

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH of CORN HILL



Pope Francis
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Bishop Joe Vásquez
Diocese of Austin

First Sunday of Lent

March 5, A.D. 2017

Mass Schedule & Intentions

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
Tuesday	Mar 7	6:00 PM	†Fr. Lawrence Soler
Wednesday	Mar 8	7:00 AM	Kip Heuertz (healing)
Thursday	Mar 9	7:00 AM	†Bernard Tschoerner
Friday	Mar 10	6:00 PM	†Juanita Lara Pena
Saturday	Mar 11	7:30 AM	†Herman Willberg
Saturday	Mar 11	5:00 PM	Pro Populo
Sunday	Mar 12	8:30 AM	Intentions of Jim & JoAnn Mason

Altar Flowers

If you would like to donate flowers for the Altars in memory or honor of loved ones, please return an 'Altar Flower Envelope' (located by bulletins or from our website).

Reminder: no flowers are needed for Lent & Easter seasons.

Last Week's Collection(s)

February 26: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time: \$7,023.24

Ash Wed: March 1: World & Home Missions: \$1,629.27

Parish Prayer Campaign for Vocations

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

March 5 - 11: Frank & Lucille D'Elia

March 12 - 18: Andrew & Susan Klepac

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, March 5:	--K.J.T. #55 Meeting
Monday, March 6:	--Senior Citizens' Supper
Tuesday, March 7:	--RCIA Class
Wednesday, March 8:	--Stations of the Cross --CCE Classes
Thursday, March 9:	--Pro-Life Adoration
Saturday, March 11:	--Move Your Clocks Forward!

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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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Mass Ministry Reminders

Stations of the Cross:

Wednesday, March 8, 6:30 PM

Altar Servers: Carter Marquis, Lucas Beyer, Abby Hodgson

Saturday, March 11, 5:00 PM:

Altar Servers: John & Maria Bruce, Jakob Voigt

Lector: Leo Bringman

EMHC: Jim & Mary Margaret Heuertz, Debbie Klaus

Gift Bearers: Johnny & Bernice Hernandez

Head Usher: Jeff Voigt

Sunday, March 12, 8:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Thomas C, William & Joseph Brousseau, Heron Rodriguez

Lector: Louis Brousseau

EMHC: Kelly Godfrey, John & Cynthia Edgar

Gift Bearers: Richard & Lisa Danek

Head Usher: Jerry David

EM to Shut-ins: Sunday, March 12: James Nemecek



Prayer for Lent

Stay with me, Lord, because I am weak
and I need your strength.
You are my life and without you,
I am without fervor.
You are my light and without you,
I am in darkness.
Stay with me, Lord, for I desire to
love you and always be in your company.
Stay with me, Jesus, for in life,
with all its dangers, I need you.
Amen

From Ashes to Easter: The annual diocesan Ashes to Easter Lenten Mission Campaign has begun. Each family is invited to pick up a box and keep it on or near the family dining table or by their bedside table. Put in some coins each day during Lent and pray for missions worldwide. Contributing to this campaign is a corporal work of mercy that will help shelter the homeless and a spiritual work of mercy that will help comfort the sorrowful. The money collected helps local missions and missionaries from our diocese.

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

Our monthly **Senior Citizens' Supper** will be held this Monday, March 6, at 6:30 p.m. in the PAC Bldg. We thank the Moravian Club for preparing the meal.

RCIA: Class this Tuesday, March 7, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg. Discussion: Catholic Moral Teachings.

CCE: Class this Wednesday, March 8, at 6:15 p.m. 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 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.

Daylight Savings Time Begins next weekend. Move your clocks forward one hour before going to bed next Saturday, March 11.

Our Pro-Life Prayer & Awareness Group invites you to increase your knowledge and understanding of the pro-life issues we face in today's world. **You are invited to join them in viewing the documentary "Vulnerable: The Euthanasia Deception"**. Showings will be held in the PAC Bldg on Wednesday, March 15, at 11:00 a.m. and again on Saturday, March 18, at 6:00 p.m. (after the 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass), both with a light meal afterwards. Please RSVP to the parish office (for meal head-count).



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.

We, obviously, all know what the Bible is ... God's Word! But is the Bible a mystery to you? Have you ever tried to read it and not understood some of the unfamiliar wording, been confused by the language that is used, or are just unsure of how to interpret Scripture overall?

We are happy to announce that we will be offering a **Bible Study entitled Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible**. This is an 8-part study, and each session includes a 30 minute video segment followed by workbook questions and discussion. We have tentatively set up the Study to be held on Sunday evenings for 90 minute sessions, from 5:00 - 6:30 PM. The dates for the Study are: March 19, April 2, April 9, April 23, May 7, May 14, May 21 and May 28. We will meet in the PAC Bldg for most of the sessions except on days when the PAC is already reserved.

