

# HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH OF CORN HILL



**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
NOVEMBER 29, A.D. 2015

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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	Nov 28	5:00 PM	†James & Mary Ziegler (Anniversary)
Sunday	Nov 29	8:30 AM	Pro Populo
Tuesday	Dec 1	<b>7:00 AM</b>	†Lucy Cook
Wednesday	Dec 2	6:30 PM	LeRoy Tschoerner (for healing)
Thursday	Dec 3	7:00 AM	†Loney Montgomery
Friday	Dec 4	6:00 PM	Steven Guess (for healing)
Saturday	Dec 5	7:30 AM	†Dottie Lyssy
Saturday	Dec 5	5:00 PM	†Stanley Havelka
Sunday	Dec 6	8:30 AM	Pro Populo



## MASS MINISTRY REMINDERS

### Wednesday, December 2, 6:30 PM:

**Altar Servers:** Thomas C, Maria B, Abby H, William Brousseau

**Lector:** Jennifer Marquis

**EM of HC:** Lucille Nemec

**Gift Bearers:** Confirmation 1

### Saturday, December 5, 5:00 PM:

**Altar Servers:** John & Maria Bruce

**Lector:** Janine Nemec

**EM's of HC:** Keith Youngpeter, Fred Mullenbach, Debbie Klaus

**Gift Bearers:** Johnny & Bernice Hernandez

### Sunday, December 6, 8:30 AM:

**Altar Servers:** John Danek, Caleb Stefek, Jarrod Hodgson

**Lector:** Pete Zenner

**EM's of HC:** Nancy Zenner, Ray Nemec

**Gift Bearers:** Billy & Belinda Beyer

**EMHC Route: Sunday, December 6:** John Edgar

**Extraordinary Ministers need to stay for a short meeting and recertification after Mass on Saturday, December 12 OR Sunday, December 13, whichever Mass you attend.**

**ATTN: WE ARE IN MUCH NEED OF MORE LECTORS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS! If you would like to volunteer for either one, please come to one of these meetings.**

## ALTAR FLOWERS

You may donate flowers for the Altars in loving memory or honor of loved ones by turning in an 'Altar Flower Envelope' (located by bulletins or from website).

Remember, no flowers are needed during the Advent or Christmas Seasons.

## COLLECTION

November 22:

**Jesus Christ the King: \$2,883.00**

**Catholic Campaign for Human Development: \$916.00**

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sat/Sun, November 28/29:	--CEF Christmas Enrollments
Tuesday, December 1:	--RCIA Class
Wednesday, December 2:	--CCE Class
Thursday, December 3:	--RE Fundraiser Planning Meeting
Fri, Dec 4 & Sat, Dec 5:	--First Friday & Saturday Masses
Saturday, December 5:	--First Reconciliation
Sat/Sun, December 5/6:	--CEF Christmas Enrollments

## IN MEMORIAM

We extend our sympathies and prayers to the family of **Jimmy L. Davis (brother of Deacon Gene Davis)** who passed away unexpectedly. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.

Give a gift from the heart – the gift of prayer – which is special year-round, but even more so at the time of our Lord's birth. The Clerical Endowment Fund (CEF) has 'Christmas Enrollment' cards for **Spiritual Bouquet Gifts** for the Christmas Season. These enrollments, with the usual \$2 offering to the CEF, can be made after Masses this weekend and next (Dec 5/6).

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 Tim & Gwyn Vrabel family.** Next week, it will be with Mark & Debbie Klaus.

**RCIA:** Class this Tuesday, December 1, at 7:00 p.m. Discussion: The Sacraments.

**CCE:** Class this Wednesday, December 2, from 6:15 – 8:00 p.m. For information, contact Lucille D'Elia (512-318-5149).

We will have our annual **RE Fundraiser** on Sunday, January 17. If you would like to help in any way (kitchen, setup, day of, etc), please attend the **planning meeting** this Thursday, December 3, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg.

This Friday and Saturday (December 4 & 5) are the **first Friday and Saturday of the month.** Friday's Mass is at 6:00 p.m. followed by a time of Adoration, our devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and Benediction. Saturday's morning Mass is at 7:30 a.m. and will conclude with our monthly devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary by praying the Litany.

Children in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade CCE class will receive the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** for the first time on Saturday, December 5, at 9:00 a.m. Thank you to the Confraternity of Christian Mothers for providing a brunch for them and their families afterward!

Join us next weekend (Sunday, December 6) for **Hospitality Sunday**, in the PAC Bldg, immediately following the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Thank you to the Moravian Club for preparing the breakfast.

