

# HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH OF CORN HILL



**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
DECEMBER 21, 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 20	5:00 PM	Pro Populo
Sunday	Dec 21	8:30 AM	†Gabriella Nemec
Monday	Dec 22	7:00 AM	†Mary Ackley
Tuesday	Dec 23	6:00 PM	†Frances Vrabel
<b>CHRISTMAS MASSES – HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION</b>			
Wednesday	Dec 24	5:00 PM	Pro Populo
	Dec 24	12:00 AM	†Ted & Gabriella Nemec
Thursday	Dec 25	8:30 AM	Pro Populo
Friday	Dec 26	NO MASS	
Saturday (a.m.)	Dec 27	7:30 AM	†Gwynetha Haines
Saturday	Dec 27	5:00 PM	Pro Populo
Sunday	Dec 28	8:30 AM	John & Annie Valis family



**MOST HOLY TRINITY**

Mass	Lectors	Altar Servers	Gift Bearers	Ministers of Holy Communion
<b>Saturday, December 20</b> 5:00 PM	Leo Bringman	John Bruce Maria Bruce	Johnny & Bernice Hernandez	Debbie Klaus, Fred Mullenbach, John Obst
<b>Sunday, December 21</b> 8:30 AM	Nancy Zenner	Thomas C, Caleb S, Abby Hodgson	Barney & Dorothy Walther	Barney & Dorothy Walther, Ray Nemec
<b>Wednesday, December 24</b> 5:00 PM and 12:00 AM	Michael Vrabel  Janine Nemec	Matthew & Nathan Klepac Jakob Voigt  Jamie, John & Jenna Danek	Bill & Linda Montreuil  Ray & Teresa Nemec	Jim & Mary Margaret Heuertz, Jennifer Klepac  James Nemec, Ray Nemec, Johnny Martinka
<b>Thursday, December 25</b> 8:30 AM	Nancy Zenner	Travis & Thomas Clawson Carter Marquis	Jerry David	Pete & Nancy Zenner, Jerry David
<b>Saturday, December 27</b> 5:00 PM	Don Gudinas	John Bruce Maria Bruce	Johnny & Bernice Hernandez	Debbie Klaus, Fred Mullenbach, John Obst
<b>Sunday, December 28</b> 8:30 AM	Michael Vrabel	John & Jenna Danek, William Fonville	Johnny & Dee Martinka	Barney & Dorothy Walther, Ray Nemec
<b>Ministers of Holy Communion to Shut-Ins:</b>		December 21: Ray Nemec	December 28: Jerry David	

**Immaculate Conception:** \$1,072.00 / **Last Week's Collection:** \$5,687.25 / **Religious Retirement Fund:** \$1,707.00

### Advent Penance Services

**St. Mary's – Taylor:** Sunday, December 21, at 7:00 pm      **St. William – Round Rock:** Monday, December 22, from 1:00 - 6:00 pm  
\*\*\* **Fr. Stephen will also be hearing confessions here** on Tuesday evening, December 23, from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. \*\*\*

The K.J.T. #55 will host a **Bake Sale** this 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.

**Food Drive: The collection of food for the Caring Place comes to a close this weekend.** The Catholic Union of Texas (K.J.T. Society 55) of Corn Hill would like to thank everyone who donated food and money to help the needy in our area. If you have any questions, please contact Helen Havelka (512-869-8715).

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 Kathy Windhauser. Next week, it will be with Henry, Agnes & Jeff Taylor.

**Holiday Office Hours:** Open on Monday & Tuesday, December 22 & 23. Bulletin deadline is Monday, Dec 22, at noon. The office will then be closed from Wednesday, December 24 – Thursday, January 1. It will then be open on Friday, January 2, and the bulletin deadline will be Thursday, Jan 1, at 3:00 p.m.

**CCE: Due to the holidays, NO class on Wednesday, December 24 or 31.** We wish all of the children and their families a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful beginning to the New Year! Come back to class on Wednesday, January 7, refreshed and ready to learn!!

\*\*\***Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Childrens' Christmas Pageant (for December 24) will not be held this year.**

**All parish youth, grades 6 – 12, and their families, are invited to a Christmas Social** on Tuesday, December 30, from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. in the PAC Bldg. Join us for games, food, and open gym. Bring your basketball or kick ball and a donation for The Caring Place.

**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 Peas and cornbread**. Parishioners are welcome to bring dessert.

**'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,**

Today is the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent. Christmas is just around the corner. How are your preparations coming along?

Christmas begins the evening of December 24 and continues until Sunday, January 11. Keep your Christmas lights shining brightly all throughout the Christmas Season. Let us celebrate this season in its fullness. During the Christmas Season are several important Feast Days. During the Octave of Christmas, we have The Birth of the Lord on December 25, St. Stephen on December 26, St. John on December 27, The Holy Family on December 28, and Mary, Mother of God on January 1. In the remainder of the Christmas Season, we have The Most Holy Name of Jesus on January 3, The Epiphany of the Lord on January 4, and The Baptism of the Lord on January 11. Try to attend as many of these Masses as possible. It is good for your soul and for your eternal well-being.

Today's Gospel is the same Gospel we had for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on December 8. It is the account of the angel Gabriel appearing to Mary and telling her that she will conceive and bear a son and that she will name him Jesus. Notice that the angel says that Mary is 'full of grace.' If Mary is full of grace then she does not have any sin on her soul, not even the stain of Original Sin that all of us inherit from Adam and Eve. Mary is sinless. She is prepared to be the mother of the Savior, Jesus Christ. This is a miraculous conception in her womb because she did not have any sexual relations with Joseph, either before or after the birth of Jesus. Her life was totally pure and holy. After our baptism, we are also "full of grace." We have the same ability to avoid sin. But, we so easily give in to our passions and desires and commit sin. Thanks to God He has given us the Sacrament of Reconciliation so that we may be forgiven of these sins and once again be "full of grace." May we always have the courage to say "yes" to God in the example of our Blessed Mother, Mary. And may God's Will come to fulfillment in our lives so that we can be with Him forever in heaven.

May God's blessings be with you as each of you make final preparations to celebrate the Birth of the Lord this week. Please also read my Christmas letter that is attached to this bulletin. Peace.

**In Christ, Fr. Stephen Nestrsta, farář**