

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH of CORN HILL



Pope Francis
Vatican City State



Bishop Joe Vásquez
Diocese of Austin

Third Sunday of Lent

March 19, A.D. 2017

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday	Mar 18	5:00 PM	Pro Populo
Sunday	Mar 19	8:30 AM	†Agnes F. Straka
Monday	Mar 20	6:00 PM	Confraternity of Christian Mothers
Tuesday	Mar 21	7:00 AM	†Alphonse Tsochoerner
Wednesday	Mar 22	7:00 AM	For Life and †Jaromír Engelmann
Thursday	Mar 23	7:00 AM	†Parents of H&M Koch
Friday	Mar 24	6:00 PM	Virgil Tonn (healing)
Saturday	Mar 25	7:30 AM	†Steve & Soon Lee
Saturday	Mar 25	5:00 PM	†Joe & Margaret Vrazel
Sunday	Mar 26	8:30 AM	Pro Populo
Sunday	Mar 26	10:30 AM	For Our Confirmandi

Mass Ministry Reminders

Stations of the Cross:

Wednesday, March 22, 6:30 PM

Altar Servers: Caleb & Amy Stefek, Adelaide Brousseau

Saturday, March 25, 5:00 PM:

Altar Servers: Jakob Voigt, Carter Marquis

Lector: Janine Nemeč

EMHC: Leo Bringman, Jim & Mary Margaret Heuert

Gift Bearers: Bill & Linda Montreuil

Head Usher: Jeff Voigt

Sunday, March 26, 8:30 AM:

Altar Servers: William Fonville, William, Joseph & Adelaide Brousseau

Lector: John Edgar

EMHC: Cynthia Edgar, Ray Nemeč, Lucille Nemeč

Gift Bearers: Tommy & Cindy Sladeček

Head Usher: A.J. Batla

Sunday, March 26, 10:30 AM: (Confirmation)

Altar Servers: Jamie & Jenna Danek, Maria Bruce, Caleb Stefek

Lector: Confirmandi

EMHC: Jennifer Klepac

Gift Bearers: Confirmandi

Head Usher: Frank Knapek

EM to Shut-ins: Sunday, March 26: Ray Nemeč

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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.)

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Altar Flowers

To donate flowers for the Altars in memory
or honor of loved ones, return an 'Altar Flower Envelope'.

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

Last Week's Collection(s)

March 12: Second Sunday of Lent: \$3,455.74

Parish Prayer Campaign for Vocations

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

March 19 - 25: Louis & Louise Straka

March 26 – April 1: Tim & Gwyn Vrabel family

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 19:	--Bible Study
Monday, March 20:	--St. Joseph's Altar
Tuesday, March 21:	--RCIA Class
Wednesday, March 22:	--Stations of the Cross --CCE Classes
Thursday, March 23:	--Pro-Life Adoration
Sat/Sun, March 25/26:	--Diocesan Second Collection
Sunday, March 26:	--Confirmation

Lent



Prayer for Lent

Lord, Holy Father, show us what kind of man it is who is hanging for our sakes on the cross, whose suffering causes the rocks themselves to crack and crumble with compassion, whose death brings the dead back to life. Let my heart crack and crumble at the sight of Him. Let my soul break apart with compassion for His suffering. Let it be shattered with grief at my sins for which He dies. And finally, let it be softened with devoted love for Him. ~~St. Bonaventure

From Ashes to Easter: We are blessed by the gracious gift of Jesus Christ, who transformed human history with His infinite and compassionate love. Through His Spirit, His grace has been poured into our hearts. With open and merciful hearts, we are invited to share our blessings. As we add coins to our Ashes to Easter box each day, we will bring hope to struggling missions. Please pray a Hail Mary for the missions. Lent boxes can be picked up by the bulletins and should be returned at Easter.

The **Confraternity of Christian Mothers will meet** today (Sunday, March 19) in the RE Bldg after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

Our new **Bible Study, *Awakening the Mystery of the Bible***, begins today (Sunday, March 19) at 5:00 p.m. in the PAC Bldg. The material fee of \$25 is due at this beginning class. Everyone interested is welcome to attend (even if you weren't able to sign up within the past two weekends). For information, contact Pete or Nancy Zenner (512-863-4038 or nppenner@suddenlink.net).

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** this 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).

RCIA: Class this Tuesday, March 21, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg. Discussion: Catholic Social Teachings.

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: Classes this Wednesday, March 22, 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!

Pro-Life Adoration this Thursday, March 23, 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.

We will have a **diocesan special collection** next weekend, March 25/26, for **Catholic Relief Services (CRS)**, which helps children, women and families around the world. The six worldwide organizations supported by the collection provide immediate humanitarian aid, pastoral support and disaster relief to our suffering brothers and sisters around the globe.

Our **Men's Prayer Group will meet** next Monday, March 27, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg. Discussion: the Second and Third Apparitions of Fatima. New members are always welcome. Contact Pete Zenner for information (512-863-4038).

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.

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.

"The Eucharist bridges the gap between fallen humanity and redeemed humanity ... and prepares us for our glorified humanity in Christ's second coming."
–Kathleen Beckman, *God's Healing Mercy*

**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)

Dear friends in Christ,

Praised be Jesus Christ! How is your season of Lent coming along? What are you doing different during this time of year to help you to live this season and prepare yourself for the celebrations of Holy Week and Easter? Are you attending Stations of the Cross every week? Let us do all we can to make this a special time of year and so that we may become better Christians.

