

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH of CORN HILL



Pope Francis
Vatican City State



Bishop Joe Vásquez
Diocese of Austin



First Sunday of Advent

November 27, A.D. 2016



Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday	Nov 26	5:00 PM	Pro Populo
Sunday	Nov 27	8:30 AM	A.J. & Dorothy Tschoerner (62 nd Wedding Anniv.)
Tuesday	Nov 29	6:00 PM	†Johnnie Simek
Wednesday	Nov 30	6:30 PM	All Souls
Thursday	Dec 1	7:00 AM	†Msgr. Emilián Foltyn
First Friday	Dec 2	6:00 PM	†Frank & Marcella Viktorin
First Saturday	Dec 3	7:30 AM	Richard & Jean Buchhorn
Saturday	Dec 3	5:00 PM	†John & Tillie Klepac
Sunday	Dec 4	8:30 AM	Pro Populo

Altar Flowers

If you would like to donate Altar Flowers in memory or honor of loved ones, you may do so by turning in an Altar Flower Envelope (by bulletins or from website). **Please Remember:** No flowers are needed during the Advent & Christmas Seasons.

Last Week's Collection(s)

November 20: Our Lord Jesus Christ the King: \$3,737.85
and Catholic Campaign for Human Development: \$1,179.00

Parish Prayer Campaign for Vocations

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

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

December 4 - 10: 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 Nemecek (512-863-6892), to purchase items, or to have items ordered for you.

This Week at a Glance

Sat/Sun, November 26/27:	–Pro-Life Adoration Sign-Up
Monday, November 28:	–Men's Prayer Group
Tuesday, November 29:	–RCIA Class
Wednesday, November 30:	–CCE Classes
Thursday, December 1:	–Pro-Life Adoration & Meeting
Saturday, December 3:	–CCE First Reconciliation
Sunday, December 4:	–Hospitality Sunday

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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

Dir Rel Educ & Bookkeeping: Lucille D'Elia 512-746-4317

Parish Activity Center (PAC) Rentals & Info: Parish Office

Cemetery Information: Parish Office

Cemetery Director: Johnny Martinka 512-966-4301

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Pastoral Council: Helen Havelka 512-869-8715

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

Conf of Christian Mothers: Lucille Nemecek 254-527-3615

K.J.T. Society #55: John Danek 512-746-4168

K.J.Z.T. Society #15: Dorothy Klepac 512-746-2902

Catholic Life Insurance #50: Tommy Sladeczek 512-635-3496

Mass Ministry Reminders

Wednesday, November 30, 6:30 PM:

Altar Servers: John D, William F, Caleb S, Adelaide B

Lector: Pete Zenner

EMHC: Nancy Zenner

Gift Bearers: Confirmation I

Saturday, December 3, 5:00 PM:

Altar Servers: John & Maria Bruce

Lector: Janine Nemecek

EMHC: Patsy Hightower, Irene Cavanaugh, Keith Youngpeter

Gift Bearers: Alex & Virginia Hernandez

Head Usher: Donald Tschoerner

Sunday, December 4, 8:30 AM:

Altar Servers: John & Jenna Danek, William Fonville

Lector: Cynthia Edgar

EMHC: Johnny Martinka, Ray Nemecek, Kelly Godfrey

Gift Bearers: Pinto & Lucille Nemecek

Head Usher: Tommy Sladeczek

EM to Shut-ins: Sunday, December 4: Ray Nemecek

Prayer for Advent

Father Almighty, as we prepare to celebrate the coming of the Incarnate Word promised by the prophets of long ago, may We await Him with the hope for a world free from hatred and division, a world replete with your love.

Father, we pray that the lights from the Advent wreath will remind us of the Light of the World who chases the darkness from our hearts. Help us to open our hearts, our homes and our families to your peace. And, with such peace, may we act as modern-day prophets, reminding ourselves and encouraging other to "Prepare for the way of the Lord!" Amen.

Thank you to all who turned in a **Pro-Life Baby Bank**. Your donations totaled \$629.32, half of which is sent to support the Diocesan Pro-Life Office and the other half is kept here to benefit our Pro-Life Prayer & Awareness Group efforts. God bless you for your generosity!

