

# HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH of CORN HILL



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Bishop Joe Vásquez  
Diocese of Austin

## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 22, A.D. 2017

### Mass Schedule & Intentions

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
Tuesday	Jan 24	6:00 PM	†Johnnie Simek
Wednesday	Jan 25	6:30 PM	†Deral Head
Thursday	Jan 26	7:00 AM	†George Nesrsta
Friday	Jan 27	<b>7:00 AM</b>	†Theofil Zurovetz
Saturday	Jan 28	7:30 AM	†Robert Chambers
Saturday	Jan 28	5:00 PM	†Bill Klepac
Sunday	Jan 29	8:30 AM	Pro Populo

### Mass Ministry Reminders

#### **Wednesday, January 25, 6:30 PM:**

**Altar Servers:** Matthew Klepac, Lucas Beyer, Samuel Williams, Joseph Brousseau

**Lector:** Jennifer Marquis

**EMHC:** Heuertz

**Gift Bearers:** 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

#### **Saturday, January 28, 5:00 PM:**

**Altar Servers:** John & Maria Bruce, Natalie Mason

**Lector:** Janine Nemeč

**EMHC:** Janine Nemeč, Kelly Godfrey, Leo Bringman

**Gift Bearers:** Bill & Linda Montreuil

**Head Usher:** Jeff Voigt

#### **Sunday, January 29, 8:30 AM:**

**Altar Servers:** Thomas Clawson, William Fonville, Carter Marquis, Adelaide Brousseau

**Lector:** Michael Vrabel

**EMHC:** Lucille Nemeč, John & Cynthia Edgar

**Gift Bearers:** Tommy & Cindy Sladeczek

**Head Usher:** Tommy Sladeczek

**EM to Shut-ins: Sunday, January 29:** Ray Nemeč

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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

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**Pro-Life Prayer Group:** Chris Garlasco 860-689-3021

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

**Conf of Christian Mothers:** Lucille Nemeč 254-527-3615

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### Altar Flowers

The flowers at the Crucifix and Tabernacle have been donated by the Dorothy Kubacak family, in loving memory of **Benny Kubacak** (52<sup>nd</sup> Wedding Anniversary)

### Last Week's Collection(s)

**January 15:** Second Sunday in Ordinary Time: \$3,386.00

### Parish Prayer Campaign for Vocations

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

**January 22 – 28: Kathy Windhauser**

Jan 29 – Feb 4: Henry & Agnes Taylor

### 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

A Funeral Mass will be held this Friday, January 27, at 6:00 p.m. for **Judy Jackson**, of our parish family, who died last Wednesday.

### This Week at a Glance

Monday, January 23:	--Men's Prayer Group
Tuesday, January 24:	--RCIA Class
Wednesday, January 25:	--CCE Classes
Thursday, January 26:	--Pro-Life Adoration
	--Finance Council Meeting
Sunday, January 29:	--5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Second Collection
	--Altar Server Appreciation

**Everyone is invited to our annual January Fundraiser today (Sunday, January 22). Proceeds to benefit our Cemetery Fund.** Enjoy a delicious BBQ Pork dinner, 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 sweets table.** If you would like to donate toward the cost of the groceries, supplies, etc, envelopes are located on the bulletin tables.

**Men's Prayer Group will meet** this Monday, January 23, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg. For more information, please contact Pete Zenner (512-863-4038).

**RCIA Class** this Tuesday, January 24, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg. Discussion: Holy Orders (Priesthood & Diaconate).

**CCE Classes** this Wednesday, January 25, at 6:15 p.m. For information, contact Lucille D'Elia (htcdre@yahoo.com or 512-318-5149).

**Pro-Life Adoration** this Thursday, January 26, 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.

**Finance Council** meeting this Thursday, January 26, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg.

We will have our **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Second Collection** next weekend (January 28/29) for the benefit of the Jarrell Food Pantry.

The **Confraternity of Christian Mothers will hold their monthly meeting next 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. 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** next Sunday, January 29, at 5:00 p.m. in the PAC Bldg. All altar servers and their families are invited for a meal, appreciation award and some family fun time in the gym. Please RSVP to the 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 Money Counting group (3 people) for the first weekend of each month!** Contact the office for details.

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.

**There are still several 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.

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: \$22,367.26

To date, 107 of 250 of our parish families have made a pledge ... with an average pledge amount of \$209.04.

**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 93.6% 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!

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](http://www.holytrinityofcornhill.org).

## Dear friends in Christ,

Praised be Jesus Christ...who is the Light of the world. "On those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death, light has arisen." On January 22, 1973, a great shadow fell over our land. On this day, the Supreme Court made its ruling in Roe v. Wade, and since then, a shadow of death has prevailed in this country.

