

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH



Pope Francis
Vatican City State



Bishop Joe Vásquez
Diocese of Austin



Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 22, A.D. 2024
Mass Schedule & Intentions



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| Saturday | Dec 21 | 5:00 PM | †Virgil Tonn, †Stanley Havelka, †Anita Galvan |
| Sunday | Dec 22 | 7:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:30 AM | Pro Populo Liv/Dec members of Kajs Family, Marilyn Ethridge, Al Kalinec †Lavinia Anne Herr, †Louisa Ayala |
| Tuesday | Dec 24 | 7:00 AM | †Tillie Schutz |
| Christmas – the Nativity of the Lord – Holy Day of Obligation | | | |
| Tuesday | Dec 24 | 4:00 PM 6:00 PM 12 Midnight | Pro Populo Pro Populo Pro Populo |
| Wednesday | Dec 25 | 8:30 AM | Pro Populo |
| Thursday | Dec 26 | NO MASS | |
| Friday | Dec 27 | 6:00 PM | †Jim Heuert, †Dec. members of Joseph & Annie Straka family |
| Saturday | Dec 28 | 7:30 AM | †Emil Danek, †Betty Maney |
| Saturday | Dec 28 | 5:00 PM | †Johnnie Simek, †Virgil & Norma Klaus, †Patrick Martine |
| Sunday | Dec 29 | 7:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:30 AM | †Holy Souls in Purgatory, †John & Tillie Klepac Fr. Stephen Nestrsta, †Paul Bonkowski Sr., †Hugh J. & Virginia McCool Pro Populo |

Mass Schedule for December 22 - 29

Tuesday, December 24, 7:00 AM

Altar Server: Josh Jacobs
Lector: Mary Ann Everett

Christmas Masses

Tuesday, December 24, 4:00 PM:

Altar Servers: Everett Beyer, Luke A.,
Wesley & Noah C.

Lector: Monica Sherek

EMHC: Leslie & Linda Allen

Gift Bearers: Joshua & Sara Beyer Family

Head Ushers: Bill McDonald, Paul Melos

Tuesday, December 24, 6:00 PM:

Altar Servers: Isabella H., Ben C.,
Jonah & Michael S.

Lector: Spencer Chaney

EMHC: Linda Castillo, Monica Snook

Gift Bearers: Clawson Family

Head Ushers: Stephanie Wright
Gene Fojtik

Tuesday, December 24, Midnight:(Incense)

Altar Servers: Carter M., Isaac N.
Caleb & Amy S.,

Lector: Jennifer Marquis

EMHC: Chee Hart, Ray Nemeck

Gift Bearers: Chuck & Chee Hart

Head Ushers: Tommy Sladeczek
Chuck Hartley

Wednesday December 25, 8:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Martin & Isaiah O.,
Michael Weber, Arian P.

Lector: Mary Ann Everett

EMHC: Daniel & Hilda Perez

Gift Bearers: Gene & Deanna Fojtik

Head Ushers: Phil Everett, Frank Knapck

Thursday, December 26, NO MASS

Friday, December 27, 6:00 PM:

Altar Server/Lector: Josh Jacobs

Saturday, December 28, 7:30 AM:

Altar Server: Leo Bringman
Lector: Janine Nemeck

Saturday, December 28, 5:00 PM:

Altar Servers: Wesley & Noah C.
Lector: Janine Nemeck
EMHC: Betty Ann Vrabel
Gift Bearers: Barker Family
Head Usher: Stephanie Wright

Sunday, December 29, 7:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Brousseau (3)
Lector: Mary Ann Everett
EMHC: Maria Messing, Ray Nemeck
Gift Bearer: Pinto & Lucille Nemeck
Head Usher: Phil Everett

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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 @ 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 Sladeczek 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: Wendy Staab 903-316-9658

CEF Enrollments: Janine Nemeck 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 29, 9:30 AM: (Incense)

Altar Servers: Caleb & Amy S.,

Rustin S., Michael Bartkovak

Lector: Jennifer Marquis

EMHC: Linda Castillo, James Castillo

Gift Bearer: Dennis & Michelle Messex

Head Usher: Matt Mertink

Sunday, December 29, 11:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Preston & Heather S.

