



Diocese of Austin

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday	May 31	5:00 PM	†Arnold Kasmiersky
Sunday	June 1	7:30 AM	†Ronnie Simek, †Paul Bonkowski, Sr.
		9:30 AM	Pro Populo
		11:30 AM	Lindsey O'Brien
Monday	June 2	7:00 AM	In thanksgiving for all who supported the June Fundraiser
Tuesday	June 3	6:00 PM	Holly Smith (for healing), †Willie Vrabel, †Howard Mertink
Wednesday	June 4	6:30 PM	Christa McGuire, †Fr. Robert Alvardo
Thursday	June 5	7:00 AM	Steve Simmons, †Gerri King
First Friday	June 6	6:00 PM	†Mike Wright
First Saturday	June 7	7:30 AM	†Virginia & William McMaster
Saturday	June 7	5:00 PM	†Charles Petru, †Kathleen Valenta, †Ebdon Rodriguez
Sunday	June 8	7:30 AM	Louis & Louise Straka (In thanksgiving), †Virgil Tonn
		9:30 AM	John & Annie Valis Family, Lindsey O'Brien
		11:30 AM	Pro Populo

Ministry Schedule for June 2 – June 8

Altar Servers: Preston & Heather S.
Lector: Janine Nemec
EMHC: Leo Bringman
Gift Bearers: Billy & Kathy Meissner
Head Usher: Paul Melos

Route 1: James Nemec
Route 2: Chee Hart

Parish Contacts & Resources

Baptisms: Contact Virginia Loza-Lee for questions and requirements (512-426-9795)

Last Week's Collection(s)

Weekly	\$ 6,459.00
Online Donations	\$ 770.00
Archdiocese for Military Svcs	\$ 2,237.00

This Week at a Glance

Sun, June 1 – June Fundraiser @ PAC
Tues, June 3 – Holy Hour of Reparation @ 4:00 pm in church
Thurs, June 5 – Adoration 3:00 – 9:00 pm
Thurs, June 5 – Cemetery Committee Meeting @ 6:30 pm in RE Bldg
First Friday, June 6 – First Friday Family Night after 6:00 pm Mass
Sat/Sun, June 7/8 – Fruit Cup Sale after all Masses
Sun, June 8 – Rosary Rally @ 4:00 pm in the church
Mon, June 9 – Senior Citizens Supper @ 6:30 pm in PAC

Our June Fundraiser is today, Sunday June 1!

Fried Chicken & Sausage meal

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in the PAC Bldg.

Adult plates \$15 / Children \$8.

Drive-thru will also be available for \$15/plate.

Afternoon dance by the Jodie Mikula Orchestra (1-5 pm) **If you would like to make a donation to help**

offset the cost of the fundraiser, you may do so with the envelopes provided by the bulletins.

God bless!

Vocations Crucifix Prayer Campaign

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

June 1 – 8: Pinto & Lucille Nemec

June 8 – 15: Josh & Steffani Jacobs

Rosary for Life

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

June 1 – 8: Josh & Steffani Jacobs

June 8 – 15: Louis & Louise Straka

If you would like to donate toward our **Father's Day Altar Flowers**, in honor or memory of your father (or other loved ones), you may do so by completing and returning a "Father's Day Mass Remembrance" envelope (by the bulletins). Please make sure you mark living or deceased and print clearly! **Envelopes should be turned in by Sunday, June 8th, for the June 15th bulletin.**

Fr. Stephen will be celebrating his 30th year of priesthood in June! We will be having an Ordination Anniversary Celebration for him, in the PAC Bldg. on Sunday, June 15, 2025 beginning with social hour at 5:00 pm - dinner to follow. Parishioners, please SIGN UP by Sunday, June 8th. Sign-up sheets are available in the foyer of the church, or you can contact the parish office.

We congratulate and welcome **Claire Evelyn Mertink** (daughter of Matt & Amy Mertink) into the Catholic Church and the parish family through the Sacrament of Baptism.

