

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH of CORN HILL



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Bishop Joe Vásquez
Diocese of Austin

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 15, A.D. 2017

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday	Jan 14	5:00 PM	Kip Heuertz (healing)
Sunday	Jan 15	8:30 AM	Pro Populo
Monday	Jan 16	7:00 AM	†John Burke
Tuesday	Jan 17	7:00 AM	†August & Louise Batla
Wednesday	Jan 18	6:30 PM	†Anita Galvan
Thursday	Jan 19	7:00 AM	†Emily Havelka
Friday	Jan 20	6:00 PM	†John Nemec
Saturday	Jan 21	7:30 AM	†Parents of H&M Koch
Saturday	Jan 21	5:00 PM	For Life
Sunday	Jan 22	8:30 AM	Confraternity of Christian Mothers
Sunday	Jan 22	10:30 AM	Pro Populo

Mass Ministry Reminders

Wednesday, January 18, 6:30 PM:

Altar Servers: Jamie Danek, William Fonville, Adelaide Brousseau, Preston Snook

Lector: Pete Zenner

EMHC: Nancy Zenner

Gift Bearers: 7th Grade

Saturday, January 21, 5:00 PM:

Altar Servers: Jakob Voigt

Lector: Jill Horner

EMHC: Jim & Mary Margaret Heuertz, Patsy Hightower

Gift Bearers: John & Mary Ann Valenta

Head Usher: Jeff Voigt

Sunday, January 22, 8:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Jamie, John & Jenna Danek, Samuel Williams

Lector: Henry Taylor

EMHC: Keith Youngpeter, Lucille Nemec, Jerry David

Gift Bearers: Jerry David

Head Usher: A.J. Batla

Sunday, January 22, 10:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Matthew & Nathan Klepac, Lucas Beyer, Hodgson

Lector: Zenner

EMHC: Pete & Nancy Zenner, Jennifer Klepac

Gift Bearers: ushers/volunteers

Head Usher: JK

EM to Shut-ins: Sunday, January 22: Jerry David

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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

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Altar Flowers

If you would like to donate Altar Flowers in memory or honor of loved ones, you may do so with an Altar Flower Envelope (by bulletins or from our website).

Last Week's Collection(s)

January 8: Epiphany of the Lord: \$3,422.63

Parish Prayer Campaign for Vocations

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

January 15 – 21: Rodney & Gwenda Bruce family

January 22 – 28: Kathy Windhauser

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.

In Memoriam

We extend our sympathies and prayers to the family of **Judy Jackson**, of our parish family, who died on Wednesday. Eternal rest, grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.

This Week at a Glance

Monday, January 16:	--Men's Prayer Group
Tuesday, January 17:	--RCIA Class
Wednesday, January 18:	--CCE Classes
Thursday, January 19:	--Pro-Life Adoration
Sunday, January 22:	--January Fundraiser

We congratulate and welcome Jaeger Klein Schubert (infant son of Scott & Tonya Schubert) into the Catholic Church, and the parish family, through the Sacrament of Baptism.

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.

Men's Prayer Group will meet this Monday, January 16, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg. For more information, please contact Pete Zenner (512-863-4038).

RCIA Class this Tuesday, January 17, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg. Discussion: Marriage.

CCE Classes this Wednesday, January 18, at 6:15 p.m. For information, contact Lucille D'Elia (htcdre@yahoo.com or 512-318-5149).

Pro-Life Adoration this Thursday, January 19, 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 next Sunday, January 22, with the proceeds to benefit our 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! **Parishioners are asked to bring desserts for the dinner sweets table.** Also, if you would like to donate toward the cost of the groceries, supplies, etc, you may do so with an envelope located on the bulletin tables.

Due to the January Fundraiser, the **Confraternity of Christian Mothers has moved their monthly meeting to Sunday, January 29.** They will meet in the RE Bldg after the 8:30 a.m. Mass and all ladies of the parish are invited to join them. Agenda items include the February Senior Citizens' Supper and the Pancake Breakfast. Members will sit in the front pews that morning to lead the Rosary prayed before Mass. **Reminder for Members:** Annual dues (of \$5) for 2017 are now due and can be given, or mailed, to the treasurer, Louise Straka (212 W Ave I, Jarrell, TX 76537).

We will have our annual **Altar Server Appreciation Dinner** on Sunday, January 29, at 5:00 p.m. in the PAC Bldg. All altar servers and their families are invited for a meal, an appreciation award and some family fun time in the gym. Please RSVP to the parish office by Wednesday, January 25, so that we may have a head count for the meal. We thank K.J.Z.T. #15 for preparing the meal.

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.

