

# HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH



Pope Francis  
Vatican City State



Bishop Joe Vásquez  
Diocese of Austin



Second Sunday of Advent  
December 8, A.D. 2024  
Mass Schedule & Intentions



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
<b>Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Holy Day</b>			
Monday	Dec 9	7:00 AM 12:00 Noon 7:00 PM	†Robert & Leona Brenek Pro Populo †Virginia & William McMaster
Tuesday	Dec 10	7:00 AM	For Rain, †Kathleen Valenta, †Frances & John Nemec
Wednesday	Dec 11	6:30 PM	Sharon Lentz, †Jan Hein
Thursday	Dec 12	7:00 AM	†Lawrence Korenek Sr., †Isabel Schertz
Friday	Dec 13	6:00 PM	Craig & Krystle, †Mary Ortega
Saturday	Dec 14	7:30 AM	†Steve Janish, †Marvin Marek
Saturday	Dec 14	5:00 PM	Pro Populo
Sunday	Dec 15	7:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:30 AM	†Marvin Marek, †Betty Maney †Holy Souls, †Tony & Delores Sladeczek Jaime Tovar (healing), †David Lopez

## Mass Schedule for December 9 - 15

### Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Holy Day, Monday, December 9

**7:00 AM: Altar Server: Josh Jacobs**

**Lector: Monica Sherek**

**EMHC: Ray Nemec**

**Gift Bearers: Bill & Brionne McDonald**

**Head Usher: Bill McDonald**

### 12 Noon: Altar Servers: Ben & Thomas C.

**Lector: Sue Anderson**

**EMHC: Betty Ann Vrabel, Chee Hart**

**Gift Bearers: Bill & Linda Montreuil**

**Head Usher: Stephanie Wright**

### 7:00 PM: INCENSE

**Altar Servers: Stefeks (3), Arian P.**

**Lector: Kitzi Crawford**

**EMHC: Joe Parks, James Castillo**

**Gift Bearers: Daniel & Hilda Perez**

**Head Usher: Frank Knapek**

### Tuesday, December 10, 7:00 AM

**Altar Server: Leslie Allen**

**Lector: Kitzi Crawford**

### Wednesday, December 11, 6:30 PM:

**Altar Servers: Chaney's (2) Ava H., Luke A.**

**Lector: Spencer Chaney**

**EMHC: Leslie Allen, Janine Nemec**

### Thursday, December 12, 7:00 AM:

**Altar Server/Lector: Pinto Nemec**

### Friday, December 13, 6:00 PM:

**Altar Server/Lector: Leo Bringman**

### Saturday, December 14, 7:30 AM:

**Altar Server: Pinto Nemec**

**Lector: Janine Nemec**

### Saturday, December 14, 5:00 PM:

**Altar Servers: Snooks, Landon B.**

**Lector: Leo Bringman**

**EMHC: Janine Nemec**

**Gift Bearers: Alcalá Family**

**Head Usher: Paul Melos**

### Sunday, December 15, 7:30 AM:

**Altar Servers: Brousseau's (3)**

**Lector: Louis Brousseau**

**EMHC: Brandon Danek, Ray Nemec**

**Gift Bearer: James & Stacey Weber family**

**Head Usher: Tommy Sladeczek**

### Sunday, December 15, 9:30 AM:

**Altar Servers: Everett B., Amy & Emily S.**

**Arian P., Michael Weber**

**Lector: Denise Sellers**

**EMHC: Daniel & Hilda Perez**

**Gift Bearer: Joshua & Sara Beyer Family**

**Head Usher: Frank Knapek**

### EMHC to Shut-Ins: Dec 15

**Route 1: Josh Jacobs**

**Route 2: Renee Reilly**

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**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

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**Finance Council:** Tommy Sladeczek 512-635-3496

**Pastoral Council:** Stephanie Wright 512-470-5204

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**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 Nemec 512-289-9242

