

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH OF CORN HILL



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 14, 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 13	5:00 PM	Pro Populo
Sunday	Dec 14	8:30 AM	†Benny Kubacak
Tuesday	Dec 16	6:00 PM	†Patricia Thomas
Wednesday	Dec 17	6:30 PM	†Joe Janosec
Thursday	Dec 18	7:00 AM	†Lawrence Ryza
Friday	Dec 19	6:00 PM	†Tommie Rose Martine
Saturday (a.m.)	Dec 20	7:30 AM	†Curtis and Patrick Nitschke
Saturday	Dec 20	5:00 PM	Pro Populo
Sunday	Dec 21	8:30 AM	†Gabriella Nemeč



MOST HOLY TRINITY

Mass	Lectors	Altar Servers	Gift Bearers	Ministers of Holy Communion
Saturday, December 13 5:00 PM	Don Gudinas	Matthew Klepac Nahtan Klepac	Bob & Christine Albanese	Patsy Hightower, Irene Cavanaugh Keith Youngpeter
Sunday, December 14 8:30 AM	Cynthia Edgar	Jamie & John Danek, William Fonville	Johnny & Dee Martinka	John Edgar, Johnny Martinka, Louise Straka
Wednesday, December 17 6:30 PM	Michael Beyer	John D, Maria Bruce Jarrod Hodgson	2 nd Grade - CCE	Heuertz
Saturday, December 20 5:00 PM	Leo Bringman	John Bruce Maria Bruce	Johnny & Bernice Hernandez	Debbie Klaus, Fred Mullenbach, John Obst
Sunday, December 21 8:30 AM	Nancy Zenner	Jamie & John Danek, William Fonville	Johnny & Dee Martinka	Barney & Dorothy Walther, Ray Nemeč
Ministers of Holy Communion to Shut-Ins:		December 14: John Edgar	December 21: Ray Nemeč	

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13:	--Special Collection at 5:00 p.m. Mass
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14:	--Special Collection at 8:30 a.m. Mass
	--Penance Service here at 5:00 p.m.
	--Marriage Anniversary Sign-up Deadline
	--Christmas Flower Envelope Deadline
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17:	--CCE Class from 6:15 – 8:00 p.m.
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18:	--Confraternity of Christian Mothers – Gift Bags
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19:	--Giving Tree Donation Deadline
SAT/SUN, DECEMBER 20/21:	--K.J.T. #55 Food Drive Donation Deadline
	--K.J.T. #55 Bake Sale after each Mass

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.

Last Week's Collection: \$3,022.35

IN MEMORIAM: The parish family extends sympathies towards the family of **Elizabeth Kubacak Williams**, who was buried this past week. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.

Advent Penance Services

Holy Trinity – Corn Hill: Sunday, December 14, at 5:00 pm;
St. William – Round Rock: Wednesday, December 17, at 7:00 pm;
 and Monday, December 22, from 1:00 - 6:00 pm

St. Elizabeth's - Pflugerville: Thursday, December 18, at 7:00 pm
St. Mary's – Taylor: Sunday, December 21, at 7:00 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.

The 2015 contribution envelopes are in the vestibule of the church. If there is not a box for you and you want one, please contact the parish office.

This is your last weekend to sign up for your Marriage Anniversaries: If, in 2014, you celebrated your 10, 15, 20, 25, etc., 50th 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!



This is your last weekend to turn in a Christmas Flower Envelope if you would like to help decorate the church with poinsettias for the Christmas Season in honor, or in memory of, a loved one (envelopes are located by the bulletins). All memorials will be published in next weekend's bulletin.

Special Collection: We will have a special collection this 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 **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 the Bill & Monica Sherek family. Next week, it will be with Kathy Windhauser.

CCE: Class this Wednesday, December 17, from 6:15 – 8:00 p.m. Mass at 6:30 in the church with class to follow in the RE Bldg.

*****All CCE children, grades Pre-K – 5th, 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.**

*****Reminder for the Confirmation Students and Parents:** On Sunday, December 21, these students will be decorating the church for Christmas and wrapping the gifts donated for the Giving Tree. We need as many of you to attend as possible so the work load is light!

