

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH of CORN HILL



Pope Francis
Vatican City State



Bishop Joe Vásquez
Diocese of Austin

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 26, A.D. 2017

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday	Feb 25	5:00 PM	†Bill Klepac
Sunday	Feb 26	8:30 AM	Pro Populo
Tuesday	Feb 28	6:00 PM	†Agnes F. Straka

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday	Mar 1	7:00 AM	†Helen Mason
		12 Noon	†Judy Jackson
		6:30 PM	†Mary Conlee
Thursday	Mar 2	7:00 AM	†Frankie Hyzak
Friday	Mar 3	6:00 PM	†James Denis Grygar
Saturday	Mar 4	7:30 AM	†Virginia McMaster
Saturday	Mar 4	5:00 PM	†Liv/Dec Members of K.J.Z.T. #15, St. Agnes Society
Sunday	Mar 5	8:30 AM	Pro Populo

Mass Ministry Reminders

ASH WEDNESDAY – March 1:

7:00 AM:

Lector: Kelly Godfrey

EMHC: Cynthia Edgar

Head Usher: Frank Knapek

12 Noon:

Lector: Pete Zenner

EMHC: Nancy Zenner

Head Usher: Donald Tschoerner

6:30 PM:

Altar Servers: Caleb Stefek, Jakob Voigt, William & Joseph Brousseau

Lector: Louis Brousseau

EMHC: Debbie Klaus, Lucille Nemec

Gift Bearers: Confirmation II Class

Head Usher: Jeff Voigt

Saturday, March 4, 5:00 PM:

Altar Servers: Matthew & Nathan Klepac, Natalie Mason

Lector: Jill Horner

EMHC: Patsy Hightower, Irene Cavanaugh, Jennifer Klepac

Gift Bearers: Alex & Virginia Hernandez

Head Usher: Donald Tschoerner

Sunday, March 5, 8:30 AM:

Altar Servers: John & Jenna Danek, William Fonville, Abby Hodgson

Lector: Nancy Zenner

EMHC: Pete Zenner, Johnny Martinka, James Nemec

Gift Bearers: Pinto & Lucille Nemec

Head Usher: Frank Knapek

EM to Shut-ins: Sunday, March 5: John Edgar

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& Wed: 5:45-6:10 pm (or by appt.)

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Altar Flowers

The flowers at the Crucifix are placed in loving memory of **Justin Barker** and are donated by the Darren Barker family.

Last Week's Collection(s)

February 19: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time: \$3,463.35

Parish Prayer Campaign for Vocations

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

February 26 – March 4: CCE Program

March 5 - 11: Frank & Lucille D'Elia

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 **Anton P. Schwertner**, who passed away on Wed, Feb 22.

Rosary this Sunday, February 26, at The Gabriels in Georgetown, 6-8 p.m. Funeral at St. Helen in Georgetown on Monday, February 27, 10 a.m. Burial in Weir Cemetery.

May he rest in peace.

This Week at a Glance

Sunday, February 26:	--CCM Meeting
Monday, February 27:	--Men's Prayer Group
Tuesday, February 28:	--RCIA Class
Wednesday, March 1:	--Ash Wednesday Masses --CCE Classes
Thursday, March 2:	--Pro-Life Adoration --Pro-Life Rosary & Meeting
Saturday, March 4:	--Saturday Parish Potluck

The Confraternity of Christian Mothers expresses their thanks to all who attended the Pancake Breakfast last Sunday and for your generous donations. Net proceeds, from your support, were \$500.00. God bless!

The **Confraternity of Christian Mothers will meet** today (Sunday, February 26) in the RE Bldg, immediately after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. All ladies of the parish are invited. **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 meet this 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).

RCIA: Class this Tuesday, February 28, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg. Discussion: Evening of reflection in the church.

This week, **Ash Wednesday (March 1) begins the season of Lent.** Join us for Mass and the distribution of ashes at 7:00 a.m., 12 Noon, or 6:30 p.m. Please also mark your calendars to attend Stations of the Cross each Wednesday evening during Lent at 6:30 p.m., beginning next Wednesday, March 8. (Our usual Wednesday Masses will be held at 7:00 a.m. during Lent.)