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

**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)

### Sunday, December 15, 11:30 AM:

**Altar Servers: Martin & Isaiah O.**

**Lector: Josh Jacobs**

**EMHC: Josh Jacobs**

**Gift Bearers: Roger & Maura Conway**

**Head Usher: Bill McDonald**

### Last Week's Collection(s)

Weekly Collection	\$ 11,926.25
Online Donations	\$ 1,705.00
Thanksgiving	\$ 2,813.00

### This Week at a Glance

Sat/Sun, Dec 7/8 – CEF cards available after all Masses

Sat/Sun, Dec 7/8 – Priest Retirement Fund second collection

Sun, Dec 8 – Confirmation/YM Classes @ 10:30 am in RE Bldg

Sun, Dec 9 – Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Masses at 7 AM, 12 Noon & 7 PM

Tues, Dec 10 – Holy Face Prayers/ Hour of Reparation @ 4:05 pm

Tues, Dec 10 – RCIA @ 7:00 pm in RE Bldg

Wed, Dec 11 – CCE classes begin 6:15 pm

Wed, Dec 11 – Choir practice @ 7:00 pm in church

Thurs, Dec 12 – Will-O-Bell Mass @ 10:00 am

Thurs, Dec 12 – Genesis Bible Study @ 12 noon in RE Bldg

Thurs, Dec 12 – Adoration 3:00 – 9:00 pm

Thurs, Dec 12 – KC meeting @ 6:30 pm in PAC Bldg

Sun, Dec 15 – Advent Penance Service @ 5:00 PM

**Vocations Crucifix Prayer Campaign**

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

**Dec 8 – 15: Josh & Steffani Jacobs**

*Dec 15 – 22: Chuck & Chee Hart*

**If you would like a 2024 Donation Report for tax, or other purposes, please let the office know. If you received one in past years, you will automatically receive one again. Reports will be mailed out by January 31.**

**Rosary for Life**

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

**Dec 8 – 15: Stephanie Wright**

*Dec 15 – 22: Matt & Maria Messing*

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

**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; **Sts. 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

We congratulate **Adolfo & Esperanza Hernandez**, who celebrated the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony here this past Saturday. Please offer your prayers for them, that their lives together may be truly blessed by the Lord.

We congratulate and welcome **Mabel Joyce Little** (daughter of Robert & Jessica Little IV), **Josie Mae Carmichael** (daughter of Travis & Sophia Carmichael) and **Jean Andre Corona-Saucedo** (son of Daniel & Aracely Corona) into the Catholic Church and the parish family through the Sacrament of Baptism.

We will have a **second collection** this 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. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious collection helps provide medications, nursing care, and more. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

**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 Nemec at 512-289-9242 for more information.

**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).

**Knights of Columbus (KC) – Holy Trinity Council:** There will be a KC meeting Thursday, December 12, 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 VonDerVellen (512-868-6415 or vondervellen1958@gmail.com).

**Food Drive:** As Christmas approaches, you can make an impact on the lives of those in need in our immediate area. The KJT (Catholic Union of Texas) is collecting food for the Jarrell Community Food Pantry. Drop your food items in the boxes located at the entrances of church. Monetary donations are also accepted and will be split between the food pantry and The Caring Place unless specified. Contact Helen Havelka (512-925-8371) if you have any questions. The food drive **ends next weekend, December 15**.

**YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN A CHILD'S LIFE.**



**Discipleship is a team sport.**

We need:  
CCE Aides  
Teen Core Team Members  
Saftey Team Members

**WE NEED YOU!**

All volunteers must be a Catholic in good standing and be EIM compliant. For new volunteers, you must go to [VIRTUS.ORG](http://VIRTUS.ORG) to sign up for a workshop and submit an application.

To volunteer or to see how you can share your faith:  
[htcdre@holyltrinityofcornhill.org](mailto:htcdre@holyltrinityofcornhill.org)

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., 50<sup>th</sup> 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.