Lector: Monica Sherek

EMHC: Monica Snook

Gift Bearers: Amaya Family

Head Usher: Frank Knapck

EMHC to Shut-Ins: Dec 29

Route 1 & 2: Josh Jacobs



The Parish Offices will be closed for the holidays December 25 – January 1. We will reopen on Thursday, January 2. Bulletin announcements for the December 29 bulletin are due by Wednesday, December 18, by 2:30 p.m.

Vocations Crucifix Prayer Campaign

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

Dec 22 – 29: Helen Havelka

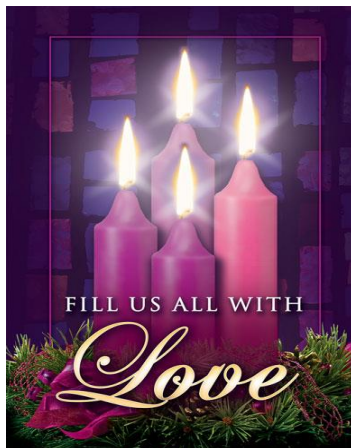
Dec 29 – Jan 5: Andrew & Susan Klepac

Rosary for Life

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

Dec 22 – 29: Mike & Diana Hovatter

Dec 29 – Jan 5: Gail Harshman



This Week at a Glance

Parish offices closed Dec 25 – Jan 1, reopening Jan 2

Sat/Sun, Dec 21/22 – Building Fund collection after all Masses
Sun, Dec 22 – Decorate Church for Christmas after 11:30 Mass
Tues, Dec 24 – **NO Holy Face Prayers/ Hour of Reparation**
Tues, Dec 24 – **NO RCIA**
Wed, Dec 25 – **NO CCE classes**
Thurs, Dec 26 – **NO Adoration**
Sat/Sun, Dec 28/29 – Feast of Holy Family 2nd collection
Sun, Dec 29 – **NO Youth Ministry/Confirmation classes**

Last Week's Collection(s)

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| Weekly Collection | \$ 15,260.00 |
| Online Donations | \$ 2,315.00 |

Thank you to everyone for the items and donations for our Angel Tree. Your spirit of incredible generosity is a true symbol of Christ's love and makes all the difference to those receiving the gifts!

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.

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.

Bookkeeper needed! We have a part-time bookkeeping position open here at Holy Trinity. Quickbooks, Excel and computer skills are required. If you or someone you know is interested in working for Holy Trinity Parish you may contact Fr. Stephen through the parish office.

Food Drive: Thank you to all parishioners who participated in the food drive sponsored by the KJT Corn Hill Society #55. We donated approximately 1,400 pounds of food and \$450 to the Jarrell Community Food Pantry. An additional \$200 was donated to The Caring Place in Georgetown. Your generosity will make a big difference in the lives of our neighbors in need this Christmas season. God bless you all.

We will have our monthly **Building Fund Collection** this weekend (December 21/22). Thank you in advance for your generosity.

We will have a **second collection** next weekend, December 28/29, for the **Feast of the Holy Family**, which supports the maternity homes of our diocese and the diocesan office of Pro-Life Activities. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Preparation for Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary - In Fatima, Our Lady said, "My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the way that will lead you to God." Please join thousands of Faithful throughout our Diocese for 33 days of preparation prayer for Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary. The prayers begin on February 20th and are done privately using the preparation book. Please visit www.TexasToJesusThroughMary.org by **January 18th** to receive your FREE copy of the Montfort preparation prayer book. Your book will be mailed to you.

For those interested in becoming an Altar Server (4th grade and up, with the appropriate sacraments), we will have an **Altar Server Practice** Sunday, January 12, at 4:00 p.m. in the church. Contact the parish office to sign-up or for more information.

--For our current Altar Servers – the practice, on Sunday, January 12 is for you, too, so please make every effort to attend.

--After practice, all new and current Altar Servers and their families are invited to the PAC Bldg for our annual Altar Server Appreciation Supper (at 5 pm). **Please RSVP** to the parish office to give us a head count of those attending the meal.

