

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH



Pope Francis
Vatican City State



Bishop Joe Vásquez
Diocese of Austin



The Epiphany of the Lord
January 5, A.D. 2025

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday	Jan 4	5:00 PM	Pro Populo
Sunday	Jan 5	7:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:30 AM	Members & Mission of the Czech Catholic Foundation of TX Chino de la Rosa, †Michael Kaspas †Lucia Reyes
Monday	Jan 6	6:00 PM	†Dr. Philip Reilly
Tuesday	Jan 7	6:00 PM	Craig & Krystle
Wednesday	Jan 8	6:30 PM	†Tim Valenta, Sr.
Thursday	Jan 9	7:00 AM	†Betty and †Greg Maney, †Lucia Reyes
Friday	Jan 10	6:00 PM	†Jan Hein, †Tommie Martine
Saturday	Jan 11	7:30 AM	The Cooke Family, †John & Betty Emge
Saturday	Jan 11	5:00 PM	†Dennis Messex, Sr., †Hubert Jude Klepac
Sunday	Jan 12	7:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:30 AM	Pro Populo Liv/Dec members of Kajs Family †Martha Beseda

Mass Schedule for January 6 - 12

Monday, January 6, 6:00 PM

Altar Server/Lector: Josh Jacobs

Tuesday, January 7, 6:00 PM

Altar Server: Leslie Allen
Lector: Kitzi Crawford

Wednesday, January 8, 6:30 PM:

Altar Servers: Isaiah O., Thomas C.,
Arian P., Brigid B.
Lector: Spencer Chaney
EMHC: Leslie Allen, Janine Nemecek

Thursday, January 9, 7:00 AM:

Altar Server: Leslie Allen
Lector: Leo Bringman

Friday, January 10, 6:00 PM:

Altar Server/Lector: Leo Bringman

Saturday, January 11, 7:30 AM:

Altar Server: James Nemecek
Lector: Janine Nemecek

Saturday, January 11, 5:00 PM:

Altar Servers: Ava H., Arian P., Carter M.
Lector: Monica Sherek
EMHC: Daniel Perez
Gift Bearers: Gene & Deanna Fojtik
Head Usher: Tommy Sladeczek

Sunday, January 12, 7:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Adelaide & Brigid B.,
Josh Jacobs
Lector: Mary Ann Everett
EMHC: Ray Nemecek, Josh Jacobs
Gift Bearer: James & Stacey Weber
Head Usher: Phil Everett

Sunday, January 12, 9:30 AM: (INCENSE)

Altar Servers: Caleb, Amy & Emily S.,
Michael Weber

Lector: Sue Anderson

EMHC: Linda Castillo, James Castillo

Gift Bearer: Angel & Brianna Reyes

Head Usher: Frank Knapek

Sunday, January 12, 11:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Wesley & Noah C.
Lector: Kitzi Crawford
EMHC: Monica Snook
Gift Bearers: Bill & Linda Montreuil
Head Usher: Bill McDonald

EMHC to Shut-Ins: Jan 12

Route 1: James Nemecek

Route 2: Spencer Chaney

Last Week's Collection(s)

Christmas	\$ 7,810.80
Weekly	\$ 5,774.00
Online Donations	\$ 2,615.00
Feast of the Holy Family	\$ 2,388.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 3,351.05

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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.)

First Fridays 5:00 – 5:40 pm ; First Saturdays 8:00 – 9:00 am

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

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 Nemecek 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)

Altar Flowers

To request Altar Flowers, in memory or honor of loved ones, complete and return an 'Altar Flower Envelope' (located by bulletins or from our website).

This Week at a Glance

Sun, Jan 5 – Hospitality Breakfast after 9:30 am Mass in PAC
Sun, Jan 5 – YM / Confirmation classes @ 10:30 in RE Bldg
Mon, Jan 6 – Senior Supper @ 6:30 pm in PAC Bldg
Mon, Jan 6 – CDA meeting @ 6:15 pm in RE Bldg
Tues, Jan 7 – Holy Face Prayers/ Hour of Reparation @ 4:05 pm
Tues, Jan 7 – RCIA @ 7:00 pm in RE Bldg
Wed, Jan 8 – CCE Classes begin 6:15 pm in RE Bldg.
Thurs, Jan 9 – Will-O-Bell Mass @ 10:00 am
Thurs, Jan 9 – Adoration 3:00 – 9:00 pm
Thurs, Jan 9 – KC meeting @ 6:30 pm in PAC Bldg.
Sun, Jan 12 – Altar Server Practice/Appreciation Supper @ 4:00

In Memoriam

We extend our sympathies and prayers to the family of **Ronnie Simek** who died this past week. Rosary will be at Gabriel's Funeral Home, Sunday January 5 at 5:00 p.m. Funeral Mass and Christian Burial will be here at Holy Trinity on Monday, January 6 at 10:00 a.m.
Eternal rest, grant unto him, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon him.
May he rest in peace. Amen.

