

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

of CORN HILL



Pope Francis
Vatican City State



Bishop Joe Vásquez
Diocese of Austin

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
December 31, A.D. 2023

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday	Dec 30	5:00 PM	Pro Populo
Sunday	Dec 31	8:30 AM	†Souls in Purgatory, †Thomas Hrivnak, †AJ Tschoerner
		10:30 AM	†Richard Gerik, †Calvin Blackman, †Howard Mertink
Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God – Holy Day			
Sunday	Dec 31	12 Midnight	†LeRoy Tschoerner, †Paul Rosipal
Monday	Jan 1	8:30 AM	†Johnny Gerik
		10:30 AM	John Maney (healing)
Tuesday	Jan 2	6:00 PM	†Tommie Martine, †Ann & John Stublar, †Jose Manuel Vivanco Labastida
Wednesday	Jan 3	6:30 PM	John Maney (healing), †LeRoy Tschoerner, †Willie Vrabel
Thursday	Jan 4	7:00 AM	Walther Family (in thanksgiving), †Edwin Cook
First Friday	Jan 5	6:00 PM	†Kathleen Valenta, †Paul Rosipal
First Saturday	Jan 6	7:30 AM	The Cooke Family, †Calvin Blackman Jr., †Joe Janosec
Saturday	Jan 6	5:00 PM	†Hubert Klepac, †Bill & Margie (Sladeczek) Stefek
Sunday	Jan 7	8:30 AM	Pro Populo
		10:30 AM	†Gilbert Lefner, †Dorothy (Schwertner) Blackmore, †Cyril & Eileen Rosipal

Mass Ministry Schedule for Jan 2 – 7

Tuesday, January 2, 6:00 PM:

Altar Server: Leo Bringman

Lector: Leo Bringman

Wednesday, January 3, 6:30 PM:

Altar Server: Josh Jacobs

Lector: Josh Jacobs

Thursday, January 4, 7:00 AM:

Altar Server: Pinto Nemeč

Lector: Pinto Nemeč

First Friday, January 5, 6:00 PM:

Altar Server: Caleb, Amy & Emily Stefek

Lector: Laura Hill

First Saturday, January 6, 7:30 AM:

Altar Server: James Nemeč

Lector: Janine Nemeč

Saturday, January 6, 5:00 PM:

Altar Servers: Preston & Heather S., Wesley & Noah C.

Lector: Theresa Orecchia

EMHC: Monica Snook

Gift Bearers: Barker Family

Head Usher: Bill McDonald

EMHC to Shut-Ins: Jan 7

Route 1: James Nemeč

Route 2: Joe Parks

Sunday, January 7, 8:30 AM: (incense)

Altar Servers: Lucas B., Adelaide B., Isaac N., Ava H.

Lector: Laura Hill

EMHC: Michael Bartkovak, Josh Jacobs

Gift Bearers: Bartkovak Family

Head Usher: Frank Knappek

Sunday, January 7, 10:30 AM: (incense)

Altar Servers: Jonah & Michael S., Rustin S., Landon Benuck

Lector: Leo Bringman

EMHC: Leslie & Linda Allen

Gift Bearers: Spencer Chaney Family

Head Usher: Daniel Perez



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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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PAC Manager: Laura Fowkes 512-922-4808

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Cemetery Director: Johnny Martinka 512-966-4301

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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	\$ 5,183.00
Online Donations	\$ 1,429.00
Christmas	\$ 6,356.65

This Week at a Glance

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

Tues, Jan 2 – Holy Hour of Reparation @ 4:30 pm in church

Tues, Jan 2 – RCIA @ 7:00 pm in RE Bldg

Wed, Jan 3 – **NO CCE Classes**

Thurs, Jan 4 – Adoration 3:00 – 9:00 pm

First Fri, Jan 5 – First Friday Family Night after 6:00 pm Mass

Sun, Jan 7 – Hospitality Sunday Breakfast after 8:30 am Mass in PAC

Sun, Jan 7 – **NO Youth Ministry/Confirmation classes**

Mon, Jan 8 – Senior Citizens Supper @ 6:30 in PAC

Vocations Crucifix Prayer Campaign

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

Dec 31 – Jan 7: Phil & Mary Ann Everett

Jan 7 – 14: Brousseau Family

Rosary for Life

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

Dec 31 – Jan 7: Michael Vrana

Jan 7 – 14: Deborah & Gary Callahan

We will have a **second collection** this 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. Please be generous.

