

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH of CORN HILL



Pope Francis
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Bishop Joe Vásquez
Diocese of Austin

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 12, A.D. 2017

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday	Feb 11	5:00 PM	In Thanksgiving (J.K.)
Sunday	Feb 12	8:30 AM	Pro Populo
Tuesday	Feb 14	6:30 PM	Liv/Dec Benefactors of the Czech Seminarian Fund
Wednesday	Feb 15	6:30 PM	†Stanley Havelka
Thursday	Feb 16	7:00 AM	†Judy Jackson
Friday	Feb 17	6:00 PM	†Benny Kubacak
Saturday	Feb 18	7:30 AM	Angela Danek (healing)
Saturday	Feb 18	5:00 PM	†Joe & Margaret Vrazel
Sunday	Feb 19	8:30 AM	Pro Populo

Mass Ministry Reminders

Czech Mass: Tuesday, Feb 14, 6:30 PM:

Altar Servers: Caleb & Amy Stefek, Jakob Voigt

EMHC: Jim & Mary Margaret Heuertz

Head Usher: Frank Knappek

Wednesday, February 15, 6:30 PM

Altar Servers: Jenna Danek, Maria Bruce, Adelaide B, Preston Snook

Lector: Pete Zenner

EMHC: Nancy Zenner

Gift Bearers: 2nd Grade

Saturday, February 18, 5:00 PM:

Altar Servers: Matthew & Nathan Klepac, Preston Snook

Lector: Jennifer Klepac

EMHC: Patsy Hightower, Irene Cavanaugh, Keith Youngpeter

Gift Bearers: Chance & Monica Snook family

Head Usher: Donald Tschoerner

Sunday, February 19, 8:30 AM:

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

Lector: Kelly Godfrey

EMHC: James Nemecek, Ray Nemecek, Jerry David

Gift Bearers: Billy & Belinda Beyer

Head Usher: Frank Knappek

EM to Shut-ins: Sunday, February 19: 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

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)

February 5: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time: \$3,924.96

Parish Prayer Campaign for Vocations

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

February 12 - 18: Frances Nemecek

February 19 - 25: Pinto & Lucille Nemecek

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

Sat/Sun, February 11/12:	--Health Screening Sign-Ups --Diocesan Special Collection
Tuesday, February 14:	--Czech Mass
Wednesday, February 15:	--CCE Classes
Thursday, February 16:	--Pro-Life Adoration
Saturday, February 18:	--EMI Health Screenings
Sunday, February 19:	--CCM Pancake Breakfast

Thanks to everyone's hard work, generous donations and attendance of our January Fundraiser, a profit of \$5,793.22 was forwarded to the Cemetery Fund. God bless you all!

We congratulate and welcome *Naomi Clare Soto* (infant daughter of Matthew & Laura Soto) into the Catholic Church, and the parish family, through the Sacrament of Baptism!



A representative of the Elite Medical Imaging (EMI) team will be here this weekend – February 11/12 – to answer questions and register those interested in our annual **Ultrasound Vascular Screenings, which will be held next 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! You may also call now to pre-register at 1-855-303-0667.

We will have a **special collection this weekend (February 11/12) to support Campus Ministries in the Diocese of Austin.** These include communities at the University of Texas, Texas A&M University, Baylor University, Texas State University, Mary Hardin-Baylor, St. Edward's University and other smaller college campuses. The goals of Catholic campus ministries are to build a faith community, bring the message of Christ to the academic world, and to prepare future leaders of society and our Church. Please be generous in your support of this most worthy cause.

We will celebrate our annual **Czech Mass** this 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.

RCIA: Class members will attend the Czech Mass this Tuesday, February 14, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg.

CCE: Classes this Wednesday, February 15, at 6:15 p.m. For information, contact Lucille D'Elia (htcdre@yahoo.com or 737-215-1042). Parents are encouraged to stay and attend Mass.

Pro-Life Adoration this Thursday, February 16, 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.

The Confraternity of Christian Mothers will hold their **Annual Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser** next 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!

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.

The **Confraternity of Christian Mothers will meet** next Sunday, February 26, in the RE Bldg, immediately after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. All ladies of the parish are invited. Members will sit in the front pews to lead the Rosary prayed before Mass. **Reminder:** annual dues for 2017 (of \$5) are now due and can be given or mailed to the treasurer, Louise Straka (212 W Ave I, Jarrell 76537).

The Men's Prayer Group will now meet on the Fourth Monday of each month – beginning on Monday, February 27, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg. Discussion: First Apparition of Fatima. New members are always welcome! For more information, please contact Pete Zenner (512-863-4038).

Ash Wednesday, which begins the season of Lent, is on Wednesday, March 1. Join us at 6:30 p.m. for Mass and the receipt of ashes. Please also mark your calendars to attend Stations of the Cross each Wednesday evening during Lent, at 6:30 p.m., beginning on Wednesday, March 8. (Remember that our Wednesday Masses will be held at 7:00 a.m. during Lent.)

K.J.T. #55 will meet on Sunday, March 5, in the RE Building after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. All members are invited to attend.

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.

Fr. Ricardo Pineda, with The Fathers of Mercy – who presented our parish mission this past October – has completed his mission talks CD series. The set is \$20 and you may contact the parish office to place your order.

Dear friends in Christ,

Peace be with you. 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 pm. All music, readings and Mass will be in Czech. A collection will be taken up during Mass for the Czech Seminarian Fund. After Mass, a meal will be served in the PAC building. Proceeds from the meal will also benefit the Czech Seminarian Fund. Everyone is invited. It is not necessary to speak Czech to attend!