The **Men's Prayer Group will meet** this Monday, November 28, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg. Contact Pete Zenner for information (512-863-4038).

RCIA – Class this Tuesday, November 29, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg. Discussion: Prayer.

CCE: Class this 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 again this weekend after Masses, November 26/27. Our first evening of Adoration will be this 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).

This Friday and Saturday (December 2&3) are the **first Friday and Saturday of the month**. Friday's Mass is at 6:00 p.m. with a time of Adoration, our devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and Benediction. Saturday's Mass is at 7:30 a.m. and will conclude with our monthly devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary by praying the Litany.

Our CCE 2nd Grade Class will receive the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** for the first time, this Saturday, December 3, at 9:00 a.m. Please pray for them as they prepare to ask God for His Mercy and pray also that they will realize what a gift Our Lord's Mercy truly is.

All parishioners and visitors are invited to **Hospitality Sunday** next weekend (Sunday, December 4) in the PAC Bldg, immediately following the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Thank you to the Moravian Club for preparing the breakfast.

On Monday, December 5, **the CYM will prepare the Senior Citizens' Supper**. All youth, grades 6-12 are invited and encouraged to participate in the preparation and serving of the meal. Please contact Monica Sherek (512-864-4748) if you would like to help.

Thursday, December 8, is the feast of the **Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and is a Holy Day of Obligation**. We will have a vigil Mass on Wednesday, December 7, at 6:30 p.m. and Mass on Thursday, December 8, at 7:00 a.m. and at 12 Noon.

The **Pastoral Council will meet** on Thursday, December 8, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg. All parishioners are invited to attend. The agenda for this meeting is located on the bulletin board for your information and preparation. The **Finance Council will also meet** that evening after the PC meeting.

K.J.T. #55 will meet on Sunday, December 11, in the PAC Bldg, after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. They will be having election of officers.

Food Drive: The K.J.T. Society #55 food drive for The Caring Place is underway. The Caring Place is a local, non-profit organization that addresses the basic human needs of people within its service area, including Jarrell, Georgetown, Andice, Bartlett, Florence, Granger, Schwertner, Walburg and Weir. The list of needed food items can be found on the bulletin tables. Please place the non-perishable items in the boxes near the entrance doors. For more information, please contact Helen Havelka (512-869-8715).

Our **Advent Giving Tree** is located in the 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 the due-date written on the tag. For questions, contact Lucille D'Elia (512-318-5149). Thank you, in advance, for your generosity in giving to those in need.

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 next weekend (December 3rd) 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).

Please take the time to make a good confession during Advent. The following are several opportunities in our area:

SSCM – Granger – Tues, Dec 6, 7 PM; Holy Trinity – Corn Hill – Sun, Dec 11, 5 PM; St. Mary – Taylor – Sun, Dec 11, 6 PM

St. Joseph – Manor – Wed, Dec 14, 7 PM; St. John Vianney – Round Rock – Thurs, Dec 15, 7 PM

St. William – Round Rock – Mon, Dec 19, 7 PM and Wed, Dec 21, 1 PM – 6 PM

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. Remember to keep the spirit of thanksgiving in your heart all throughout the year. Always recognize how you are blessed and give thanks to God every day for those blessings.

Thank you to Providence Funeral Home in Taylor for donating some of their 2017 Calendars to our parish. May they be a source of inspiration to all who took one home.

Today we begin the holy Season of Advent. Most of you have already made your plans for family gatherings and events during this season and during the upcoming Christmas Season. During the next four weeks, we will be preparing ourselves for the celebration of the Birth of the Lord at Christmas. The Christmas Season begins on the evening of December 24 and continues until Monday, January 9, when we will celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. So, after Christmas Day on December 25, please do not say that Christmas is over because it has actually just begun. Too many Catholics and other Christians have given into the secular celebration of Christmas, a celebration that is completely absent of the presence of Jesus Christ, whose birthday we celebrate. Don't fall into this trap. Celebrate these special seasons as they are meant to be celebrated. Celebrate Advent as a time of preparation, make a good confession and spend extra time in prayer with your family.

