

# HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH



Pope Francis  
Vatican City State



Bishop Joe Vásquez  
Diocese of Austin



## First Sunday of Lent March 9, A.D. 2025 Mass Schedule & Intentions



Saturday	Mar 8	5:00 PM	Pro Populo
Sunday	Mar 9	7:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:30 AM	†Ronnie Simek Roxanne & Dustin Templin †Steve Kaska
Tuesday	Mar 11	6:00 PM	Chad & Chaney Allen, †Irene Cavanaugh
Wednesday	Mar 12	7:00 AM	†Dennis Messex, Sr., †Steve Janish
Thursday	Mar 13	7:00 AM	†John H. Cook, †Lawrence Korenek
Friday	Mar 14	6:00 PM	Joe Parks
Saturday	Mar 15	7:30 AM	Steve Simmons, †Greg Maney
Saturday	Mar 15	5:00 PM	†Jan Hein, †Emma Ann Rodriguez
Sunday	Mar 16	7:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:30 AM	Pro Populo †Frances Luna, †Ronnie Simek Steve Allen (healing), †Fr. Michael O'Connor

### Mass Schedule for March 11 - 16

#### Tuesday, March 11, 6:00 PM:

Altar Server: Pinto Nemec  
Lector: Kitz Crawford

#### Wednesday, March 12, 7:00 AM:

Altar Server: Pinto Nemec  
Lector: Laura Halbleib

#### Stations of the Cross:

Wednesday, March 12, 6:30 PM:  
Altar Servers: Caleb, Amy & Emily S.

#### Thursday, March 13, 7:00 AM:

Altar Server/Lector: Pinto Nemec

#### Friday, March 14, 6:00 PM:

Altar Server/Lector: Josh Jacobs

#### Saturday, March 15, 7:30 AM:

Altar Server: James Nemec  
Lector: Janine Nemec

#### Saturday, March 15, 5:00 PM:

Altar Servers: Snooks, Landon B.  
Lector: Blake Dominguez  
EMHC: Betty Ann Vrabel  
Gift Bearers: Tommy & Cindy Sladeczek  
Head Usher: Tommy Sladeczek

#### Sunday, March 16, 7:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Adelaide & Brigid B.,  
Manuel & Micah V.

Lector: Monica Sherek

EMHC: Ray Nemec, James Nemec

Gift Bearer: Pinto & Lucille Nemec

Head Usher: Stephanie Wright

#### Sunday, March 16, 9:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Michael Barkovak, Isabella H,  
Michael & Laura Weber, Arian P

Lector: Denise Sellers

EMHC: Daniel & Hilda Perez

Gift Bearer: Dennis & Michelle Messex

Head Usher: Matt Mertink

#### Sunday, March 16, 11:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Thomas & Ben C.

Lector: Sue Anderson

EMHC: Spencer Chaney, Chee Hart

Gift Bearers: Jim & Margie Foley

Head Usher: Frank Knapke

#### EMHC to Shut-Ins: Mar 16

Route 1: Ray Nemec

Route 2: Spencer Chaney

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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.)

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

### Parish Contacts & Resources

Director of Faith Formation: Virginia Loza-Lee 512-426-9795

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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: Vacant

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 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 (512-426-9795)

### Last Week's Collection(s)

Weekly	\$ 8,164.00
Online Donations	\$ 1,835.00
Ash Wednesday	
World & Home Mission	\$ 2,210.00

### Altar Flowers

**Reminder:** No flowers are needed during the Lenten & the beginning of the Easter Season (March 5 – April 27)

### This Week at a Glance

Tues, Mar 11 – Holy Face Prayers/ Hour of Reparation @ 4:00 pm

Tues, Mar 11 – RCIA @ 7:00 pm in RE Bldg

Wed, Mar 12 – Stations of the Cross @ 6:30 pm in church

Wed, Mar 12 – CCE Classes begin 6:15 pm in RE Bldg.

Thurs, Mar 13 – Adoration 3:00 – 9:00 pm

Thurs, Mar 13 – KC meeting @ 6:30 pm in PAC Bldg

Fri, Mar 14 – Lenten Fish Fry 5:30 – 7:00 pm at PAC

Sat, Mar 15 – Thomas Bloomer funeral Mass 10:00 am in church

### Rosary for Life

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

**Mar 9 – 16: Betty Ann Vrabel**

*Mar 16 – 23: Michael Vrana*

### Vocations Crucifix Prayer Campaign

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

**Mar 9 -16: James Nemec**

*Mar 16 – 23: Pinto & Lucille Nemec*



**Daylight Savings Time Begins THIS weekend.**  
Move your clocks forward one hour before going to bed on Saturday, March 8.