The parish has purchased the program itself, but each participant is asked to pay a fee of \$25 for their workbook (\$19.95) + a Bible Timeline chart (\$4.95). Payment for your materials will be due on the first night of class (March 19).

If you would like to view a short preview of this Study, please visit the Ascension Press website at www.AscensionPress.com. Click on the bible study tab and then click on Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible. There is also 10 minute informational video in the parish office, and you can contact Jennifer if you would like to come in during office hours to view it.

Sign up for the Study will be held after Masses this weekend (March 4/5) and next (March 11/12) in the church foyer.

Everyone is welcome and we hope that you will share this opportunity with family and friends!!

For questions, contact Pete or Nancy Zenner at 512-863-4038 or npzenner@suddenlink.net, or the parish office.

Dear friends in Christ,

Peace be with you. Thank you to all who sent birthday cards and wishes. May God's blessings be with you.

This past week, we began the holy season of Lent. Lent is a forty-day period of time before the Easter Triduum in which we prepare ourselves for the celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord at Easter. During the Lenten season, we Catholics pray the Stations of the Cross every week as we 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. Please join us every Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm to pray and reflect upon the Stations of the Cross.

As we live the Season of Lent, we may want to see how this holy season can strengthen our family life. Think of ways in which you can celebrate this season as a family...i.e., pray together at home as a family, attend Mass on the weekend and, when possible, during the week as a family, attend Stations of the Cross as a family, read the Bible together as a family, go to confession together as a family, come as a family on Thursdays for a period of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in Adoration. I am sure there are many things you can do as a family to make this season more meaningful to you. Every good Catholic will do everything possible to help them and their family to grow in faith and in their relationship with our Lord Jesus. Every good Catholic will try to attend Mass every weekend and will try to attend Stations of the Cross to help their family to grow in union with Christ and with His Catholic Church. Let us all support one another in faithfully living our faith.

In today's first reading, we hear how Adam and Eve fall into the sin of pride by wanting to be like God, and this is what the devil convinced them they would be if they did as he, the devil, said. Adam and Eve mistook what was actually something bad as being something good. Their pride led them to be disobedient to God which then led to their expulsion from the Garden of Eden. Through disobedience, all men and women become sinners, as St. Paul states in his letter to the Romans. Just think how many times our sins have led or caused other people to commit sin. In the same way, the sin of Adam and Eve is passed down to us through the generations.

In today's Gospel, we see how all this is turned around by the actions of Jesus, by His obedience to the Father. Here, Satan once again, tries to fowl things up for all of us by tempting Jesus when He would appear to be at His weakest and most vulnerable state. But Jesus had been preparing Himself for 40 days through prayer and fasting. Even though Jesus may have been physically weak, His mind was still sharp as a tack. The devil tempts Jesus three times. He knew Jesus was hungry so the devil tempts Him to use His divine powers to turn stones into bread. Although he could do this miracle, Jesus prefers to continue to trust His Father since performing the miracle is not part of His Father's plan of salvation. Because of Jesus' trust and obedience to His Father, angels will eventually come and minister to Him as we see at the end of the Gospel reading.

In the second temptation, the devil uses Scripture to try to trick Jesus into tempting God the Father. To tempt God is the complete opposite of having trust in Him. It means putting ourselves in the way of unnecessary danger, expecting God to help us by an exceptional use of His power. Many of us tempt God every day by putting ourselves in danger through the use of drugs, excessive use of alcohol, living a promiscuous life, having sex with anyone who comes along, trying to be superman or superwoman at work, or on the farm, or around the house, always driving as if we were going to a fire or were 30 minutes late. We often tend to overwork our Guardian Angel. Sometimes our actions tend to even overwork other people's Guardian Angels. How many times do we do stupid things, when we knew better, when we knew how bad or dangerous the outcome might be. Many times, just as the devil tried to confuse Jesus by misinterpreting Sacred Scripture, we let other people confuse us by challenging us about the choices we have made. We have our reasons for the choices we make and they make sense to us. They're based on reality as we see it and upon our faith. But people can often confuse and contradict us with questions we are not prepared for. This is true especially in regards to Sacred Scripture. People of other religions can make us look pretty foolish when it comes to our knowledge of the Bible. They twist and turn Sacred Scripture around, just as the devil did in today's Gospel, so that it agrees with what they are saying, and many times we do not know any better. In today's Gospel, Jesus knew the Old Testament very well and knew exactly how to respond to the devil when he misuses Scripture.

In the last temptation, the devil tries to make Jesus into an earthly and political king as was expected by most of the Jewish people. However, Jesus rejects this attempt of the devil to reduce His Divine kingship to an earthly one. Jesus remains faithful to the God-given mission of salvation for all people. Jesus does not let pride and selfishness make a slave out of Him. Jesus remains in control because He prayed and remained focused on being obedient to God the Father.

