

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH



Pope Francis
Vatican City State



Bishop Joe Vásquez
Diocese of Austin



First Sunday of Advent
December 1, A.D. 2024
Mass Schedule & Intentions



Saturday	Nov 30	5:00 PM	Thomas Styer (healing), †Tommy Martine, †Robert & Crecencia Hernandez
Sunday	Dec 1	7:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:30 AM	†Tim Valenta, Sr., †Marvin Marek Pro Populo Liv/Dec members of James & Mary Ziegler family, †Cyril Rosipal
Tuesday	Dec 3	6:00 PM	†Burt & Susan Carnes, †Willie Vrabel
Wednesday	Dec 4	6:30 PM	†Jim Heuertz, †Lucille DelSignore, †Paul Rosipal
Thursday	Dec 5	7:00 AM	†Calvin Blackman, Jr., †Joan Rothhammer
First Friday	Dec 6	6:00 PM	Members & Mission of the Czech Catholic Foundation of TX, †Alice Sauser
First Saturday	Dec 7	7:30 AM	†John & Betty Emge, †Emma Ann Rodriguez
Saturday	Dec 7	5:00 PM	Bill Sherek (healing), †Mary Ortega, †Robert & Crecencia Hernandez
Sunday	Dec 8	7:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:30 AM	Mary Petrarca, Walther Family †Dennis Messex Sr., †Paul Straka, †Frank & Barbara Simek Pro Populo

Mass Schedule for December 3 - 8

Tuesday, December 3, 6:00 PM

Altar Server: Josh Jacobs
Lector: Kitz Crawford

Wednesday, December 4, 6:30 PM:

Altar Servers: Rustin S., Landon B., Arian P., Brigid B.

Lector: Laura Hill

EMHC: Spencer Chaney, Betty Ann Vrabel

Thursday, December 5, 7:00 AM:

Altar Server: Pinto Nemece

Lector: Pinto Nemece

First Friday, December 6, 6:00 PM:

Altar Server: Caleb, Amy & Emily Stefek

Lector: Chris Stefek

First Saturday, December 7, 7:30 AM:

Altar Server: Leslie Allen

Lector: Janine Nemece

Saturday, December 7, 5:00 PM:

Altar Servers: Martin & Isaiah O.

Lector: Janine Nemece

EMHC: Chee Hart

Gift Bearers: Gene & Deanna Fojtik

Head Usher: Stephanie Wright

Sunday, December 8, 7:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Joseph & Brigid B., John Beyer

Lector: Adelaide Brousseau

EMHC: Ray Nemece, Leo Bringman

Gift Bearer: Ray & Teresa Nemece

Head Usher: Phil Everett

Sunday, December 8 9:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Mikey, Alyssa, Christopher B., Isabella H.

Lector: Denise Sellers

EMHC: Joe Parks, Leslie Allen

Gift Bearer: Leslie & Linda Allen

Head Usher: Bill McDonald

Sunday, December 8, 11:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Michael S., Preston & Heather S

Lector: Greta Reza

EMHC: Monica Snook

Gift Bearers: Jim & Margie Foley

Head Usher: Frank Knapek

EMHC to Shut-Ins: Dec 8

Route 1: James Nemece

Route 2: Joe Parks

✠ Fr. Stephen Nestrsta ✠

Address: 8626 FM 1105, Jarrell, Texas 76537

Phone: 512-863-3020

Email: mainoffice@holytrinityofcornhill.org

Website: www.holytrinityofcornhill.org

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 @ 7:30 am, 9:30 am & 11:30 am

Reconciliation: Sat: 3:30–4:40 pm; Sun: 6:30 – 7:10 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 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: Wendy Staab 903-316-9658

Religious Articles Cabinet: Deanna Fojtik 254-217-2268

CEF Enrollments: Janine Nemece 512-289-9242

K.J.T. Society #55: John Valenta 281-507-5686

KJST 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)

Last Week's Collection(s)

Weekly Collection	\$ 17,016.00
Online Donations	\$ 1,490.00
Building Fund	\$ 3,966.00

Altar Flowers

Reminder: No flowers are needed during the Advent or Christmas Seasons (Dec 1 – Jan 12).

