

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH of CORN HILL



Pope Francis
Vatican City State



Bishop Joe Vásquez
Diocese of Austin

Second Sunday of Lent

March 12, A.D. 2017

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday	Mar 11	5:00 PM	Pro Populo
Sunday	Mar 12	8:30 AM	Intentions of Jim & JoAnn Mason
Tuesday	Mar 14	6:00 PM	†Noah Antony
Wednesday	Mar 15	7:00 AM	†Alton Klanika
Thursday	Mar 16	7:00 AM	†Fr. Lawrence Soler
Friday	Mar 17	6:00 PM	†Theofil Zurovetz
Saturday	Mar 18	7:30 AM	Craig & Krystle
Saturday	Mar 18	5:00 PM	Pro Populo
Sunday	Mar 19	8:30 AM	†Agnes F. Straka

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)

March 5: First Sunday of Lent: \$3,951.25

Parish Prayer Campaign for Vocations

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

March 12 - 18: Andrew & Susan Klepac

March 19 - 25: Louis & Louise Straka

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

Tuesday, March 14:	--RCIA Class
Wednesday, March 15:	--Euthanasia Film Showing
	--Stations of the Cross
	--NO CCE Classes
Thursday, March 16:	--Pro-Life Adoration
Saturday, March 18:	--Euthanasia Film Showing



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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 15, 6:30 PM

Altar Servers: Jenna Danek, Jakob Voigt, Preston Snook

Saturday, March 18, 5:00 PM:

Altar Servers: Matthew & Nathan, Preston Snook

Lector: Jennifer Klepac

EMHC: Patsy Hightower, Irene Cavanaugh, Keith Youngpeter

Gift Bearers: Chance & Monica Snook family

Head Usher: Donald Tschoerner

Sunday, March 19, 8:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Carter Marquis, Jarrod Hodgson, Caleb & Amy Stefek

Lector: Michael Vrabel

EMHC: James Nemec, Johnny Martinka, Jerry David

Gift Bearers: Billy & Belinda Beyer

Head Usher: Tommy Sladeczek

EM to Shut-ins: Sunday, March 19: Jerry David

Prayers for Lent

Jesus, teach me to see with your eyes, to live life as you lived, to understand life as you understand it. Give me a new perception of others, close and far, seen always as brothers and sisters in you to be respected and loved. Amen

Eternal God, the refuge of all your children, in our weakness, you are our strength, in our darkness, you are our light, in our sorrow, you are our comfort. May we always live in your presence and serve you in our daily lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

In Memoriam: We extend our sympathies and prayers to the family of **Connie Quevedo** (mother of Mary Simek, of our parish family), who passed away. Eternal rest, grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.

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. The money collected helps local missions and missionaries from our diocese.

RCIA: Class this Tuesday, March 14, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg. Discussion: Catholic Moral Teachings (cont'd).

During this Lenten Season – heed the call to put your faith into action!! Our Pro-Life Prayer & Awareness Group invites you to increase your knowledge and understanding of the pro-life issues that we, unfortunately, face in today's world - even here in our own little corner. **You are invited to join them in viewing the documentary "Vulnerable: The Euthanasia Deception".** Showings will be held in the PAC Bldg this 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.

Join us during Lent in meditating on the suffering and death of our Lord at **Stations of the Cross** every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

CCE: NO Class this Wednesday due to Spring Break ... but parents are encouraged to attend Stations of the Cross with their children as usual. Classes will resume on Wednesday, March 22. 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!

Choir practice for the Easter Season will begin this Wednesday, March 15, after Stations of the Cross. New members are welcome. For more information, please contact Ronnie Simek (512-630-5074).

Pro-Life Adoration this Thursday, March 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 meet** next Sunday, March 19, in the RE Bldg after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. (The usual 4th Sunday date changed due to Confirmation.) All ladies of the parish are invited to attend. Members will also sit in the front pews to lead the Rosary prayed before Mass.