Thank you to everyone that enrolled their living & deceased mothers, grandmothers, family members and friends during the **Annual CEF Mother's Day Drive**. A total of **\$466** was collected for the Clerical Endowment Fund.

First Friday & Saturday of the month – June 6 & 7: First Friday Confessions from 5:00 pm - 5:40 pm with Mass at 6:00 p.m. with our devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and Benediction. Saturday's Mass is at 7:30 a.m. and will conclude with our devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. **First Saturday Confessions from 8:00 am - 9:00 am.**

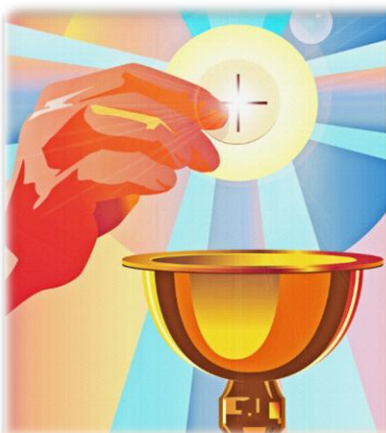
*****There will not be First Friday Family Potluck in June or July. Potlucks will resume in August.*****

Our monthly **Senior Citizens' Supper** will be held **Monday, June 9**, due to **June Fundraiser**, at 6:30 p.m. in the PAC Bldg. We appreciate the Marquis family for preparing the meal.

Rosary Rally for the Sacred Heart of Jesus will be here at Holy Trinity on Sunday, June 8, at 4:00 p.m. in the church. June is the month dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and we give honor to Jesus by saying the Rosary. It is also an act of reparation against pride events sponsored throughout our country. Please bring a lawn chair if so desired. We will have our banner and say the Rosary and other prayers. If it should rain, this will be held inside the church. For more information, please contact Mary Ann Everett 254-721-0931.

All women are invited to join in a group study on the dignity of women with Pope St. John Paul II's *Letter to Women*. Monday evenings in the RE Building, July-September. **Please email Steffani Jacobs at the Confraternity of Christian Mothers, HolyTrinity.CCM@gmail.com to register and order by June 14 for a group discount.** \$33.95 (\$39.95 + \$7.95 shipping after June 14).

The **Catholic Daughters of the Americas #2778** will sponsor a **Sweet & Savory Bake Sale** after all Masses on June 14/15. Just in time for **Father's Day**, appreciate your dad with yummy desserts and frozen casseroles to heat and serve. Your generosity of purchasing items or monetary donations is very appreciated.



Please contact **Monica Snook** in parish office at 512-863-3020 or email: mainoffice@holyltrinityofcornhill.org

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC)

We are in need of more EMHCs. These are servants of Christ who distribute Communion at Mass & take Communion to homebound. This ministry is for baptized Catholics, 18 years of age or older, who has received First Communion & Confirmation, and if married, was married within the Church.



Prayer for a new bishop

Almighty and ever living God, grant our Holy Father wisdom in discernment as he chooses a new bishop for this local Church. By your divine providence, grant us a shepherd, after the heart of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, whose benevolent care and kindly zeal will strengthen the people of God by the light of the Gospel and the power of the sacraments.

Lord, as you now prepare to call our new bishop to the Diocese of Austin, give him courage and generosity to respond with a spirit of joyful hope. Invoking the intercession of our patroness, Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, we ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Dear friends in Christ,

Praised be Jesus Christ! We welcome all of our visitors who are here with us today for our June Fundraiser Meal and Dance. Thank you for coming to Holy Trinity Parish and for your support. We hope you have a most delightful day with us.