**Calling all children – ages 0-99!** Help us to celebrate, and bring back to life, the timeless tradition of the **St. Nicholas Celebration** next Sunday, December 6, immediately after our Hospitality Sunday in the PAC Bldg. **See the attached flyer.**

**The Advent Giving Trees** (in the foyer of the church) are full of gift tags with items that are needed/wanted by the members of our 'adopted families'. If you would like to share your blessings, pick up a gift tag – bring the item(s) back – UNWRAPPED and with the GIFT TAG ATTACHED – by Sunday, December 13 – either to the foyer of the church or to the parish office during business hours. For information, contact Lucille D'Elia (512-318-5149).

**If you would like to help decorate the church for the Christmas Season with beautiful poinsettias --- in memory or honor of a loved one(s) --- you may do so by completing and returning a "Christmas Flower Envelope"** (located by the bulletins). Please turn in your envelope by Sunday, December 13. Memorials will be announced in the December 20<sup>th</sup> bulletin.

**Marriage Anniversaries:** If, in 2015, 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 Sunday, December 13. The certificates will be presented to these couples on the weekend of the Feast of the Holy Family (December 26/27).

**ATTN: ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS!** The annual **Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference (DCYC)** will be held at the Waco Convention Center on January 29-31, 2016, and you are invited! Cost is \$75 and includes your hotel stay plus most of your meals. **Registration forms are available in the foyer of the church and are due by December 15.** For information, or to turn in registration forms, contact Monica Sherek (512-864-4748).

**Food Drive:** Donating food to help an area family has never been easier. The K.J.T. is collecting food for the Caring Place, which assists residents in Jarrell, Georgetown, Andice, Bartlett, Florence, Granger, Schwertner, Walburg and Weir. Simply drop your non-perishable items in the boxes located in the vestibule or south entrance of church. If making a monetary donation is easier, we'll take it. Contact Helen Havelka (512-869-8715) for questions.

**Young Catholic Professionals (YCP) - - - Working in Witness for Christ** will hold their YCP Austin Kickoff on Tuesday, December 1. This is a new Catholic ministry that strives to support and encourage young people in their personal and professional lives by strengthening their Christian witness. For all information, visit their website, [www.ycpaustin.org](http://www.ycpaustin.org). RSVP to attend at <http://tinyurl.com/ycpatx1>.

#### **Dear friends in Christ,**

May the peace and love of our Lord be with each of you. I hope that all of you had a very joyful and blessed Thanksgiving Day. Today we begin the holy Season of Advent. During the next four weeks we will be preparing ourselves for the celebration of the Birth of the Lord at Christmas. Advent comes from the Latin word for an "arrival" or a "coming". Advent means that the Lord is coming. Jesus Christ, our brother in our humanity and our God in His divinity is about to arrive. But He comes to us in different ways. First, Jesus came to us at a specific point in history at Bethlehem about 2000 years ago. But in the Church's great feast of Christmas, He mystically comes again. Second, the Lord, Alpha and Omega, will come to judge the living and the dead in the Second Coming. Third, the Redeemer comes to us in grace. He speaks to us in our conscience and He comes to us in the Eucharist and in the Word of God proclaimed.

Advent is a time of joy tinged with penance. Joy, because we can imagine nothing sweeter than the Christ Child and His Mother Mary's bliss at His coming to light. Penance, because we must strive to be properly disposed to receive so great a gift of His presence. In the millennial tradition of the Church, we, the faithful, have done penance before great feasts. Christmas and Easter each have their penitential seasons in anticipation, Advent and Lent. The liturgical color used in the Latin Church for the liturgy during both Advent and Lent is violet (purple), a sign of penance. The Latin Church also emphasizes the penitential dimension of the season by directing the use of sparse ornaments in church and by legislating that instrumental music should not be used, except to sustain congregational singing. This is a kind of liturgical fast that makes the joy and celebration of Christmas all that much more powerful by the contrast of the lean and muted season of Advent. Advent is a time of great joy because we look forward to the beautiful feast of the Nativity, but it is joy stitched through with somber and focused spiritual preparation by doing penance.

The Christmas Season begins on the evening of December 24 and continues until Sunday, January 10, when we will celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Celebrate these seasons in the spirit intended by the Church and you will experience the fullness of what God has to offer to you in this special time of year.

Today's readings speak to us about the fulfillment of God's promise to His people. This is in reference to the coming of the Messiah. This promise has been fulfilled in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who was born of the virgin, Mary. We await the final establishment of the Kingdom as we prepare ourselves for the Second Coming of Jesus on the great day of the final Resurrection. Our Gospel reading today, taken from the Gospel of Luke, encourages us to be vigilant and to wait with great expectation, preparing ourselves through prayer, so that we are strong in our faith to persevere in living our life in Jesus until He returns in glory. In Advent, we prepare not only for the birth of Jesus, but also for His ultimate return when all will be made new.

Please pray for all of our children who will be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) for the first time on Saturday, December 5. May they always have a desire for the love, mercy and forgiveness of God in this special Sacrament.

May all of you have a very blessed Advent Season.

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