This Week at a Glance

Sat/Sun, Nov 30/Dec 1 – CEF cards available after all Masses
 Sun, Dec 1 – Hospitality Sunday Breakfast after 9:30 am Mass in PAC
 Sun, Dec 1 – Confirmation/YM Classes @ 10:30 am in RE Bldg
 Mon, Dec 2 – Senior Citizens Supper @ 6:30 in PAC
 Tues, Dec 3 – Holy Face Prayers/ Hour of Reparation @ 4:05 pm
 Tues, Dec 3 – RCIA @ 7:00 pm in RE Bldg
 Wed, Dec 4 – CCE classes begin 6:15 pm
 Wed, Dec 4 – Choir practice @ 7:00 pm in church
 Thurs, Dec 5 – Genesis Bible Study @ 12 noon in RE Bldg
 Thurs, Dec 5 – Adoration 3:00 – 9:00 pm
 Fri, Dec 6 – First Friday Family Night in PAC after 6:00 pm Mass
 Sat/Sun, Dec 7/8 – Priest Retirement Fund second collection

In Memoriam

We extend our sympathies and prayers to the family of **Betty Maney** who passed away this past week. Eternal rest, grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.

Rosary for Life

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

Dec 1 – 8: Gary & Deborah Callahan

Dec 8 – 15: Stephanie Wright

Vocations Crucifix Prayer Campaign

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

Dec 1 – 8: Pinto & Lucille Nemece

Dec 8 – 15: Josh & Steffani Jacobs

The Season of Advent – our time of preparation for the birth of our Lord & Savior, Jesus Christ – has begun.

St. Helen – Georgetown – Tuesday, December 3, 9:30 - 11:30 AM & 7:00 – 9:00 PM

St. Joseph – Manor – Wednesday, December 4, 6:00 – 8:00 PM; **St. John Vianney – Round Rock** – Thursday, December 5, 7 PM

Our Lady of Guadalupe – Taylor – Tuesday, December 10, 6:30 – 8:30 PM;

St. Mary's – Taylor – Wednesday, December 11, 10:30 AM – 12:00 NOON; **Holy Trinity of Corn Hill – Sunday, December 15, 5 PM;**

St. Patrick – Hutto – Tuesday, December 17, 6:30 – 8:30 PM; **Ss. Cyril & Methodius – Granger** – Wednesday, December 18, 7 PM

St. Elizabeth – Pflugerville – Thursday, December 19, 7 PM; **St. William – Round Rock** – Friday, December 20, 1:00 – 6:00 PM

A special “Thank you” to Ross Springer for donating 2 beautifully crafted kneelers (Prie Dieu) which have been a wonderful addition to our church.

The **Knights of Columbus** would like to thank all of the supporters and volunteers who helped make our World Series BBQ Extravaganza a big success! Thank you everyone!

The **2025 Collection Envelopes** are available in the St. Cecilia Choir Room. If you do not have a box in there and want one, please put your name on the list provided. If you are now making your donations online or no longer need a box of envelopes, please let the parish office know.

All visitors and parishioners are invited for **Hospitality Sunday** this weekend, Sunday, December 1 in the PAC Bldg after the 9:30 a.m. Mass. We appreciate the Marquis Family for preparing the breakfast.

Our monthly **Senior Citizens' Supper** will be held this Monday, December 2 at 6:30 pm. in the PAC Bldg. Thank you to the Sherek/Dorothy Klepac Family for preparing the meal.