A purple graphic for a Youth Ministry Sleep Over event. It features the text "Sleep Over" in large, stylized letters on the left. In the center, it says "Youth Ministry December 27th- 28th Holy Trinity RE Building". Below that, it lists "Drop-off: Friday 8pm" and "Pick-up: Saturday 8am" with a crescent moon and sun icon. At the bottom, it says "RSVP to Virginia: holytrinityofcornhill.org" and "Friends are welcome. . . Permission slips required".

Sleep Over

Youth Ministry
December 27th- 28th
Holy Trinity RE Building

Drop-off: Friday 8pm **Pick-up: Saturday 8am**

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My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, As we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, let us rejoice! At Christmas we reflect on the mystery of the Lord's incarnation and his presence among us. Like the humble shepherds, let us come to the manger to adore the infant Lord with hearts full of gratitude. As we celebrate the Eucharist this Christmas season, may you and your loved ones be filled with hope, peace, and joy. I offer you God's blessings now and in the new year!

~ **Bishop Joe Vásquez**

Dear friends in Christ,

Today is the 4th Sunday of Advent. Inserted in this bulletin is my annual Christmas Letter. Please read it and reflect upon it.

The Long-Range Planning Committee will be meeting with McKinney York Architects in January to go over Phase III of our Long-Range Plan. As I mentioned before, this phase includes more space for our Office/RE Building, a Pavilion and some needed painting and repair work inside the church. Once we get all the information together and the plan finalized then we will share it with all of you. Please pray we do all according to the Will of God so that we can continue to meet the needs of our growing parish. By the way, if anyone has pictures of the inside of the church from about 1920 to 1955, please let us see them. Drop them off at the parish office and we will make a copy and give it back to you. Or you may also email a copy of the photo to the parish office.

In today's Gospel we are confronted with decisive babies. We hear about two pregnant women, Elizabeth and Mary. Mary was anticipating the birth of her son whom an angel told her would be the Son of the most High God. Elizabeth was expecting the birth of John the Baptizer who would prepare the way for the son of Mary, Jesus. The event we heard in today's Gospel seems really insignificant when compared Caesar Augustus and the Roman legions who ruled with an iron hand. But those two little boys, John and Jesus, would prove to be more decisive than all the emperors and armies of Rome. Our thoughts today, this last Sunday before Christmas, focus on the decisive babies of history.

We never know what a baby is going to bring with them into the world. Today's tiny hand may hold the key to some bright new tomorrow. We always think of babies as small and weak. They are helpless and depend on us for care. But yet I believe we depend on them more than most of us realize. Many times the world has seemed hopeless and then a baby was born. That baby then became the pioneer of a new way of thinking and living.

In 1809 the most important thing in Europe was Napoleon and his army. He conquered one nation after another and it seemed that he would rule the world. Napoleon was the headline of every newspaper. Everyone spoke about him and they trembled at the thought of the little French dictator. It seemed to be a very dark year. The world was without hope. But it in this darkness there was much light being born. Some of the babies born that year were: Abraham Lincoln, Alfred Tennyson, Edgar Allen Poe, Felix Mendelssohn, and Oliver Wendell Holmes. The world was not as hopeless as it seemed. The Napoleonic wars were all but forgotten by most people, except for those who specialize in that period of history. But yet the contributions of those babies born in 1809 still continue to influence the thinking of mankind.

All babies have one thing in common. They need help in order to survive. Without you or someone like you, they will never make it. This is no less true of the decisive babies we hear about in today's Gospel. John needed Elizabeth and Zechariah. Later he needed his friends and disciples, else his life would not have been decisive. Jesus needed Mary and Joseph. Later, he needed Peter and Andrew, James and John and the other Apostles. We never know when we will be assisting a decisive baby whom God wills to work miracles in the world. These babies need you.

Jesus is the most decisive baby in the history of mankind. We sing His praises every week. But I ask you the question: How decisive has He been in your life and mine? Each of us must answer that question for himself. Jesus cannot be decisive in our life in a general sort of way. One poet has said: "Though Christ a thousand times in Bethlehem be born, if He's not born in me, my soul is still forlorn."