Catholic Services Appeal Update for our Parish

Our Parish Goal: \$22,000.00 vs. Our Parish Pledges: \$22,217.26

To date, 105 of 250 of our parish families have made a pledge ... with an average pledge amount of \$211.59.

Thank you to all who have made a pledge to the 2016 Catholic Services Appeal. As you can see, we have surpassed our annual goal! But let's go even further! The diocese has assigned us a Challenge Goal of \$23,896.00 ... and we are 92.98% there!

Once we meet this challenge, our parish will be eligible for a drawing to receive \$5,000 to use as we choose.

Five parishes from the diocese will be awarded, so let's make every effort to go for the gold. It's not too late to pledge, so please prayerfully consider doing so if you have not. Pledge cards are available in the foyer of the church if you need one.

If you are new to the parish and would like to register as parishioners, you may do so by completing and turning in a **Registration Form** (yellow paper – located by bulletins – or print one from our website). For any questions or specific parish information, don't hesitate to contact the parish office. You may also visit our website for general information at www.holytrinityofcornhill.org.

Dear friends in Christ,

Peace be with you. Next Sunday is our January Fundraiser for the benefit of our Cemetery Fund. Please invite your family and friends to come to Holy Trinity for a wonderful BBQ Pork meal to help support improvements to the cemetery and to help us with monthly maintenance costs.

This week, we will be installing the new sound system in the church. Hopefully you will be able to hear everything better next weekend.

Monday, January 23, is the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. We all need to pray that babies in the wombs of their mothers will be protected from being killed. This is one of the most horrendous atrocities of our time. Yet, many people think it is ok. We live in a crazy and confused world. Please come to the church anytime on Monday, January 23, to spend some time in prayer.

Today's gospel reading continues the theme of the Baptism of the Lord, which we celebrated last Monday. The story of Jesus has been building since the First Sunday of Advent. First, we anticipated Jesus' coming; then, at Christmas, we celebrated His presence among us. Just last week, we celebrated the great feast of the Epiphany. We saw the Magi among the first to recognize the Savior. This past week, we saw another epiphany at Jesus' baptism -- with the voice from the clouds saying "This is my beloved Son" and thus we found out more about who Jesus is. Today, by the witness of John the Baptizer, we learn even more about who Jesus really is ... He is the "Lamb of God."

The Gospel of John captures our human experience of Jesus. John the Baptizer says, "I did not know Him." John was Jesus' cousin. Sure he could recognize Jesus, but John is saying that he did not recognize who Jesus really was. After some time, after seeing Jesus in action, John says: "Now I have seen for myself and I have testified. He's not just my cousin, He is the Lamb of God."

Just when we think we know someone, they surprise us. They do things, sometimes good and sometimes bad, that give us new insight into their true identity. It is not rare for a spouse, after many years of marriage to say, "After all these years, you still surprise me!" The truth is that we can never completely exhaust our discovery of another person.

Last week, the Magi set out to discover an unknown king. Last week, at the Baptism of the Lord, Jesus was identified as the Son of God. This week, in the Gospel of John's retelling of the baptism event, Jesus is identified as the "Lamb of God," presenting us with an ever-deepening understanding of who He really is.

At the beginning and ending of each day, priests in the Temple would sacrifice a lamb for the sins of the people. The prophet Jeremiah speaks of being "like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter." From Isaiah, last week and this week, we read of the Servant. Eventually, he will refer to the Servant being "like a lamb led to the slaughter."

The emphasis in the Gospel of John is that Jesus is not just another sacrifice for us. He is **the** Lamb of God. This time, it is not we who offer sacrifice, it is God who offers the sacrifice for us.

Each of us must continually enter into the mystery of Jesus. Just as John the Baptizer was a witness to the early life of Jesus and reached an understanding of who He was, we, too, must be listening and watching. We are to continually dive into the Scriptures and approach our daily lives with their lessons in mind so that, like John, we might come to recognize the Lord in our midst. After all of this though, we should be able to say of our God, "After all of these years, you still surprise me!" We will never come to know God in His fullness until we are with Him forever in heaven, but we do need to try to come to know who God really is in our lives today.

May all of you have a blessed and not-so-ordinary week.

Fr. Stephen Nestrta, farář

☺ **Seen on a Church Message Board: Honk if you love Jesus ... text while driving if you want to meet Him!** ☺

Catholic Teaching Corner: January 14/15 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time: The Holy Spirit, who descended on Jesus at his Baptism, is given to us through the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. Like Jesus, we are called to be God's servants for the "victory of justice". We are called to be signs of the covenant of God's love, which is manifest whenever peace triumphs over violence; love overcomes apathy and division; when our world is transformed by that love into God's reign of justice, mercy, compassion and peace. How can we live our baptismal call this week?