SIGN UP – by this Sunday, December 1st – for our Parish Appreciation Dinner, which will be held on Sunday, December 8, at 5:00 p.m. in the PAC bldg. We want to show our thanks and appreciation to ALL of our PARISHIONERS, so if you participate in any ministries or activities here at our parish, sign-up you and your family for a delicious catered meal – on us! **Sign-up sheets are available in the foyer of the church, or you can contact the parish office.**

Clerical Endowment Fund (CEF) Christmas Cards will be available after all Masses the weekends of November 30/December 1 and December 7/8. Cost of each card per person is \$2.00. You may also contact Janine Nemecek at 512-289-9242 for more information.

Please join us on Friday, December 6 during First Friday Family Night Potluck with a visit from St. Nicholas, and activities and games for the kids. In the PAC after 6:00 pm First Friday Mass and Devotions. Please let us know what you're bringing for the potluck by contacting Josh Jacobs skjosh.jacobs@gmail.com.

We will have a **second collection** next weekend (December 7/8) for the **Priest & Religious Retirement Fund**. Thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for years in Catholic schools, hospitals, and parishes—often for little to no pay. Now, many religious communities do not have enough retirement savings and struggle to provide for aging members. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious collection helps provide medications, nursing care, and more.

Men, do you want to learn more about the diaconate? The diocesan Office of Diaconal Ministry will host information sessions this falls in which men and their wives can learn more about what it means to serve as a deacon in the Catholic Church. All sessions are from 2 to 4 p.m. Register at www.austindiocese.org/information-sessions. The sessions will be held:

Dec. 8 at St. Anthony Marie de Claret Parish in Kyle * Dec. 15 at St. Jerome Parish in Waco

Jan. 5 at St. Mary Catholic Center in College Station * Jan. 12 at St. John Vianney Parish in Round Rock

Jan. 19 at Ascension Parish in Bastrop

Holy Trinity Angel Tree - 'Tis the season to help those in need, and you can do so by visiting our Angel Tree (which will be located in the church foyer). We will be helping the Williamson County Child Advocacy Center in Georgetown, as well as some of our parish families. To participate, you will get a tag from the tree – provide the item(s) listed – and then bring them to the church or the parish office – UNWRAPPED & with the tag - **by the due-date of Sunday, December 8**. For questions, contact Debbie Klaus (512-940-1557)/Stephanie Wright (512-470-5204).

Food Drive: The KJT (Catholic Union of Texas) is collecting food for the Jarrell Community Food Pantry, which serves approximately 70 families in the surrounding area. Drop your non-perishable food in the boxes located at the entrances of the church. Monetary donations are also accepted and will be split between the food pantry and The Caring Place unless specified. Please contact Helen Havelka (512-925-8371) if you have any questions. **The food drive ends on Sunday, December 15.**

If you would like to help decorate the church for the Christmas Season with beautiful poinsettias --- in memory or honor of loved ones --- you may do so by completing and returning a “Christmas Flower Envelope” (located by the bulletins). Please turn in your envelope by Sunday, December 15th. All memorials will be announced in the December 22nd bulletin.

Marriage Anniversaries: If, in 2024, you celebrated your 10, 15, 20, 25, etc., 50th or more, wedding anniversary, the Austin DCCW, together with our Bishop, Joe Vásquez, will honor these couples with a certificate. **Please sign-up by Sunday, December 15**, on the (gold) sheets in the foyer of the church and please **print clearly** so that we don't misspell your names! The certificates will be presented on the weekend of the Feast of the Holy Family.

Dear friends in Christ,

May the peace and love of our Lord be with each of you. Today we begin the holy Season of Advent. Most of you have already made your plans for family gathers and events during this season and during the upcoming Christmas Season. During the next four weeks we will be preparing ourselves for the celebration of the Birth of the Lord at Christmas. The Christmas Season begins on the evening of December 24 and continues until Sunday, January 12, when we will celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. So, after Christmas Day on December 25, please do not say that Christmas is over, because, it has actually just begun. Too many Catholics and other Christians have given into the secular celebration of Christmas, a celebration that is completely absent of the presence of Jesus Christ, whose birthday we celebrate. Don't fall into this trap. Celebrate these special seasons as they are meant to be celebrated. Celebrate Advent as a time of preparation, make a good confession. Also, try to spend extra time in prayer with your family.