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.

The **parish office will be closed on Friday, December 19** (but will be open the rest of the week as usual).

WHAT A WONDERFUL, TRULY CHRISTIAN, RESPONSE WE HAD FOR THE ADVENT GIVING TREE PROJECT AGAIN THIS YEAR!

We can't thank everyone enough for the generous gifts and donations that were given for these families. The true meaning of Christmas – our Lord, Jesus Christ and His Love – will truly shine in their homes this year! God bless you all! **If you still need to bring in your gifts, please do so (either to the parish office or the box in the church) by next Friday, December 19, as they will all be wrapped on that weekend.** For any questions or information, please contact our Social Minister, Lucille D'Elia, at 512-318-5149.

Food Drive: You can help area families have a Hunger-Free Christmas by placing a non-perishable item in the food drive boxes located in the vestibule and at the south entrance of the church. Every can, box or bag of food makes a difference. Monetary donations are also accepted. For more information, please contact Helen Havelka (512-869-8715). **The food drive ends next Sunday, December 21.**

The K.J.T. #55 will host a **Bake Sale** next weekend, December 20/21. The proceeds of the Sale will benefit the Priest & Religious Retirement Funds and the K.J.T.'s other projects. Please show your support by donating and/or purchasing baked items.

Mark your calendars to join us for Mass and some 'good luck peas' to ring in the New Year. On December 31, we will have a New Year Vigil Mass at 11:30 p.m. and will then gather in the PAC Bldg for a big pot of **Black-Eyed Pea's**.

'Tis the season to be merry with friends and family ... Parish Family, that is! We will have a **Parish Christmas Potluck** in the PAC Bldg on Saturday, January 3, immediately following the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Bring your favorite dish to share! We will have a great meal together with fellowship in the spirit of Christmas and the gym will be open for play-time for the kids (of all ages --- 1-99!). Help spread the word to your fellow parishioners so that we may all be able to enjoy the festivities together!

Dear friends in Christ,

Here we are already on the Third Sunday of Advent. "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say rejoice! The Lord is near!" (Philippians 4:4,5) This verse, taken from today's entrance antiphon, expresses the theme of this Sunday's readings and the reason we call this Sunday "Gaudete Sunday" Today we wear rose colored vestments to remind us that we have passed the half-way point of this season and the joyful anticipation of celebrating the birth of the Lord begins to grow within us.

To help you with your final preparations for Christmas we have also enclosed an Examination of Conscience to assist you as you prepare to go to Confession. Listed in this bulletin are the Penance Services of the parishes in our deanery. Please plan on going to Confession sometime before Christmas, either here or at one of the other parishes listed in this bulletin. It is one of the best ways that you can prepare your soul to celebrate the birth of the Savior. In doing so, you are giving our Lord a great gift, the gift of yourself.

In today's Gospel the theme continues to focus upon St. John the Baptizer and how he was called to prepare the way of the Lord. John tells them the Messiah is near, the Messiah is already among them. Paul, in the Second Reading, reminds the people that they should always be joyful because this is what the follower of Jesus should be. We too should always have a joyful spirit about us, because the Lord is near, He is always in our midst, especially as we receive Him at Mass in Holy Communion. We should also be joyful because we have been washed in the waters of Baptism and cleansed of all our sins. We also have the opportunity to renew our Baptism by going to Confession on a regular basis so that we can remain washed and cleansed so that no stain of sin is upon us. Wow, this something to certainly be joyful about. We, like John, should point to Jesus as the means of our salvation. We should tell others about Him and explain the great gifts that He gives to those who are willing to receive Him. May we always give witness to His presence with us by always having a joyful attitude about us. As today's Responsorial Psalm says, "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,..." These words are the words of our Blessed Mother Mary as found in Luke 1:46-47. May your soul rejoice in the Lord always, especially as you experience His love and forgiveness.

May the joy of this season be in your heart and soul.

In Christ, Fr. Stephen Nestrta, farář