Masses for the upcoming Holy Day – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God – will be held on Sunday, December 31, at 12:00 Midnight and on Monday, January 1, at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

Banns of marriage are announced for the first time for Riley Nemec & Kyle Mezayek, who will celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony here on January 20, 2024.

On this Feast of the Holy Family weekend, all of our parish family married couples that celebrated their 10th, 15th, 20th ... 50th and up wedding anniversaries in 2023, will receive a certificate from Bishop Joe Vásquez and the National Council of Catholic Women. Please join us in congratulating them, & all other married couples, for dedicating themselves to upholding the Sacrament of Matrimony. May God continue to bless you.

Thank you to everyone that enrolled their family and friends during the **Annual CEF Christmas Drive**. A total of \$441 was collected for the Clerical Endowment Fund.

First Friday & Saturday of the month – January 5 & 6: Friday's Mass is at 6:00 p.m. with a time of Adoration, our devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and Benediction. Saturday's Mass is at 7:30 a.m. and will conclude with our devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Please join the **Knights of Columbus for First Friday Family on Friday, January 5.** The First Friday Devotion will begin with Mass at 6:00 p.m., followed by Adoration and Benediction as well as Family Potluck in the PAC with open gym for the kids. Since this is a Friday potluck, please bring only MEATLESS meals. All parishioners are welcome.

Please join us for our First Saturday Rosary & Meditation here at Holy Trinity after the 7:30 a.m. Saturday Mass. After the Mass and the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we pray the Rosary together. After the Rosary, we will spend 15 minutes meditation on another mystery as Our Heavenly Mother asks. What a beautiful way to start your weekend thinking about Our Lady and serving Our Lord.

All visitors and parishioners are invited for **Hospitality Sunday** next weekend, Sunday, January 7 in the PAC Bldg after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. We appreciate the Nemec Brothers for preparing the breakfast.

There are still several boxes of **2024 Collection Envelopes** that have yet to be picked up in the new addition (north side) of the church. If you do not have a box in there and want one, please put your name on the list provided – then check back the next weekend for your box. If you are now making your donations online and no longer want 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.



Prayer for the New Year

O sacred and most Holy Trinity, hear our prayers on behalf of our holy Father the Pope, our Bishops, our clergy, and for all that are in authority over us. Bless, we beseech Thee, during this year, the whole Catholic Church; convert unbelievers; soften the hearts of sinners so that they may return to Thy friendship; give prosperity to our country and peace among the nations of the world; pour down Thy blessings upon our friends, relatives, and acquaintances, and upon our enemies, if we have any; assist the poor and the sick; have pity on the souls of those whom this year has taken from us; and be merciful to those who, during the year, will be summoned before Thy judgment seat. May all our actions be preceded by Thy inspirations and carried on by Thy assistance, so that all our prayers and works, having begun in Thee, may likewise be ended through Thee. Amen.

Dear friends in Christ,

Merry Christmas! I would like to thank all of you for the cards, gifts and tasty treats that I received from you for Christmas. You are truly a very generous and loving people. I pray that you may all have a blessed New Year, one that is filled with good health, holiness and joy. I would also like to thank those who decorated the church, sang in the choir, played the organ and helped out in any way to make our Christmas Masses so beautiful. Thank you for your commitment and dedication to your parish and to our Lord.

Today, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. We are tempted to look at the Holy Family as an ideal that cannot ever be realized in our families. But, Mary and Joseph had their struggles also. The trust which is fundamental to a marriage was challenged by Mary's pregnancy. Joseph must have felt terrible when he had to bring his wife to a stable and not to a nice warm house. Then, after Jesus was born, going to live in a foreign land, Egypt, away from family and traditions, was far from ideal. Still, the Holy Family made it through the difficulties of their family life for one reason only: they had great faith. Joseph had faith in the angel of his dreams and treated the pregnant Mary in an honorable way. He had faith that God would help him protect the child, and he moved the family to Egypt. Mary had faith both in the angel and in God's working through Joseph. Jesus, having emptied himself of his divinity, had faith in his parents to care for him.

The Holy Family conquered their struggles through their faith-life. This must also be the primary concern of our families. For example, so many single parents waste energy wishing that their marriage had worked out and their children could be with both their parents. It does no good to long for that which is not going to happen. Instead, the single parent should focus on establishing a strong Christian home. Also so many parents wish they had the financial resources of their neighbors to be able to provide so much more for their children.