Collection on Ash Wednesday: the collection for **World and Home Missions** will be taken up on Ash Wednesday, March 1, at all Masses. Please be generous and remember to pray daily for all Catholic Missions, at home and abroad, as they share the Word of God with many.

The diocesan **Ashes to Easter Lenten Mission Campaign** begins on Ash Wednesday, March 1. **We invite each family to take a mission box home in support of the missionary works of the Diocese of Austin.** Put the box in a central location in your home and remember, daily, to put in some coins and say a prayer for the missionaries and their work. You will return the boxes at Easter.

Fast and Abstinence During Lent: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence and Fridays are obligatory days of abstinence. The norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may also be taken, but not to equal a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding from age 14 onwards. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus and to prepare ourselves to share more fully, and to celebrate more readily, His Resurrection.

CCE: We will have class this Wednesday, March 1. The CCE students may sit with their families for Mass – in the front of the church – and will then all return to the RE Bldg for a short class and Lent lesson. For information, contact Lucille D'Elia (htcdre@yahoo.com or 737-215-1042). *****We are truly in need of more (EIM certified) men and women for our CCE Program!!** We need **classroom helpers** and **substitute teachers.** Please prayerfully consider what you can do to help fulfill our program's needs! (EIM Certification is a simple process, so please don't let that scare you away. You can contact Lucille D'Elia or the parish office for more information.)

Pro-Life Adoration this Thursday, March 2, 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 **Pro-Life Prayer & Awareness Group will meet** this Thursday, March 2. They will begin with a Pro-Life Rosary in the church at 6:30 p.m. and continue with their meeting in the RE Bldg afterward. All parishioners and friends are invited to join them!

All parishioners and visitors are invited to our **Saturday Potluck** next Saturday, March 4, after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Bring your favorite dish and/or dessert to share – which you can drop off at the PAC before Mass. Thank you to the CYM for coordinating.

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



If you would like to help decorate the church for the Easter season with Easter Lilies & Flowers, in memory or honor of loved ones, you may do so by completing and returning an **Easter Flower Envelope** (located by the bulletins). Please turn in envelopes by Sunday, April 9, as the memorials will be listed in the Easter bulletin.

We are still 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,

Peace be with you. Ash Wednesday is this Wednesday, March 1, and the Season of Lent will begin. We will have three opportunities for you to come to Mass on that day, so please begin Lent in the House of the Lord. See the front of this bulletin for our Ash Wednesday Mass schedule.

During this week, it would be good to prayerfully consider what you are going to do during Lent as preparation for our Lord's sacrifice. Many people give up something, such as sweets, sodas, beer, or smoking. This is a good practice as you make a little sacrifice of your own to remind you of the big sacrifice Jesus made for you on the cross.

It is also good to do something extra, like attending the Stations of the Cross on Wednesdays. It is also good to read more from the Bible, or begin attending Mass on the weekdays when possible and, of course, being faithful to going to Mass every weekend.

I also recommend coming to Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament each week. We have Adoration here from 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm. every Thursday. Come during this Season of Lent and spend some extra time in prayer in the Real Presence of our Lord.

You may also consider visiting the homebound more often or doing more acts of charity for others. These help you to grow in your spiritual life and in your relationship with God and with one another.

Also remember our rules of Fasting and Abstinence. Don't forget to not eat meat on Ash Wednesday or on Fridays during Lent. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are also days of fasting, when we eat as little as possible, only enough to sustain ourselves.

Lent is the forty-day period of fasting and prayer that Christians observe in preparation for the celebration of Easter. For the first three centuries of Christianity the period of fasting before Easter varied from a few days to a week. However, the Council of Nicaea in the year 325 mentioned a period of forty days of preparation, and by the end of the fourth century, a forty-day fast before Easter was commonly observed in both the East and the West. This Lenten fast may have been begun by the forty-day fast mandated for the candidates preparing for baptism at Easter, and the number forty may have its origins in the forty-day fast observed by Moses, Elijah, and Jesus.

