

# HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH of CORN HILL



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Bishop Joe Vásquez  
Diocese of Austin



## The Epiphany of the Lord

January 8, A.D. 2017

### Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday	Jan 7	5:00 PM	P.R. (healing)
Sunday	Jan 8	8:30 AM	Pro Populo (incense)
Monday	Jan 9	6:00 PM	Marshall, Brielle & Conner Cooke
Tuesday	Jan 10	6:00 PM	Lauren Buchhorn (healing)
Wednesday	Jan 11	6:30 PM	For Healing (P.R.)
Thursday	Jan 12	7:00 AM	In Thanksgiving for Rain
Friday	Jan 13	6:00 PM	†Agnes F. Straka
Saturday	Jan 14	7:30 AM	Joan Sheridan (healing) †Evelinia Reysantos
Saturday	Jan 14	5:00 PM	Kip Heuertz (healing)
Sunday	Jan 15	8:30 AM	Pro Populo

### Mass Ministry Reminders

#### **Wednesday, January 11, 6:30 PM:**

**Altar Servers:** Caleb Stefek, Lucas Beyer, Jakob Voigt, Amy Stefek

**Lector:** Janine Nemeč

**EMHC:** Heuertz

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

#### **Saturday, January 14, 5:00 PM:**

**Altar Servers:** John & Maria Bruce, Preston Snook

**Lector:** Leo Bringman

**EMHC:** Patsy Hightower, Irene Cavanaugh, Keith Youngpeter

**Gift Bearers:** Chance & Monica Snook family

**Head Usher:** Donald Tschoerner

#### **Sunday, January 15, 8:30 AM:**

**Altar Servers:** Carter Marquis, Lucas Beyer, Caleb & Amy Stefek

**Lector:** Kelly Godfrey

**EMHC:** Johnny Martinka, James Nemeč, Ray Nemeč

**Gift Bearers:** Billy & Belinda Beyer

**Head Usher:** Jerry David

**EM to Shut-ins: Sunday, January 15:** James Nemeč

### In Memoriam

We extend our sympathies and prayers to the families of **Deacon Johnnie Thornton** (of SSCM in Granger) and of **Evelinia Reysantos** (mother of Lourdes Massa of our parish family), who died this past week. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

✠ Fr. Stephen Nestrsta ✠

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**Bulletin Announcement Deadline:** Tuesdays @ 3:00 pm

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

**Reconciliation:** Sat: 4:00–4:40 pm; Sun: 7:45–8:10 am;  
& Wed: 5:45-6:10 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

**Cemetery Maintenance:** Ken Loudermilk 512-869-7351

**Music Ministry / Choir:** Ronnie Simek 512-630-5074

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### Last Week's Collection(s)

**December 25:** Nativity of the Lord: \$8,232.00

**January 1:** Solemnity of Mary: \$2,420.00

& Feast of the Holy Family: \$2,746.00

(Diocesan Collection for Maternity Homes)

### Parish Prayer Campaign for Vocations

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

**January 8 - 14: Bill & Monica Sherek**

January 15 – 21: Rodney & Gwenda Bruce family

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Thursday in the church from 3:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Come and spend some time with the Lord.

### 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.

### CEF – Spiritual Bouquets

make appropriate gifts for any occasion (birthday, anniversary, death, graduations, sacraments, etc). You can contact our parish CEF chairperson, Janine Nemeč (512-863-6892), for enrollments any time. Donations given benefit the education of our diocesan seminarians.

### This Week at a Glance

Tuesday, January 10:

--RCIA Class

Wednesday, January 11:

--CCE Classes

Thursday, January 12:

--Pro-Life Adoration

**The New Year has begun and yet there are still quite a few 2017 Collection Envelope boxes in the foyer of the church! Please make every effort to pick yours up if you have not!** And, if you are not currently receiving envelopes and would like to, please write your name on the sheet provided and we will put one out for you.

The **Men's Prayer Group** will resume their monthly meetings on Monday, January 16, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg. For more information, contact Pete Zenner (512-863-4038).

**RCIA:** Class this Tuesday, January 10, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg. Discussion: Eucharist.

**CCE:** Class this Wednesday, January 11, at 6:15 p.m. For information, contact Lucille D'Elia (htcdre@yahoo.com or 512-318-5149). The 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes will also take down the Christmas decorations in the church this Wednesday after the 6:30 p.m. Mass.

Join us for **Pro-Life Adoration** this Thursday, January 12, from 3:00 – 9:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come – when they can and for however long they can stay – to spend some time with Our Lord, present in the Blessed Sacrament.

**Our annual January Fundraiser will be held on Sunday, January 22, and this year, the proceeds will benefit the Cemetery Fund.** We will have an additional Mass at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is invited for a delicious BBQ Pork dinner with all the trimmings, served from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in the PAC Bldg. Adults \$9 / Children \$5. To-go plates will be available at the drive-thru. Invite your family and friends!

