

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH of CORN HILL



Pope Francis
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Bishop Joe Vásquez
Diocese of Austin

Our Lord, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 20, A.D. 2016

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday	Nov 19	5:00 PM	†Joe & Margaret Vrazel
Sunday	Nov 20	8:30 AM	Pro Populo
Tuesday	Nov 22	6:00 PM	†Tommie Rose Martine
Wednesday	Nov 23	7:00 AM	†Albin Zurovetz

Thanksgiving Masses

Wednesday	Nov 23	6:30 PM	All Souls
Thursday	Nov 24	8:30 AM	In Thanksgiving
Friday	Nov 25	6:00 PM	†Ruby Sykora
Saturday	Nov 26	7:30 AM	†Virginia McMaster
Saturday	Nov 26	5:00 PM	Pro Populo
Sunday	Nov 27	8:30 AM	A.J. & Dorothy Tschöerner (62 nd Wedding Anniv.)

Altar Flowers

The flowers at the Altar of Our Blessed Mother, Mary and at the Altar of St. Joseph are placed in loving memory of
Fred & Barbara Palousek
and are donated by Mary Dale Putegnat.

Last Week's Collection(s)

November 13: Thirty-Third Sunday Ordinary Time: \$4,682.54
and the Hurricane Matthew Relief Collection: \$1,418.00

Parish Prayer Campaign for Vocations

is open to all parishioners. To sign-up, contact the parish office.

November 20 – 26: CCE Program

November 27 – December 3: Frank & Lucille D'Elia

Religious Articles Cabinet

in the foyer of the church, is full of many wonderful items, for all occasions, which are available for purchase. You may contact the parish office, Louise Straka (512-746-5322) or Janine Nemeč (512-863-6892), to purchase items, or to have items ordered for you.

This Week at a Glance

Sat/Sun, November 19/20:	--Special Collection --Pro-Life Adoration Sign-Up
Monday, November 21:	--Men's Prayer Group
Mon-Tues, November 21-22:	--Parish Office Open
Tuesday, November 22:	--RCIA Class
Wednesday, November 23:	--NO CCE Class
Wed-Fri, November 23-25:	--Parish Office Closed

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Bulletin Announcement Deadline: Tuesdays @ 3:00 pm

Weekend Masses: Saturday @ 5:00 pm & Sunday @ 8:30 am

Reconciliation: Sat: 4:00–4:45 pm; Sun: 7:45–8:15 am;
& Wed: 5:45-6:15 pm (or by appt.)

Parish Contacts & Resources

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Men's Prayer Group: Pete Zenner 512-863-4038

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Mass Ministry Reminders

Thanksgiving Masses

Wed, Nov 23 (Vigil Mass) 6:30 PM:

Altar Servers: John & Jenna Danek, Jakob Voigt

Lector: Nancy Zenner

EMHC: Jim & Mary Margaret Heuertz, Pete Zenner

Gift Bearers: (ushers/volunteers)

Head Usher: Jeff Voigt

Thursday, November 24, 8:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Thomas Clawson, Carter Marquis, Lucas Beyer

Lector: Janine Nemeč

EMHC: Lucille Nemeč, James Nemeč, Ray Nemeč

Gift Bearers: Pinto & Lucille Nemeč

Head Usher: Tommy Sladeczek

Saturday, November 26, 5:00 PM:

Altar Servers: Matthew & Nathan Klepac, Jakob Voigt

Lector: Jill Horner

EMHC: Jim & Mary Margaret Heuertz, Jennifer Klepac

Gift Bearers: John & Mary Ann Valenta

Head Usher: Jeff Voigt

Sunday, November 27, 8:30 AM:

Altar Servers: John & Jenna Danek, Abby Hodgson

Lector: Michael Vrabel

EMHC: Pete & Nancy Zenner, John Edgar

Gift Bearers: Ray & Teresa Nemeč

Head Usher: A.J. Batla

EM to Shut-ins: Sunday, November 27: John Edgar

Thanksgiving Prayer

This Thanksgiving, let those of us who have much and those who have little gather at the welcoming table of the Lord. At this blessed feast, may rich and poor alike remember that we are called to serve one another and to walk together in God's gracious world. With thankful hearts, we praise our God who, like a loving parent, denies us no good thing. Amen.

