

# HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH



Pope Francis  
Vatican City State



Bishop Joe Vásquez  
Diocese of Austin



## Second Sunday of Lent March 16, A.D. 2025 Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday	Mar 15	5:00 PM	†Jan Hein, †Emma Ann Rodriguez
Sunday	Mar 16	7:30 AM	Pro Populo
		9:30 AM	†Frances Luna, †Ronnie Simek
		11:30 AM	Steve Allen (healing), †Fr. Michael O'Connor
Tuesday	Mar 18	6:00 PM	†Kathleen Valenta, †Stanley Havelka, †Burt & Susan Carnes
Wednesday	Mar 19	7:00 AM	Members & Mission of the Czech Catholic Foundation of TX, †John & Betty Emge
Thursday	Mar 20	7:00 AM	Steve Allen (healing), †Virgil & Norma Klaus
Friday	Mar 21	6:00 PM	†Tony & Delores Sladeczek
Saturday	Mar 22	7:30 AM	John & Twila Gavin, †Kathleen Trial
Saturday	Mar 22	5:00 PM	†Theresa Gilbert
Sunday	Mar 23	7:30 AM	†Thomas Bloomer
		9:30 AM	Walenyra Trejo-Lara (in thanksgiving), †Beno Hellinger
		11:30 AM	Pro Populo

### Mass Schedule for March 18 - 23

#### Tuesday, March 18, 6:00 PM:

Altar Server: Leo Bringman  
Lector: Kitzzi Crawford

#### Wednesday, March 19, 7:00 AM:

Altar Server: Josh Jacobs  
Lector: Josh Jacobs

#### Stations of the Cross: Wednesday,

March 19, 6:30 PM:

Altar Servers: Carter Marquis, Preston & Heather S.

#### Thursday, March 20, 7:00 AM:

Altar Server: Pinto Nemecek  
Lector: Pinto Nemecek

#### Friday, March 21, 6:00 PM:

Altar Server: Leo Bringman  
Lector: Laura Hill

#### Saturday, March 22, 7:30 AM:

Altar Server: Leo Bringman  
Lector: Janine Nemecek

#### Saturday, March 22, 5:00 PM:

Altar Servers: Thomas & Ben C., Ava H.  
Lector: Blake Dominguez  
EMHC: Chee Hart  
Gift Bearers: Hoermann family  
Head Usher: Paul Melos

EMHC to Shut-Ins: Mar 23

Route 1: Brandon Danek

Route 2: Renee Reilly

#### Sunday, March 23, 7:30 AM:

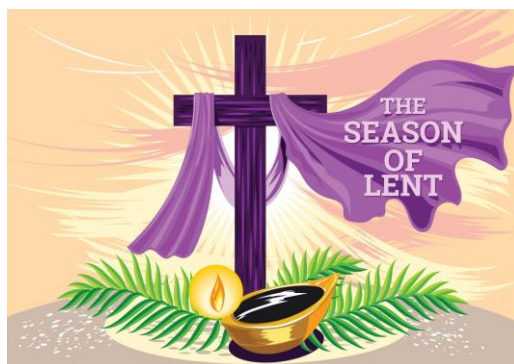
Altar Servers: Martin & Isaiah O.  
Lector: Louis Brousseau  
EMHC: Brandon Danek, Leo Bringman  
Gift Bearer: James & Stacey Weber family  
Head Usher: Chuck Hartley

#### Sunday, March 23, 9:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Caleb, Amy, & Emily S.,  
Luke A.  
Lector: Denise Sellers  
EMHC: Leslie & Linda Allen  
Gift Bearer: Chad Allen family  
Head Usher: Matt Mertink

#### Sunday, March 23, 11:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Michael S., Everett B.,  
Manual & Amor V.  
Lector: Greta Reza  
EMHC: Tanja Swartz, Monica Snook  
Gift Bearers: Joshua & Sara Beyer family  
Head Usher: Frank Knapke



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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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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	\$ 7,525.00
Online Donations	\$ 2,755.00