Our Lady of the Angels Maternity Shelter in Temple, TX will be having their 22nd Annual Angels Gala on Friday, January 24, 2025, at the Frank W. Mayborn Civic & Convention Center in Temple, Texas. This event is more than a celebration; it's an opportunity to come together in the spirit of love and compassion, supporting women and children in need in our community. Our Lady of the Angels Maternity Shelter provides critical services to expectant and new mothers. In the past year alone, the shelter has supported 52 women and 43 children, with 19 babies born into a nurturing environment. These efforts are foundational to breaking cycles of homelessness and creating positive futures. For sponsorship details or to reserve your tickets, please visit [ladyoftheangels.networkforgood.com](http://ladyoftheangels.networkforgood.com) or email us at [gala@olams.org](mailto:gala@olams.org).

### Dear friends in Christ,

Greetings to each of you in this holy Season of Advent. In today's Gospel St. Luke tells us of St. John the Baptizer and his ministry of calling the people to repentance. He was called to prepare the way of the Lord. How are we preparing the way of the Lord during this Season of Advent? Are we praying at home with our families and reading the Scriptures together? Are we planning on going to Confession before Christmas? The Penance Service schedule for the parishes in our deanery is in this bulletin. **Please plan now to come with your family to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation together. Our Parish Penance Service will be on Sunday, December 15 at 5:00 p.m.** Six priests will be here to hear confessions. There is no better way to prepare oneself than making a good Confession and then receiving our Lord with purity of heart and soul. I also recommend that you try coming to Mass sometime during the week as another way of helping you to prepare for the coming of the Lord at Christmas.

The word Advent derives from the Latin word meaning "coming" or "to come." The Lord is coming. We may reflect that every year at this time we celebrate His coming, so that in a sense we can lose the feeling of expectancy and joyful anticipation, because at the end of the season, everything seems to return to pretty much the same routine. If that is the case, then our preparation may have been lacking and we have therefore been robbed of much of the true meaning of this season. During Advent we recall the history of God's people and reflect on how the prophecies and promises of the Old Testament were fulfilled. This gives us a background for the present. Today we can reflect on the past track record of God and so begin to understand what it means to us now for the sake of what is to come, in our own future and that of our world.

Preparation for Christmas is an important theme for Advent, but more is involved. Advent gives us a vision of our lives as Christians and shows us the possibilities of life. The vision of life that Advent gives us is twofold: it looks back to the first coming of Christ at Bethlehem, and it looks to the future when Christ will come again. In the interval between these two events we find meaning for our life as a Christian.

**This Monday, December 9, is a Holy Day, as we honor the Blessed Virgin Mary and her Immaculate Conception in the womb of her mother St. Anne.** Even though it is not a day of obligation this year, all Catholics should attend Mass on this Holy Day. Let us gather together to reflect upon how Mary was prepared from the time of her conception in the womb of her mother to be the mother of the Savior. Mass will be at 7:00 am, 12:00 noon, and, 7:00 pm.

**Thursday, December 12, we celebrate the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe.** Mass will be at 7:00 am. Through Mary's apparition on the hill of Tepeyac millions of Aztecs converted to Catholicism and the Aztecs' practice of offering human sacrifice to the gods came to an end. We give Mary honor for her coming to save the lives of many and to help everyone accept her Son, Jesus.

**May the peace and love of our Lord be with you in this holy season.**

**Fr. Stephen Nesrsta, farář**

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**K ZAMYŠLENÍ:** Jan Křtitel vyzývá, aby ti, kdo chtějí přijmout mesiáše, něco udělali se svým životem... Lze si vybavit často zmiňovanou scénu G. A. Potěmkina, který vytvořil iluzi vzkvétající země místo reality, která byla zoufalá. Iluze carevně stačila k pocitu, že její země je bohatá. Před námi nestojí naivní panovník, ale Bůh, který nepotřebuje nabyvat dojmů... Bohu nezáleží na vnější fasádě našeho života, ale na nitru, v němž touží přebývat. Místo falešných domů, které diváci jen míjejí na cestě, Bůh chce do těchto našich domů či světů vstoupit. Tady, v samém nitru našeho života, se odehrávají rozhodnutí k pravdě, k sebedarování, lásce, vydanosti pro dobro. Vyrovnáme stezky pro Boha, aby mohl vstoupit, otevřme mu dveře a připravme se tak, abychom mohli Krista přivítat ve svém životě.