But now -- "On those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death, light has arisen." These words, which we hear in today's gospel, remind us that it is Jesus Christ who said, "I am the light of the world". We live in the light of Christ and it is in the light of Christ that we find true life. The life and teachings of Jesus is the Gospel of Life. However, this Gospel of Life has not yet dispersed the shadows of death. Until the second coming of Jesus, there will be this struggle and conflict between the culture of death and the culture of life. In his encyclical titled *Evangelium Vitae*, Gospel of Life, St. John Paul II sees the whole world facing a decision between "the culture of death" and "the culture of life." Sometimes it seems that the culture of death is winning. In our country, we have abortion by demand, euthanasia, the exclusion of the handicapped, the abuse of the weak, and coercive population control, things all strongly promoted by Planned Parenthood, by those who are rich and those who seem to be physically fit. They make up the rules for this culture of death so that they can have more wealth for themselves.

"Be not afraid!" These are the words of the Risen Christ to His disciples and these are the words that St. John Paul II said to all of us so many times. "Be not afraid!" was the message of St. John Paul II during his last trip to the U.S. The culture of death will not prevail. It tells us in the Gospel of John that "the light came into the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." And, as we know, Jesus Christ is this LIGHT and Jesus Christ will not be overcome by the darkness of Satan.

But, at times, each of us may have doubts. Sometimes it seems that the darkness gets darker and darker. In the 44 years since Roe v. Wade, there have been more than 59 million unborn children killed in this country alone -- who knows how many in the whole world. But, yet, this has not stopped the people from working hard and selflessly for life. There have been many people who have gotten tired and have been tempted to give up for the cause of life. However, when you feel that way, listen to the words which we ended with in today's Responsorial Psalm, "Wait for the Lord with courage; be stouthearted, and wait for the Lord." And also listen to the words at the beginning of this Psalm, "the Lord is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear? The Lord is my life's refuge; of whom should I be afraid?" Though these words were written hundreds of years before the time of Christ, they are the words of Jesus. It is in these words that we find courage and strength to stand up for a culture of life and destroy a culture of death. The Catholic Church has remained committed to the pro-life movement and, for many years, has had to stand alone on this issue. But today, many others - Protestants, Jews, and nonbelievers - stand with us in speaking up for life. For this, we all need to give thanks to God.

St. Paul tells us in today's second reading, "I urge you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree in what you say, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and in the same purpose." I pray that it may be said of this parish that, when it comes to the message of *Evangelium Vitae* -- The Gospel of Life, that all of you are united in the same mind and in the same purpose. Each one of us is called to prayer ... each one of us is called to action, though your action may be limited. In our personal lives, in our families, in our parish, in our communities and in our country, we are called to speak up for the Gospel of Life. Through you and me, the Gospel of Life will disperse the shadow of death. So let us follow the advice of Jesus Christ and of St. John Paul II: Live in the light ... Live for the light ... Be not afraid!

This 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 this Monday to spend some time in prayer.

May all of you have a most blessed week living in the Light of our Lord.

Fr. Stephen Nesrsta, farář

**Catholic Teaching Corner: January 21/22 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time:** This week, the Scriptures call us to be "a light to the nations." This requires conversion – a change of heart which ends the kind of false righteousness Paul found in the church in Corinth. We are called from our vision to God's vision, and we need to be ready and willing to change our perspectives, our decisions, and our lives, for the sake of the kingdom so that the light of God's glory will shine brightly in our midst. What might need to change in us so we can be a light to others?

**Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary:** On this 100th anniversary of Our Lady's apparitions in Fatima, join people throughout the diocese, beginning on Monday, February 20, for 33 days of prayer preparation. Prayers are done privately in one's home using the FREE consecration preparation book, which can be ordered by visiting [www.TexasToJesusThroughMary.org](http://www.TexasToJesusThroughMary.org) **by this Wednesday, January 25.**

**Texas Catholic Pro-Life Day** is next 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.cedarbrake.org) or contact Cedarbrake at (254) 780-2436 or [cedarbrake@austindiocese.org](mailto: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, please visit [www.catholicfdn.org](http://www.catholicfdn.org) or contact Scott Whitaker at [scott-whitaker@austindiocese.org](mailto:scott-whitaker@austindiocese.org) or (512) 949-2441.

**Relevant Radio, 970 AM, in Austin area:** Grow in your faith and change your life with Relevant Radio 970 AM - Austin's "Talk Radio for Catholic Life." This is a non-profit, listener-supported Catholic radio station that bridges the gap between faith and everyday life - covering topics of the day from a uniquely Catholic perspective. Relevant Radio 970 can be heard on the radio, on the Internet at [www.relevantradio.com](http://www.relevantradio.com) or on their mobile app, available for Apple or Android devices. Take your faith with you wherever you go - tune in today!

**Are you aware of sexual / physical abuse or neglect of a child or vulnerable adult? The Diocese of Austin is committed to preventing harm to any of our children or vulnerable adults.** State law requires you to report this information to local law enforcement or to the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services at (800) 252-5400 or [www.dfps.state.tx.us](http://www.dfps.state.tx.us). Additionally, if the suspected abuse is by clergy or an employee or volunteer of any diocesan parish, school or agency, a Confidential Notice of Concern (CNC) should be submitted to the diocesan Ethics and Integrity in Ministry Office at (512) 949-2400. The CNC can be found at [www.austindiocese.org](http://www.austindiocese.org) (click on the link HOW TO REPORT ABUSE). Reports may be made anonymously.