## HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Bishop Joe Vásquez Diocese of Austin

### Fifth Sunday of Lent March 17, A.D. 2024

Mass Schedule & Intentions †Bill & Margie (Sladecek) Stefek, †Hubert Klepac, 5:00 PM Saturday Mar 16 †Deceased member of the Lopez family †Albert Miller 8:30 AM Mar 17 Sunday Pro Populo 10:30 AM Confraternity of Christian Mothers, †Deacon Gene Davis, Mar 19 6:00 PM Tuesday †Stanley Havelka Mar 20 7:00 AM †John & Betty Emge, †Helen Sustala Wednesday 7:00 AM Thursday Mar 21 †Lawrence Korenek Sr. Melissa Glass, Sommer Sloan & US Air Force Services Mar 22 6:00 PM Friday Mar 23 7:30 AM Saturday Karen Davis (healing), †William Pehl, †Albert Casavant Saturday Mar 23 5:00 PM Pro Populo Armor of God Donors, †Frankie & Barbara Simek, 8:30 AM †Joe & Frances Lamer Sunday Mar 24 †Jim Heuertz, †Frank Rodriguez 10:30 AM

#### Mass Ministry Schedule for March 19 - 24

Tuesday, March 19, 6:00 PM: Altar Server: Leo Bringman Lector: Virginia Loza-Lee

Wednesday, March 20, 7:00 AM: Altar Server: Josh Jacobs Lector: Josh Jacobs

Stations of the Cross Wednesday, March 20, 6:30 PM Altar Servers: Stefeks

Thursday, March 21, 7:00 AM: Altar Server: Pinto Nemec Lector: Pinto Nemec

Friday, March 22, 6:00 PM: Altar Server: Josh Jacobs Lector: Josh Jacobs

Saturday, March 23, 7:30 AM: Altar Server: Leo Bringman Lector: Janine Nemec

Saturday, March 23, 5:00 PM: Palm Sunday Altar Servers: Carter M, Wesley & Noah C Lector: Leo Bringman, Louis Brousseau

EMHC: Janine Nemec Gift Bearers: Alcala Family Usher: Dave Richardson Head Usher: Bill McDonald

EMHC to Shut-Ins: March 24 Route 1: Ray Nemec Route 2: Spencer Chaney Sunday, March 24, 8:30 AM: Palm Sunday

Altar Servers: Caleb & Amy S., Isaac & Danielle N.

Lectors: Chris Stefek (narrator), Josh Jacobs (voice)

EMHC: Ray Nemec, Maria Messing Gift Bearers: Ray & Teresa Nemec

**Usher: Bill Sherek** 

Head Usher: Frank Knapek

Sunday, March 24, 10:30 AM: Palm Sunday

Altar Servers: Samuel W., Arian P.
Thomas & Ben C.

Lector: Virginia Loza-Lee (narrator), Spencer Chaney (voice)

EMHC: Joe Parks, Daniel Perez Gift Bearers: Roger & Maura Conway

**Usher: Jeff Voigt** 

**Head Usher: Daniel Perez** 



# Vocations Crucifix Prayer Campaign Open to all parishioners. To sign-up, call the parish office.

March 17 – 24: Bill & Monica Sherek

March 24 – 31: Ed & Renee Reilly

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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

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Cemetery Director: Johnny Martinka 512-966-4301
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Music Ministry / Choir: Ronnie Simek 512-630-5074
Finance Council: Tommy Sladecek 512-635-3496
Pastoral Council: Stephanie Wright 512-470-5204

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: Deanna Fojtik 254-217-2268

Religious Articles Cabinet: Deanna Fojtik 254-217-2268
CEF Enrollments: Janine Nemec 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 Sladecek 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)

#### <u>Last Week's Collection(s)</u>

Weekly Collection	\$ 5,661.00
Online Donations	\$ 2,981.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 1,506.00

#### This Week at a Glance

Sun, Mar 17 –Enchilada Fundraiser @ 11:00 am in PAC Mon, Mar 18 – CDA Meeting @ 6:15 pm at RE Bldg

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Tues, Mar 19 - RCIA @ 7:00 pm in RE Bldg

Wed, Mar 20 – Stations of the Cross @ 6:30 pm in church Wed, Mar 20 – CCE Classes @ 6:15 pm in RE Bldg

Wed, Mar 20 - Choir practice for Easter @ 7:00 pm in church

Thurs, Mar 21 – Bible Study @ 12 noon in RE Bldg

Thurs, Mar 21 -- Adoration 3:00 – 9:00 pm

Fri, Mar 22 – Fish Fry 5:30 – 7:00 pm in PAC Sat/Sun, Mar 23/24 – Building Fund collection at all Masses

Sun, Mar 24 -YM/Confirmation class @ 9:00 am

Living Stations practice after 10:30 am Mass

### Rosary for Life

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

March 17 - 24: Janet Havelka

March 24 – 31: Helen Havelka

Church Directory Update! If you were not able to schedule or needed to cancel your photo session for the church directory this past week, you may submit a photo to the parish office to use in the directory. It can be taken by a cell phone or digital camera then emailed to: mainoffice@holytrinityofcornhill.org.