All are invited to help celebrate! In commemoration of St. Joseph's feast day, the Confraternity of Christian Mothers will host a **St. Joseph's Altar** on Monday, March 20, in the PAC Bldg after the 6:00 p.m. Mass. This altar is a reflection of the deep devotion to St. Joseph, who is the patron saint of those in need. Fr. Stephen will bless the altar and then all participants may sample the meatless foods on the altar. Keeping in tradition of a St. Joseph's Altar, a donation basket will be available for a contribution to be given to the poor (Jarrell Food Pantry).

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.

SSCM Catholic Church in Granger cordially invites you to attend their **125th Anniversary Celebration** on Sunday, April 30. Masses will be held at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. A catered dinner meal will be served after the 10 a.m. Mass at their parish hall. You must register in order to reserve your meal tickets for the luncheon. **NO MEAL TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR.** Your registration includes breakfast, meal tickets, and a gift bag of celebration souvenirs. All meal tickets will need to be picked up at the Divine Providence Center that morning during registration. There is no charge for the meal, but free-will offerings will be accepted. Only one form is needed per household. Deadline is April 1. Guest registration forms can be downloaded from their parish website at www.sscmchurch.org. For more information or questions, call Rosanne Naizer 512-431-4959 or email rnaiz@yahoo.com.

We wish everyone a fun and safe Spring Break!

If you recently received a letter and registration form in the mail from us, please make every effort to return your completed form to the office ... and thank you very much to those who already have! Please know that receiving this letter does not mean that you are not a parishioner, it is just our way of keeping updated and complete 'paper' records in the event that something happens to the electronic version of our parish data. For any questions, contact the parish office. Thank you.

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 materials, which 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 again this weekend (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 nzenner@suddenlink.net, or the parish office.

During the Season of Lent, it is important that we reconcile ourselves with one another, and with God!

Please take the time for you and your family to go to Confession ... that your hearts, souls and minds will be ready for the Sacrifice and Resurrection of our Lord. The following are several opportunities for Confession in our area:

Sts. Cyril & Methodius in Granger: Tuesday, March 21, 7:00 p.m. (English & Spanish)

St. Joseph in Manor: Wednesday, March 29, 7:00 p.m. (English & Spanish)

St. John Vianney in Round Rock: Thursday, March 30, 7:00 p.m. (English)

Holy Trinity of Corn Hill: Sunday, April 2, 5:00 p.m. (English & Spanish)

St. William in Round Rock: Wednesday, April 5, 7:00 p.m. (English & Spanish)

St. Mary in Taylor: Sunday, April 9, 6:00 p.m. (English)

St. William in Round Rock: Monday, April 10, 1:00 – 6:00 p.m. (English & Spanish)

The What and Why of Lent

Lent is a time to meditate on the Passion of Our Lord – to think about how much He has given for us – EVERYTHING. It is a time for us to look into ourselves and think what we can offer back to Him. Especially the attempt to overcome things inside us that are not very nice – a time to put into practice a new virtue. Through Lent, we reflect on the life of Jesus, and through Him, we take a deeper look into our own lives. It's a time to make an honest assessment of where we are on our path (and sometimes struggle) for holiness.

Throughout my years of being Catholic, I have given up various things for Lent, including coffee, alcohol, movies, news, Facebook, restaurants, time out with friends, and certain foods. I have also given up other things that often seem to come easy to me. Like discussing others behind their backs, complaining, being 'worst case scenario', defensive...and more things like this. And each year, I'll add things as well. Like spiritual reading, being nice to people that I don't want to be nice to, smiling more, being more patient, listening more, being more charitable...i.e. things that do not come natural to me. And after years of giving up things and adding certain penances during Lent, my understanding of the sacrifice that Jesus made for us has grown deeper and deeper, resulting in a deeper gratitude to Our Lord and greater changes within me.

When you think about it, Lent is kind of like a Spring cleaning, but for the soul ... so make & take the time to clean house!

excerpt, by Alan Scott, taken from *Catholic Exchange*

Dear friends in Christ,

Peace be with you. This week is Spring Break. However, we should never take a break from God and from fulfilling our obligations as a Christian people. Please join us with your family for Stations of the Cross on Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm. Let us keep our faith and our commitment to our Lord as our number one priority in our life.

