

# HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH OF CORN HILL



## Feast of the Epiphany

January 3, A.D. 2016

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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	Jan 2	5:00 PM	Lauren Buchhorn (for healing)
Sunday	Jan 3	8:30 AM	Pro Populo ( <b>incense</b> )
Monday	Jan 4	6:00 PM	Liv/Dec Benefactors of Czech Seminarian Fund
Tuesday	Jan 5	6:00 PM	†Mary Conlee
Wednesday	Jan 6	6:30 PM	†Joe Hosch
Thursday	Jan 7	7:00 AM	†Olon Montgomery
Friday	Jan 8	6:00 PM	Vernon & Jan Hein (for healing)
Saturday	Jan 9	7:30 AM	†Marie Hrachovy
Saturday	Jan 9	5:00 PM	Pro Populo
Sunday	Jan 10	8:30 AM	†Pete & Eleanora Schwertner ( <b>incense</b> )

The wise men traveled  
from afar to pay homage,  
and bring gifts, to their  
Newborn King!



### Mass Ministry Reminders

#### Wednesday, January 6, 6:30 PM:

Altar Servers: John Bruce, Carter Marquis, Lucas Beyer

Lector: Jennifer Klepac

EM's of HC: Lucille Nemeec

Gift Bearers: 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Class

#### Saturday, January 9, 5:00 PM:

Altar Servers: Matthew & Nathan Klepac, Jakob Voigt

Lector: Leo Bringman

EM's of HC: Debbie Klaus, Jim & Mary Margaret Heuertz

Gift Bearers: Billy & Kathy Meissner

#### Sunday, January 10, 8:30 AM: (incense)

Altar Servers: John & Jenna Danek, William Fonville

Lector: Cynthia Edgar

EM's of HC: Ray Nemeec, James Nemeec, John Edgar

Gift Bearers: Richard & Lisa Danek

EMHC Route: January 10: James Nemeec

### 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

December 25: Christmas: \$4,110.00

December 27: Feast of the Epiphany: \$3,056.00

December 27: Feast of the Holy Family: \$1,054.00

### This Week At A Glance

Sunday, January 3:

--Christian Mother's Meeting

Monday, January 4:

--Senior Citizens' Supper

--Men's Prayer Group

Tuesday, January 5:

--RCIA Class

Wednesday, January 6:

--CCE Class & Christmas Party

Sunday, January 10:

--Year of Mercy Holy Hour

## Jubilee Year of Mercy

During the Jubilee of Mercy, we must strive to live out the mercy and love of God and we should take heart in the motto for this Jubilee of Mercy, "Merciful Like the Father". What does it mean to be merciful like the Father—how is God merciful? Throughout Scripture, we see many powerful examples of God's mercy found in His actions throughout history - most commonly in the life, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension of Christ. Mercy is not just an act of clemency for those who have done wrong. It is a way of life that is manifested in the compassion, love, and joy we see that God has for all creation. While it is easy to see how God is merciful through the witness of the Scriptures and the life of the Church, it is sometimes challenging for us to apply it to our daily actions. How do we live Christ's mercy? Our ability to live this motto is dependent on our accepting God's superabundant love and mercy that he pours out on us. Once we are nourished with God's mercy and allow his merciful love to transform us, we are better able to show others this merciful love. Adopting a merciful attitude is not simply a spiritual action; it also includes physical acts that witness to God's love: by not judging or condemning, by forgiving others, and by giving generously to others. However, our actions of mercy are not simply things we do so that we will be judged worthy by God. They are actions that flow from our embrace of God's mercy and love for us. By showing mercy and love to others, we illustrate how we have accepted God's merciful love and how we want to continue this outpouring of mercy.



**Thank you to all who enrolled their loved ones for Christmas CEF Spiritual Bouquets.** A total of \$322 was donated and will be sent to the Clerical Endowment Fund, which supports the education of the seminarians in the Diocese of Austin.

The **Confraternity of Christian Mothers will meet briefly** today (Sunday, January 3), in the RE Bldg, immediately after the 8:30 a.m. Mass, to finalize plans for the Austin DCCW Board Meeting (which will be held in the PAC on Tuesday, January 12).

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 Henry & Agnes Taylor.** Next week, it will be with Jim & Mary Margaret Heurtz.

Our monthly **Senior Citizens' Supper** will be held this Monday, January 4, at 6:30 p.m. in the PAC Bldg. Thank you to K.J.Z.T. #15 for preparing the meal.