Today's Gospel is taken from the Sermon on the Mount in chapters 5-7 in the Gospel of Matthew. Jesus tells us the importance of following the law and the commandments. Jesus says: *"Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do so will be called least in the kingdom of heaven. But whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven. I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven."* Our practice of the faith that we hold must be authentic, it must not be just for show so that other people will think well of us. The living out of the Truths which Jesus Christ has handed down to us must first enter into our hearts. Once they have done this, then we will automatically do our best to live them out, while realizing that we are only human and that there will be times when we will fail. However, in doing our best to live the Truths of Jesus, we become a holy people, a people who will inherit the kingdom of heaven.

These Truths, which Jesus speaks of in today's gospel, are not easy to live out. How many of us grow angry with the people around us? And yet Jesus says that, just for getting angry at our brother, we will be judged if we have not made the attempt to seek reconciliation and forgiveness with one another.

It is the same thing with those who commit adultery. It is so sad that many people of today are blinded by sin and cannot see the fact that they are committing adultery and living in the state of sin. And many of these same people come to receive Holy Communion. If we are living in this state of sin, then we need to go to the Church and see what we can do to change our situation in life. We need to seek reconciliation with God and with His Church. Otherwise, the fires might be waiting for more fuel to be added so that the fires of Gehenna can consume more souls.

Probably most of the time that a person remains living in the state of sin is because of selfishness, pride, or out of some physical or psychological need the person has which needs to be fulfilled. It is up to each of us how we are to fulfill these needs. We can either choose God to satisfy our desires, or we can choose something other than God, which will eventually lead us to sin and some sort of addiction. Our first reading, taken from the book of Sirach, states: *"...he [God] has set before you fire and water to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand. Before man are life and death, good and evil, whichever he chooses shall be given him."* What are you currently choosing in your life? Is it fire or water ... is it life or death? Is it that which nourishes life or destroys it? If we choose water and life then we are following the law of the Lord. If we choose fire and death, then we are choosing ourselves and making our own laws to follow. But the Lord tells us in today's Responsorial Psalm: *"Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord! Blessed are they whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD. Blessed are they who observe his decrees, who seek him with all their heart..."* These words of consolation should be enough for all of us to want to turn from sin and to cry out to the Lord the remainder of this Psalm: *"Instruct me, O Lord, in the way of your statutes, that I may exactly observe them. Give me discernment, that I may observe your law and keep it with all my heart."* God has instructed us through Jesus Christ. It is through His spirit that we receive wisdom and knowledge. However, we have to ask for this wisdom and knowledge. We need to pray for the courage to make good decisions in life so that we can obtain it. Many times, these decisions are painful and not easy to make. But once we have made them and rely totally on the Lord, it is then that we find life, happiness and peace.

So, do whatever is necessary to know the law of the Lord, to grow in His wisdom and knowledge, so that we do not make stupid mistakes in life. We may need to be more attentive at Mass, or maybe we need to read more Scripture or the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* so that we are more familiar with the teachings of the Church, with the teachings of Jesus Christ. We could also read the lives of the saints and other spiritual writings which can help to give us courage to live out our faith in Jesus Christ. Whatever you do is up to you. It is your decision to choose fire or water ... life or death. What will you choose?

May all of you have a most blessed week.

Fr. Stephen Nestrta, farář

Catholic Social Teaching Corner – February 11/12 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time: In today's Gospel, Matthew makes it clear that it is not enough for disciples to refrain from murder, adultery or false oaths. We are called to exhibit what Jesus did, the love and holiness of God. However, none of us can do this alone. We are given each other in the Christian community for guidance, strength and support and we are given Christ himself in Word and Eucharist. We are challenged to love beyond measure, but supported to do so by God's love poured out to each of us. To who are we called to be Good News this week?

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 12: St. Mary Cathedral, Austin: Veneration before/after Mass. Mass at 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., noon, 1:45 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m.

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

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

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

--Feb. 16: Holy Vietnamese Martyrs Parish, Austin - Veneration at 11:30 a.m.; Mass at noon and 6:30 p.m.

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

--Feb. 18: Our Lady's Maronite Catholic Church, Austin - Veneration at 12:30 p.m.; Vigil Mass at 5 p.m. followed by veneration.

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

St. Helen's Catholic School in Georgetown will host its **15th Anniversary Dinner and Dance** on Friday, February 17, from 6:00 – 11:00 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 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@shcslions.org.

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.

The **5th Annual Men's Conference** will be held on Saturday, February 18, from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Austin. The conference is hosted by the Central Texas Fellowship of Catholic Men. Featured speakers include Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, an evangelist and preacher known as the "Dynamic Deacon," Gus Lloyd from The Catholic Channel on Sirius XM, and Robert Rodgers. For more information and to register, visit www.centexcatholic.com.

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.

Retrouvaille weekend for struggling couples: Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) is a ministry designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. It helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is for couples who are in any stage of struggle and for those who are separated or considering separation. The next Retrouvaille program will begin with a weekend on March 24-26. For confidential information, call 800-470-2230, or visit the website at www.helpourmarriage.com.

If you are aware of sexual or physical abuse and/or neglect of a child or vulnerable adult, state law requires you to report it to local law enforcement or the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services at (800) 252-5400 or www.dfps.state.tx.us. If the suspected abuse is by clergy or an employee or volunteer of any diocesan parish, school or agency, a Notice of Concern should be submitted to the diocesan Ethics and Integrity in Ministry Office at (512) 949-2400. The Notice of Concern can be found at www.austindiocese.org (click on REPORT ABUSE OR AN EIM CONCERN). Reports may be made anonymously.