

# HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH OF CORN HILL



**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**DECEMBER 7, A.D. 2014**



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**Weekend Masses:** Saturday at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday at 8:30 a.m.

**Reconciliation:** Sat: 4:15–4:45 pm; Sun: 7:45–8:15 am; Wed: 5:45-6:15 pm

## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday	Dec 6	5:00 PM	Pro Populo
Sunday	Dec 7	8:30 AM	†Parents of H&M Koch

### Immaculate Conception – Holy Day of Obligation

Monday	Dec 8	7:00 AM	†Dottie Lyssy
		7:00 PM	Marshall & Brielle Cooke (incense)
Tuesday	Dec 9	6:00 PM	†Robert & Leona Brenek
Wednesday	Dec 10	<b>7:00 AM</b>	†Bernice Gaertner
Thursday	Dec 11	7:00 AM	†Arnold Knebliek
Friday	Dec 12	6:00 PM	Richard & Jean Buchhorn (for healing)
Saturday (a.m.)	Dec 13	7:30 AM	†Evelyn Gerik
Saturday	Dec 13	5:00 PM	Pro Populo
Sunday	Dec 14	8:30 AM	†Benny Kubacak



**MOST HOLY TRINITY**

Mass	Lectors	Altar Servers	Gift Bearers	Ministers of Holy Communion
<b>Saturday, December 6</b> 5:00 PM	Janine Nemec	John & Maria Bruce Jakob Voigt	Bill & Monica Sherek	Debbie Klaus, Fred Mullenbach, John Obst
<b>Sunday, December 7</b> 8:30 AM	Michael Vrabel	Travis C, Carter M, Jarrod Hodgson	Tommy & Cindy Sladeczek	James Nemec, Jerry David, Lucille Nemec
<b>Monday, December 8</b> 7:00 AM and 7:00 PM	Cynthia Edgar  Leo Bringman	Al Kalinec  Klepacs, Jakob Voigt	(ushers/volunteers)  (ushers/volunteers)	Lucille Nemec, Dorothy Walther, Louise Straka  Hueurtz's, James Nemec
<b>Saturday, December 13</b> 5:00 PM	Don Gudinas	Matthew Klepac Nahtan Klepac	Bob & Christine Albanese	Patsy Hightower, Irene Cavanaugh Keith Youngpeter
<b>Sunday, December 14</b> 8:30 AM	Cynthia Edgar	Jamie & John Danek, William Fonville	Johnny & Dee Martinka	John Edgar, Johnny Martinka, Louise Straka

**Ministers of Holy Communion to Shut-Ins:** December 7: James Nemec December 14: John Edgar

### THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

<b>SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7:</b>	--CEF Christmas Cards (after 8:30 a.m. Mass) --Hospitality Sunday after 8:30 a.m. Mass --K.J.T. #55 meeting (during HS in PAC)
<b>MONDAY, DECEMBER 8:</b>	--Holy Day Masses at 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
<b>WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10:</b>	--CCE Class from 6:15 – 8:00 p.m. --Deadline to sign-up for DCYC
<b>THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11:</b>	--Pastoral Council meeting at 7:00 p.m.
<b>SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13:</b>	--Special Collection at 5:00 p.m. Mass
<b>SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14:</b>	--Special Collection at 8:30 a.m. Mass --Penance Service here at 5:00 p.m.

To request flowers for the Altar(s), please complete and return an 'Altar Flower' envelope (located by bulletins or from website).

Please remember that no flowers are needed during the Season of Advent.

<b>Thanksgiving Collection:</b>	\$442.85
<b>Last Week's Collection:</b>	\$2,970.00

### Advent Penance Services

**Holy Trinity – Corn Hill:** Sunday, December 14, at 5:00 pm; **St. Elizabeth's - Pflugerville:** Thursday, December 18, at 7:00 pm;  
**St. William – Round Rock:** Wednesday, December 17, at 7:00 pm; **St. Mary's – Taylor:** Sunday, December 21, at 7:00 pm  
and Monday, December 22, from 1:00 - 6:00 pm;

### Prayer for Advent

Lord Jesus, you alone can satisfy the deepest longings of the human heart. Through baptism, you have claimed us for yourself, but, too often, we live as if we belong only to ourselves. May this season of Advent remind us that you have blessed us, so that, in gratitude, we may live the gospel more faithfully. As we prepare to celebrate the miracle of your Incarnation, may we attend to the needs of our suffering brothers and sisters, the body of Christ in our midst. AMEN.

**Holy Trinity Cookbook --- Thank you so much to all who turned in recipes! If you still have some to submit, please call Marla Tonn (512-863-0755). Thank you and God bless.**

The Confraternity of Christian Mothers will have “**Christmas**” **Clerical Endowment Fund (C.E.F.) enrollment cards** available after Masses this weekend (December 6/7). What better gift to give your loved ones than that of prayers for them for a year! The usual offering is \$2 per person enrolled. The money for these enrollments help to educate the seminarians of our diocese. We thank you for your support.

**Statue Restoration Pledges:** What generosity there is in our parish family! Within just a few short weeks, all of the statues have been pledged for. Thank you to those who have made these sacrificial donations. Please contact the parish office to discuss your payment options and some other information. Pledges must be paid in full by December 2015 and can be made as a one-time payment, or in 3-, 6-, or 12-month installments.

The **2015 boxed sets of contribution envelopes are ready to be picked up** in the vestibule of the church. If you do not have a box out there and would like one, please contact the parish office.

All parishioners and visitors are invited for breakfast today (Sunday, December 7) at **Hospitality Sunday** in the PAC Bldg, immediately following the 8:30 a.m. Mass. The Moravian Club will prepare the food.