During the Season of Advent we usually begin decorating our homes for Christmas. I encourage you to leave your tree and decorations up and your Christmas lights shining until the end of the Christmas Season on January 12. Let us truly celebrate Christmas during the entire Christmas Season. I also encourage parish organizations to have their Christmas parties during the Christmas Season and not during Advent. In the USA Santa Claus has only become an advertising gimmick. Instead of Santa coming to our parties, we should live the truth of our faith and have St. Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, come to our celebrations. He is the one who brought gifts to the poor and needy of his day. Our faith is filled with wonderful traditions that have been handed down to us during the past 2000 years. The more we present our faith in the spirit and truth it is meant to teach, the more people will have a conversion of heart and think about the faith they have received.

In today's first reading from Jeremias, Judah and Jerusalem had been conquered, and the best and the brightest had been taken into exile in Babylon. Jeremias placed Judah's downfall on one central factor: it has lost its religious center. Because the Jews were dominated by Assyria, they had begun to give up their unique religious celebrations of faith in favor of accommodating with society. After almost 40 years of calling Judah back to its faith and true religious practices that had real meaning, Jeremias had begun to realize that following Yahweh was possible. Jeremias experienced many setbacks in being a prophet. But yet he realized how much he and his people needed God and God's help. In today's first reading Jeremias reminds a defeated, suffering people that God's promise to them is that He will be faithful. He will raise up someone who will do what is right and just.

The birth of Jesus was God's promise. But we can see how we, like the people of Judah, have begun to surrender our religious celebrations in favor of civil celebrations, especially Christmas. We too our surrendering our unique identity as Christians. Therefore, we cannot afford to overlook the season of Advent.

Christmas can wait. Right now we must remind ourselves how badly we still need God. If Christ is to come again, as is suggested in the Gospel, do we know what we want of Him? Or have our hearts "become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life"? Advent is our time to be on the watch. To ignore Advent and not remind ourselves that we need God will bring destruction as foretold by Jeremias. To see the need for God is to bring true meaning of Christmas into our lives. During Advent, as we remind ourselves that Christ is to come again, we cannot afford to be caught engulfed in drunkenness and worldly cares or tangled in Christmas lights. We must be caught being true disciples of Jesus Christ.

We will have our **Parish Penance Service on Sunday, December 15, at 5:00 pm**. Five priests will be here to grant you the love and forgiveness of God in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Take advantage of this opportunity to make a good confession before Christmas.

Also, please sign up for our Parish Appreciation Dinner on December 8. This dinner is for all of you who work at our parish fundraisers and Bazaar, and, for all those who are in ministry in our parish...catechists, lectors, ushers, music ministry, choir, altar servers, those who prepare meals for hospitality Sunday and the Senior Suppers, and more. Let us join together for a good meal and fellowship. Thank you to all of you who volunteer here at Holy Trinity.

Monday, December 9, is a Holy Day as we celebrate The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mass will be at 7:00 am, 12:00 noon and 7:00 pm. Come and honor Mary and Jesus and attend one of the Holy Day Masses.

May all of you have a very blessed Advent Season.