We will have a **special collection this weekend (November 19/20) for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.** Your donations empower thousands of poor Americans to reclaim their economic rights and their dignity. Please be generous.

The **Confraternity of Christian Mothers will meet** today (Sunday, November 20) in the RE Bldg after the 8:30 a.m. Mass, which they will attend as a group to lead the Rosary prayed before Mass. All ladies are invited to join them at their meeting. Agenda items include Christmas CEF enrollments, Christmas goody bags, election of officers, etc.

The Parish Office will be open this week on Monday & Tuesday (Nov 21-22) and closed for the rest of the week for Thanksgiving. The bulletin deadline is Monday, November 21, at 3:00 p.m.

The **Men's Prayer Group will meet** this Monday, November 21, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg. Contact Pete Zenner for information (512-863-4038).

RCIA – Class this Tuesday, November 22, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg. Discussion: Our Liturgical Year and Catholic Devotions.

CCE: NO Class this Wednesday, November 23, due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Next class will be on Wednesday, November 30, from 6:15 – 8:00 p.m. For more information, contact Lucille D'Elia (512-318-5149 or htcdre@yahoo.com).

We are happy to announce that we will now have **Pro-Life Adoration on Thursdays from 3 pm – 9 pm in the church.** If you would like to be on the adoration schedule, we will have sign-ups this weekend, November 19/20, and next, November 26/27. Our first evening of Adoration will be on Thursday, December 1. The Pro-Life Prayer & Awareness Group will also meet that evening – beginning with a Pro-Life Rosary at 7:00 p.m. in the church, and all parishioners are invited to be a part of this group to pray for and learn more about pro-life issues. For more information or questions, don't hesitate to contact our Pro-Life Coordinator, Chris Garlasco (860-689-3021 or cgarlasco@hotmail.com).

Food Drive: It is time for our annual food drive to help the less fortunate families in our area. The Catholic Union of Texas (KJT Society #55) of Corn Hill is collecting food for the Caring Place, which assists needy residents in Jarrell and Georgetown. A list of non-perishable food items can be found on the bulletin tables. Monetary donations are also accepted. The drive begins Wednesday, November 23, and ends Sunday, December 18. For more information, contact Helen Havelka (512-869-8715).

Our annual **Advent Giving Tree** project will begin next weekend, November 26/27. The tree with gift tags will be located in the front foyer of the church. To participate, you will get a tag from the tree – purchase the item(s) listed – and then bring them to the church or the RE Bldg – UNWRAPPED & with the tag - by Sunday, December 18. For questions, contact Lucille D'Elia (512-318-5149).

The Clerical Endowment Fund (CEF) has special **“Christmas Enrollment” cards for Spiritual Bouquet Gifts** for the Christmas season. These enrollments, with the usual \$2 offering, can be made after the Masses on the weekend of December 3/4 in the foyer of the church. After that weekend, the Christmas enrollments can be made by contacting our parish CEF Chairperson, Janine Nemecek (512-863-6892).

If you would like to help decorate the church for the Christmas Season with beautiful poinsettias --- in memory or honor of loved ones --- you may do so by completing and returning a “Christmas Flower Envelope” (located by the bulletins). Please turn in your envelope by Sunday, December 18. Memorials will be announced in the Christmas bulletin.



Marriage Anniversaries: If, in 2016, 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 of the information and print clearly** so that we don't misspell your names! Please sign-up by Sunday, December 18. The certificates will be presented to these couples on the weekend of the Feast of the Holy Family (Dec 31/Jan 1).

ATTN: ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS! The annual **Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference (DCYC)** will be held at the Waco Convention Center on January 27-29, 2017, and you are invited! Cost is \$100 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 18.** For information, or to turn in registration forms, contact Monica Sherek (512-864-4748).

Assuming – and HOPING ☺ - that you have taken the time to read our **Stewardship** article on the last page of the bulletin these past couple of weeks ... there are a few ministries that we are especially in need of more volunteers for. Please prayerfully consider offering your time and talent for one (or more!) of these ministries. And...think on this...when we have enough volunteers (specifically with the Mass ministries), the commitment required can be as little as just one time a month! A small sacrifice with large reward!