We congratulate and welcome **Jacob Lane Zimmerhanzel** (son of Keith & Stephanie Zimmerhanzel) into the Catholic Church and the parish family through the Sacrament of Baptism.

**Catholic Daughters of the Americas** will hold their monthly meeting this Monday, March 18 at 6:15 p.m. in the RE building. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

Holy Trinity parish will honor St. Joseph with the celebration of a *St. Joseph Altar* after the 6:00 p.m. Mass on Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. The Confraternity of Christian Mothers will create and host this beautiful tradition, which is an offering of love, labor & sacrifice in honor of St Joseph. Fr. Stephen will bless the altar and then all are invited to sample the many foods on the altar. In keeping with the devotion to the patron saint of those in need, we will accept money or food donations to help the Jarrell Food Pantry. You are invited to celebrate & honor St. Joseph, the Protector of the Universal Church and the Holy Family.



**Join us every Wednesday, during Lent, for the Stations of the Cross** at 6:30 p.m. in the church. Take the time to reflect on the suffering and death of our Lord, Jesus Christ, on the Cross.



During the Season of Lent, it is important that we reconcile ourselves with one another and with God!

Please take the time for you and your family to go to Confession ... that your hearts, souls, and minds will be ready for the Sacrifice and Resurrection of our Lord.

The following are several opportunities for Confession in our area:

Sts. Cyril & Methodius, Granger: Wednesday, March 20, 7 PM; St. William's, Round Rock: Wednesday, March 20, 7 PM

**St. Elizabeth's, Pflugerville:** Thursday, March 21, 7 PM **St. William's, Round Rock:** Monday, March 25, 1 – 6 PM



**LAST Fish Fry** of the Lenton season – please join us Friday, March 22, from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m., or until sold out. Dine-in plates are \$15 for adults and \$8 for children 12 and under. Drive-thru plates are also available – adult plates only. Thank you to all who have prepared and served the meals this year.



If you would like to help decorate the church for the Easter season with Easter Lilies & Flowers, in memory or honor of loved ones, you may do so by completing and returning an Easter Flower Envelope (located by the bulletins). Please turn in envelopes by Sunday, March 24, as the memorials will be listed in the Easter bulletin.

We will have our monthly **Building Fund Collection** next weekend (March 23/24). Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Ashes to Easter Second Collection. Though we did not receive the Lenten boxes this year, we will be having a second collection on Easter weekend, March 30/31 for the mission work of our diocese. Thank you for your sacrificial Lenten almsgiving and generosity.

Our Confraternity of Christian Mothers will meet on Sunday, March 24, at 9:30 a.m. in the RE building. All ladies of the parish are welcome to join us for prayers, spiritual formation & fellowship. Congratulations to all the Confirmation Candidates!

Everyone is invited to **St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Cyclone** for their annual **Springfest** Sunday, March 24, A.D. 2024. They will serve a fried chicken & sausage dinner **starting at 11:00 a.m.** \$15 plates - Dine In or Plates to go, along with a raffle, silent auction and more.

Grieving with Great Hope is a five session grief support series developed by Good Mourning Ministry for Catholic parishes and grieving persons who have lost a loved one. This series will be held at St. Luke Catholic Church in Temple, in the Religious Education Bldg, in the John Paul II Room. This grief series consists of several videos, discussions, and prayer. It is for anyone who has experienced the death of someone in their life. Each two-hour session begins at 6:30 p.m. The first session is scheduled for Tuesday, April 2, and each following Tuesday through April 30. Cost is \$10 to cover the workbook. For more information or to register, call or email Clyde Gottschalk, clydegottschalk@gmail.com 254-760-5644, Judy Hoelscher, judyhoelscher51@gmail.com 254-541-1902, Selina Mercado, sxprmd99@hotmail.com 254-421-5052.

St. John Vianney Parish in Round Rock will host a mission entitled Divine Mercy and St. Michael the Archangel on April 9-10. Fr. Peter Prusakiewicz, CSMA (Congregation of St. Michael the Archangel) will give a mission on the power and love of St. Michael-The Archangel of the Divine Mercy. He will also offer healing services and veneration of the first-class relic of St. Faustina and speak about Divine Mercy.

It's time to start thinking about the Bazaar Raffle!

If you would like to donate a new item or gift card, please contact Stephanie Wright at 512-470-5204.

#### Dear Parishioners.

May the peace and love of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Thank you to everyone who made the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation such a wonderful event last Sunday. Special thanks to the Confraternity of Christian Mothers for cooking and serving the meal. It was wonderful.

For the next two weeks our statues will be covered to remind us that we are in the most solemn time of our Church year. The covering of the statues reminds us that we are to give up all that is pleasing to our senses during this remaining time of Lent and focus upon the suffering of our Lord. Let us enter into these final days of Lent with our entire being, mind, body and soul, so that we can even more intensely experience the joy of the resurrection and salvation.