Vocations Crucifix Prayer Campaign

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

Jan 5 – 12: Louis & Louise Straka

Jan 12 – 19: Leo & Diane Bringman

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.

Jan 5 – 12: Gene & Deanna Fojtik

Jan 12 – 19: Keith & Stephanie Zimmerhanel

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.


The new year is in full swing, yet there are still several boxes of assigned 2025 Contribution Envelopes that have not been picked up so if you haven't already, please pick yours up. **The boxes are located outside the St. Cecilia Choir Room.** If you do not have a box in there and want one, please put your name on the list. 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 Sunday, January 5 in the PAC Bldg after the 9:30 a.m. Mass. We appreciate Monica Sherek & friends for preparing the breakfast.

Our monthly **Senior Citizens' Supper** will be held this Monday, January 6 at 6:30 pm. in the PAC Bldg. Thank you to KJZT organization for preparing the meal.

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

Knights of Columbus (KC) – Holy Trinity Council: There will be a KC meeting this Thursday, January 9, at 6:30 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.



PARENT & CHILD
First Communion &
Reconciliation Retreat

Saturday,
Jan. 18, 2025
9:00-2:00

RE BUILDING

PLEASE WORK ON
LEARNING
THE ACT OF
CONTRITION

RSVP TO VIRGINIA
HTCDRE@HOLYTRINITYOFCORNHILL.ORG

Bookkeeper needed!

We have a part-time bookkeeping position open here at Holy Trinity. Accounting, 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.



Ministries

We are in much need of more parishioners to serve as ministers at Mass! Please prayerfully consider participating more fully in the Mass as a Lector, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Altar Server, Head Usher, and/or Gift Bearer. All of these ministries serve an integral purpose in our celebration of the Liturgies of the Mass and participation as a minister brings much spiritual joy and fulfillment. For questions, or to volunteer, please contact the parish office at 512-863-3020 or speak with Fr. Stephen.

Our annual January Fundraiser will be held on Sunday, January 26, proceeds of which will benefit the Cemetery Fund. Everyone is invited for a delicious BBQ Pork dinner with all the trimmings, served from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in the PAC Bldg. Adults \$15 / Children \$8. To-go plates will be available at the drive-thru. Spread the word and invite your family and friends! **If you would like to make a donation to help offset the cost of groceries, supplies, etc, January Fundraiser envelopes are available by the bulletins.**

Prayer for the New Year

O sacred and most Holy Trinity, hear our prayers on behalf of our holy Father the Pope, our Bishops, our clergy, and for all that are in authority over us. Bless, we beseech Thee, during this year, the whole Catholic Church; convert unbelievers; soften the hearts of sinners so that they may return to Thy friendship; give prosperity to our country and peace among the nations of the world; pour down Thy blessings upon our friends, relatives, and acquaintances, and upon our enemies, if we have any; assist the poor and the sick; have pity on the souls of those whom this year has taken from us; and be merciful to those who, during the year, will be summoned before Thy judgment seat. May all our actions be preceded by Thy inspirations and carried on by Thy assistance, so that all our prayers and works, having begun in Thee, may likewise be ended through Thee. Amen.

Dear friends in Christ,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! It is with great sorrow that I announce the death of our choir director, Ronnie Šimek. Ronnie directed the choir for about 37 years. He loved to sing the Czech Hymns and was so easy to work with. I and the parish will miss him and his strong beautiful voice. May he rest in peace.

Today we celebrate the great feast of Epiphany when Jesus was revealed to the world by the coming of the three Wise Men or Magi or Kings. Three important men come to see the boy who would become the King of the Universe, the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords. The Magi represent all of us and it is important that we ponder their pilgrimage. The journey which they made to Bethlehem from their homelands was not an easy one. They encountered strange languages and customs, and they did not have a reliable map. Extensive travel in the first century was not an easy thing to accomplish, and their willingness to make and complete the journey is an indication of the great importance they placed on it and their commitment to it.

