothes, go to the market daily and help buy food for daily meals, helped her mother with grinding grain, baking bread, making cloth and clothes as well as other chores.

Many of us have some free time during the day or evening. Mary had no free time. No one did, but she managed to find time to come to know the Lord and love Him. When the angel came to Mary, she was deeply troubled. She had no idea of what was really being asked of her. But she knew God was asking something. Mary's simple word, "yes," changed the course of the world.

As we gather on this last Sunday of Advent, we might ponder our response to God. Could it change us as David's offer to build a house for God changed him? Will it change us as did the simple word "yes" from Mary? Say "yes" to God every day and great things will happen in your life.

For those of you who are counting, this 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 God's blessings be with you. Please read my Christmas letter that is inserted into this bulletin. Peace.

Fr. Stephen Nesrsta, farář

K ZAMYŠLENÍ

Jestliže na dnešní neděli připadá zároveň Štědrý večer, zkusme se zastavit nad tímto zvláštním časem. V Izraeli začínal den již setměním. Proto si církev uchovává zvyk slavit již předvečer svátku (mluvíme o bdění neboli vigílii). Tento večer má řadu křesťanských symbolů: večeře jako slavnost rodiny, která se schází k oslavě příchodu mesiáše. Stromek jako symbol stromu života, dárky připomínající největší dar, kterým je narození mesiáše. Postavený betlém jako ztvárněný příběh celé události. Kristus přinesl pokoj, proto si o Vánocích přejeme navzájem pokoj. V mnoha rodinách si navzájem žehnají, protože Ježíš přinesl Boží milost všem lidem. Tato neděle může být výzvou k prožití Štědrého dne novým způsobem, naplněná pokojem, modlitbou, společenstvím rodiny. (Vira.cz)

Cuarto Domingo de Adviento: Nuestro Adviento casi se termina. Hemos esperado la venida de Cristo al final de los tiempos. Hemos visto la presencia de Cristo y del Reino de Dios entre nosotros donde sea que la justicia y la paz triunfan sobre la violencia y la separación. Ahora nos enfocamos en María y la intimidad del nacimiento. Llevar a cualquier niño en el vientre requiere de valor, fe y confianza. Cada madre se pregunta sobre el futuro de su hijo. Dios transforma toda la historia humana al convertirse en humano a través del ¡Sí! De María. Como ella, ¿permitiremos que la totalidad del amor de Dios nos llene a nosotros y a nuestro mundo este año? ¿Tenemos su fe, su valor y su confianza?



*Thank you to all who made a donation for poinsettias
in memory or honor of the following loved ones.
Thank you for your generosity. Merry Christmas!*



In memory of Angela Danek, Joe & Annie Danek and
James & Mary Ziegler, by Raymond & Jane Danek
In memory of the deceased family members of Michael & Janine Nemeč
In memory of James Kuehne, by Emily Kuehne
In memory of Joe & Annie Danek and Wilburn & Joyce Bloomquist,
by Jodie & Patsy Danek
In memory of Frank & Barbara Simek and Jesse Peace,
by the Peace/Simek family
In memory of Carmen & Frances Luna, by Rosa Luna
In memory of Jennifer Parker, by Jack & Linda Parker
In memory of Gene & Maxine Everett and Joe & Pat Giromini,
by Phil & Mary Ann Everett
In memory of Rebecca Melos, by Paul Melos
In memory of R.V. & Shirley Barker, William & Bernadette Schwertner
and Joan Schwertner, Stephanie Barker Wood & Helen Postma,
by Robert & Carolyn Barker
In memory of Joe & Annie Danek, Richard Danek and
David & Doris Cole, by Lisa Danek
In memory of Pat Kotara & Bob Leland, by Sandy Kotara
In memory of Luis & Ludmilla Vrabel, Louis Jr., Eugene and Doug
Vrabel, by Frankie & Betty Ann Vrabel
In memory of Robert & Crecencia Hernandez, by Angelita Hernandez
In memory of Joe & Viola Sevcik, Ernest & Ludmila Marburger and
Emil Danek, by the John & Jacqueline Danek family
In memory of Joseph P. Burns & Susan M. Droessler,
by Randal & Sally Halford
In memory of Howard Mertink, by Becky Mertink
In memory of the Albert Kalinec family and
Floyd Lange family, by Juanita Lange
In memory of Robert J. Dusza, Sr., by David & Jennifer Engledow
In memory of Renard & Henrietta Hoes and Herb & Lucille Fontenot,
by Ken & Linda Fontenot
In memory of Willie & Albina Beyer, by Billy & Belinda Beyer
In memory of Leroy & Oralene Giebel, by Dan Giebel & Elizabeth Ebert
In memory of Wanda Brian, Lulu Easley, Cynthia Starkey, Pat Milam,
Patsy and Donna Malain, by the Malain family
by Harold & Cathy Malain
In memory of Louis & Albina Sladeczek, by Tommy & Cindy Sladeczek
In memory of Leonard & Lorraine Voigt, by Jeff Voigt family
In memory of John & Valeria Pavelka, Joe & Marie Foyt, John & Marie
Pavelka, Ernest & Georgia Beran and Rev. Alois, by Martha Pavelka
In memory of Joe & Mary Simek and Ann Tomasek,
by Hubert & Dorothy Tomasek
In memory of Joanne & John Matthews, by Dustin & Laura Fowkes
Donation made by Margaret M. Smith
Donation made by Matt & Maria Messing family
In memory of Fr. Dan Morales, by Iris Bailey
In memory of the Villarreal, Christensen, Calkins, Lobit and Herr
families, by Joe & June (Lobit) Villarreal
In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Ramon Razo, by Alex & Virginia Hernandez
In memory of Bill & Dorothy Klepac, Clifford & Lillian Schwertner and
Andrew Schwertner, by Teresa Schwertner

