

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

of CORN HILL



Pope Francis
Vatican City State



Bishop Joe Vásquez
Diocese of Austin



Sunday of Divine Mercy
(Second Sunday of Easter)
April 7, A.D. 2024



Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday	Apr 6	5:00 PM	Pro Populo
Sunday	Apr 7	8:30 AM	The James kids (Spiritual Fortification), †Cyril & Eileen Rosipal
		10:30 AM	John David Glass, †Dave & Doris Cole, †Angela Danek
Monday	Apr 8	6:00 PM	Craig & Krystle, †Emma Ann Rodriguez, †Martha Sherek
Tuesday	Apr 9	6:00 PM	The Cooke Family, †Isabel Schertz
Wednesday	Apr 10	6:30 PM	†Paul Rosipal, †Susan & Burt Carnes
Thursday	Apr 11	7:00 AM	†John H. Cook, †Tim Valenta
Friday	Apr 12	6:00 PM	Bernard & Lucille Nemecek (in thanksgiving), †Tony & Delores Sladeczek, †John J. & Albina Pavelka
Saturday	Apr 13	7:30 AM	†John & Betty Emge, †Thomas Robertson
Saturday	Apr 13	5:00 PM	†Emil Danek, †Charles Petru, †Deceased members of Uresti family
Sunday	Apr 14	8:30 AM	Pro Populo
		10:30 AM	Walentyn Trejo-Lara, †Dorothy Klepac, †Jim Heuertz

Mass Ministry Schedule for April 8 - 14

Monday, April 8, 6:00 PM

Altar Server/Lector: Leo Bringman

Tuesday, April 9, 6:00 PM:

Altar Server: Josh Jacobs
Lector: Kitz Crawford

Wednesday, April 10, 6:30 PM:

Altar Server: Landon B., Luke A.,
Eric W., Mikey B.

Lector: Spencer Chaney
EMHC: Josh Jacobs, Spencer Chaney

Thursday, April 11, 7:00 AM:

Altar Server/Lector: Pinto Nemecek

Friday, April 12, 6:00 PM:

Altar Server/Lector: Leo Bringman

Saturday, April 13, 7:30 PM:

Altar Server: Leo Bringman
Lector: Janine Nemecek

Saturday, April 13, 5:00 PM:

Altar Servers: Carter M.,
Ben & Thomas C
Lector: Monica Sherek
EMHC: Spencer Chaney
Gift Bearers: Billy & Kathy Meissner
Head Usher: Bill Sherek

EMHC to Shut-Ins: April 14

Route 1: Brandon Danek

Route 2: Joe Parks

Sunday, April 14, 8:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Stefeks & Michael Weber
Lector: Chris Stefek
EMHC: Daniel & Hilda Perez
Gift Bearers: Tommy & Cindy Sladeczek
Head Usher: Tommy Sladeczek

Sunday, April 14, 10:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Heather S., Rustin S.,
Martin & Isaiah O.
Lector: Denise Sellers
EMHC: Joe Parks, Josh Jacobs
Gift Bearers: Bill & Linda Montreuil
Head Usher: Jeff Voigt

Vocations Crucifix Prayer Campaign

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

April 7 – 14: Phil & Mary Ann Everett

April 14 – 21: Chaney Family

Rosary for Life

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

April 7 – 14: Frankie & Betty Ann Vrabel

April 14 – 21: Michael Vrana

Last Week's Collection(s)

Good Friday	\$ 2,259.00
Easter Weekend	\$ 12,388.00
Online Donations	\$ 1,656.00
Ashes To Easter	\$ 1,245.86

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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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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

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Religious Articles Cabinet: Deanna Fojtik 254-217-2268

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

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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)

This Week at a Glance

Sun, Apr 7 – Hospitality Breakfast after 8:30 am Mass @ PAC

Sun, Apr 7 – Divine Mercy Holy Hour @ 3:00 pm in church

Tues, Apr 9 – Holy Face Prayers & Hour of Reparation @ 4:10 pm

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

Wed, Apr 10 – CCE classes at 6:15 pm

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

Thurs, Apr 11 – Knights of Columbus Meeting 6:00 pm @ PAC

Sat/Sun, Apr 13/14 – CDA Membership drive at all Masses

Sun, Apr 14 – CDA New Membership Brunch after 10:30 am
Mass in RE Bldg

Mon, Apr 15 – Catholic Daughters Meeting @ 6:15 pm in RE Bldg



Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The Lord has risen. Alleluia! The same Risen Christ who meets the two disciples on Emmaus meets us at every Mass. His ongoing presence in our lives is a sign of his profound mercy and love. During this Easter season, may our eyes and ears be opened to encounter the Risen Lord.