Another thing characteristic of the Magi that emerges is their openness, their willingness to seek out what they do not yet fully understand, and to embrace it once it is discovered. Just imagine how many of us would have gone on such a journey knowing little about what we were seeking. There were also costs associated with the journey of the Magi. Not merely the costs of the voyage itself, but also the costs of the gifts which were the most exotic and costliest gifts available. They gave so much. Do we tend to be so generous?

Why did they go through all this trouble to take such a journey? They wanted to see the Lord, to gaze upon the One who came to be the world's hope.

Some of you may be wondering why Herod would be worried about a baby boy taking over his kingdom. The first century historian, Josephus, tells us that Herod the Great was a bit paranoid, and as a result was quite cruel. Herod continuously imagined or saw conspiracies against his authority and executed numbers of his ranking citizens, including five of his ten wives and even some of his own children. This is the kind of man which the Magi, Casper, Melchior, and Balthasar, encountered as they asked for directions to the place of the newborn king of the Jews. Knowing this helps us to see that God's love could be offered in such a volatile environment.

Consider the means that God selects to make this manifestation of Himself. He calls the Magi from within the midst of what was most familiar to them--their own professions. An ancient astrologer should not be confused with those who bear the name today. These were primitive astronomers, searching the heavens for truth. But that truth did not come to them merely through their own efforts. It came through the prompting, leading, and protection of the Holy Spirit, whom Jesus would later say, leads us into all truth.

In this sacred season of Christmas, let us ponder anew the significance of this story of the Magi. Let us remember that there are two ways in which we may search for Jesus. We may search for Him as did the wise men of old, with commitment, openness, and generosity. Or, we may seek Him out as did Herod, with a paranoid suspicion that He may displace us from the feeble thrones we have erected for ourselves. We may seek Him with the question: What will He take from me? Or, with the question: What may I offer Him? What is it that you are offering to Jesus today?

It is the tradition that on the **Feast of the Epiphany** that we bless our homes by marking them with blessed chalk with the current year and the initials of the Three Wise Men - Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. In this bulletin you will find the blessing prayer and instructions on how to mark your homes.

Are your Christmas lights still shining? The Christmas Season continues until Sunday, January 12, AD 2025. Keep those lights on until the end of the Christmas Season to give witness to the true Light of the world, Jesus Christ. Let your lights be an Epiphany of the Lord to those who see them.

May God bless all of you this year with an abundance of faith, hope and love.

Fr. Stephen Nesrsta, farář

K úvaze: Bůh se zjevuje jinak, než bychom čekali. Jak k tomuto zjevení dochází, za jakých okolností? Mudrci sice přinesli královské dary: zlato, kadidlo a myrhu. Vše se ale událo v bezvýznamném Betlémě, v chudém příbytku, u malého dítěte a dvou obyčejných chudých lidí. Bůh svou slávu zjevuje zcela jinak, než bychom čekali a snad i vyžadovali. Bůh se nezjevuje ohromováním veřejnosti! Na Boží slávě se nic nemění, jestli ji poznává najednou pět lidí, nebo pět miliónů. Člověk Boží slávou totiž může být osloven jen jako jedinec, ne jako dav. Bůh jde u všech důležitých věcí od člověka k člověku, od jednoho lidského srdce k druhému. (Pastorace.cz)

Solemnidad de la Epifanía de Nuestro Señor: En Cristo no hay este, oeste, norte o sur. No hay distinción entre Judío o Griego, esclavitud o libertad, hombre o mujer. Todos somos uno en el Señor. El compromiso con la vida, la caridad y la justicia de la Iglesia está enraizado en Cristo quien vino por cada uno de nosotros. La Solemnidad de la Epifanía del Señor nos ayuda a enfocarnos en la realidad de que todos estamos llamados a sentarnos en la Mesa sin distinción.



Holy Trinity Catholic Church of Corn Hill

8626 FM 1105
Jarrell, TX 76537

You're invited to enjoy a delicious

BBQ Pork Dinner with all the trimmings!

on

Sunday, January 26, 2025

Masses at 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. in the church

Meal served from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
in the Parish Activity Center

Adult to-go plates available at drive-thru (11-12:30)

Adults \$15 / Children \$8

Proceeds will benefit the Holy Trinity Cemetery Fund

**Directions: From I-35: Exit 271
(Ronald Reagan Blvd): Take CR 311
East to stop sign. Take right onto
FM 1105. ¼ mile to church on left.**