**Religious Article Sales**  
**March 8 & 9 after all Masses**  
**St. Cecilia Choir Room**

Crosses

Holy Water Founts

Religious Books

Rosaries



Children's Rosaries, Statues, Children's Books, Key chains, Lace Veils  
 Scapulars in brown, green and purple, and much more.



**Help Needed: Building a Tomb**  
**for the Passion of Christ Presentation**

Holy Trinity Youth Ministry is seeking a skilled volunteer to help build a tomb for our upcoming Passion of Christ performance on April 16, 2025. If you have experience in carpentry, construction, or set building and would like to contribute to this meaningful event, we would greatly appreciate your help! Please contact Virginia at [htcdre@holytrinityofcornhill.org](mailto:htcdre@holytrinityofcornhill.org)



Join us every Wednesday, during Lent, for the Stations of the Cross at 6:30 p.m. in the church. Take the time to reflect on the suffering and death of our Lord, Jesus Christ, on the Cross.



**Knights of Columbus (KC) – Holy Trinity Council:** There will be a KC meeting this Thursday, March 13, 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.

We are in need of a Pro-Life Prayer Group leader here at Holy Trinity. If interested and would like more information, please contact the parish office at 512-863-3020 or email [mainoffice@holytrinityofcornhill.org](mailto:mainoffice@holytrinityofcornhill.org)

**Pinewood Derby here at Holy Trinity! Calling all young race car fans!** The Knights of Columbus are hosting a Pinewood Derby race event May 3rd, in conjunction with Family Fun Day. The race is open to all youth at Holy Trinity, girls and boys. Possible age brackets will be Elementary, 5 - 11, Middle, 12 - 15, Senior 16 +. There are 2 different types of car kits available. The regular solid block car kits are free, complete with all the accessories. A car kit that has already been modified is also available for a \$5 donation. The car kits will be available for pickup Sunday March 29th, and April 5th. Food, as always, will be cooked by the Knights of Columbus. Let's GO !



During the Season of Lent, it is important that we reconcile ourselves with one another and with God!  
*Please take the time for you and your family to go to Confession ... that your hearts, souls, and minds will be ready for the Sacrifice and Resurrection of our Lord.*

The following are several opportunities for Confession in our area:

- St. Joseph's, Manor (New Church 10104 Hill Ln, Manor, TX): Wednesday, March 19, 6:00 – 8:30 PM
- St. Mary of Assumption, Taylor: Wednesday, March 26, 10:30 AM – 12 NOON
- St. John Vianney, Round Rock: Thursday, March 27, 7:00 PM; **Holy Trinity, Corn Hill: Sunday, March 30, 5:00 PM**
- Our Lady of Guadalupe, Taylor: Tuesday, April 1, 6:30 – 8:30 PM
- St. Helen, Georgetown: Wednesday, April 2, 9:30 – 11:30 AM & 7:00 – 9:00 PM
- St. Patrick, Hutto: Tuesday, April 8, 6:30 – 8:30 PM ; **Sts. Cyril & Methodius, Granger, Wednesday, April 9, 7 PM**
- St. William's, Round Rock: Wednesday, April 9, 7 PM ; **St. Elizabeth's, Pflugerville: Thursday, April 10, 7 PM**
- St. William's, Round Rock: Monday, April 14, 1 – 6 PM



## It's time to start thinking about the Bazaar Raffle!

We are looking for someone or several parishioners to donate the 2 top prizes of \$1000 or more.  
If you would like to donate a new item or gift card, please contact Stephanie Wright at 512-470-5204.

### Dear friends in Christ,

This past week we began the holy season of Lent. There are three aspects to the season of Lent and they are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Increased prayer helps us to grow in our relationship with Jesus, fasting helps us to gain a spiritual hunger for our Lord and helps us to gain self-control of our appetites and desires, and almsgiving helps us in our need to live as Jesus did in service to other people. These help to prepare the Christian to celebrate the resurrection of the Lord. Lent helps to remind Christians of their sinfulness and the need to return to their baptismal innocence.

During the Lenten season we as Catholics pray the Stations of the Cross every week, usually on Wednesday or Friday, as we meditate on Jesus being arrested in the Garden, brought before Pilate, scourged, crowned with thorns, carrying His cross, being crucified and then buried. By meditating on these last events of Jesus' life we come to have a greater appreciation of the Resurrection of our Lord from the dead so that we can truly celebrate Easter with abundant joy. **Please join us every Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm for the Stations of the Cross.**

In today's Gospel we hear how Jesus took time out of His earthly journey to take a little retreat. His retreat lasted for forty days. He knew that in His humanity He needed to stay in close touch with His Heavenly Father. So, He goes out into the desert to be alone with Him. He was very much aware of the Father's presence in His life. Do we have such an awareness of the Heavenly Father's presence in our life?