~ Bishop Joe Vásquez

All visitors and parishioners are invited for **Hospitality Sunday** this weekend (Sunday, April 7) in the PAC Bldg after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. We appreciate the Knights of Columbus for preparing the breakfast.

We celebrate **Divine Mercy Sunday** this weekend. Join us for a **Divine Mercy Holy Hour** on Sunday, April 7, at 3:00 p.m. in the church.

Moravian Club Fundraiser – Please join us for a Pork BBQ & Sausage Dinner and Dance this Sunday, April 7 at the Moravian Hall. Dine-In and To-Go plates(\$15) from 11:00 am until sold out. Dance from 1:00 – 5:00 pm with music provided by Scooter Dubec & Sterling Country - \$10 cover and cash bar only.

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.

Knights of Columbus (KC) – Holy Trinity Council: There will be a KC meeting Thursday, April 11. Social begins at 6:00 p.m., Rosary at 6:40 p.m., and the meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the PAC Bldg. All members are invited. All men interested in becoming a member of the KC, or in transferring into the Holy Trinity Council from another, are also invited and encouraged to attend. For questions or more information, contact James Von Der Vellen (512-868-6415 or vondervellen1958@gmail.com)

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

Richard Danek Memorial Scholarship is offering 1 High School Senior, graduating in 2024, a \$1000 scholarship to the college, trade school or vocational school that they will be attending in the future. One of the requirements is that the applicant must be active in the life of Holy Trinity Parish. For more information and to apply for this scholarship, please stop by the parish office. **Deadline to apply is April 30, 2024.**

Seminarian Appeal update: Your prayers for more vocations are working, and this year we anticipate having 49 men studying to be diocesan priests. With this growth comes increased financial responsibility, as it costs nearly \$70,000 per year for the formation of each seminarian. **To participate in the diocesan Seminarian Appeal, please visit www.austindiocese.org/donate.**

KJT #55 will hold a meeting on Sunday, April 21 after the 8:30 am Mass in the RE building. All members are invited to attend.



Our Parish Family Picnic and Fun Day is approaching, which will be held Sunday, April 21, from noon to 3:00 pm. There will be lots of games for children, teens, and adults. A hamburger/hotdog meal with all the trimmings will be provided. Please bring your own drinks and chairs for outdoors. We will supply drinking water. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer of the church this weekend for those who are planning to attend. **Please sign up by Sunday April 14th.** Contact Stephanie Wright @ 512-470-5204 for information.

Our ANNUAL PARISH BAZAAR will be held on Sunday, September 15, and we are already preparing!

You can help us get the ball rolling by donating RAFFLE PRIZES!

If you are interested in donating a prize for our Raffle, please contact Stephanie Wright (512-470-5204). Seems that Gift Cards have been the trend, but any and all (new item) donations will be gladly accepted.

You may consider combining resources with a friend or family member for a larger priced card or item ... but no item is too small ... and all are very much appreciated!

Deadline for prize donations is Sunday, May 5.

God bless you, in advance, for your help and donations for our fundraiser.



EIM COMPLIANCE INFORMATION

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 to learn about compliance policies, how new applicants get started, and how active users maintain compliance. Contact 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 the Texas Abuse Hotline at www.txabusehotline.org (800) 252-5400 and the diocese at www.austindiocese.org/report-abuse (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 www.austindiocese.org/victim-assistance (512) 949-2400.

Dear friends in Christ,

He is Risen! He is Truly Risen! Today is the Octave Day of the Easter Season. We continue to focus on and celebrate the resurrection of Jesus.

I would like to thank our Safety Management Team for watching over everything during our Holy Week and Easter celebrations. Thanking for being here for our safety and for being ready to respond when needed.

Today is **Divine Mercy Sunday**. May we all be open to receiving the love and mercy of God. We will have a Divine Mercy Service at 3:00 pm today. Everyone is invited to attend.

Warmer weather is approaching. Usually when summer approaches we are tempted to dress rather lightly or skimpy for Mass. We need to remember that as we come to Mass we come to worship God and to receive His Son in Holy Communion. We should dress in a way that shows respect for God. The general rule that I believe is appropriate is that anyone over 6 years of age should not wear shorts to Mass. Also, girls and ladies should wear blouses or dresses that are appropriate for Mass, nothing strapless or no spaghetti straps. Some say that God doesn't care what you wear to Mass. Well, that may be so. But the question should be "do you love God enough that you care what you wear to Mass and are you willing to do something special for Him?" Do you stand in honor in His presence? Also, if you dress appropriately for Mass you will not be cold in church from the air conditioning. If the air is blowing on you and you are cold, try to move to another part of the church.