We cannot take it for granted that His coming has made any real difference in your life and mine. That may or may not be true. Most of that depends on you and I. If we take Him seriously, then His coming is a decisive factor in your life and mine. Otherwise, we can go on living as though he had never been born. What is different in your life because Jesus came? How deeply have your attitudes been affected by him?

There is no doubt that Jesus came to change history and to change the world. But all of that stops at each person's doorstep. Christ is the most decisive baby born in the history of the world. How decisive has He been in your life? Let us reflect upon this question as we celebrate His birth this week.

May your Christmas be filled with the meaning and love it is meant to bring to each of you so that you may experience God's love in its fullness.

Fr. Stephen Nestrta, farář

K ZAMYŠLENÍ: Často citované evangelium zachycuje zážitek víry. Maria uvěřila Božímu poslovi a vydala se za Alžbětou, zřejmě více jak sto kilometrů daleko. Ale jak obhájí to, že ač svobodná, je v jiném stavu? Její starost je však vyřešena dříve, než by cokoli musela vysvětlovat. Alžběta všechno ví! Marii se nejen „vyplatilo“ opřít se vírou o Boha, ale navíc zakusila sílu Boží moci, která nezná vzdálenost a omezení... Tuto radost a naději víry okoušíme každé Vánoce. I letos jsme pozváni uvěřit Bohu a opřít se o jeho slovo.

Cuarto Domingo de Adviento: Es especialmente apropiado para estos días de sufrimiento en nuestro país, el salmo responsorial del Cuarto Domingo de Adviento "**Señor, muéstranos tu favor y sálvanos**" (cf. Salmo 80). En un mundo que se está convirtiendo incrementalmente secular, no solo debemos invocar los recuerdos de las buenas obras de Dios mientras imploramos su intervención para salvar el mundo, sino que también debemos de recordar llevar a cabo el plan de salvación a través del trabajo de nuestras propias manos. Seamos Cristo unos para otros.



Thank you to all who made a donation for poinsettias in memory or honor of the following loved ones. Thank you for your generosity.

In memory of the deceased family members of
Michael & Janine Nemeč
In memory of Johanna & Roger Hunt, by Maryann Knaap
In memory of Fidel & Matilde Del Toro and
Pedro & Aurora Amaya, by the Amaya Family
In memory of RB & Alice Wilde, by Sara Everett
In memory of Lenes & Hazel Mayard, by Linda Nash
In memory of Frank & Barbara Simek and Jesse Peace,
by the Peace/Simek Family
In memory of Gene & Maxine Everett and Joseph & Patricia
Giromini, by Phil & Mary Ann Everett
In memory of Ann Witte, by Joddie Witte
In memory of R.V. & Shirley Barker, William & Bernadette
Schwertner, Joan Schwertner and Stephanie Barker Wood,
by Robert & Carolyn Barker
In memory of Jennifer Parker, Paul Glass, Curtis & Louise
Glass and Doris & R.L. Parker, by Jack & Linda Parker
In memory of The Finnegan & Leo Family Members,
by Kevin & Angela Leo
In memory of Louis & Ludmilla Vrabel,
by Frankie & Betty Ann Vrabel
In memory of the Von Der Vellen and Khalar families,
by Jim & Emma Von Der Vellen
In memory of Joe & Viola Sevcik, Ernest & Ludmila
Marburger and Emil J. Danek,
by the John & Jacqueline Danek family
In memory of John & Frances Nemeč and Robert & Leona
Brenek, & Msgr. Emilian Foltyn, by Bernard & Lucille Nemeč
In memory of Howard Mertink, by Becky Mertink
In memory of the Kalinec and Lange families,
by Juanita Lange
In memory of Bernice Hernandez, by Johnny Hernandez
In memory of Deacon Gene Davis, by Janet Davis
In memory of Trish Madewell, Willie & Albina Beyer,
Herbert & Ethel Luning, Laddie & Sharon Danek,
by Billy & Belinda Beyer
In memory of Carmen & Ramon Razo,
by Alex & Virginia Hernandez
In memory of Albert & Lucille Casavant and Roland &
Omerine Drouin, by Claude & Anita Drouin
In memory of Louis & Albina Sladeček,
by Tommy & Cindy Sladeček
In memory of Agnes Olszowka and James Loeffler,
by Dave & Sarah Richardson
In memory of Ann Tomasek, Joe A. & Mary Simek and
Emil & Antonie Malish, by Hubert & Dorothy Tomasek
In memory of Raymond and James & Mary Ziegler,
by Ed & Patricia Ziegler
In memory of Darrel Black and John & Dolores Lakits,
by Diane Black
In memory of Minnie & Oscar Erickson,
by Mike & Diana Hovatter
In memory of Emil & Elva Ploessl, by Mary Kay Weiland
In memory of Stanley Havelka, by Louise Havelka
In memory of Clyde & Madge Tandy, Richard Danek, Joe &
Annie Danek and Dave & Doris Cole, by Brandon Danek
Donation by Angelita Hernandez
In memory of Betty Maney, by John, George & Tate Maney