•**ALL Mass ministries (see list on back page)** •**Money Counters** •**Hospitality Sunday & Saturday Potluck Coordinators**

To volunteer, or for information on these or any other ministries, please contact the parish office. We appreciate your consideration!

We are also in need of a **Youth Ministry (CYM) Coordinator.** If interested, please contact the parish office for details and information.

Dear friends in Christ,

We had a beautiful closing to the Jubilee Year of Mercy last weekend. Thank you to everyone who helped during this Jubilee Year. Thank you to our music ministry, to those who greeted the groups who came throughout the year, those who cooked for these groups and for the ushers who were very kind and hospitable last weekend in seating people. I was proud of all of you for being so welcoming to all who journeyed this year to experience the mercy and forgiveness of God.

Thanksgiving week is upon us and today we celebrate the Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - the last Sunday in the Church Liturgical Year. As we close out this year, it is the Church's hope that all of us have listened to the words of Jesus throughout the year and that our commitment to Jesus Christ as King of our lives has been re-affirmed.

But what does it mean that Jesus Christ is King and that we are His subjects, those whom He rules over? Today, many people do not really understand what a King is or what purpose he serves. Kings have given way to presidents, governors, prime ministers, dictators, and other forms of leadership. All of these leaders do, in some way, possess kingly powers and authority, but none of them are equivalent to a king, especially the greatest King of all, Jesus Christ.

Because the people of Jesus' time were looking for an earthly king who would be a strong military leader and overthrow the Romans, Jesus turned out not to be what they had in mind. The inscription which Pilate had put over Jesus, "*This is the King of the Jews*", in a way, was correct. Jesus was and is a King in the line of King David, but Jesus is not a King over a certain geographical area as Pilate thought ... Jesus is King over the whole world. The only problem is that most people do not recognize Jesus as their King, or, if they do, they are not obedient to all of His commands.

The Kingship of Jesus is different than most other kingships in that, as King, Jesus serves His people in three ways:

- First, Jesus, as King, served us by saving us in dying on the Cross. Not many kings have been known to do that.
- Secondly, Jesus continues to serve each of us through His Church. Jesus joins us together in a visible Body, of which He is the Head, as St. Paul says in the second reading in his letter to the Colossians: "*It is he who is head of the body, the Church.*" St. Paul goes on to say: "*And you are the Body of Christ. Every one of you is a member of it.*" Not many people have an opportunity to be as close to their king as you and I do. Since Jesus is the Head of the Body, we are to listen to Him and obey Him. For if one part of the Body does not listen and follow the instructions given by the head, the body does not function properly.
- Thirdly, Jesus serves us by giving Himself to us in the mystery of the Eucharist. Jesus gives us His own body as food - for the journey through life - every time we receive Him at Holy Communion. Jesus nourishes us and strengthens us so that we are able to serve Him and be protected by Him each day. However, we must allow Jesus to do this for us because Jesus is not a tyrannical dictator who forces Himself to be our King. He lets us make the decision to accept Him as our King. Jesus allows us to accept, or to reject, His teachings, His kingship, which He gives us through the Catholic Church. If we reject any part of Jesus' teachings, then we no longer fully live in His kingdom. We become only visitors who go through the kingdom every once in a while but do not want to live in it and do not want to be a subject of this Great King.

Many have rejected Jesus Christ as their King. And as any good King, Jesus continues to wait for us with arms wide open, as they were on the Cross. Are we willing to accept this invitation from Jesus, or are we going to just pass through His Kingdom on Sundays then continue on without Him the rest of the week? The decision is for each of us to make. I pray that we will all accept Christ as our King every day of the week and that, when our earthly life has ended, we will hear the words of Jesus, which the thief heard in today's gospel: "*I assure you: this day you will be with me in paradise.*"

Pray the following prayer together with your family and dedicate your family to Jesus Christ our King.

Act of Dedication of the Human Race to Jesus Christ the King

Loving Jesus, Redeemer of the human race, look down upon us as we kneel before you on this feast day. We belong to you and we wish always to be yours. In order that we may be more closely united with you, each one of us freely consecrates himself today to your most Sacred Heart.