On Monday, March 20, we will have Mass at 6:00 pm to celebrate the Feast Day of St. Joseph. Please come and join us for Mass and then go to the PAC for the blessing of the St. Joseph Altar and enjoy a wonderful meal. Spend time in fellowship with one another and reflect upon the life of St. Joseph and his witness of faith and trust in God.

Next Sunday, March 26, we will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Joe Vásquez. We will have an extra Mass at 10:30 am. Please come to this Mass to support our youth as they receive the gift of the Holy Spirit and make a commitment to profess their faith to all they meet.

In today's gospel, Jesus goes up to the woman at the well and speaks to her, a Samaritan, someone who is alienated and despised by the Jews. On top of this, the woman was probably rejected by her own people because of the life of adultery which she had been living. This can be seen by the time of day in which she went to get the water. Usually, women would get water in the early morning hours before it was hot. Those who were outcasts had to go later in the day, usually around noon. Yet, despite what other people would have thought, Jesus speaks to her. Jesus shows His apostles that His message is for all people, not just for the Jews. The woman accepts Jesus as the Messiah and has faith in Him and begins to proclaim Jesus' name to all the people of Shechem. Once they hear Jesus, they too, have a conversion experience and have faith in Him.

When we hear the message of Jesus and receive Him in Holy Communion, do we undergo a conversion experience? Do we grow closer to Him and is our faith strengthened? Maybe first we need to know what faith is. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that: "Faith is the theological virtue by which we believe in God and believe all that He has said and revealed to us, and that [we believe all His] Holy Church proposes for our belief, because He is truth itself. By faith 'man freely commits his entire self to God.' For this reason, the believer seeks to know and do God's will. Living faith works through charity." It also says that Christian faith "is to confess that Jesus is Lord." What does all this mean? For a person to have faith they must commit themselves to doing the will of God in their life and they must proclaim the message of Jesus Christ to others, by word and by example, and they must do good works as an expression of that faith. If we have true faith in Jesus Christ, then we will believe all that He has revealed to us and we will believe all that the Church teaches in regards to faith and morals. This is what it means to be filled with faith in Jesus Christ. All of us, including myself, can always grow in faith. We are not a perfect people...and that is what this season of Lent is all about...reflecting on our lives and our relationship with Jesus Christ and asking ourselves how we can grow closer to Him and how we can grow in faith. Like the woman at the well, we first need to admit our sinfulness, the things which we have done wrong in our life, and then seek out the ways in which the Lord is calling us to change. The best way to do this is by receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation, by going to confession. The dates and times of Penance Services in our parish and the surrounding parishes are listed above. Please take advantage of the opportunity to attend one of these services and receive the love and forgiveness of God, through His Son Jesus Christ, in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

In today's gospel, we heard how Jesus gave the woman living waters...He gave her Himself. Today, Jesus wants to give us this living water...He wants to give us His own body and blood. As we receive Him into our lives, let us ask Him to increase our faith, to give us the courage and strength to proclaim His message to other people, and to express this faith through the good works that we do.

Don't forget to attend Stations of the Cross every week during Lent with your family. Come and pray the Way of the Cross and walk with our Lord in His suffering so that you can experience the resurrection with Him.

Fr. Stephen Nesrsta, farář

Jesus, Our Model



Jesus showed us how to act and react under every circumstance. He loved us so much that He wanted to experience all the pain, joy, suffering, weakness, and the consequences of our fallen nature. Though He was without sin, He took upon Himself our frailties and by so doing raised us up to a higher level. Because He experienced everything we are (sin excepted), He desired that we experience everything He is. He merited for each of us a Divine Participation in His very Nature. Through the Power of His Spirit, who pours grace into our souls, we are now sons of God and heirs to the Kingdom.

As heirs, we must resemble the Father whose children we are. As sons, we must resemble the Son whose brothers we are. As Participators, we must resemble the Spirit whose Power makes us the Beloved of Infinite Love. His love made Him want to be like us and our love must make us want to be like Him.

Our individual personalities must be enhanced by those parallel qualities in Jesus. If we are kind by nature, then that kindness must take on Divine Kindness by Grace, which goes beyond our natural capabilities. Those qualities of soul that do not resemble Jesus must be changed and transformed into Him. We shall all resemble Him in different ways and this variety will glorify the Father and be an unending source of joy for all eternity.

The Christian's goal in life is to be a perfect image of Jesus, as Jesus is the perfect image of the Father. The beloved features of the Master are ever imprinted upon the Christian's mind. The words of the Master burn in his heart as they did in the hearts of the disciples going to Emmaus. The Christian reaches up to his Savior in an increasing act of prayerful thanksgiving for his redemption and sonship.

- He looks at Jesus in His strength and tries to be strong. He sees Jesus gentle to the crowds and he controls his anger.
- He admires the Mercy of Jesus and he forgives seventy times seven.
- He feels the Compassion of Jesus and he becomes sensitive to the needs of others.
- He is humbled by the humility of Jesus and he conquers his pride.
- He sees Jesus heroic, courageous, and unafraid and he is assured.
- He watches Jesus as He answers His enemies in a serene tone of voice — truthful, without human respect, with perfect self-control — and he tries to be like Him.
- He imitates the Master's sense of loyalty, zeal, simplicity, nobility, and loving qualities to the best of his ability. This becomes a way of life for a Christian, for he is not satisfied with giving his God thanksgiving, he desires to give Him perfect praise by imitation.
- Most of all, he imitates the Master's way of loving — without counting the cost — even unto death.

“And we, with our unveiled faces reflecting like mirrors the brightness of the Lord, all grow brighter and brighter as we are turned into the Image that we reflect” (2 Cor. 3:18).