

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH of CORN HILL



Pope Francis
Vatican City State



Bishop Joe Vásquez
Diocese of Austin

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 26, A.D. 2017

Mass Schedule & Intentions

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
Tuesday	Mar 28	6:00 PM	†Frank & Anastasia Knapek
Wednesday	Mar 29	7:00 AM	†Albin & Janette Zurovetz
Thursday	Mar 30	7:00 AM	†Mary Conlee
Friday	Mar 31	6:00 PM	†Leslie K. Shaw
First Saturday	April 1	7:30 AM	†Fr. Lawrence Soler
Saturday	April 1	5:00 PM	Keith & Carole Youngpeter family
Sunday	April 2	8:30 AM	Pro Populo

Altar Flowers

The Confirmation Altar Flowers are placed in loving memory of Lucille D'Elia's parents, and are donated by Frank & Lucille D'Elia.

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

Last Week's Collection(s)

March 19: Third Sunday of Lent: \$4,013.74

Parish Prayer Campaign for Vocations

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

March 26 – April 1: Tim & Gwyn Vrabel family

April 2 - 8: Mark & Debbie Klaus

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, March 25/26:	--Diocesan Second Collection
Sunday, March 26:	--Confirmation
Monday, March 27:	--Men's Prayer Group
Tuesday, March 28:	--Parish Office Closed
	--RCIA Class
Wednesday, March 29:	--Stations of the Cross
	--CCE Classes
Thursday, March 30:	--Pro-Life Adoration
Saturday, April 1:	--First Saturday Mass
Sunday, April 2:	--Hospitality Sunday
	--Bible Study
	--Lenten Penance Service



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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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Mass Ministry Reminders

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Wednesday, March 29, 6:30 PM

Altar Servers: Maria Bruce, William Fonville, Sam Williams

Saturday, April 1, 5:00 PM:

Altar Servers: Matthew & Nathan Klepac, Jakob Voigt

Lector: Jennifer Klepac

EMHC: Patsy Hightower, Irene Cavanaugh, Keith Youngpeter

Gift Bearers: Alex & Virginia Hernandez

Head Usher: Jeff Voigt

Sunday, April 2, 8:30 AM:

Altar Servers: John & Jenna Danek, Abby Hodgson

Lector: Nancy Zenner

EMHC: Pete Zenner, Johnny Martinka, Ray Nemecek

Gift Bearers: Pinto & Lucille Nemecek

Head Usher: Frank Knapek

EM to Shut-ins: Sunday, April 2: John Edgar

Prayer for Lent

Look down upon me, o good and gentle Jesus, while before your face I humbly kneel, and with burning soul pray and beseech you to fix deep in my heart lively sentiments of faith, hope and charity, true contrition for my sins and a firm purpose of amendment; while I contemplate with great love and tender pity your five most precious wounds, pondering over them within me, calling to mind the words which David your prophet said of you, my good Jesus: "They have pierced my hands and my feet; they have numbered all my bones."

In Memoriam: We extend our sympathies and prayers to the family of **Kip Heuertz** (son of Jim & Mary Margaret Heuertz), who died this past week. Eternal rest, grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.

The Confraternity of Christian Mothers appreciated all who joined with them at the St. Joseph's Altar celebration, commemorating St. Joseph's feast day with song and prayer and the sharing of various meatless foods blessed on the altar. Your generous donations, totaling \$105, were given to the Jarrell Food Pantry.

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 you add coins to your Ashes to Easter box each day, pray a Hail Mary for the missions. Boxes can be picked up by the bulletins.

We will have a **diocesan special collection** this 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** this 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).

The **parish office will be closed this Tuesday**, March 28, for training attendance (and open Wed – Fri, 10 – 3 p.m.)

RCIA: Class this Tuesday, March 28, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg. Discussion: Eschatology – The End Times.

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 29, at 6:15 p.m. For information, contact Lucille D'Elia (htcdre@yahoo.com or 737-215-1042).

Pro-Life Adoration this Thursday, March 30, 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.

This Saturday (April 1) is the **first Saturday of the month**. Mass is at 7:30 a.m. and will conclude with our devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary by praying the Litany.

All parishioners and visitors are welcome to join us at **Hospitality Sunday** next weekend (Sunday, April 2) in the PAC Bldg after our 8:30 a.m. Mass. Thank you to our Pro-Life Prayer & Awareness Group for preparing the breakfast.

***At this Hospitality Sunday, **the CCE Program and the Pro-Life Group are teaming up to promote "A Celebration of Life"**. The CCE classes have been learning that ALL LIFE IS A GIFT FROM GOD and have been working on projects to express their views on LIFE, which will be displayed in the PAC that morning for everyone to enjoy. Parents can also sign-up for our 2017 VBS and for next year's classes!

Our new **Bible Study, *Awakening the Mystery of the Bible***, has begun, and we have a good number of attendees, but ... we'd love to have even more of our parishioners and friends join us! The next meeting will be on Sunday, April 2, at 3:30 p.m. in the PAC Bldg (this meeting's time was due to our Lenten Penance Service at 5:00 p.m.). Contact Pete or Nancy Zenner (512-863-4038 or nzenner@suddenlink.net).