In the last 100 years mankind has accomplished a lot in regards to being able to fly and to travel into outer space. But from time to time we are humbled and shown our limitations whenever there is a plane crash or some disaster related to the space shuttle or other spacecraft. We are reminded that we can only do so much and that we definitely do not have the powers of God as did Jesus Christ. We are reminded that we are human and that we are not God. There is only one person who had complete control of defying the laws of gravity, and this was Jesus Christ. Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of our Lord into Heaven. Only Jesus has the ability to raise Himself into the skies, into the heavens, and touch the Face of God. However, seeing God face to face, you could say, is something we look forward to doing after our own resurrection after the Second Coming of Jesus. Every Sunday and Holy Day we recite the Nicene Creed in which we profess our belief in today's celebration. We say, "He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father." The Apostles and disciples of Jesus watched as Jesus went up to join His Father in Heaven. I am sure that they were sad to see Jesus leave them, but they probably remembered Jesus's words as He told them that He would send them the Paraclete, the Holy Spirit, to be with them, to guide and protect them from the devil. But yet, as we hear in the Acts of the Apostles, they asked Jesus, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" The Apostles were still thinking in earthly terms and not spiritually. However, as we read on, the Apostles and other disciples come to realize the fullness of the truth which Jesus spoke after they received the gift of the Holy Spirit on the feast of Pentecost, which we will celebrate next Sunday. So the Solemnity of the Ascension not only expresses the divinity of Jesus, but the Ascension also fills us with hope of what is to come, the coming of the Holy Spirit and our eternal life with our Lord. On this Ascension day, let us open our hearts to receive the Spirit as we receive the Body and Blood of Jesus at this Mass and then we will truly be a superhuman being, one filled with the grace and power of God.

As we prepare to celebrate Pentecost next Sunday, I would encourage you to say the Prayer to the Holy Spirit each day this week.



**Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Thy faithful
and enkindle in them the fire of Thy love.
Send forth Thy Spirit and they shall be created.
And Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.
O God, Who by the light of the Holy Spirit,
didst instruct the hearts of the faithful,
grant us in the same Spirit to be truly wise
and ever to rejoice in His consolation.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen**



Also, in the spirit of Pentecost I would recommend that you **wear something of the color red to Mass next weekend**. Red is the liturgical color that we wear during Mass on the feast of Pentecost. May it be a sign of our unity and of our seeking the Spirit to come upon us so that we can proclaim Jesus and be Jesus to everyone we meet.

May all of you have a most blessed week.

Fr. Stephen Nesrsta, farář

K úvaze: Kristus se nevrátil prostě zpět do nebe. Prošel pozemským životem, skutečným utrpením a skutečnou smrtí a je u Otce jako vtělený a ukřižovaný, jako náš kněz a náš přimlůvce. Naše lidství je včleněno do velkého životního toku trojjediného Boha: od Otce k Synu, od Syna k Otci, v žáru Ducha svatého.

Kristus neodešel prostě ze země pryč. Zůstává přítomný ve své církvi a skrze ni ve světě a pro svět. Společenství křesťanů ví, že je přítomen v jeho středu: On, Pán, Kyrios.

Solemnidad de la Ascensión del Señor: Mientras esperamos la llegada de Pentecostés, esta semana se nos invita a hacernos estas preguntas: ¿Somos una comunidad que vive el amor y la unidad por la que Jesús oró? ¿Vivimos como gente renacida y renovada por las aguas dadoras de vida del bautismo? ¿Cómo nos hará nuestro bautismo gente de justicia y caridad?

The Ascension: A Joy Not To Be Missed

Each year, we give the Solemnity of the Ascension short shrift. We seem to squeeze it in between the presumably more important Solemnities of Easter and Pentecost. Some argue that transferring this traditional holy day of obligation from Thursday (i.e., forty days after Easter) to the following Sunday in the Roman calendar makes us lose sight of its importance. Others argue that transferring it to the Lord's Day helps us connect it more intimately to the Resurrection. Whatever the case may be, there are deeper theological reasons for which a reappraisal of the mystery of the Ascension is urgent.

