

# HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

of CORN HILL



Pope Francis  
Vatican City State



Bishop Joe Vásquez  
Diocese of Austin



The Epiphany of the Lord  
January 7, A.D. 2024

## Mass Schedule & Intentions

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
Tuesday	Jan 9	6:00 PM	†Tony & Delores Sladeczek, †Paul Rosipal, Family of †Phyllis English
Wednesday	Jan 10	6:30 PM	†Mike Hansen, †Frankie & Barbara Simek, †Msgr. Lonnie Reyes
Thursday	Jan 11	7:00 AM	John Leary, †John & Betty Erge
Friday	Jan 12	6:00 PM	Martha Pavelka (healing), †Richard Danek
Saturday	Jan 13	7:30 AM	†Steve Janish, †Msgr. Lonnie Reyes
Saturday	Jan 13	5:00 PM	†Paul Bonkowski, Sr., †Christopher Bigan, †AJ Tschoerner
Sunday	Jan 14	8:30 AM	†Thomas Hrivnak, †Msgr. Lonnie Reyes
		10:30 AM	Pro Populo

## Mass Ministry Schedule for January 9 - 14

### Tuesday, January 9, 6:00 PM:

Altar Server: Josh Jacobs  
Lector: Virginia Loza-Lee

### Wednesday, January 10, 6:30 PM:

Altar Servers: Mikey & Christopher B.,  
Rustin S, Luke A.

Lector: Janine Nemeč

EMHC: Leslie Allen, Janine Nemeč

### Thursday, January 11, 7:00 AM:

Altar Server: Leslie Allen  
Lector: Pinto Nemeč

### Friday, January 12, 6:00 PM:

Altar Server: Leo Bringman  
Lector: Leo Bringman

### Saturday, January 13, 7:30 AM:

Altar Server: James Nemeč  
Lector: Janine Nemeč

### Saturday, January 13, 5:00 PM

Altar Servers: Martin & Isaiah O.  
Lector: Monica Sherek

EMHC: Janine Nemeč

Gift Bearers: Gene & Deanna Fojtik

Head Usher: Bill Sherek

EMHC to Shut-Ins: Jan 14

Route 1: Brandon Danek

Route 2: Josh Jacobs

### Sunday, January 14, 8:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Caleb, Amy & Emily S.,  
Mikey B.

Lector: Chris Stefek

EMHC: Brandon Danek, James Nemeč

Gift Bearers: Pinto & Lucille Nemeč

Head Usher: Matt Mertink

### Sunday, January 14, 10:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Samuel W., Isabella H.,  
Luke A.

Lector: Virginia Loza-Lee

EMHC: Joe Parks, Daniel Perez

Gift Bearers: Chad Allen Family

Head Usher: Jeff Voigt

## Vocations Crucifix Prayer Campaign

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

Jan 7 – 14: Brousseau Family

Jan 14 – 21: Chaney Family

## Rosary for Life

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

Jan 7 – 14: Deborah & Gary Callahan

Jan 14 – 21: Stephanie Wright

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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: Kitz 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	\$ 6,148.00
Online Donations	\$ 2,404.00
Feast of the Holy Family	\$ 3,239.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 2,815.00

## Altar Flowers

To request Altar Flowers, in memory or honor of loved ones,  
complete and return an 'Altar Flower Envelope' (located by  
bulletins or from our website).

## This Week at a Glance

Sun, Jan 7 – NO Youth Ministry/Confirmation classes

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

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

Tues, Jan 9 – Holy Hour of Reparation @ 4:30 pm in church

Tues, Jan 9 –RCIA @ 7:00 pm in RE Bldg

Wed, Jan 10 – CCE Classes begin 6:15 pm in RE Bldg.

Thurs, Jan 11 – Adoration 3:00 – 9:00 pm

Thurs, Jan 11 – Knights of Columbus Meeting @ 6:30 pm in PAC Bldg

Sun, Jan 14 – YM/Confirmation classes @ 9:00 am RE Bldg

## In Memoriam

We extend our sympathies and prayers to the family of  
**Thomas Robertson** (husband of Nelda Robertson)  
who has passed away. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon him.

May he rest in peace. Amen.