The emphasis of fasting is for our spiritual preparation for the paschal mystery of Easter. There are three aspects to the season of Lent and they are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Increased prayer helps us to grow in our relationship with Jesus, fasting helps us to gain a spiritual hunger for our Lord and helps us to gain self-control of our appetites and desires, and almsgiving helps us in our need to live as Jesus did in service to other people. These help to prepare the Christian to celebrate the resurrection of the Lord. Lent helps to remind Christians of their sinfulness and the need to return to their baptismal innocence.


During the Lenten season, we, as Catholics, pray the Stations of the Cross every week to meditate on Jesus being arrested in the Garden, brought before Pilate, scourged, crowned with thorns, carrying His cross, being crucified and then buried. By meditating on these last events of Jesus' life we come to have a greater appreciation of the Resurrection of our Lord from the dead so that we can truly celebrate Easter with abundant joy.

The Date of Easter: In the year 325, the Council of Nicaea decreed that Easter should be observed on the first Sunday following the first full moon of spring. The date can vary within a four week period depending on when the first full moon of spring occurs. So, the date of Easter could be anytime between March 22 and April 25. This year Easter will be on April 16.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us "No one can serve two masters." Many people of Jesus' day were full of worry. They worried about day-to-day living. The Romans taxed them excessively – they had corrupt civil and religious leaders – they wondered how they were to feed their families. Jesus is warning the people that their misplaced priorities led them to living a worrisome life and led them away from having faith and trust in God. We, also, worry too much. Most of the priorities of the people of the world today are still in the wrong place. Where is our faith and trust in God? I hear many people complain about God, but yet these same people never give God a minute of their time. They very seldom pray, they go to Mass only when they feel like it or they don't go at all. They only worry about making enough money to satisfy their desires. They don't trust in God and their faith is lacking. They use contraception in order to avoid pregnancy because they do not believe God will help provide for their needs. They only put trust in themselves even though they quickly realize that it also is not sufficient. Look at the world today. It is full of greed and selfishness. The more greedy and selfish people there are, the worse things are getting. We need to pray more and devote ourselves to the One, True God and be faithful to Him. In this way, we are only serving one Master and He, in return, takes care of us who have faith in Him.