We Christians possess the most valuable treasure in the world, Jesus Christ. Sometimes we are out of touch with this great treasure, this great gift. Why? Maybe it is because we think that we own or possess Jesus, and therefore, we do not let Him possess us. Or, perhaps, we focus only on some of the external things in our life and miss that which really matters. For example, if a man or woman is highly involved in a particular sport, he or she might identify himself or herself as a golfer, a football player, a hockey player or a body builder. Or a person might identify himself or herself with a physical characteristic. Quite often we identify ourselves with our work. We might work as a doctor, engineer, farmer, rancher, mechanic, or carpenter, nurse, or plumber, but we are infinitely more than that. We are Christians.

We are tempted to identify with a physical quality, a social role, a significant experience or a personality trait. But in doing so we miss something. We miss that which is the most significant aspect of our existence. We miss a dimension that remains hidden. We are not just physical beings. We are also spiritual beings. Each one of us. At the level of our deepest being, our deepest selves, we are sons and daughters of the Most High God. We are brothers and sisters of the Lord Jesus Christ. He is within us. We have the capacity to be Jesus in the world.

The journey with the Lord during Lent is a journey of spiritual self-discovery. All of the practices we embrace during Lent, the additional times for prayers, daily Mass, Stations Cross, the fasting we do to remember the suffering of the Lord, the seeking forgiveness for our sins by going to confession, all of these practices are wonderful ways of strengthening our spiritual lives. They remind us we each have the capability of making the Lord present in the world. God can and will use each of us to transform the world if we just allow Him to do so.

All of us are on a journey in life. Now in this season of Lent we are on a journey from Ash Wednesday to Easter that travels through Good Friday. We are on a forty day retreat with our God. We are called to a deeper understanding of our personal passions, the suffering we willingly embrace because others deserve to be loved with a sacrificial love. For our young families, this suffering might mean being tired all the time because the baby and little children take so much out of you. For those with older children the suffering might be the continual battle against the forces of immorality attacking the children. For those who are retired the suffering might mean not having the time to do the things you dreamed of doing in retirement because it is far more important to care for your sick spouse. We are called to unite our acts of sacrificial love with Jesus on the cross.

Jesus journeyed to Jerusalem to radically transform the world. He invites us to join Him on the journey during this Lent. May our Lent be for each of us a journey of discovery, or maybe one of rediscovery, the rediscovery of the Life of Christ. Living the Life of Christ is the valuable gift we so often ignore. From the outside it may seem to be an antique. But when we really open it up and look inside we find that it is a life that is new each and every day. Live that life and journey through this life with our Lord. Stay in close touch with Him.

**May the Lord bless you all with a spiritually renewing Season of Lent.**

**Fr. Stephen Nesrsta, farář**

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**K ZAMYŠLENÍ:** Náš Spasitel prochází pokušením! Zdá se to až neuvěřitelné, že si démon dovolí zaútočit na Božího Syna. Nepoznal ho, nebo si ve své pýše myslel, že dosáhne rozdělení osob v Nejsvětější Trojici? Pokušení každopádně patří k duchovní zkušenosti. Obranou není diskuse se zlem či Zlem. Obranou je plné opření se o víru v Boha. O vztah k pravému Bohu, který si nenecháme útoky zla rozvrátit. Démon užívá nejčastěji strategii vyvolání strachu a lživého překroucení skutečnosti. Jeho slova nejsou pravdivá. Ježíš se proto brání citací Božího slova. Je tedy třeba znát Boží slovo, či alespoň jeho nejdůležitější části, a připomínat si, kdo je náš Bůh. A právě to je smyslem postní doby. (Vira.cz)

**Primer Domingo de Cuaresma:** Hay veces en nuestras vidas en las que, como Jesús, nos encontramos a nosotros mismos solos y hambrientos en un lugar abandonado. Es tentador, cuando todo es piedras y escombros, poner nuestra fe en cosas que ofrecen confort y seguridad. Las Escrituras hoy nos invitan a poner nuestra confianza y fe en Dios, el único que puede salvarnos y darnos vida. Debemos rechazar la tentación de crear "dioses" o de poner nuestra confianza en bienes materiales, en el poder o el control en lugar de aferrarnos al Señor que es nuestra roca y nuestro refugio.

# HOLY TRINITY OF CORN HILL



## Dine In & Drive Thru

**Every Friday during Lent**

**March 7, 2025 – April 11, 2025**

**From 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.**

**Parish Activity Center (PAC)**

**8626 FM 1105**

**Jarrell, TX 76537**

**Dine-In Plates: \$ 15.00 Adults / \$8 Child**

**Drive – Thru: \$15 Adult Only**

**American catfish, potato salad, cole slaw,  
pinto beans, hush puppies, pickles & tartar sauce.**

*Thank you for your support!*