We pray, Lord, that you will be king, not only of the faithful ones who have never abandoned you, but that you will be King also of those who have abandoned the faith. We pray especially for them, that they may soon return to their Father's house and to their Father's love.

We pray also that you will be King of those who are kept away from the Church because of false opinions or misunderstandings. Call them back, Lord, to the truth and unity of the faith, so that soon there may once again be one flock and one Shepherd.

Grant to your Church, Lord, assurance of freedom and immunity from harm. We pray for peace and tranquility among all the nations of the world. May all peoples praise your divine Heart which has loved us and saved us. To you be glory and honor forever. Amen.

Please continue to pray for the Souls in Purgatory during this month of November as we remember those who have died. May they rest in peace.

May all of you have a most blessed and joyful Thanksgiving.

In Christ, Fr. Stephen Nesrsta, farář

STEWARDSHIP

Too many times, when we see or hear the word STEWARDSHIP, it seems to be in conjunction with money ... and maybe you are tired of hearing or seeing this word altogether ! ? !

Well, hopefully, the following will give you a more positive perspective on what STEWARDSHIP is really about! The definition of the word stewardship is: the responsible management of something entrusted into one's care.

Stewardship applies to every aspect of our lives --- personally, professionally and spiritually.

Here in the Church, our focus is on the spiritual aspect and we use the strategy of the

3 Ts: Time – Talent – Treasure.

God has given each of us many gifts and He calls us to:

- *Give of our TIME ... by attending and doing what we are able to at parish functions and fundraisers, being involved in religious education programs or studies, participating in the Mass ministries, and volunteering to help the Church or your parish in any way you can in general.*
- *Offer our TALENTS ... everyone has something that they are good at – you may many things that you can do well and like to do for others. Some of us are good speakers, some are good teachers, are musically gifted, like to bake/cook, are good with organization and time management. All of these talents, and whatever other skills you may have, are all valuable to the Church in one way or another and God asks that we utilize them in building His kingdom here on earth.*
- *Share our TREASURE ... now here's the money part you always hear of! Other than God's love, forgiveness and sanctifying grace ☺ - not too much in this world is free anymore, so, let's face it, it takes money – and sometimes, quite a bit of it – to do what needs to be done. We need basic means for everyday life: electricity, water, food, gas – all of which take money. When a disaster occurs - fire, flood, illness and accidents - it takes money to rebuild what was lost or what needs to be done to return to 'normal life'. When the Church asks for your monetary assistance, it asks only for what you are able to give – whether it be \$1 or \$1,000 – and never looks down on the extent of someone's generosity. Anytime you give to the Church financially, you are giving back some of what God has given to you, for the benefit of others.*

So now you may wonder,

“What can I do for my parish to help fulfill the role of being of a good steward?”

The following is a general list of opportunities to 'get more involved' here at Holy Trinity. Some of you are already part of some – or many – of them, and we thank you and appreciate you more than you know!!

If you are willing to participate in one or more of these fulfilling tasks, or would simply like more information on any of them, please don't hesitate to contact the parish office.

- *Mass Ministries*
 - *Lector*
 - *Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion at Mass or to Shut-ins*
 - *Altar Server*
 - *Usher / Head Usher*
 - *Gift Bearer*
 - *Choir / Music Ministry*
- *Religious Education*
 - *RCIA Program Team Member*
 - *CCE Program - Teacher*
 - *CCE Program - Volunteer*
 - *Pro-Life Prayer & Awareness Group*
 - *Men's Prayer Group*
 - *Youth Group Ministry*
- *Parish Social Ministries*
 - *Senior Citizen Supper Program*
 - *Hospitality Sunday Program*
 - *Saturday Potluck Program*
 - *Charitable Programs*
 - *Advent Giving Tree*
 - *Clothing & Food Drives*
- *General Parish Ministries*
 - *Collection/Money Counters*
 - *Bazaar/Fundraiser Committee*
 - *K.J.T. Insurance*
 - *K.J.Z.T. Insurance*
 - *Catholic Life Insurance*