**Segundo domingo de Adviento:** "Pueblo de Sión, que vives en Jerusalén: ya no llorarás más. El Señor tendrá compasión de ti al oír que gritas pidiendo ayuda, y apenas te oiga, te responderá." (Isaías 30:19,30). Estamos llamados a esperar en el Señor quien renovará todas las cosas. Seamos signos radiantes de su esperanza mientras damos testimonio de nuestra fe y amor a través del ayudar a los más pequeños entre nosotros.

## Mary's Immaculate Conception

**This Monday, December 9, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day.** This special day is equal in solemnity to Sunday and every Catholic should attend Mass on this day. Our Masses on Monday, December 9, will be at 7:00 a.m., 12:00 Noon and 7:00 p.m. Usually this Holy Day is on December 8, but since December 8 is on a Sunday this year the Holy Day is moved to Monday.

Many people do not quite understand what the Immaculate Conception of Mary. The Immaculate Conception can be explained as follows:

"We declare, pronounce, and define that the doctrine which holds that the most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instance of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted by Almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin, is a doctrine revealed by God and therefore to be believed firmly and constantly by all the faithful."

*Apostolic Constitution of Pope Pius IX solemnly defining the dogma of the Immaculate Conception, 8 December 1854.*

In essence this means that Mary was conceived in the womb of her mother, St. Ann, without the stain of Original Sin. Everyone else, except for Jesus, is born with the stain of Original Sin. This is washed away when we are baptized.

Even though this teaching was not defined and made into a dogma of our faith until 1854, it always was a teaching of the Church. This can be seen as written by the Fathers of the Church:

- - Implicitly found in the Fathers of the Church in the parallelism between Eve and Mary (Irenaeus of Lyons, 140-202);
- - Found in the more general terms about Mary: "holy", "innocent", "most pure", "intact", "immaculate" (Irenaeus of Lyons, 140-202; Ephraem of Syria, 306-373; Ambrose of Milan, 373-397);
- - Explicit language: Mary - free from original sin (Augustine of Hippo, 395-430 to Anselm of Normandy, 1033-1109);
- - Eastern Church: celebrated a Feast of the Conception of Mary in the 8th to the 9th Century;
- - Western Church: celebrated a Feast of the Conception of Mary in the 12th Century;

A record of the feast in the 11th Century in Great Britain; in the 12th Century in Normandy, France, Germany, Italy and Spain in the 12th Century (Bernard of Clairvaux, 1090-1153);

Now the Church continues to elucidate the scriptural basis of the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception. There are two passages in Scripture which point us to this truth. We look first at Genesis 3.15, in which we see the parallel between Mary and Eve of which the early Church Fathers already spoke: "I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed: he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel." The Jews saw this passage as referring to the struggle between Christ and Satan, and so the Church sees in "the woman" a prophetic foreshadowing of the Virgin Mary (Vatican II, *Lumen gentium*, # 55). If there is to be complete enmity between the woman and the serpent, then she never should have been in any way subject to him even briefly. This implies an Immaculate conception. We can also reason from the text of Lk 1:28,30,37 in which the angel calls her "full of grace". In this verse we can see even more strongly the complete enmity with the serpent--for God's grace is completely opposed to Satan's reign. But if Mary was "full of grace," it seems that she must have been conceived immaculate. Even though Mary was full of grace at the start of her life, yet she could still grow, for, as it were, her capacity for grace could increase.

In general, a soul will grow in proportion to these things: (1) The greater the dignity of the person, the greater the merit. In her case, the dignity of Mother of God is the highest possible for a creature. (2) The greater the work, the greater the merit: her cooperation in the redemption was the greatest work possible to a creature. (3) The greater the love, the greater the merit. Love of God means the attachment of our will to His. Her will adhered supremely, with no obstacle at all, so that even ordinary household duties, which she saw as the will of the Father for her, were supremely valuable. If only all of us could view our daily tasks and duties with this attitude and with such faith.