The gospel of today is very appropriate for the Feast of Divine Mercy as we see in the interaction between Jesus and the apostle Thomas. If we look at the three times Thomas speaks in Scripture, we see that he is a man of great courage, but also, a practical, down-to-earth, no-nonsense kind of person who has great affection for Jesus. When Thomas first realized that they were not going to deter Jesus from going to Jerusalem and facing his death, he says to the disciples, "Let us go and die with him." That took great courage.

At the Last Supper when Jesus was preparing the disciples for his death, he told them that he was going to prepare a place for them and that he would come to take them to that place so they could be with him. Jesus also said that they knew the way to the place where he was going. Thomas, practical man that he was, said, "Lord, we do not know where you are going so how can we know the way?" Jesus' response is the revelation, "I am the way, the truth, and the life." Jesus is our map to heaven.

Today's gospel tells us that when Jesus first appeared to the disciples, Thomas was not there. When Thomas did return, the disciples eagerly told him what he missed and Thomas flat-out said he would not believe unless he personally could touch the wounds of Jesus. When Jesus came again a week later, Thomas was present and Jesus invited him to fulfill the conditions for his belief. Thomas in awe and wonder replied with those wonderful words of faith, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus cared so deeply about Thomas that he spared no effort to bring him to faith, even letting him put his finger into the mark of the nails in his hand and his hand into the wound in his side.

God is willing to meet us where we are. There is no situation, no crisis of faith, no experience of brokenness that God is not willing to be there with us. Often we find it difficult to be where we are; to feel the emotions that are stirring; to face the questions that arise; to deal with the doubts and fears that threaten us. Thomas needed proof in order to believe in the resurrection and he openly said so. He did not pretend a faith he did not have or talk himself out of his doubt. This is not to say he loved Jesus any less.

Jesus has promised to be with us in our struggles. We do not have to face painful experiences alone. We do not have to depend on our own efforts. We do not have to pretend to have faith when we are lacking it. We can freely say to God, "This is awful. I don't like it." We can say whatever we want and know that God will listen to us and respond. Let us pray that we stay in dialogue with God so that our trust may grow and we may say with Thomas, "My Lord and my God."

This is what Jesus asks of us. He has proven his love for us in the person of Jesus Christ, whose blood and water flowed from his side as is illustrated on the picture of Divine Mercy by the red and white rays coming from his heart. Just as Jesus wanted to prove to Thomas His resurrection, Jesus wants to prove His mercy to us. He wants us to know that His mercy is unlimited. That is why He asked that we celebrate this feast of Divine Mercy on the Sunday after Easter. Jesus died for our sins and God wants us to know that we are forgiven through the sacrifice of the cross. Our Lord told Sister Faustina, "*It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter... I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fountain of My mercy.*" All of us are poor sinners and are in need of God's mercy. Let us be like Thomas and say "My Lord and my God!" and accept the unlimited, overflowing mercy of God.

May all of you continue to experience the joy of the resurrected Lord in this Easter Season.

Fr. Stephen Nestrta, farář

K ZAMYŠLENÍ: Zápas o víru, o přijetí Kristova vzkříšení bude mít řadu etap. Tomáš je krásnou ukázkou takového zápasu. Ukazuje potřebu řady lidí přesvědčit se takřkajíc na vlastní kůži, že to je pravda. Možná jde o téma silně rezonující u mnoha mužů. Tomáš ale není nevěřící! Vždyť se s apoštoly dál setkává, doufá, že se i jemu Ježíš ukáže. A ukázal! Text nemluví o tom, že Tomáš vložil své ruce do Ježíšových ran. Stačilo mu Ježíše potkat.

Segundo Domingo de Pascua: En la lectura de los Hechos de los Apóstoles, escuchamos sobre la comunidad Cristiana temprana, en la cual "vivían todos unidos", ellos "lo poseían todo en común;" y "no había personas necesitadas entre ellos". ¿Describe esto a nuestras parroquias o somos como los discípulos que nos escondemos con miedo de lo que sucede en el cuarto de arriba? Jesús nos habla a nosotros como les habló a ellos, enviándonos a llevar la paz, la sanación, la justicia, la misericordia y el amor a un mundo necesitado de esas virtudes y de una comunidad capaz de vivirlas ¿Qué podemos hacer para vivir más verdaderamente como una comunidad que comparte y ama?