### This Week at a Glance

Tues, Mar 18 – Holy Face Prayers/ Hour of Reparation @ 4:00 pm

Tues, Mar 18 – RCIA @ 7:00 pm in RE Bldg

Wed, Mar 19 – Stations of the Cross @ 6:30 pm in church

Wed, Mar 19 – NO CCE Classes

Thurs, Mar 20 – Adoration 3:00 – 9:00 pm

Fri, Mar 20 – Lenten Fish Fry 5:30 – 7:00 pm at PAC

Sat/Sun, Mar 22/23 – Building Fund collection at all Masses

Sun, Mar 23 – YM Enchilada Fundraiser after 9:30 & 11:30 am  
Masses in the PAC

### Rosary for Life

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

Mar 16 – 23: Michael Vrana

Mar 23 – 30: Gary & Deborah Callahan

### Vocations Crucifix Prayer Campaign

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

Mar 16 – 23: Pinto & Lucille Nemecek

Mar 23 – 30: Josh & Steffani Jacobs

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

If you would like to help decorate the church for the Easter season with Easter Lilies & Flowers, in memory or honor of loved ones, you may do so by completing and returning an Easter Flower Envelope (located by the bulletins). **Please turn in envelopes by Sunday, April 13, as the memorials will be listed in the Easter bulletin.**



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.



Please join the celebration of Holy Trinity's St. Joseph Altar this Wednesday, March 19, in the PAC, right after Stations of the Cross. The Confraternity of Christian Mothers will create and host this beautiful tradition, which is an offering of love, labor & sacrifice in honor of St Joseph. Fr. Stephen will bless the altar and then all are invited to sample the many foods on the altar. In keeping with the devotion to the patron saint of those in need, we will accept money or food donations to help the Jarrell Food Pantry.

We will have our monthly **Building Fund Collection** next weekend (March 22/23). Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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)



**18-Count Egg Cartons EMPTY Needed!!!** The CCE children are collecting 18-count egg cartons for a Lenten Project. Please drop them off in the box in the Church foyer by Wednesday, March 26.



**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 !

**BBQ Fundraiser Sunday, March 30 at the Moravian Hall, 2300 CR 316, Jarrell.** Please join us for a BBQ meal, including Pork BBQ & Sausage and all the fixins' from 11:00 a.m. til sold out. All Plates \$15 (Cash or Check only) and TO-GO ONLY. Thank you for your support.

## 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,

Today we celebrate the Second Sunday of Lent. What have you done to make this Lent more meaningful to you? Did you attend Stations of the Cross this week? It is important that we reflect upon the suffering of Jesus if we are to really enter into this Lenten Season. The Season of Lent is meant to help us to prepare ourselves for the celebration of the Paschal Triduum: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Resurrection of the Lord, 72 hours from Holy Thursday evening until the evening of Easter Sunday, equaling the time of three days. So many people tell me that they do not experience God's love in their life or the life of their family. When I ask them if they attend Mass every week, pray every day, read the Bible daily, pray the rosary daily, attend special devotions such as the Stations of the Cross, First Friday and First Saturday devotions, they say "no". Well, it does not surprise me then if you are not experiencing Jesus in your life. You are not giving Him the opportunity to be present in your life. We need to do our part in our relationship with Jesus. It is like a marriage relationship, both must give 100% of themselves to the relationship if it is going to be meaningful and if it is going to be what it is meant to be.