The **K.J.T. #55 will meet** today (Sunday, December 7), during Hospitality Sunday, in the PAC. All members are encouraged to attend.

The **Holy Trinity Parish Prayer Campaign for Church Vocations** is open to all parishioners. To sign-up, contact the parish office. This week, the crucifix will be with Louise Havelka. Next week, it will be with the Bill & Monica Sherek family.

The **parish office will be closed this Tuesday, December 9**, for diocesan software training, but will be open the rest of the week as usual.

**CCE:** Class this Wednesday, December 10, from 6:15 – 8:00 p.m. No Mass on this evening --- full class time will be in the RE Bldg.  
**\*\*\*All CCE children, grades Pre-K – 5<sup>th</sup>, are invited to participate in our Christmas Eve Program on Wednesday, December 24, at 4:30 p.m. (just prior to our 5:00 p.m. Mass). If you would like to be involved, we will have rehearsal on Sunday, December 21, at 3:00 p.m. in the church.**

**DCYC**, the Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference, which is held annually at the Waco Convention Center, is **open to all of our high school students!** It will be held on January 16-18, cost is \$50 per student and **deadline to sign-up is this Wednesday, December 10**. For all information, please contact Monica Sherek at 512-864-4748.

The **Pastoral Council will meet** this Thursday, December 11, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg. All parishioners are invited to attend.

**Marriage Anniversaries:** If, in 2014, you celebrated your 10, 15, 20, 25, etc., 50<sup>th</sup> or more, wedding anniversary, the Austin DCCW, together with our Bishop, Joe Vásquez, will honor these couples with a certificate. There is a (blue) sign-up sheet in the foyer of the church. Please make sure you fill in all the information and **print clearly** so that we don't misspell your names! **Please sign-up by next Sunday, December 14!**

**Special Collection:** We will have a special collection next weekend, December 13/14, for the **Retirement Fund for Clergy & Religious**, which helps support thousands of retired priests, sisters and brothers with the ever-rising cost of living in their later years. Please be generous.

The **Confraternity of Christian Mothers** will not have a regular meeting in December, but will meet on Thursday, December 18, at 6:30 p.m. in the RE Bldg, to prepare the annual Christmas gift bags.

**Advent Giving Tree!** In order to make the Christmas season a little brighter for two of our area families, in the spirit of our parish family, it would be a true blessing if all of our members could be a part of this project. In the foyer of the church stands our 'Giving Tree' with tags hanging on it. Each tag lists an item that these families are in need of. Please take one or more tags – purchase the item(s) – and then **bring them back, UNWRAPPED, by Friday, December 19**, to either the drop-off boxes in the church or the parish office. Monetary donations will also be accepted, which will be used for their benefit. For any questions or information, please contact our Social Minister, Lucille D'Elia, at 512-318-5149.

**Food Drive:** Last year, more than 191 tons of food (valued at \$509,800) was distributed by The Caring Place to 5,168 area families. Let us do our part to help those in need today. Drop your non-perishable food items in the boxes near the entrance doors. Monetary donations are also accepted. For more information, please contact Helen Havelka (512-869-8715). **Deadline to donate items is Sunday, December 21.**



If you would like to help decorate the church with poinsettias for the Christmas Season in honor, or in memory of, a loved one, you may do so by completing and returning a **Christmas Flower Envelope** (located by the bulletins) with your donation. **Deadline to turn in envelopes is Sunday, December 21.** All memorials will be published in the bulletin before Christmas.

#### Dear friends in Christ,

Greetings to each of you in this holy Season of Advent. Congratulations to those who made their First Confession this weekend and to the Christian Mothers for providing the reception.

Thank you to all who have made pledges to restore our statues. Work will begin sometime after Easter as the restoration company fits us into their schedule. See the announcement in this bulletin for more information regarding the pledges.

In today's Gospel reading, Mark tells us how John was called to proclaim the coming of the Messiah. His message was one of repentance and the need to reform one's life. He was called to prepare the way of the Lord. How are we preparing the way of the Lord during this Season of Advent? Are we praying at home with our families and reading the Scriptures together? Are we planning on going to Confession before Christmas? The Penance Service schedule for the parishes in our deanery is in this bulletin. Please plan now to come with your family to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation together. Even though our children go to Confession during Religious Education classes, they still should come to Confession with you as a family to our Penance Service, which will be on Sunday, December 14, at 5:00 p.m. There is no better way to prepare oneself than making a good Confession to then receive our Lord with purity of heart and soul. I also recommend that you try coming to Mass sometime during the week as another way of helping you to prepare for the coming of the Lord at Christmas.

When we come to Mass, whether it be on Saturday evening or Sunday morning and also on a weekday, we should come early enough to prepare ourselves through prayer for what we celebrate at Mass. If we rush in and have not quieted ourselves mentally and spiritually, we will miss out on the true experience of what the Mass is all about. The rosary helps us to prepare by focusing on the life of Jesus. Also, other private prayers that come from your heart should be prayed before Mass so that you are truly in communication with our Lord. The *Today's Missal* also has prayers to help you prepare yourself. Prayers may be found on the back cover of the Missal and also on pages 115,171-173. Pray the prayers that best express your inner sentiments.

This Monday, December 8, is a Holy Day of Obligation as we honor the Blessed Virgin Mary and her Immaculate Conception in the womb of her mother, St. Anne. All Catholics should attend Mass on this Holy Day. To not attend Mass on a Holy Day is a serious sin just as it would be not to attend Mass on the weekend. Let us gather together to reflect upon how Mary was prepared from the time of her conception in the womb of her mother to be the mother of the Savior.

Blessings I ask upon you all.

In Christ, Fr. Stephen Nestrsta, farář