In memory of Jose, Maria & Julia Villarreal, by Joe Villarreal
In memory of Stanely Havelka, by his family
In memory of James Loeffler and Agnes Olszowka,
by David & Sarah Richarson
In memory of Jerry B. David, by Cassidy & Lorraine Goode
In memory of the Uiting & Eberbach Families, by John & Sue Anderson
In memory of Virgil Tonn, by Marla Tonn
In memory of Olaf & Cookie Allen, Florence & Ray Robichau, &
Pat & Jack Robichau, by Leslie & Linda Allen
In memory of Louis & Agnes Straka, Robert & Leona Brenek Sr,
Paul Straka, and Carmen Clawson, by Louis & Louise Straka
In memory of Allen R. Wenlund, by Janet Wenlund
In memory of John & Frances Nemeč, by James Nemeč
In memory of August & Louise Batla, by A.J. & Jennifer Batla
In memory of the Shaughnessy/Ott Family, by John Shaughnessy
In memory of Frank & Anastasia Knapek, by Frank Knapek Jr.
In memory of Benny and Anton & Mary Kubacak, by Dorothy Kubacak
In memory of the Flora & Mario Sanchez, Ralph Gianino Jr.,
Ralph Gianino III, Mildred & Walter Sinnwell, Dorothy Gratz, and
Tuti Gomez, by Ceci & Wally Sinnwell
In memory of Dorothy, Wilfred and Roy Montreuil and Pauline &
Anthony Ragnelli, by Bill & Linda Montreuil
In memory of Louis & Mary Stojanik, Albert & Frieda Tschoerner,
Clay Lloyd and A.J. Tschoerner, by Kevin & Sharon Lloyd
In memory of Carmen Marie Clawson and Paul Louis Straka,
by the Troy Clawson Family
In memory of Omerine & Roland Drouin and
Albert & Lucille Casavant, by Claude & Anita Drouin
In memory of our deceased parents, by Kevin & Angela Leo
In memory of Harry L. & Joan S. Brown, Sr. and
Donald & Muriel Hartley, by Patti & Chuck Hartley
In memory of Anita Galvan, by Helen Havelka
In memory of Emil J. Danek and John & Frances Nemeč,
by Ray & Teresa Nemeč
In memory of Ann Thompson, by Michelle & Dennis Messex
In memory of the deceased members of Sukup and Havelka families,
by Kevin & Carol Sukup
In memory of Lawrence & Mary and Tim & Francis Havelka,
by James Havelka
In memory of Ted Havelka, by Jessy Engledow
In memory of Louis & Mary Stojanik and
A.J. Tschoerner, by Dorothy Tschoerner
In memory of Laddie & Sharon Danek, by Brian & Nancy Murray
In memory of John & Frances Nemeč and Robert & Leona Brenek, &
Msgr. Emilian Foltyn, by Bernard & Lucille Nemeč
In memory of Charles Petru, by Vera Petru
In memory of Minnie Erickson, Mabel Welling, Susie Yates &
Margaret Hovatter, by Michael & Diana Hovatter
In memory of Brooke Eva Simone Pillman, by Christine Knight
In honor of Louise Havelka, by her family
In memory of Paul Bonkowski Sr., by Gene & Deanna Fojtik
In honor of Lillie Bonkowski and Joe & Joann Fojtik,
by Gene & Deanna Fojtik