

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH of CORN HILL



Pope Francis
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Bishop Joe Vásquez
Diocese of Austin

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 5, A.D. 2017

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday	Feb 4	5:00 PM	Lauren Buchhorn (healing)
Sunday	Feb 5	8:30 AM	Pro Populo
Tuesday	Feb 7	6:00 PM	†James Kuehne
Wednesday	Feb 8	6:30 PM	†Robert Ortega
Thursday	Feb 9	7:00 AM	†Michael Yamada
Friday	Feb 10	6:00 PM	†Mary Stojanik
Saturday	Feb 11	7:30 AM	Christine Cuomo
Saturday	Feb 11	5:00 PM	In Thanksgiving (J.K.)
Sunday	Feb 12	8:30 AM	Pro Populo

Mass Ministry Reminders

Wednesday, February 8, 6:30 PM

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

Lector: Janine Nemec

EMHC: Heuertz

Gift Bearers: 3rd/4th Grade

Saturday, February 11, 5:00 PM:

Altar Servers: John & Maria Bruce, Jakob Voigt

Lector: Leo Bringman

EMHC: Jim & Mary Margaret Heuertz, Janine Nemec

Gift Bearers: Johnny & Bernice Hernandez

Head Usher: Jeff Voigt

Sunday, February 12, 8:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Thomas Clawson, William & Joseph B, Heron Rodriguez

Lector: Louis Brousseau

EMHC: Lucille Nemec, John & Cynthia Edgar

Gift Bearers: Richard & Lisa Danek

Head Usher: Tommy Sladeczek

EM to Shut-ins: Sunday, February 12: James Nemec

Stewardship

We are in need of more **Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** for both the Saturday and Sunday Masses. If you would like to volunteer or need more information, don't hesitate to contact the parish office or talk to Fr. Stephen.

For all Ministries, you must be EIM certified – but please don't let that stop you. Certification is free & easy! Contact the parish office for more information.

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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

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Altar Flowers

To donate Altar Flowers in memory or honor of loved ones, please complete and turn in an "Altar Flower Envelope" (from bulletin table or our website)

Last Week's Collection(s)

January 29: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time: \$3,702.00

5th Sunday Collection for Jarrell Food Pantry: \$1,183.25

Parish Prayer Campaign for Vocations

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

Feb 5 - 11: Jim & Mary Margaret Heuertz

Feb 12 - 18: Frances Nemec

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.

This Week at a Glance

Sunday, February 5:	--Hospitality Sunday
Monday, February 6:	--Senior Citizens' Supper
Tuesday, February 7:	--RCIA Class
Wednesday, February 8:	--CCE Classes
Thursday, February 9:	--Pro-Life Adoration
	--Pastoral Council Meeting
	--Cemetery Committee Meeting
Friday, February 10:	--Anointing of the Sick
Sat/Sun, February 11/12:	--Health Screening Sign-Ups

We would like to thank a very generous couple, from outside of our parish, who has given a wonderful donation of \$20,000.00 to our Cemetery Fund. May God bless you for your kindness!

All parishioners and visitors are invited to **Hospitality Sunday** today (Sunday, February 5), in the PAC Bldg, immediately after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Thank you to the Charles & Jennifer Marquis family for preparing the refreshments.

Fr. Ken Geraci, of the Fathers of Mercy – who presented our parish mission in 2015 – will be at Holy Family Catholic Church in Copperas Cove this week for their Parish Mission (Mon, Feb 6 – Thurs, Feb 9). Topics: 1. God's Mercy 2. Why do we do that as Catholics? 3. Two Obstacles to Healing (w/healing service) and 4. How to Pray the Mass. Each evening – confession from 5:30 – 6:30 with Mission beginning at about 6:30 p.m.

Our monthly **Senior Citizens' Supper** will be held this Monday, February 6, at 6:30 p.m. in the PAC Bldg. Thank you to the Confraternity of Christian Mothers for preparing the meal.

RCIA Class this Tuesday, February 7, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg. Discussion: History of the Church.

CCE Classes this Wednesday, February 8, at 6:15 p.m. For information, contact Lucille D'Elia (htcdre@yahoo.com or **737-215-1042**). ****Please note** that Lucille has a new number for all parish calls (for CCE/Bookkeeping/Social Ministry...w/ texting capability).

The **Georgetown/Round Rock Deanery Council of Catholic Women** will meet this Thursday, February 9, at St. Elizabeth in Pflugerville. Registration is at 9:30 a.m. with the meeting to start at 10 a.m. For any questions or more information, please contact Linda Montreuil (512-864-2451).

Pro-Life Adoration this Thursday, February 9, 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.

Pastoral Council meeting this Thursday, February 9, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg. The Agenda for this meeting is posted on the bulletin board for your information and preparation.

Cemetery Committee meeting this Thursday, February 9, following the Pastoral Council meeting in the RE Bldg.

Anointing of the Sick on Friday, February 10, at the 6:00 p.m. Mass for the elderly and those who are ill, in conjunction with World Day of the Sick on Saturday, February 11.