Fr. Stephen Nsrsta, farář

Pray the Scriptures with us during the month of March 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Every Sunday is a Solemnity. Weekdays with bold print are either a Solemnity or a Feast Day. All other weekdays are either Memorials or Optional Memorials or without a specific memorial. <i>Optional Memorials are in italics.</i></p>	<p>Reminder: Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Season of Lent, is on March 1. It is a day of Fast & Abstinence. Eat only a little and do not eat any meat unless needed for medical reasons.</p>	<p>Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence. No meat is to be eaten unless it is necessary due to medical reasons. Attend Stations of the Cross on Wednesday or Friday according to your parish schedule.</p>	<p>1 Fast & Abstinence Jl 2:12-18 Ps 51:3-6b,12-14,17 2 Cor 5:20 - 6:2 Mt 6:1-6,16-18 ASH WEDNESDAY Beginning of Lent</p>	<p>2 Dt 30:15-20 Ps 1:1-4,6 Lk 9:22-25</p>	<p>3 † First Friday Is 58:1-9a Ps 51:3-6ab,18-19 Mt 9:14-15 <i>St. Katharine Drexel, virgin</i> Abstinence - No Meat <i>Sacred Heart of Jesus</i> <i>Devotion</i></p>	<p>4 First Saturday Is 58:9b-14 Ps 86:1-6 Lk 5:27-32 <i>St. Casimir</i> <i>Immaculate Heart of Mary Devotion</i></p>
<p>5 Gn 2:7-9: & 3:1-7 Ps 51:3-6,12-13,17 Rom 5:12-19 Mt 4:1-11 First Sunday of Lent</p>	<p>6 Lv 19:1-2,11-18 Ps 19:8-10,15 Mt 25:31-46</p>	<p>7 Is 55:10-11 Ps 34:4-7,16-19 Mt 6:7-15</p>	<p>8 Jon 3:1-10 Ps 51:3-4,12-13,18-19 Lk 11:29-32 Attend Stations of the Cross in the evening.</p>	<p>9 Est C:12,14-16,23-25 Ps 138:1-3,7c-8 Mt 7:7-12 <i>St. Francis of Rome, religious</i></p>	<p>10 † Ez 18:21-28 Ps 130:1-8 Mt 5:20-26 Abstinence – No Meat</p>	<p>11 Dt 26:16-19 Ps 119:1-2,4-5,7-8 Mt 5:43-48</p>
<p>12 Gn 12:1-4a Ps 33:4-5,18-20,22 2 Tim 1:8b-10 Mt 17:1-9 Second Sunday of Lent</p>	<p>13 Dn 9:4b-10 Ps 79:8-9,11,13 Lk 6:36-38</p>	<p>14 Is 1:10,16-20 Ps 50:8-9,16bc-17,21,23 Mt 23:1-12</p>	<p>15 Jer 18:18-20 Ps 31:5-6,14-16 Mt 20:17-28 Attend Stations of the Cross in the evening.</p>	<p>16 Jer 17:5-10 Ps 1:1-4,6 Lk 16:19-31</p>	<p>17 † Gn 37:3-4,12-13a,17b-28a Ps 105:16-21 Mt 21:33-43,45-46 <i>St. Patrick, bishop</i> Abstinence – No Meat</p>	<p>18 Mi 7:14-15,18-20 Ps 103:1-4,9-12 Lk 15:1-3,11-32 <i>St. Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop, doctor of the Church</i></p>
<p>19 Ex 17:3-7 Ps 95:1-2,6-9 Rom 5:1-2,5-8 Jn 4:5-42 Third Sunday of Lent</p>	<p>20 2 Sm 7:4-5a,12-14a,16 Ps 89:2-5,27,29 Rom 4:13,16-18,22 Mt 1:16,18-21,24a or Lk 2:41-51a St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary</p>	<p>21 Dn 3:25,34-43 Ps 25:4-9 Mt 18:21-35</p>	<p>22 Dt 4:1,5-9 Ps 147:12-13,15-16,19-20 Mt 5:17-19 Attend Stations of the Cross in the evening.</p>	<p>23 Jer 7:23-28 Ps 95:1-2,6-9 Lk 11:14-23 <i>St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, bishop</i></p>	<p>24 † Hos 14:2-10 Ps 81:6c-11b,14,17 Mk 12:28-34 Abstinence – No Meat</p>	<p>25 Is 7:10-14; & 8:10 Ps 40:7-11 Heb 10:4-10 Lk 1:26-38 The Annunciation of the Lord</p> 
<p>26 Laetare Sunday 1 Sm 16:1b,6-7,10-13a Ps 23:1-6 Eph 5:8-14 Jn 9:1-41 Fourth Sunday of Lent</p>	<p>27 Is 65:17-21 Ps 30:2,4-6,11-12a,13ab Jn 4:43-54</p>	<p>28 Ez 47:1-9,12 Ps 46:2-3,5-6,8-9 Jn 5:1-16</p>	<p>29 Is 49:8-15 Ps 145:8-9,13c-14,17-18 Jn 5:17-30 Attend Stations of the Cross in the evening.</p>	<p>30 Ex 32:7-14 Ps 106:19-23 Jn 5:31-47</p>	<p>31 † Wis 2:1a,12-22 Ps 34:17:17-21,23 Jn 7:1-2,10,25-30 Abstinence – No Meat</p>	<p>Some other saints: 5th - Sv. Teofil (Bohumil) 13th - Sv. Patricie (Vlasta) 14th - Sv. Matylda 25th - Sv. Dismas Note: Go to confession sometime before celebrating the Resurrection of the Lord.</p>

† The Bishops of the United States have asked that we observe Fasting and Abstinence on every Friday for the intentions of Life, Marriage, and Religious Freedom.