Holy Hour: The Power of Three O'Clock

Amid our busy workdays and weekends, it is not unusual for most of us to let the 3 pm hour pass by as any other hour in the day. Yet after reading the Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska, *Divine Mercy in My Soul*, the 3 pm hour has become a deeply significant time for me. We know 3 pm is significant for us on Good Friday as the hour when Christ breathed his last and died on the cross for our sins and those of the whole world. We also know it is the hour when his side was pierced with a lance; and whereupon blood and water gushed forth as a fount of mercy for all souls. But what about all the other days of the year when the 3 pm hour strikes? According to the revelations recorded in Saint Faustina's Diary, it is during this time *each day* that Christ calls us to something quite extraordinary.

In 1937, Sister Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938) of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy began receiving divine revelations from Our Lord Jesus Christ. In these revelations, Jesus asked Sr. Faustina to record these experiences which she compiled into six notebooks, now widely known as *Divine Mercy in My Soul*. Contained within the diaries are messages directly from Christ regarding his unfathomable and endless mercy toward all humanity. Among Christ's central message to Saint Faustina was his extraordinary invitation to each of us to daily immerse ourselves in his passion during the 3 pm hour while also imploring his mercy for ourselves and for the whole world. Here are the exact words of Christ to Saint Faustina stating his specific call:

"At three o'clock, implore My mercy, especially for sinners; and, if only for a brief moment, immerse yourself in My Passion, particularly in My abandonment at the moment of agony. This is the hour of great mercy... In this hour, I will refuse nothing to the soul that makes a request of Me in virtue of My Passion." (Diary, 1320)

"As often as you hear the clock strike the third hour, immerse yourself completely in My mercy, adoring and glorifying it; invoke its omnipotence for the whole world, and particularly for poor sinners; for at that moment mercy was opened wide for every soul. In this hour you can obtain everything for yourself and for others for the asking; it was the hour of grace for the whole world — mercy triumphed over justice." (Diary, 1572)

"My daughter, try your best to make the Stations of the Cross in this hour, provided that your duties permit it; and if you are not able to make the Stations of the Cross, then at least step into the chapel for a moment and adore, in the Most Blessed Sacrament, My Heart, which is full of mercy; and should you be unable to step into the chapel, immerse yourself in prayer there where you happen to be, if only for a very brief instant." (Diary, 1572)

In this powerful hour, mercy and love itself opens wide his heart to every soul by inviting us to recall and encounter his passion – most particularly his "abandonment at the moment of agony". St. Faustina also recorded Christ's words emphasizing that no one need be afraid to approach his mercy no matter how extensive or grave their sins might be, "Let no soul fear to draw near to me, even though its sins be as scarlet," (Diary, 699) and "My mercy is greater than your sins and those of the entire world." (Diary, 1485). Here Christ invites the greatest sinners (in union with the sacrament of confession) to be embraced by his merciful love in a special way to find redemption, rest and renewal in him. Like a good physician wishing to spare his patients sufferings bring him also your guilt, your sorrow, your difficulties, your addictions, your physical illness and unite them with his wounds, for as Christ stated to Faustina, **"no soul that has called upon My mercy has ever been disappointed or brought to shame."** (Diary, 1541)

Once you begin the practice of Christ's powerful 3 pm daily call for prayer, you will find it will eventually become second nature to you. Like anything you wish to do regularly, it will take some time to develop. You may find it helpful to set your wrist watch or place a reminder on your daily calendar, until it becomes a regular habit for you. In his messages to Saint Faustina, Jesus also recognizes it might not be possible for us to make the daily stations of the cross or visit an adoration chapel at 3 pm, hence his words, "immerse yourself in prayer there *where you happen to be, if only for a brief instant.*" So even if we are in a business meeting, on the freeway, in a plane, a classroom, or wherever "we happen to be" we can certainly *if only for a brief moment* call to mind his passion and invoke his mercy. Short prayers associated with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy such as: *Oh blood and water which gushed forth from the heart of Jesus as a font of mercy toward us, I trust in you or, For the sake of Your Sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world*, will allow us to mentally pause and meet Christ at the foot of his cross to implore his mercy if we should be unable to pray the stations or visit a chapel.

So, this Easter as we celebrate the Risen Christ, let us also resurrect Jesus' 3 pm call to invoke his divine mercy for the whole world and the conversion of all hearts! And with all that is occurring in the world at present, is it not crucial to implore his mercy now more than ever?