Are we able to let go of our pride, of our selfishness, of our greed, and be obedient to God and the mission which He has called us to in life. All of us are on a mission. All of us are on this earth for a specific purpose. We can only realize that purpose by remaining focused on God and by being obedient to Him just as Jesus was. Obedience is not a popular word nowadays. As most of you know, it is not always easy. It requires a life of prayer and fasting. PRAYER for remaining united to the Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and FASTING so that we are able to gain self-control of our passions and desires, so that they do not control us. Being obedient all the time in life is a very difficult thing to do. I have made a promise of obedience to my Bishop, as long as what he tells me does not go against the teachings of the Church. Let us all strive to be obedient ... and not fall as Adam and Eve did. Strive to be like Jesus.

We have 40 days during Lent to prepare ourselves - to pray, fast, and do special acts of almsgiving - so that we rely only on the strength of God. The way we prepare ourselves is up to each one of us. We cannot blame anyone else if we choose wrongly. During this Lent, may we pray and fast as Jesus did so that we can remain focused on God and be filled with His love so that we will always make the correct decisions in life, so that we will always choose the good and not the bad that is disguised as the good. During this Lent, may our prayer be: "A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me."

May the Lord bless you all with a spiritually renewing Season of Lent.

Fr. Stephen Nerssta, farář

March 4/5 -- First Sunday of Lent: We begin the season of Lent with Jesus going into the desert. We need to follow him into the 'desert of fasting, prayer and self-denial' in order to re-learn the covenant way of life, which comes with our Baptism. Now is the time to turn away from distractions. Now is the time to remember and reverence our own dignity and the life and dignity of each person as God's beloved. Now is the time to set aside anything that diverts us from our true hunger and thirst for God alone. What is the fasting God desires for us this Lent?

Men's discernment dinners are for single Catholic men (high school-adult) who are open to discerning a priestly vocation. The evenings include dinner and evening prayer with discussions about the priesthood, seminary and discernment. Dinners are on separate Wednesdays from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The high school men's group meets on the first Wednesday of each month in the Religious Education Building of St. William Parish in Round Rock. The group for men 18 and older meets on the second Wednesday of each month at the St. Charles Borromeo House of Discernment at 905B Duncan Lane in Austin. For more information, visit www.austinvocations.com. Date exceptions will be posted online.

The Heart of Mary Women's Discernment Retreat will be held March 31-April 2 at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton. All women, ages 18-45, are invited to encounter the beauty of a vocation, and the possibility of this call, in their own lives. The retreat will be led by the Consecrated Sisters of the Apostles of the Interior Life (AVI). There will be talks and time for prayer, as well as "one-on-one" conversations with the sisters, while experiencing community life with other young women discerning the will of God. For more information, contact the diocesan Vocation Office at vocations@austindiocese.org or (512) 949-2430.

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 www.helpourmarriage.com.

In Fatima, Our Lady said, "My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the way that will lead you to God." On this 100-year anniversary of Our Lady's apparitions in Fatima, please join thousands of faithful throughout the Austin Diocese to collectively make or renew our "**Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary**" at a Mass on the Annunciation of the Lord. Rosary and Mass will be celebrated at the following parishes: March 25 at 11:30 a.m. at St. Mary Cathedral in Austin, March 25 at 11:30 a.m. at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in College Station (Mass will be offered in the Extraordinary Form), March 25 at 7:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Parish in Killeen, and March 25 at 1:30 p.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Martindale. For more information, visit www.TexasToJesusThroughMary.org.

Married couples are invited to strengthen, renew and rekindle their marriage sacrament by attending the "Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend", March 31-April 2, at the Wingate Hotel in Round Rock; June 9-11 at St. Elizabeth Parish in Pflugerville (non-residential), September 8-10 in Round Rock and November 3-5 at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton. For more information, visit www.austinme.org, or call (512) 667-9963, or e-mail wwmeaustin@gmail.com.

A "**Seven Sorrows of Mary**" Retreat will be held April 1 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. William Parish in Round Rock in their Parish Hall. The retreat will be led by Dominican Sister, Helen Marie Raycraft, from the Dominican Preaching Team in South Austin. Donations will be accepted for the Dominican Preaching Team. Morning refreshments and lunch will be provided.

Catholic Charities of Central Texas is pleased to announce the expansion of our Counseling Services program to the Brazos Valley and Killeen areas. High quality mental health services for individuals, couples and families will be offered on a sliding scale fee structure. For information or to make an appointment, call (979) 822-9340 (Brazos Valley) or (254) 383-1452 (Killeen).

Catholic Charities of Central Texas, along with the Texas Here to Stay coalition, is co-hosting Know Your Rights clinics which offer free presentations and immigration consultations for individuals seeking immigration information and legal services. Volunteers and attorneys will conduct intakes in order to match potential clients with an appropriate organization for a consultation. An immigration clinic is scheduled for March 11 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Dobie Middle School in Austin.

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