We will celebrate our annual **Czech Mass** on Tuesday, February 14, at 6:30 p.m. This Mass is offered in honor of the patron saints of the Slavic peoples, Sts. Cyril & Methodius, whose feast day is February 14, and all readings and hymns will be in the Czech language. Whether or not you are of Czech descent, or if you speak or do not speak the Czech language, we invite you to join us for this beautiful Mass. Help us to give tribute to the ancestors who started this community and this parish, by celebrating our Czech heritage. Many of our parishioners today are descendants of these founders. A meal will be held afterward in the PAC Bldg for those attending the Mass.

Our annual **Ultrasound Vascular Screenings** will be offered again this year by the **Elite Medical Imaging (EMI)** team on Saturday, February 18, in the RE Bldg.

Eight screenings are offered: Carotid Artery, Abdominal Aorta, Thyroid, Liver, Spleen, Gallbladder and Kidneys. These screenings are only available with your doctor if you already have symptoms – which may be too late! Early detection is the KEY to good health!

Each individual screening is \$49, or you can treat yourself to the greatly discounted rate of all 8 for only \$150! Call now to pre-register at 1-855-303-0667. **A representative of EMI will be here next weekend – February 11/12 – to answer questions and register those interested.**



The Confraternity of Christian Mothers will hold their **Annual Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser** on Sunday, February 19, in the PAC, immediately after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Along with the pancakes, they will serve sausage, fruit, coffee, juice and milk. Free-will donations are requested to support the various parish and community activities they promote throughout the year. Invite your family and friends!

We have been given two Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) for use in our PAC Bldg and in our church. We thank the Granger Knights of Columbus Council #4457 for one, and we thank an anonymous donor who gave the other in memory of Mary Conlee. Thanks to their generosity, we will now have the ability to help someone medically if the need arises! **A training class for our new AEDs will be offered on Monday, February 20, at 7:00 p.m. in the PAC Bldg.** Everyone (18 yrs and older) is invited to this class to be aware of what this product can be used for and how to use it properly. The class is free and will be facilitated by professional technicians.

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

Dear friends in Christ,

Tuesday, February 14, is the feast of Sts. Cyril and Methodius, patron saints of the Czech Republic and of all Slavic peoples. We will be having our annual Czech Mass in their honor on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. All music, readings and Mass will be in Czech. After Mass, a meal will be served in the PAC building. Everyone is invited. It is not necessary to speak Czech to attend!

In today's Gospel, we hear about salt and light. As we all know, salt is good for many things and its uses have not varied much since the time of Jesus. It still gives flavor to food and it is still used as a preservative. Its use as a preservative has given us a certain taste for various foods, like bacon, ham and other meats. Life depends on salt. We cannot function properly without it. The proper functioning of our nervous system depends on salt, sodium, although we know that too much salt can hurt us as well.

The people of Jesus' day depended upon salt, maybe more so than we do, so salt was a good image for Jesus to use. The main source of salt was, and still is, the sea or ancient sea beds that have become dry. Seaweed was a great source of salt also. It would be put in the pot while the food was cooking and then removed before the food was served. The salty flavor remained in the pot. One piece of seaweed could be used several times and then it would be thrown out into the street where it would be "trampled underfoot."

In Jerusalem and the surrounding area, the more common source of salt was the Dead Sea. However, it contains many other elements which had to be extracted from the salt and then thrown out. Many times the salt would go flat and be good for nothing and had to be thrown away. This is too often what we experience of our fellow humans. We meet someone new and immediately have a strong attraction to the person. He or she truly "adds spice to life." But, sometimes, such people prove to be shallow, and we find ourselves being disappointed by them. We might even go so far as saying "He, or she, is useless!"

Many times, this is also the experience of faith. It expresses itself well for a limited period of time, but it really does not change life very much. We are drawn to church services that are beautiful. We expect good preaching and good music and singing. But many times this is our only expectation. Basically, we have the expectation of being entertained by our worship. Eventually, life will become difficult, and no amount of entertainment will serve us. Our faith has to be deeper than simply being present at Mass on Sundays or it will go flat and will be good for nothing but to be thrown out.

Jesus also uses the image of the lamp in today's Gospel. The lamp is meant to be used. A hidden lamp is useless. The same is true with the gift of faith. It is meant to be used...to be shared...and to be seen. This is the faith that makes a difference. Simply going to church for prayer – which is very important – is, however, not enough. We must put faith into action.

Isaiah gives us a blueprint for such faith. The context of our first reading today concerns the proper use of fasting. Fasting was a long-time spiritual practice of the Jews. Physical comfort and need were sacrificed so that the spiritual life and spiritual needs would be focused upon instead. But Isaiah saw fasting become something to brag about. He meant to return fasting to its intended purpose which was to make a difference in the lives of the faithful. When a person fasted, he or she did not merely give up food. They either gave it or the equivalent value away to those in need. They gave alms. Isaiah shows faith in action. "Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed, clothe the naked."