During the Season of Advent, we usually begin decorating our homes for Christmas. I always recommend that you wait until the Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday, before you turn on your Christmas lights. Also, I encourage you to leave your tree and decorations up and your Christmas lights shining until the end of the Christmas Season on January 9. Let us truly celebrate Christmas during the entire Christmas Season. I also encourage parish organizations to have their Christmas parties during the Christmas Season and not during Advent. In the USA, Santa Claus has only become an advertising gimmick. Instead of Santa coming to our parties, we should live the truth of our faith and have St. Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, come to our celebrations. He is the one who brought gifts to the poor and needy of his day. Our faith is filled with wonderful traditions that have been handed down to us during the past 2000 years. The more we present our faith in the spirit and truth it is meant to teach, the more people will have a conversion of heart and think about the faith they have received.

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...so that we can 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.

This week, we will begin having Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursday from 3:00 pm until 9:00 pm. Please come and spend some time with the Lord in prayer. Experience His love and love Him in return.

May all of you have a very blessed Advent and Christmas Season.

In Christ,
Fr. Stephen Nesrsta, farář

"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!!

• General Parish Ministries

- Collection/Money Counters
- Bazaar/Fundraiser Committee
- Confraternity of Christian Mothers
- K.J.T. Insurance
- K.J.Z.T. Insurance
- Catholic Life Insurance

• Religious Education

- RCIA Program Team Member
- CCE Program - Teacher
- CCE Program - Volunteer
- Pro-Life Prayer & Awareness Group
- Men's Prayer Group
- Youth Group Ministry

• Mass Ministries

- Lector
- Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion
at Mass and/or to Shut-ins
- Altar Server
- Usher / Head Usher
- Gift Bearer
- Choir / Music Ministry

• Parish Social Ministries

- Senior Citizen Supper Program
- Hospitality Sunday Program
- Saturday Potluck Program
- Charitable Programs

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 •Money Counters •Hospitality Sunday & Saturday Potluck Coordinators •Youth Ministry (CYM) Coordinator