In last Sunday's gospel we heard how Jesus spent forty days in the desert and also how the devil tempted Him and how Jesus resisted those temptations. Jesus spent this time in the desert in order to prepare Himself for His mission in life. In today's gospel Jesus takes Peter, James, and John on the mountain with Him in order to help prepare them for Jesus' upcoming passion, death, and resurrection. Jesus wanted them to see His transfigured body, that is, His glorified body, and also he wanted them to see Moses and Elijah so that Peter, James, and John would be strengthened in faith and know that he is truly sent by God. I believe that for Peter, James, and John this moment in their life is what we would call a Kodak moment. I am sure that all of us have had times and experiences in our life that we wish would never end, like your wedding day, or maybe a birthday party, a trip to a special place, the baptism of your son or daughter, or maybe just spending an evening or day with your friends, and you wanted to capture this experience on your camera or video recorder so that you could enjoy that experience again later on in life. This is what Peter tried to do in today's gospel. He wanted to build three booths because he wanted the experience to last forever. The booth or tent was seen as a special place where God dwelt and Peter wanted to capture this moment so that it would not end or go away. However, God reminds Peter that this is a heavenly experience and that he is still on earth and therefore it must come to an end. This experience is meant to encourage the apostles to continue their journey with Jesus through His death and on to His resurrection. This encounter will also fill them with hope as they experience a small portion of the Father's love for the Son. It helps these three apostles to realize that life on earth is not the end or the goal for which they strive, but that their ultimate goal is to live a glorified life in heaven.

In the First Reading we heard how God made a covenant with Abram. Abram was Abraham's name before God changed it to Abraham. Here God promises Abram many descendants and a new land in which he will live. With the making of this covenant Abram begins his journey to a land flowing with milk and honey, a land where Abram's people will grow and prosper.

In the Second Reading St. Paul reminds us that our life here on earth is only temporary and that "we have our citizenship in heaven." In heaven we will be given new bodies, bodies that are glorified as the body of Christ; bodies which will not experience any pain or suffering. We are reminded that our goal is to live with God in heaven.

All of today's readings remind us that we are all on a journey, a journey which began in our mother's womb and will end, not with our death, but with our resurrection in heaven when we will be united with our glorified bodies of which St. Paul speaks, which is similar to the glorified body of Jesus Christ after his resurrection from the dead. This season of Lent helps us to reflect upon our journey in life. These forty days of Lent remind us of the forty years which the Israelites spent in the desert before entering the Promised Land in Canaan. They spent forty years preparing themselves for their new home. These forty days of Lent remind us of the forty days in which Jesus spent in the desert while being tempted by the devil. These forty days remind us of our own need to prepare ourselves for our new home in heaven. During this season of Lent, let us look at our lives to see what we can do to make these times of preparation and change easier both for ourselves and for our families. Let us keep our eyes focused on the resurrected Christ to be strengthened in faith and hope as we strive to reach our final goal which is eternal life with God -- a life of eternal glory, eternal happiness, eternal joy, eternal peace, eternal good health, which we find in the eternal love of God.

Beginning soon, we will have a Williamson County Sheriff's Deputy in our parking lot every Sunday from 7:30 am to 12:30 pm. They will be monitoring the driveways and traffic in front of our church and they will also be monitoring our parking lot. This is being done for everyone's safety as we have more traffic on FM 1105 in front of the church and more activity in our parking lot as well. If you have any questions, feel free to speak to me.

May all of you have a blessed week and be sure to attend Stations of the Cross on Wednesday evening. **Fr. Stephen Nestrta, farář**

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**K ZAMYŠLENÍ:** „Vezměte mě s sebou,“ žadoní dítě a rodiče chvíli váhají. Ale nakonec odmítnou: „To není pro malé děti. Až budeš starší...“ Kolikrát jsme nějaké podobné situace zažili, ať jako děti, nebo jako rodiče. A pak přišel vzácný den, kdy se dítě smělo účastnit... Být s Kristem na hoře byla nejen výsada, ale okamžik určité zralosti. Teď už mohou učedníci vědět víc, nahlédnout do dějinného kontextu. Ježíš není jen moudrý kazatel, filozof... On koná mocné činy jménem svého nebeského Otce... A učedníci nyní zjišťují, že je někým, komu hlavní starozákonní osobnosti stojí po boku. Kdo je tedy ve skutečnosti tento Ježíš? O něj se bude třeba opřít i v okamžiku utrpení a smrti. Je naše víra připravena? (Vira.cz)

**Segundo Domingo de Cuaresma:** Nos movemos del desierto a la montaña de la Transfiguración y se nos da un vistazo de lo que es la Resurrección de Cristo. Pero, para compartir en su gloria, debemos compartir en la misión que lleva al sufrimiento y muerte ¿Qué muerte debemos morir para compartir la gloria de Cristo? La misión de Cristo fue hacia los pobres y vulnerables, los rechazados y los pecadores ¿Estamos listos para morir para nosotros mismos junto con los rechazados para poder compartir de la vida con Cristo?