In memory of Angela Danek, Joe & Annie Danek and
James & Mary Ziegler, by Raymond & Jane Danek
In memory of Patrick Kotara and Bob Leland, by Sandy Kotara
In memory of Charles Petru, by Vera Petru
In memory of Christopher Bigan, John & Violet Bigan,
John & Ann Stublar and Jim & Gloria Weyandt,
by Marsell & Connie Craig
In memory of Virgil J. Tonn, by Marla Tonn
In memory of Steve & Soon Lee and Richard & Maryann Garlasco,
by Chris & Sora Garlasco
In memory of Louis & Agnes Straka, Robert & Leona Brenek Sr,
Paul Straka and Carmen Clawson, by Louis & Louise Straka
In memory of Jillian Ranley, by Joshua & Sara Beyer
In memory of John & Frances Nemeč, by James Nemeč
In memory of August & Louise Batla, by A.J. & Jennifer Batla
In memory of Ed & Doris Nesrsta, by Fr. Stephen
In memory of Tommie and Patrick Martine,
by Rosanne Martine
In memory Frank & Anastasia Knapék, by Frank Knapék Jr.
In memory of Benny Kubacak, Anton & Mary Kubacak and
Werner & Hulda Marburger, by Dorothy Kubacak
In memory of Jeff Wright, by Stephanie Wright
In memory of Paul Rosipal, Frank & Anastasia Knapék and
Joe & Agnes Rosipal, by Claudia Rosipal
In memory of Dorothy, Wilfred and Roy Montreuil and Pauline &
Anthony Ragnelli, by Bill & Linda Montreuil
Clay Lloyd and A.J. Tschoerner, Albert & Frieda Tschoerner and
Louis & Mary Stojanik by Kevin & Sharon Lloyd
In memory of John & Frances Nemeč and Emil J. Danek,
by Ray & Teresa Nemeč
In memory of Carmen Marie Clawson, Paul Louis Straka,
by the Troy Clawson Family
In memory of Emil J. Danek, by Dolly Danek & Family
In honor of Louise Havelka, by her family
In memory of John & Valeria Pavelka, Joe & Marie Foyt,
Ernest & Georgia Beran, by Martha Pavelka
In memory of Anita Galvan, by Helen Havelka
In memory of Richard Danek, Joe & Annie Danek and
David & Doris Cole, by Lisa Danek
In memory of Dennis Messex, Sr. and Kathleen Dotson,
by Michelle & Dennis Messex
In memory of Lawrence & Mary Havelka,
by James, Theresa & David Havelka
In memory of Jack & Margaret Griffith, Alvin Kalinec and
Georgia Barnard, by Bettye Carpenter
In memory of James & Edith Brown and
Eric & Aurora Darley-Bentley, by the Brousseau Family
In memory of Bill & Dorothy Klepac, Joseph & Annie Klepac, and
Frank & Marcella Viktorin, by the Klepac Family
In memory of A.J. Tschoerner, by Dorothy Tschoerner
In memory of the Caputo and Taddeo Families,
by Pam Caputo
In memory of Mary Dauskurdas and Lillian Haydock,
by Clem & Geri Dauskurdas
In memory of Pete & Eleanora Schwertner, by the Berumen's
In memory of Catherine Scullin Weiss, by Laura Hill
Donation made by Charles & Chee Hart
Donation made by Margaret Smith