To understand this mystery, we must recognize the biblical roots of two key phrases that describe the event. We read in Chapter 1 of Acts that Jesus "was lifted up" (verse 8), but we also read that he was "taken up" (verse 9). The former, in light of its use in the Old Testament, refers to Jesus's royal enthronement, while the latter speaks to "the power of God who introduces Jesus into the space of closeness to the Divine" (Benedict XVI, *Homily*, 24 May 2009). The cloud that took Jesus from the disciples' sight evokes God's relationship with Israel in the Old Testament by alluding to the cloud through which the Lord led his people through the desert (cf. Exod. 13:21), the cloud in which He appeared to Moses on Mount Sinai (cf. Exod. 34:5), and the cloud by which the Lord indicated his presence in the tent of the Covenant (cf. Exod. 40:34 ff.). The image also directly alludes to the cloud witnessed by the apostles on the mountain of the Transfiguration (Matt. 17:5; Mark 9:7).

We often forget how closely our credal confession that Jesus Christ is "seated at the right hand of God" is bound to the Ascension. The latter expression, Pope Benedict XVI explains, conveys that through the Ascension "the human being has entered into intimacy with God in a new and unheard-of way; man henceforth finds room in God forever" (Benedict XVI, *Homily*, 24 May 2009). In other words, even while still on earth, we celebrate a presence in heaven. The Ascension is the key to understanding an unprecedented kind of existence here and now, an existence replete with divine presence, precisely because Christ, in his humanity and divinity, reigns at the right hand of God the Father in heaven. "Heaven," Benedict explained, is nothing other than "man's being in God" (*Ibid.*), and we live that reality already in the here and now.

Such an understanding of the Ascension will have an immediate practical effect on our spiritual lives. If we think of the Ascension simply as an explanation for why we cannot see Christ now on this earth, or merely as an exhortation to continue his work until he comes again, we miss an extraordinary opportunity for profound joy, for that is precisely what the disciples felt after seeing him lifted up into heaven (cf. Luke 24:52). Saint Leo the Great notes the stunning transformation of "everything which had previously filled [the disciples] with fear" into "joy" (*Sermon* 74). Pope Benedict XVI notes that this joy "stems from the fact that what had happened was not really a separation" or a permanent absence, but rather a certainty that "the Crucified-Risen One was alive and that in him God's gates, the gates of eternal life, had been opened to humanity forever." At its core, the Ascension is not the mystery of the Lord's temporary absence, but rather "the new, definitive and insuppressible form of his presence by virtue of his participation in the royal power of God" (Benedict XVI, *Homily*, 24 May 2009).

If we are unsure whether our joy genuinely stems from the Ascension, we have to answer but one, simple question: are we enthusiastic about sharing this joy with others? The proximity of Ascension to Pentecost reminds us that, emboldened like the disciples, we are ready to make the Lord's presence visible through our witness. The sight of the "two men dressed in white garments" (Acts 1:10) connects the Ascension to the Transfiguration (cf. Matt. 17:1-8) and the Resurrection (Luke 24:4), implying that our lives are immersed in the Lord's pre-resurrection, resurrection, and post-resurrection glory. Though fragile, sinful, and imperfect, we are nonetheless capable of revealing the glory of the Lord through our lives thanks to the joy of the Ascension. The Transfiguration reminds us that suffering lies right around the corner. The Resurrection reminds us that suffering does not last forever. The Ascension reminds us that the suffering right around the corner is precisely what leads to a joy that lasts forever.

It would be a grave mistake to think the Church exists merely to compensate for her Lord who has "disappeared." On the contrary, the Church finds the very "reason for her existence and mission in the invisible presence of Jesus, a presence working through the power of his Spirit" (Benedict XVI, *Homily*, 24 May 2009). Above all, the Ascension reminds us that the Church is alive not in spite of the Lord's absence, but precisely because of his presence. The Ascension reminds us that the Lord is more present than ever precisely because he has really returned to the Father where he "always lives to make intercession" for "those who draw near to God through him" (Heb. 7:25). The Messiah's kingdom has begun precisely because Christ sits at the Father's right hand, where "his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed" (Dan. 7:14).

The post-Resurrection joy of Easter only increases over this special season. We have fifty days to open our hearts to the ascended, ever-present Christ who pours out his life for us unceasingly in the Eucharist so that we might share in his divine life. Regardless of whether it falls on a Thursday or a Sunday, it is a joy not to be missed.

by Daniel B. Gallagher