These are things we do as an expression of faith. We do not do these things for personal reward or glory, nor to earn plaques and testimonials. We do them to show the glory of the Lord. If we do these things, God's light will shine through us. People will see it like a city on a mountaintop and they will want to go to that city. It is like the words in the hymn: "They will know we are Christians by our love." We come to Mass to support one another in our faith. If my friends see me here, they will gain support from my presence.

Faith is not something that is taken. It is something that is expressed. Certain kinds of faith, like certain kinds of salt, can go flat, or, like a lamp, we can hide it. Don't let that happen to you. Keep your faith alive. Nurture it through prayer, reading of the Bible and coming to Mass every Sunday and receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation often. Then the light of Christ will shine through you.

May the blessings of our Lord be with you all.

Fr. Stephen Nesrsta, farář

Catholic Social Teaching Corner – February 4/5 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time: This Sunday we pick up the next section of the famous Sermon on the Mount from Matthew’s Gospel which we will be hearing over the next several weeks. As disciples of Jesus we are called to be light and salt for the world. Both light and salt are change agents and that is what we are called to be. But first we must allow the power of God to change us – so we are able to live and act as Christ did. When we allow God’s power to work in us, then our actions of charity and justice; of feeding the hungry; clothing the naked; sheltering the homeless and oppressed will be Good News for others. Then we will be acting as agents of God’s light with the flavor of God’s love for others. Who do you know that is in need of light and salt? How can you bring that to them?

Upcoming retreats at Cedarbrake Retreat Center in Belton (visit www.cedarbrake.org or contact them at (254) 780-2436)

--A Day of Reflection for Cancer Survivors will be held Feb. 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. All survivors are invited to this day of reflection. The cost is \$40 and includes lunch. or cedarbrake@austindiocese.org.

--An Ash Wednesday Day of Reflection will be held 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 10-12. This is a weekend of silence combined with communal prayer and Mass. Brian Egan and Beverly Collin will lead this retreat. The cost is \$185 for a private room.

In celebration of World Day of the Sick and Our Lady of Lourdes Feast Day, the 16th Annual White Mass will be held Feb. 9 at 6 p.m. at St. Theresa Parish in Austin. The Mass will include the Rite of Anointing of the Sick for those who are seriously ill. Health care workers and those who are seriously ill are welcome to attend. Visit www.austindiocese.org/whitemass for details.

Relics of St. Anthony of Padua in Central Texas

The following parishes will host the relics of St. Anthony de Padua, which are coming from Italy to Central Texas. At each parish, participants may submit their prayer petitions to the saint, then Father Mario Conte will bring the petitions back to the Basilica in Padua and place them at the tomb of St. Anthony, where the friars will gather to pray for the saint’s intercession upon our intentions and requests.

--Feb. 10: St. John the Evangelist Parish in San Marcos - Veneration begins at 3 p.m., Mass begins at 7 p.m.

--Feb. 11: St. Mary Cathedral in Austin - Veneration 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 to 7 p.m. Mass at noon; Vigil Mass begins at 5:30 p.m.

--Feb. 12: St. Mary Cathedral in Austin - Veneration before and after each Mass. Masses begin at 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., noon, 1:45 p.m., 3:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

--Feb. 13: St. Anthony Parish in Bryan - Veneration begins at 3 p.m.; Mass begins at 6:30 p.m.

--Feb. 14: St. Francis on the Brazos Parish in Waco - Veneration begins at 3 p.m.; Mass begins at 7 p.m.

--Feb. 15: Sacred Heart Parish in Austin - Veneration begins at 3 p.m.; Mass begins at 6:30 p.m.

--Feb. 16: Holy Vietnamese Martyrs Parish in Austin - Veneration begins at 11:30 a.m.; Masses begin at noon and 6:30 p.m.

--Feb. 17: Christ the King Parish in Belton - Veneration is from 3 to 7 p.m.; Mass begins at 5 p.m.

--Feb. 18: Our Lady’s Maronite Catholic Church in Austin - Veneration begins at 12:30 p.m.; Vigil Mass begins at 5 p.m. followed by short period of veneration.

--Feb. 19: Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Austin - All Masses will begin with veneration. Masses begin at 7:45 a.m., 9:45 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Project Andrew will be held Feb. 11 at 10 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.

St. William Parish in Round Rock will host a **Sweetheart Dinner and Dance** on Feb. 11 at the St. William Parish Evangelization Center. Dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. and the dance will last from 8 to 11 p.m. Tickets are \$40 per person, which includes dinner. Reserved VIP tables are available. For more information, call Julio Campos at (512) 635-4707 or visit www.saintwilliams.org.

St. Helen’s Catholic School in Georgetown will host its **15th Anniversary Dinner and Dance** on Feb. 17 from 6 to 11 p.m. at the Sheraton Hotel and Conference Center in Georgetown. Bishop Wm. Michael Mulvey will be the keynote speaker. The evening will include a live and a silent auction, dinner and a dance. Tickets are \$75 per person. For more information, or to purchase a ticket, contact Christie Salazar at (512) 868-0744 or csalazar@shcsclions.org.