The new year is in full swing, yet there are still several boxes of assigned 2024 Contribution Envelopes that have not been picked up so if you haven't already, please pick yours up. **The boxes are located by the south side entrance of church.** If you are not currently using them and would like a box, please put your name on the sheet provided or contact the parish office, one will be put out for you.

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

Our monthly **Senior Citizens' Supper** will be held Monday, January 8, at 6:30 p.m. in the PAC Bldg. We appreciate the KJZT organization for preparing the meal.

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

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.



**Everyone needs a blanket.**

**Youth Ministry  
Blanket Making**

**January 14  
After 10:30 Mass  
RE Building  
Then we will travel to Will O'Bell  
Nursing Home in Bartlett and deliver  
blankets and pray the rosary.  
Lunch will be provided.  
Open to all middle school and high  
school students. Please bring  
scissors. All other supplies will be  
provided.**

**Knights of Columbus (KC) – Holy Trinity Council:** There will be a KC meeting Thursday, January 11, 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 Von Der Vellen (512-868-6415 or vondervellen1958@gmail.com).

**Our annual January Fundraiser will be held on Sunday, January 28, proceeds of which will benefit the Cemetery Fund.** Everyone is invited for a delicious BBQ Pork dinner with all the trimmings, served from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in the PAC Bldg. Adults \$14 / Children \$7. To-go plates will be available at the drive-thru. Spread the word and invite your family and friends! **If you would like to make a donation to help offset the cost of groceries, supplies, etc, January Fundraiser envelopes are available by the bulletins.**

#### EIM UPDATE

EIM compliance is required for persons active in most ministries in the diocese. Do you need to be compliant? New to the EIM process? Already have an EIM account? Visit [austindiocese.org/eim](http://austindiocese.org/eim) to learn about compliance policies, how new applicants get started, and how active users maintain compliance. Contact [eim@austindiocese.org](mailto:eim@austindiocese.org) for further assistance.

#### REPORT ABUSE

Report abuse of a minor, elderly adult, or an adult with a disability to local law enforcement or to the Texas Abuse Hotline at [www.txabusehotline.org](http://www.txabusehotline.org) or (800) 252-5400 and to the diocese at [www.austindiocese.org/report-abuse](http://www.austindiocese.org/report-abuse) or (512) 949-2447.

#### HAVE YOU, OR HAS SOMEONE YOU KNOW, EXPERIENCED ABUSE?

Bishop Joe S. Vásquez and the Diocese of Austin are committed to providing compassionate care to persons who have experienced abuse, particularly if committed by clergy or a church representative. If you or someone you know have experienced such abuse, contact the diocesan Coordinator of Victim Assistance and Pastoral Support at (512) 949-2400.

**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](http://www.austindiocese.org/cedarbrake) or call (254) 780-2436.

### **Dear friends in Christ,**

I hope all of you have had a wonderful Christmas Season which will end this Monday, January 8, when we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. I hope you have kept your Christmas lights shining until the end of this Season. On Tuesday, January 9, we will begin the First Week in Ordinary Time.

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany. Some of you may be wondering why Herod would be worried about a baby boy taking over his kingdom. The first century historian, Josephus, tells us that Herod the Great was a bit paranoid, and as a result was quite cruel. Herod continuously imagined or saw conspiracies against his authority and executed numbers of his ranking citizens, including five of his ten wives and even some of his own children. This is the kind of man which the Magi, Casper, Melchior, and Balthasar, encountered as they asked for directions to the place of the newborn king of the Jews. Knowing this helps us to see that God's love could be offered in such a volatile environment.

The Magi represent all of us and it is important that we ponder their pilgrimage. The journey which they made to Bethlehem from their homelands was not an easy one. They encountered strange languages and customs, and they did not have a reliable map. Extensive travel in the first century was not an easy thing to accomplish, and their willingness to make and complete the journey is an indication of the great importance they placed on it and their commitment to it.

Another thing characteristic of the Magi that emerges is their openness, their willingness to seek out what they do not yet fully understand, and to embrace it once it is discovered. Just imagine, how many of us would have gone on such a journey knowing little about what we were seeking. There were also costs associated with the journey of the Magi. Not merely the costs of the voyage itself, but also the costs of the gifts which were the most exotic and costliest gifts available. They gave so much. Do we tend to be so generous?