In Christ, Fr. Stephen Nestrta, farář

K ZAMYŠLENÍ: Před dvěma týdny jsme četli velmi podobný text, jen byl z Markova evangelia. Ježíš přichází mezi mnoha úkazy na konci věků již nikoli jako obyčejný člověk, ale jako Pán a Král nade všim stvořením. Nejde jen o sen neúspěšných apoštolů, pronásledovaných křesťanů atd.? Ježíš nevypráví tyto scény jako triumfalismus, ale jako povzbuzení pro ty, kteří zažijí nejrůznější hrůzy dějin. Apoštolové zažili pronásledování a někteří asi i zničení Jeruzaléma Římany. Mnozí křesťané byli krutě mučeni a dějinami se táhne červená nit hrůz, které na lidi víry dopadají. Kristus nás vede k naději: „Vzpřimte se, blíží se vaše vykoupení. Ať vaše srdce nejsou zatížena nestřídmostí a starostmi... modlete se.“ Tato slova jsou programem adventu. (Vira.cz)

Primer domingo de Adviento: "Escuchando los gritos de aquellos que sufren a causa de la violencia y son oprimidos por sistemas y estructuras injustos, y escuchando el llamado de un mundo que por su perversidad contradice el plan de su Creador, hemos compartido nuestra conciencia de la vocación de la Iglesia de estar presente en el corazón del mundo al proclamar la Buena Nueva a los pobres, libertad a los oprimidos, y gozo a los afligidos" (Sínodo Mundial de Obispos de 1971, Justicia en el Mundo, 5)

A Verse-a-Day Advent Calendar



1
God sent the
angel to a girl
named Mary.
Luke 1:26

2
The angel
said to her,
"Don't be
afraid, because
God is very
pleased with
you." *Luke 1:30*

3
"You will
become
pregnant and
have a baby
boy. You will
name him
Jesus." *Luke 1:31*



4
"People will call
him the Son of
the Most High."
Luke 1:32

5
Mary said,
"I am the
Lord's servant.
Let this thing
you have said
happen to me."
Luke 1:38

6
Caesar sent
out an order...
that everyone's
name must be
put on a list.
Luke 2:1

7
Everyone
travelled to
their home-
towns to have
their names put
on the list."
Luke 2:3

8
Joseph went
to the town of
David because
he was from the
family of David.
He and Mary
registered.
Luke 2:4-5

9
While in
Bethlehem, it
came time for
Mary to deliver.
She gave birth
to her first son.
Luke 2:6-7

10
There were
no rooms in
the inn. She
wrapped the
baby with cloths
and laid him in a
manger. *Luke 2:7*

11
That night,
shepherds
were in the
fields nearby
watching
their sheep.
Luke 2:8

12
An angel of
the Lord
stood before
them. The glory
of the Lord was
shining around
them. *Luke 2:9*



13
The angel said,
"Don't be
afraid. I bring
you good
news!" *Luke 2:10*

14
"Today,
your Savior
was born in
David's town.
He is Christ the
Lord." *Luke 2:11*

15
"This is how
you will know
him: you will find
a baby wrapped
in cloths and lying
in a manger."
Luke 2:12

16
All the angels
praised God,
saying, "Give
glory to God in
heaven, and on
earth let there be
peace..."
Luke 2:13-14

17
So the
shepherds
went quickly
and found
Mary, Joseph
and the baby.
Luke 2:16-17

18
Then the
shepherds
praised God and
thanked Him for
everything they
had seen and
heard. *Luke 2:20*

19
After Jesus
was born, some
wise men came
from the East.
Matthew 2:1



20
When the wise
men saw the
star, they were
filled with joy.
Matthew 2:10

21
They went
to the house...
and they
bowed down
and worshiped
the child.
Matthew 2:11

22

They gave him
treasures of gold,
frankincense,
and myrrh.
Matthew 2:11

23
"A child will
be born to
us. God will
give a son to
us. His name
will be... Prince
of Peace."
Isaiah 9:6

24
For God loved
the world so
much that he gave
his only Son so that
whoever believes
in him may not be
lost, but have
eternal life. *John 3:16*



25
"Thanks be to
God for His
incredible
gift!"
2 Corinthians 9:15

Amid the busyness of the season, we invite you to spend a moment every day of December this Advent thinking about the story of Jesus' birth. With one verse a day, may you find your own peace and joy in the journey to the miraculous gift at the manger.