We are in need of a **Catholic Youth Ministry (CYM) Coordinator.** This would be a perfect opportunity for a husband and wife, or maybe a couple of friends who could tag team, to minister to the youth (high school students) of our parish. If you are interested, or would like more information, please talk to Fr. Stephen.

If you would like a **2016 Parish Contribution Report** (for tax, or other, purposes), please let the parish office know. If you received one last year, you will automatically receive one again. The reports will be mailed out by January 31, 2017.

**Most of us have at least one New Year resolution – if not a whole list of them! Why not add to that list, “become more involved with my parish”??** We are always in need of more Mass ministers (lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Altar Servers, Gift Bearers, Ushers, etc). We need more volunteers to help in classrooms or with projects in the CCE Program. We have prayer groups, parish social events, confraternities and more that can always benefit from new members and new perspective. Most of them take up only one or two days of the month, yet all of them increase your love of the Lord and His Church, by gathering with fellow Catholic Christians with the same interests and goals. For information on any of the above and more, please contact the parish office or talk to Fr. Stephen.

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

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! 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 little baby 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 when 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.

In today's Gospel, we also read where the three magi meet King Herod. Their presence fills Herod with fear and jealousy as he feels that his kingship is being threatened by the birth of this newborn king. He instructs the magi to report back as to what they find in Bethlehem. The magi are warned in a dream not to return to Herod because he wants to do harm to the boy. They return to their own country by another route. We all know how furious Herod becomes and he orders the death of all boys two years of age and younger. This event will become known as the slaughter of the holy innocents. These little boys will die because of Jesus. Whenever we feel threatened in some way, whether by the possibility of losing our job or promotion at work because someone else may get it, or someone getting the recognition for something good they have done and we do not, we also act like Herod, insecure and filled with hatred. We speak badly of others and try to kill their reputation. In so doing, we do harm to the Body of Christ. May we always recognize the ways we are blessed by God and give Him thanks and praise for allowing us to be His disciples in the world. This is a great honor. May our lives always give witness to the honor that we should give to our Lord.

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 -- and these letters also stand for the Latin phrase “Christus Mansionem Benedicat”, which means “May Christ bless this dwelling”. The initials of the Wise Men in Czech are KMB. Mark your home above the front door so that all may know that your home is a Christian home. With this bulletin, you will find the blessing prayer and instructions on how to mark your homes.

This week, on Tuesday, we begin the First Week in Ordinary Time. Ordinary Time will be until March 1 when we will begin the holy season of Lent. During the weeks of Ordinary Time, let us reflect upon the not so ordinary life and ministry of Jesus and how we may better share in His life and ministry by virtue of our being baptized as His disciples. In doing so, our lives will also be extraordinary, just as the life of Jesus was.

May all of you have a very blessed, healthy and holy New Year.

**Fr. Stephen Nesrsta, farář**

# Epiphany House Blessing

Using blessed chalk,  
mark the current year and the initials of the  
Magi above the outside doorways to your home.  
Place a cross in between each of the letters.  
It should look something like this.

**20+C+M+B+17**

After completing the above markings,  
pray the following prayer:

**May all who come to our home this year  
rejoice to find Christ living among us;  
and may we seek and serve,  
in everyone we meet,  
that same Jesus who is Lord of all  
people forever and ever. Amen.**

The legendary names of the three Magi are:  
**Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar.**  
(KMB in Czech)

The initials C-M-B also stand for the Latin words  
“Christus Mansionem Benedicat” which means:

**“May Christ bless this dwelling”**

The markings over the doors should be left all year  
round as a sign that yours is a Christian home.

# Epiphany Proclamation 2017

While a day like Christmas is fixed in our minds and on the calendars on December 25th, many of the important feasts of the Church year move, based upon the date that Easter is set. Easter changes each year moving to the Sunday after the "Paschal Full Moon," and can fall between March 22 and April 25.



In ancient times before calendars were common, most people did not know the dates for the upcoming liturgical year. On Epiphany Sunday, the upcoming dates were "proclaimed". After the singing of the Gospel, a Deacon or cantor, in keeping with an ancient practice of Holy Church, announces from the ambo the movable feasts of the current year according to this formula:

**K**now, dear brethren (brothers and sisters), that, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, so by leave of God's mercy we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection, who is our Savior.

**O**n the First day of March, will fall Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season.

**O**n the Sixteenth day of April, you will celebrate with Joy Easter Day, the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**O**n the Twenty-Fifth day of May, will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**O**n the Fourth day of June, the feast of Pentecost.

**O**n the Eighteenth day of June, the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

**O**n the Third day of December, the First Sunday of Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom is honor and glory, forever and ever.

**A**men.