Why did they go through all this trouble to take such a journey? They wanted to see the Lord, to gaze upon the One who came to be the world's hope. Just consider the means that God selects to make this manifestation of Himself. He calls the Magi from within the midst of what was most familiar to them--their own professions. An ancient astrologer should not be confused with those who bear the name today. These were primitive astronomers, searching the heavens for truth. But that truth did not come to them merely through their own efforts. It came through the prompting, leading, and protection of the Holy Spirit, whom Jesus would later say, leads us into all truth.

In this sacred season of Christmas, let us ponder anew the significance of this story of the Magi. Let us remember that there are two ways in which we may search for Jesus. We may search for Him as did the wise men of old, with commitment, openness, and generosity. Or, we may seek Him out as did Herod, with a paranoid suspicion that He may displace us from the feeble thrones we have erected for ourselves. We may seek Him with the question: What will He take from me? Or, with the question: What may I offer Him?

It is the tradition that on the Feast of the Epiphany that we bless our homes by marking them with blessed chalk with the current year and the initials of the Three Wise Men -- Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar, CMB, or, KMB in Czech, and these letters also stand for the Latin phrase "Christus Mansionem Benedicat", which means "May Christ bless this dwelling". On the back of this bulletin you will find the blessing prayer and instructions on how to mark your homes. Mark your home above the front door so that all may know that your home is a Christian home.

**Confessional - You may have noticed the two lights on the new confessional. If the green light is on it means that a priest is in the confessional. If the red light is on it means that someone is making their confession so do not enter. There is no need to ask if I am there when the green light tells you this already.**

May God bless all of you this year with a strong faith and with an awareness of His love for you.

**Fr. Stephen Nestrta, farář**

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**K úvaze:** Boží slovo o Slavnosti Zjevení Páně se zcela zaměřuje na Ježíše jako na Mesiáše, krále a spasitele všech národů. On nepřišel pouze pro izraelský národ, ale také pro pohany – pro celé lidstvo. Příchod mudrců od východu znamená počátek sjednocení národů, které bude plně dovršeno vírou v Ježíše, až všechny národy poznají, že jsou dětmi jediného Otce a navzájem si jsou bratry a sestrami. Mudrci jsou prvními posluchači a svědky Krista. Stojí v čele velkého množství „pravých Božích ctitelů“, kteří budou duchovní sklizní mesiánské doby. Ježíš jako rozsévač přináší všem lidem dobré semeno Božího slova. Duch svatý způsobuje, že tato setba dozrává, a církev má v hojnosti sklízet plody této setby, kterou Ježíš zasel svým zjevením a oživil svou smrtí.

V Ježíši mohou všichni lidé najít pravou jednotu a objevit, že plnost života znamená dát se do služby Kristu a bližním. Naším posláním je tedy milovat a zůstat v jednotě. (Pastorace.cz)

**Fiesta de la Epifanía:** Mientras continuamos con la Temporada Navideña, esta festividad nos ayuda a entender que Jesús es la Luz del mundo entero y su salvación es dada a toda la gente. Los magos de lugares lejanos confiaron en que Dios los guiaría hacia el nuevo Rey, a quien encontraron en muy humildes circunstancias, no en las de un Rey ¿Permitimos que Dios nos ayude a reconocer a Cristo en el rostro de las mujeres emigrantes y de los niños cruzando nuestras fronteras? ¿en la vida de los pobres? ¿en los pequeños niños natos? ¿en el prisionero condenado a muerte? ¿Dónde podemos buscar a Jesús esta semana?

## Epiphany House Blessing

Using blessed chalk,  
mark the current year and the initials of the  
Magi above the outside doorways to your home.  
Place a cross in between each of the letters.  
It should look something like this.

20+C+M+B+24

After completing the above markings,  
pray the following prayer:

May all who come to our home this year  
rejoice to find Christ living among us;  
and may we seek and serve,  
in everyone we meet,  
that same Jesus who is Lord of all people  
forever and ever. Amen.

The legendary names of the three Magi are:

**Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar.**

(KMB in Czech)

The initials C-M-B also stand for the Latin words  
“Christus Mansionem Benedicat” which means:

**“May Christ bless this dwelling.”**

*The markings over the doors should be left all year round  
as a sign that yours is a Christian home.*