What children need is a Christian home, not the things that the neighbor's kids have. Your children need living examples of faith and faithfulness in your home. You as parents must be that example.

The first reading from Genesis and the second reading from the letter to the Hebrews speak to us about faith and faithfulness. Abraham's faith had to grow. He thought that he is the one who would make it happen that he would have an heir, so he tries to do things on his own. God corrects Abraham's way of thinking and tells him that Sarah would be the one of whom the child would be born. God works a miracle... Sarah conceives and bears a son. Letting God work His way in our life is much better than trying to do things on our own.

In the second reading we are reminded of the faith of Abraham and how that faith was brought to perfection in him. We must allow God to bring our faith to perfection also.

Today's Gospel tells us about Mary and Joseph's faithfulness in fulfilling their religious responsibilities by bringing the infant Jesus to the Temple to consecrate Him to God. Also, it says that Mary had completed her time of purification after giving birth. You also fulfill your religious responsibilities when you consecrate your babies to God when you bring them to church for baptism. This is why the Church sees it as so important that babies are brought for baptism as soon as possible... to consecrate them to God, to be cleansed of original sin, and to begin to share in the faith of their parents by becoming disciples of Jesus in baptism. I love seeing how much you love your children. I love the fact that you all are determined to provide the best for your children. Let me remind you, to be the best parents you can be, remain grounded in the Lord. Make prayer a part of your home life. Pray with your children at your meals and at bedtime and pray for them after they fall asleep. Teach your children respect. Let them witness your respect for them, for each other, and for others and demand that they respect others, including you. Do your best, and trust God to do the rest.

May all our families be Holy Families.

This week, beginning at Midnight on December 31 thru Monday night, January 1, we celebrate the solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. Let us join together to honor our Blessed Mother, to thank her for being the mother of God, Jesus, and to ask her to be praying for us. Be sure to attend Mass with your family. See this bulletin for the Mass schedule.

Are your Christmas lights still shining? The Christmas Season continues until Monday, January 8, 2024. Keep those lights on until the end of the Christmas Season to give witness to the true Light of the world, Jesus Christ.



May all of you have a very joyful and blessed A.D. 2024.

Fr. Stephen Nesrsta, farář

K ZAMYŠLENÍ: Maria přichází do chrámu jako zbožná židovka. Nabízí Bohu prvorozeného syna: „Bůh mi dal syna a já dávám svého syna Bohu.“ Darovat své milované dítě může člověk jen tehdy, když Bohu skutečně důvěřuje. Maria uvěřila, že Bůh je milující dárce života, který neublíží.

Festividad de la Sagrada Familia: Hoy celebramos que Dios nos redime a nosotros y al mundo a través del nacimiento de Cristo, su vida, muerte y resurrección dentro de una familia humana real. Dios es encarnado en medio de nuestro mundo caótico por que desea liberarnos del pecado, del miedo y la muerte. Mientras meditamos con gratitud sobre este gran don de amor, nuestras mentes y corazones deben recordar a nuestros hermanos y hermanas cuya necesidad supera cualquier sentido de gratitud. Este día ore por aquellos que están solos y sin amor familiar a su alrededor, por familias que se encuentran viviendo en autos o en las calles, por aquellos que pasan hambre hoy. Dios los salva, pero ¿estamos siendo buen prójimo para ellos?