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week. The Easter Triduum during Holy Week is our most sacred and solemn time of the whole year. We should make it a priority to attend the celebrations on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday, setting aside other non-religious activities that may conflict with these sacred days. Let us be faithful to God. Our schedule for the Easter Triduum will be as follows:

Holy Thursday - 7:00 p.m., Good Friday - 3:00 pm & 7:00 p.m., Holy Saturday - 8:00 p.m. Easter Sunday - 6:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

We will be having Altar Server practice for each of the above celebrations. Altar Servers will have practice for Holy Thursday on Palm Sunday, March 24, following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Altar Server practice for Good Friday will be after Mass on Holy Thursday. Altar Server practice for Holy Saturday will be at 11:00 a.m. on Holy Saturday. All Altar Servers who are scheduled to serve at each of the above celebrations are asked to be at these practices. If you are not able to serve when scheduled, please find a substitute for you and be sure to tell them that they must attend the practice as scheduled for that particular day. Also please let me know so that I will know who will be serving. Thank you to all of you for serving at God's Altar.

It is hard for us to imagine, in our fast-paced, materialistic society, that any good can come from hardship and sacrifice. These are not words that we like to hear. Our food, our exercise machines, our news, and even our relationships are expected to produce instant gratification. We want our lives to be better, richer, and more successful...all without much effort on our part. We are told that lottery tickets will make us millionaires, milk shakes will make us slim, and the internet will give us all the answers we are looking for in life.

In this season of Lent, we are asked to escape this philosophy. We are asked to slow down and examine our lives in light of gospel values. We are asked to increase our prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. We are asked to sacrifice. Why does the Church ask this of us? Because to give up something old makes room for something new.

In today's second reading, the Hebrews are reminded that Jesus learned obedience from what He suffered, and when He was made perfect He became the source of eternal salvation. It was in obedience, sacrifice and death on the cross, that Jesus was glorified. In John's gospel, Jesus tells His apostles that the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified...not humiliated, not beaten, not put to death, but glorified. He recognized that a grain of wheat must die to produce fruit. Even though He knew what was going to happen and how much He would have to suffer, He accepted it because He knew that it was for this purpose that He had come.

What is our hour and what is our purpose in life? We do not know the hour, but we do know the purpose of our lives. At the moment of our baptism we were given a share in the cross of Jesus. Our purpose is to lift high the cross and spread the good news of salvation, to bring others to come and know Jesus Christ.

Ask yourselves the following questions: "What did I accomplish this week? Did I become closer to Jesus and did I make His presence known to someone else? Did I sacrifice and suffer to make room for something else? If I sacrificed a daily candy bar, soda or alcoholic beverage, did I contribute the money to the poor? If I gave up an hour of television did I spend it in prayer? Have my daily sacrifices been fruitful?"

During these final days of Lent, let us be aware of our lifestyle and the priorities we have set. The prophet Jeremiah gives us the clearest image of the new covenant as he says, "I will place the law within them, and write it upon their hearts. I will be their God, and they shall be my people." Do we allow ourselves to truly know Jesus, to allow Him within our hearts and souls? Or do we close the door of our heart and prevent Him from entering?

This new covenant has been fulfilled in Jesus Christ. It is our task to keep it alive within us, to let our sacrifices bear fruit. With Jesus, let them be the source of your eternal salvation. Make God known today through your words and actions. Truly serve our Lord and be obedient to Him. Through your obedience you will be made perfect and He will be the source of your salvation.

As we enter these most sacred days I pray that all of you may be renewed in spirit and in faith as we celebrate the mystery of our salvation.

Fr. Stephen Nesrsta, farář

**K ZAMYŠLENÍ:** Vrcholí postní doba jako čas duchovní obnovy a reflexe naší víry. Potkáváme Ježíše nikoli jako superhrdinu z filmů, ale jako někoho, kdo mluví o své smrti. "Co mám říci? Otče, vysvoboď mě od té hodiny? Ale právě kvůli té hodině jsem přišel." Jak to kontrastuje s fanoušky, kteří přišli za Filipem, aby mohli získat nějaký zážitek, tehdejší "selfie" s Ježíšem. On ale není atrakcí, není příspěvkem do poličky kuriozit z našich cest. Buď bude v našich životech hrát klíčovou roli jako jediný most mezi námi a Bohem Otcem, anebo ho vůbec nepotkáme.

Quinto Domingo de Cuaresma: El Evangelio este domingo nos señala hacia el amor que se auto sacrifica de Jesús. Ninguna fruta puede crecer sin que la semilla renuncie a su vida a favor de la planta. Las doctrinas Sociales de la Iglesia son difíciles para muchos por que retan muchas creencias enraizadas. Nuestra enseñanza sobre la vida abarca a los no-natos y las personas sentenciadas a muerte; nuestra enseñanza sobre solidaridad nos pide que no sólo nos preguntemos sobre nuestra propia mejora, sino nos preguntemos si los más pobres del mundo están también mejorando; nuestra enseñanza sobre el medio ambiente nos llama a examinar qué tan grande es nuestra huella de carbono. Esta es la temporada de conversión y sacrificio, en las últimas semanas de la Cuaresma ¿qué actitud o hábito está Dios pidiéndole a usted que evalúe a la luz de la Doctrina Social de la Iglesia?

## Holy Trinity Confirmation A.D. 2024