Santa Cruz Catholic School in Buda will host its third annual **Casino Night and "Roaring 20s" Dance Night** next Saturday, January 21, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in Deane Hall (1100 Main St. in Buda). Proceeds will help keep tuition affordable for all families that are committed to providing their children with a quality, Catholic education at the school. Sponsors are welcome to participate in the event as well. For tickets or sponsorship information, contact Christa and Russell Harris or Erika and Chris Nieto at santacruzevents1100@gmail.com.

Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary: The 33 days of preparation prayer for Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary begins on Friday, February 20. In Fatima, Our Lady said, "My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the way that will lead you to God." On this 100th anniversary of Our Lady's apparitions in Fatima, join people throughout the diocese for 33 days of preparation prayer for Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary. Prayers are done privately in one's home using the consecration preparation book. **Visit www.TexasToJesusThroughMary.org by next Wednesday, January 25, to receive the free Montfort preparation prayer book by mail and for more information.**

Texas Catholic Pro-Life Day is Saturday, January 28. The day will begin at 7:00 a.m. with a **Prayer Vigil** to end abortion at Planned Parenthood (201 E. Ben White Blvd. in Austin). The **Chaplet of Divine Mercy** will then be prayed at 9:15 a.m. at St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Austin followed by **Mass** at 10 a.m. with Bishop Joe Vásquez. Everyone will proceed to the **March for Life** at 18th and N. Congress Ave., which begins at 1 p.m., then the **Rally for Life** starts at 2 p.m. For more information, contact Luisa DePoo at (512) 949-2487 or luisa-depoo@austindiocese.org.

Ascend: An Emerging Leaders Program: The Austin Diocese is now accepting applications for the Ascend class of 2017. Approximately 30 young adults will be selected to participate in a series of retreats and evening courses between February and April. The Ascend class of 2017 will be empowered to make a lasting contribution by practicing applied leadership skills so that they may exercise their faith in positions of leadership in the church as well as in their homes, communities and careers. Applications are due by Friday, February 10, at 5:00 p.m. For complete information about Ascend, including the program calendar, application and FAQs, visit www.austindiocese.org/ascend.

Young men invited to Project Andrew on Saturday, February 11, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Mary Cathedral in Austin. Single, Catholic men, between the ages of 16 and 45 who are interested in learning more about discernment, the priesthood and seminary life, are invited to attend. The day will include prayer, testimonials by priests and seminarians, Mass and lunch with Bishop Joe Vásquez. For more information, contact the diocesan Vocation Office at vocations@austindiocese.org or (512) 949-2430.

Young women invited to Project Miriam on Saturday, February 18, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Mary Cathedral in Austin. Single, Catholic women, between the ages of 16 and 45, are invited to learn more about Mary's joyful "yes" to God and how that is lived out in religious life. The day will include prayer, testimonials by religious sisters, Mass and lunch. For more information, contact the diocesan Vocation Office at vocations@austindiocese.org or (512) 949-2430.

Upcoming Retreats at Cedarbrake Retreat Center in Belton: (to register, or for more information, visit www.cedarbrake.org or contact Cedarbrake at (254) 780-2436 or cedarbrake@austindiocese.org)

--A Day of Reflection for Cancer Survivors will be held Monday, February 20. Wanda Gibson, a spiritual director and cancer survivor, will lead this prayerful day of reflection, meditation, discussion and movement through the survivor's journey into the present moment. Whether celebrating one week or 20 years since a cancer experience, survivors are invited to this day of reflection. The cost is \$40 and includes lunch.

--An Ash Wednesday Day of Reflection will be held Wednesday, March 1. The Lenten season is a time for growth in our spiritual life. The day will begin with Mass and the distribution of ashes, and the reflection will be presented by Cedarbrake staff. The cost is \$40 and includes lunch.

--A Silent Lenten Retreat will be held March 10-13. This is a weekend of silence combined with communal prayer and Mass. Brian Egan and Beverly Collin will lead this retreat. The cost is \$195 for a shared room, \$240 for a private room; commuter rate is \$95.

Consider The Catholic Foundation – Diocese of Austin in your Will. This is a non-profit organization, established in 2007, to provide a means for individuals and organizations to provide long-term financial stability for the diocese and its churches, schools, agencies and organizations. Through the creation of individual endowments, the Foundation provides a means to generate income to help sustain the long-term strength and viability of Catholic institutions in Central Texas. For more information about how to include the Foundation in your will or estate plan, please visit www.catholicfdn.org or contact Scott Whitaker at scott-whitaker@austindiocese.org or (512) 949-2441.

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