The **Men's Prayer Group will meet** this Monday, January 4, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg. For information, contact Pete Zenner (512-863-4038).

**RCIA:** Class on Tuesday, January 5, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg. Discussion: Marriage.

**CCE:** Class on Wednesday, January 6. Mass in the church at 6:30 p.m., followed by a Christmas Party in the PAC, which parents are invited to attend and enjoy with their children.

**Year of Mercy:** Join us for a **Holy Hour, with the Divine Mercy Chaplet**, next Sunday, January 10, at 3:00 p.m. in the church.

Our annual **RE/CYM Fundraiser** will be held on Sunday, January 17. We will also have a 10:30 a.m. Mass that day. Join us for a delicious meal of Chicken-fried Pork Cutlets with all the trimmings. Adults \$9 / Children \$5. Adult to-go plates available. We will also have a Silent Auction during the meal (to donate an item(s) for the auction, contact Lucille D'Elia at 512-318-5149). And, if you would like to make a donation to help defray the cost of supplies, envelopes are available on the bulletin tables. Proceeds will benefit the children and youth in our CCE and CYM programs.

The **Finance Council will meet** on Thursday, January 21, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg. All parishioners are invited to attend.

If you would like a **2015 Donation Report** (for tax, or other, purposes), please let us know. If you have received one in the past, you will automatically receive one again. If not, please call or email the parish office to put your name on the list. The reports will be sent out by January 31.

**Preparation for Total Consecration to Jesus Through Mary:** Beginning February 20, 2016, please join thousands of Faithful throughout our Diocese for 33 days of preparation prayer for Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary. Each day of prayer, representing one year in the life of Christ, is done privately in your own home using the consecration preparation prayer book. Please visit [www.TexasToJesusThroughMary.org](http://www.TexasToJesusThroughMary.org) by January 31 to receive your **FREE** copy of the Monfort prayer book. Your book will be mailed to you. Following, all are invited to collectively make or renew our consecration at a special Holy Mass on April 4, 2016 (more details to come).

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

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! I would like to thank the cantors, organist and choir for their dedication in helping to make our Christmas Masses an uplifting experience through their beautiful singing. I really appreciate them leading us in song every week of the year.

What New Year's resolution have you made? It seems some sort of a tradition to make New Year's resolutions, but it seems not to be a tradition to actually keep them and make them become a reality in our life. So, what about you? One resolution that we need to make and to keep is to become better Catholics, better followers of Jesus Christ. During this Jubilee Year of Mercy, we all need to make an effort to go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) more often to receive the Divine Mercy of God. God wants to bestow His mercy upon us so that we can have a profound experience of His love for us, but, we can only receive it if we go to Him and seek it in our life. Just as we receive the Eucharist often, we also need to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation often. Once a month confession, or at least every three months, is good for the soul and for our spiritual life.

Thank you to all who came to the black-eye pea and cornbread reception after the Mass on New Year's night. Thank you especially to those who made the peas and cornbread and the preparations. May the Lord bless you for your kindness to all of us.

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, when Jesus was revealed to the world by the coming of the three Wise Men, or Magi, or Kings. Three important men come to see the boy who would become the King of the Universe, the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords. Just as Jesus was seen by the three Wise Men, He is still seen today by those who partake of Him in the Eucharist, as we gaze upon His Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity. Only those who have faith are able to recognize this special Real Presence of Jesus in our midst. May our faith remain strong so that we will always be drawn to His presence in the Eucharist and so that we will always have the desire to receive His Body and Blood in Holy Communion.

It is the tradition that on the Feast of the Epiphany that we bless our homes by marking them with blessed chalk with the current year and the initials of the Three Wise Men - Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. Attached to this bulletin you will find the blessing prayer and instructions on how to mark your homes.

Are your Christmas lights still shining? The Christmas Season continues until Sunday, January 10, 2016. Keeps those lights on until the end of the Christmas Season to give witness to the true Light of the world, Jesus Christ. Let your lights be an Epiphany of the Lord to those who see them.

Mark your calendar now to reserve the date for our annual Czech Mass in honor of Sts. Cyril and Methodius. The Mass will be on Sunday, February 14, at 10:30 am, followed by a meal in the PAC.

May God bless all of you this year with an abundance of faith, hope and love.

**Fr. Stephen Nesrsta, farář**