Pray the Scriptures with us during the month of January A.D. 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Note: January 1 thru 8 are part of the Christmas Season. January 9 begins the First Week in Ordinary Time.</p>	<p>1 The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord Nm 6:22-27 Ps 67:2-3,5,6,8 Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21  Mary, The Holy Mother of God</p>	<p>2 1 Jn 2:22-28 Ps 98:1-4 Jn 1:19-28 St. Basil the Great, St. Gregory Nazianzen, bishops, doctors of the Church</p>	<p>3 1 Jn 2:29 - 3:6 Ps 98:1-3,6 Jn 1:29-34 <i>The Most Holy Name of Jesus</i></p>	<p>4 1 Jn 3:7-10 Ps 98:1,7-9 Jn 1:35-42 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, religious</p>	<p>5 † First Friday 1 Jn 3:11-21 Ps 100:1-5 Jn 1:43-51 St. John Neumann, bishop <i>Sacred Heart of Jesus Devotion</i></p>	<p>6 First Saturday 1 Jn 5:5-13 Ps 147:12-15,19-20 Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 <i>St. André Bessette, religious</i> <i>Immaculate Heart of Mary Devotion</i></p>
<p>7 Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:2,7-8,10-13 Eph 3:2-3a,5-6 Mt 2:1-12 The Epiphany of the Lord</p>	<p>8 End of the Christmas Season Is 55:1-11 (Ps) Is 12:2-6 1 Jn 5:1-9 Mk 1:7-11  The Baptism of the Lord</p>	<p>9 1 Sm 1:9-20 (Ps) 1 Sm 2:1,4-8 Mk 1:21-28</p>	<p>10 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20 Ps 40:2,5,7-10 Mk 1:29-39</p>	<p>11 1 Sm 4:1-11 Ps 44:10-11,14-15,25-26 Mk 1:40-45</p>	<p>12 † 1 Sm 8:4-7,10-22a Ps 89:16-19 Mk 2:1-12</p>	<p>13 1 Sm 9:1-4,17-19; & 10:1a Ps 21:2-7 Mk 2:13-17 <i>St. Hilary, bishop, doctor of the Church</i></p>
<p>14 1 Sm 3:3b-10,19 Ps 40:2,4,7-10 1 Cor 6:13c-15a,17-20 Jn 1:35-42 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>15 1 Sm 15:16-23 Ps 50:8-9,16-17,21,23 Mk 2:18-22</p>	<p>16 1 Sm 16:1-13 Ps 89:20-22,27-28 Mk 2:23-28</p>	<p>17 1 Sm 17:32-33,37,40-51 Ps 144:1-2,9-10 Mk 3:1-6 St. Anthony, abbot</p>	<p>18 1 Sm 18:6-9; & 19:1-7 Ps 56:2-3,9-14 Mk 3:7-12</p>	<p>19 † 1 Sm 24:3-21 Ps 57:2-4,6,11 Mk 3:13-19</p>	<p>20 2 Sm 1:1-4,11-12,19,23-27 Ps 80:2-3,5-7 Mk 3:20-21 <i>St. Fabian, pope, martyr</i> <i>St. Sebastian, martyr</i></p>
<p>21 Jon 3:1-5,10 Ps 25:4-9 1 Cor 7:29-31 Mk 1:14-20 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>22 2 Sm 5:1-7,10 Ps 89:20-22,25-26 Mk 3:22-30 <i>Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children</i></p>	<p>23 2 Sm 6:12b-15,17-19 Ps 24:7-10 Mk 3:31-35 <i>St. Vincent, deacon, martyr</i> <i>St. Marianne Cope, virgin</i></p>	<p>24 2 Sm 7:4-17 Ps 89:4-5,27-30 Mk 4:1-20 St. Francis de Sales, bishop, doctor of the Church</p>	<p>25 Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22 Ps 117:1-2 Mk 16:15-18 The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle</p>	<p>26 † 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5 Ps 96:1-3,7-8a,10 Mk 4:26-34 or Lk 10:1-9 Sts. Timothy and Titus, bishops</p>	<p>27 2 Sm 12:1-7a,10-17 Ps 51:12-17 Mk 4:35-41 <i>St. Angela Merici, virgin</i></p>
<p>28 Dt 18:15-20 Ps 95:1-2,6-9 1 Cor 7:32-35 Mk 1:21-28 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>29 2 Sm 15:13-14,30; & 16:5-13 Ps 3:2-7 Mk 5:1-20</p>	<p>30 2 Sm 18:9-10,14b, 24-25a,30 - 19:3 Ps 86:1-6 Mk 5:21-43</p>	<p>31 2 Sm 24:2,9-17 Ps 32:1-2,5-7 Mk 6:1-6 St. John Bosco, priest</p>	<p>Monthly Devotion The Holy Childhood of Jesus. Meditate on our Lord's years as a child and teenager and pray for our children of today.</p>	<p>Some other saints: 7th - St. Raymond of Peñafort 18th - Panna Maria, Matka jednoty křesťanů 21st - St. Agnes 28th - St. Thomas Aquinas</p>	<p>Every Sunday is a Solemnity. Weekdays with bold print are either a Solemnity or a Feast Day. All other weekdays are either Memorials or Optional Memorials or without a specific memorial. <i>Optional Memorials are in italics.</i></p>

† The Bishops of the United States have asked that we observe Fasting and Abstinence on every Friday for the intentions of Life, Marriage, and Religious Freedom.