## Lent – A Time for Spiritual Spring Cleaning

by Alan Scott

Well, it's Lent again. Every year it's the same thing. Christmas is over and I'm constantly thinking about how far away Lent is. I always think to myself how the season of Lent is so spiritually benefiting to me. How wonderful it is. How valuable it is. And I'm always glad...it's weeks away. I think it's often hard to transition from the spirit of Christmas, to a spirit of penance. But the reality is, that if you do practice Lent, in the spirit it is intended to be practiced, it's certainly not easy. But of course, I don't think it's supposed to be.

### The What and Why of Lent

Lent is a time to meditate on the Passion of Our Lord – to think about how much He has given for us – everything. It is a time for us to look into ourselves and think what we can offer back to Him. Especially the attempt to overcome things inside us that are not very nice – a time to put into practice a new virtue. Through Lent, we reflect on the life of Jesus, and through Him, we take a deeper look into our own lives. It's a time to make an honest assessment of where we are on our path (and some times struggle) for holiness. Throughout my 10 years of being Catholic, I have given up various things for Lent, including coffee, alcohol, movies, news, Facebook, restaurants, time out with friends, and certain foods. I have also given up other things that often seem to come easy to me. Like discussing others behind their backs, complaining, being 'worst case scenario', defensive...and more things like this. And each year I'll add things as well. Like spiritual reading, being nice to people that I don't want to be nice to, smiling more, being more patient, listening more, being more charitable...i.e. things that do not come natural to me. And after years of giving up things and adding certain penances during Lent, my understanding of the sacrifice that Jesus made for us has grown deeper and deeper, resulting in a deeper gratitude to Our Lord and greater changes within me. When you think about it, Lent is kind of like a Spring cleaning, but for the soul.

This year, I have added another thing too. Saying a prayer called "The Litany of Humility" each day...preferably at the start of my day. I am hoping that any pride I have about myself and my own abilities I can keep in check during this season of Lent, and beyond. I am including the prayer, hoping that it may help you too. God bless us this Lent, and every Lent. May we all live for God and our neighbors more, and for ourselves less.

– Litany of Humility –

O Jesus, meek and humble of heart, *Hear me.*

From the desire of being esteemed, *Deliver me, O Jesus.*

From the desire of being loved, *Deliver me, O Jesus.*

From the desire of being extolled, *Deliver me, O Jesus.*

From the desire of being honored, *Deliver me, O Jesus.*

From the desire of being praised, *Deliver me, O Jesus.*

From the desire of being preferred to others, *Deliver me, O Jesus.*

From the desire of being consulted, *Deliver me, O Jesus.*

From the desire of being approved, *Deliver me, O Jesus.*

From the fear of being humiliated, *Deliver me, O Jesus.*

From the fear of being despised, *Deliver me, O Jesus.*

From the fear of suffering rebukes, *Deliver me, O Jesus.*

From the fear of being calumniated, *Deliver me, O Jesus.*

From the fear of being forgotten, *Deliver me, O Jesus.*

From the fear of being ridiculed, *Deliver me, O Jesus.*

From the fear of being wronged, *Deliver me, O Jesus.*

From the fear of being suspected, *Deliver me, O Jesus.*

That others may be loved more than I, *Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.*

That others may be esteemed more than I, *Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.*

That, in the opinion of the world, others may increase and I may decrease, *Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.*

That others may be chosen and I set aside, *Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.*

That others may be praised and I go unnoticed, *Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.*

That others may be preferred to me in everything, *Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.*

That others may become holier than I, provided that I may become as holy as I should, *Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.*

*Amen*