In two weeks, on March 26, our youth will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation. We will have a Mass at 10:30 am. Please come and join us as these candidates make their commitment to be a servant of the Lord as they are strengthened in their baptismal grace by the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please keep them in your prayers as they make final preparation for this glorious day.

In today's gospel, about the Transfiguration of Jesus, we have what you might call a "Kodak Moment." You know, one of those moments you want to capture and never let go of. Peter, James, and John go up on the mountain with Jesus and are privileged to see Jesus Christ in all of His glory. Prior to this event, the apostles were already filled with faith. They had been called, they had accepted that calling, and in the person of Peter, they proclaimed Jesus to be "the Messiah." We are a people of faith. What have been moments in our lives when we experienced a transfiguration, when we have experienced the glorified Christ in our own life? Could it have been at our First Holy Communion, or maybe when we receive Jesus every time we go to Communion, or when we go to confession, or maybe your wedding day, or maybe when you visited a friend, or when you experienced the birth of your child?

One of my Transfiguration experiences was at my Ordination to the Priesthood. I was filled a great amount of joy and also with a lot of hope – hope concerning what was yet to come in my life as a priest. I believe that when Peter, James, and John were on the mountain and experienced the Transfiguration of Jesus, it also filled them with much hope. This experience filled them with enough hope that they were able to witness the passion, crucifixion, and death of our Lord on the Cross. Despite these tragic events, the apostles had to have known that Jesus would keep His promise and return to them in three days.

We are told that HOPE is one of the three Theological Virtues. Remember those three -- Faith, Hope, and Charity! But what exactly do we mean by the virtue of Hope? The Catechism of the Catholic Church defines hope as: "the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ's promises and relying not on our own strength, but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit." It is hope which sustains us in times of despair and abandonment because our eyes are focused on something greater than that which we experience at those moments of confusion and uncertainty. Our eyes are fixed on the Kingdom of Heaven. Christian hope takes as its model the hope of Abraham, who was blessed abundantly by the promises of God fulfilled in Isaac, and who was purified by the test of the sacrifice. This is the hope which Abram had in today's first reading, taken from the book of Genesis. Because of hope, Abram was able to leave his land and journey on to the land God had promised him. Through this hope, Abram becomes a new man, which is signified by the changing of his name from Abram to Abraham. In Romans 4:18, it says that "Hoping against hope, he believed, and thus became the father of many nations."

Do our transfiguration experiences, our experiences of the Risen Lord, fill us with that kind of hope? A hope which lets us be dependent on God and willing to follow and serve Him in any way that He calls us to? Or, do we often fall into despair, thinking that all is lost ... that we can never be forgiven ... that there is no hope ... that things will only get worse in our lives? If this is the case, then when we receive our Lord at Holy Communion, let us ask Him to fill us with that great gift of hope ... with a hope that fills us with joy and peace. Perhaps we need to pray that greatest prayer of hope, which was given to us by the Lord Himself, the "Our Father." There is no greater prayer of hope. Pray it slowly every morning and every evening and concentrate on what you are saying and you will never lose hope in your life.

I pray that your life will be filled with many Transfiguration experiences, as that of Peter, James, and John, experiences of the Glorified Jesus. These experiences come every day in our lives. Ask the Lord to help you recognize them so that they will always fill you with much faith, hope, and love.

May you have a most blessed second week of Lent.

Fr. Stephen Nesrsta, farář

A few years ago, one of the Czech deacons, who stayed with us during the summer, was František Ponižil. He is currently the associate pastor in Valašské Klobouky. They recently built a new parish building for the priest's residence as well as other parish activities, such as religious education, youth gatherings, meetings, etc. They are seeking donations to help pay for this building. Maybe you could use part of your Lenten Almsgiving for this purpose. To get more information and/or to make a donation for this project, please go to the following website, igg.me/at/parishhouse, and click on the "Back It" button to make a secure donation.

"No one is indispensable, for every one exists only once and God loves man so much that He wants to renew the mystery of the Incarnation in every one of us."

-Romano Guardini, The Rosary of Our Lady