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

Pray the Scriptures with us during the month of December 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Every Sunday is a Solemnity. Weekdays with bold print are either a Solemnity or a Feast Day.</p> <p>All other weekdays are either Memorials or Optional Memorials or without a specific memorial. <i>Optional Memorials are in italics.</i></p>	<p>Note: Days between, and including, December 25 to January 1, are Days in the Octave of Christmas. The <i>Gloria</i> is sung. The Christmas Season begins with the Vigil Mass of Christmas on the evening of December 24 and ends on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on January 9.</p>	<p>Some other saints: 4th - St. John of Damascus 11th - St. Damasus I 16th - Sv. Adelhaida (Adéla)</p> 	<p>Monthly Devotion: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</p> <p>Meditate on how Mary was without sin from the moment of her conception in the womb of her mother St. Anne.</p>	<p>1 Is 26:1-6 Ps 118:1,8-9,19-21,25-27a Mt 7:21,24-27</p>	<p>2 † First Friday Is 29:17-24 Ps 27:1,4,13-14 Mt 9:27-31</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Sacred Heart of Jesus Devotion</i></p>	<p>3 First Saturday Is 30:19-21,23-26 Ps 147:1-6 Mt 9:35 - 10:1,5a,6-8 St. Francis Xavier, priest</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Immaculate Heart of Mary Devotion</i></p>
<p>4 Is 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-2,7-8,12-13,17 Rom 15:4-9 Mt 3:1-12 </p> <p>Second Sunday of Advent</p>	<p>5 Is 35:1-10 Ps 85:9-14 Lk 5:17-26</p>	<p>6  Is 40:1-11 Ps 96:1-3,10-13 Mt 18:12-14</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>St. Nicholas, bishop</i></p>	<p>7 Is 40:25-31 Ps 103:1-4,8,10 Mt 11:28-30</p> <p style="text-align: center;">St. Ambrose, bishop, doctor of the Church</p>	<p>8 Holy Day of Obligation Gn 3:9-15,20 Ps 98:1-4 Eph 1:3-6,11-12 Lk 1:26-38</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</p>	<p>9 † Is 48:17-19 Ps 1:1-4,6 Mt 11:16-19</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin, hermit</i></p>	<p>10 Sir 48:1-4,9-11 Ps 80:2-3,15-16,18-19 Mt 17:9a,10-13</p>
<p>11 Gaudete Sunday Is 35:1-6a,10 Ps 146:6-10 Jas 5:7-10 Mt 11:2-11 </p> <p>Third Sunday of Advent</p>	<p>12 Rv 11:19a;12:1-6a,10ab <u>or</u> Zec 2:14-17 (Ps) Jdt 13:18-19 Lk 1:26-38 <u>or</u> Lk 1:39-47 Our Lady of Guadalupe</p>	<p>13 Zep 3:1-2,9-13 Ps 34:2-3,6-7,17-19,23 Mt 21:28-32</p> <p style="text-align: center;">St. Lucy, virgin, martyr</p>	<p>14 Is 45:6c-8,18,21c-25 Ps 85:9-14 Lk 7:18b-23</p> <p style="text-align: center;">St. John of the Cross, priest, doctor of the Church</p>	<p>15 Is 54:1-10 Ps 30:2,4-6,11-12a,13b Lk 7:24-30</p>	<p>16 † Is 56:1-3a,6-8 Ps 67:2-3,5,7-8 Jn 5:33-36</p>	<p>17 Gn 49:2,8-10 Ps 72:1-4ab,7-8,17 Mt 1:1-17</p>
<p>18 Is 7:10-14 Ps 24:1-6 Rom 1:1-7 Mt 1:18-24 </p> <p>Fourth Sunday of Advent</p>	<p>19 Jgs 13:2-7,24-25a Ps 71:3-6,16-17 Lk 1:5-25</p>	<p>20 Is 7:10-14 Ps 24:1-6 Lk 1:26-38</p>	<p>21 Sg 2:8-14 <u>or</u> Zeph 3:14-18a Ps 33:2-3,11-12,20-21 Lk 1:39-45</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>St. Peter Canisius, priest, doctor of the Church</i></p>	<p>22 1 Sm 1:24-28 (Ps) 1 Sm 2:1,4-8 Lk 1:46-56</p>	<p>23 † Mal 3:1-4,23-24 Ps 25:4-5ab,8-9,10,14 Lk 1:57-66</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>St. John of Kanty, priest</i></p>	<p>24 Morning Mass 2 Sm 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16 Ps 89:2-5,27,29 Lk 1:67-79</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Nativity of the Lord Vigil Mass – Is 62:1-5 Ps 89:4-5,16-17,27,29 Acts 13:16-17,22-25 Mt 1:1-25</p>
<p>25 The Nativity of the Lord Mass during the Night Is 9:1-6 Ps 96:1-3,11-13 Ti 2:11-14 Lk 2:1-14 Mass at Dawn Is 62:11-12 Ps 97:1,6,11-12 Ti 3:4-7 Lk 2:15-20 Mass during Day Is 52:7-10 Ps 98:1-6 Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18</p>	<p>26 Acts 6:8-10; & 7:54-59 Ps 31:3-4,6,8,16-17 Mt 10:17-22</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Feast of St. Stephen, The First Martyr</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Second Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord</p>	<p>27 1 Jn 1:1-4 Ps 97:1-2,5-6,11-12 Jn 20:1a,2-8</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Feast of St. John, Apostle, Evangelist</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Third Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord</p>	<p>28 1 Jn 1:5 - 2:2 Ps 124:2-5,7c-8 Mt 2:13-18</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Feast of The Holy Innocents, Martyrs</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Fourth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord</p>	<p>29 1 Jn 2:3-11 Ps 96:1-3,5-6 Lk 2:22-35</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>St. Thomas Becket, bishop, martyr</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord</p>	<p>30 † Sir 3:2-6,12-14 <u>or</u> Col 3:12-21 Ps 128:1-5 Mt 2:13-15,19-23</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord</p>	<p>31 1 Jn 2:18-21 Ps 96:1-2,11-13 Jn 1:1-18</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>St. Sylvester I, Pope</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord</p>

† The Bishops of the United States have asked that we observe Fasting and Abstinence on every Friday for the intentions of Life, Marriage, and Religious Freedom.