Take the opportunity to cleanse your heart, mind and soul next Sunday, April 2, at 5:00 p.m., at our **Lenten Penance Service**.

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.



The **68th annual Austin Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Convention** will be held on April 24-25 at The Hilton in College Station. The theme is "Beacons of Light" and all women of the diocese are invited. Ladies of the parish interesting in attending may contact Lucille Nemecek (254-527-3615) for more information and a registration form. Advance registration is requested by April 17.

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.

During the Season of Lent, it is important that we reconcile ourselves, not only with one another, but especially with God!

Please take the time for you and your family to go to Confession ... below are several opportunities for Confession in our area:

St. Joseph in Manor: Wed, March 29, 7:00 p.m. (English & Spanish); St. John Vianney in Round Rock: Thurs, March 30, 7:00 p.m. (English)

Holy Trinity of Corn Hill: Sun, April 2, 5:00 p.m. (English & Spanish); St. William in Round Rock: Wed, 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)

Reminder for Fridays during Lent to abstain from meat ... and we fast and abstain on Good Friday!

Dear Parishioners,

Praised be Jesus Christ! Congratulations to all who are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation here at our parish this Sunday. May the Holy Spirit strengthen the graces they received when they were baptized so that they may live as faithful disciples of Jesus, courageously professing their faith by the way they live their life and by every word they speak.

Lent is quickly passing by and Holy Week will be here soon. Try to attend the Stations of the Cross every Wednesday at 6:30 pm, including during Holy Week. Some of you may already be making plans for Holy Week and Easter. Our schedule for the Easter Triduum will be as follows:

Holy Thursday - 7:00 p.m., Good Friday - 7:00 p.m., Holy Saturday - 8:15 p.m., Easter Sunday - 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

You may wonder why the Mass on Holy Saturday is so late in the evening. The Church states that we should wait until after sunset to light the Easter Fire. With Easter being later this year that means that the sun is setting at a later time, therefore, the Vigil Mass must also begin at a later time.

The Easter Triduum during Holy Week is our most sacred and solemn week of the whole year. We should make it a priority to attend the celebrations on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday, setting aside other non-religious activities that may conflict with these sacred days. Let us be faithful to God.

We will be having Altar Server practice for each of the above celebrations. Altar Servers will have practice for Holy Thursday on Palm Sunday, April 9, following the 8:30 am Mass. Altar Server practice for Good Friday will be after Mass on Holy Thursday. Altar Server practice for Holy Saturday will be at 11:00 a.m. on Holy Saturday. All Altar Servers who are scheduled to serve at each of the above celebrations are asked to be at these practices. If you are not able to serve when scheduled, please find a substitute for you and be sure to tell them that they must attend the practice as scheduled for that particular day. Also please call Jennifer to let her know so that we will know who will be serving. Thank you to all of you for serving at God's Altar.

In today's Gospel, we hear the story of the man who had been born blind and how he is healed by Jesus. But what does it mean to be blind? We all know that blindness is difficult to cure. But, it is also difficult to diagnose. Some types of blindness are not obvious. Let us consider the following examples:

One man brushes his young daughter away when she wants to show him her artwork. "Can't you see I'm trying to watch the Super Bowl," he tells her.

Another father is so overwhelmed by his love for his daughter that he writes the song, "Isn't She Lovely" in her honor. This father's name is Stevie Wonder.

Which man truly sees his daughter? Which man is blind?

A man doesn't take time to listen to his wife. She wants to spend time with him and hear the words "I love you." He just wants to know if she has washed his overalls yet.

Another husband is so overwhelmed by his love for his wife that he writes her a love song, "You are so beautiful to me. You're everything I hoped for. You're everything I need. You are so beautiful to me." His name is Ray Charles.

Which man truly sees his wife? Which man is blind?

Our Gospel today speaks to us about this kind of blindness in its various forms. A man is born blind, but is healed by Jesus. The Pharisees are born being able to see, but move to spiritual blindness. This reading today asks us, who is really blind? And what kind of blindness is hardest to heal?

The man in today's gospel is healed after Jesus rubs a spit of mud in his eyes. But yet, his healing is not complete. Jesus wants him to have insight, not just sight. He still must come to know who Jesus is. This man will become a witness for God, and learn to give God glory for his sight. By the end of the chapter, this man truly sees. But notice that it took a while for him to see clearly.

Like a person squinting into new light after corrective eye surgery, most of us adjust gradually to the gifts of God. It takes a lifetime to learn to appreciate the value of a deep breath, a lingering hug, a child's laughter, or a good friend's confidence. We grow slowly into the recognition and appreciation of God's incredible grace extended towards us in Christ Jesus. All of us were born blind to these good gifts. How clearly do we see them today?

The Pharisees struggled with the healing in today's Gospel. At first they try to understand it. They wanted to make sure it was authentic. They became offended by the man who had been healed. They hung to their own version of the truth. Many times in today's Gospel they say "We know..." but, in truth, they do not know. They became increasingly blind as the other man began to see more clearly. By the end, they are clinging to their spiritual blindness with eyes tightly shut.

This is the hardest blindness to heal. Not the man blind from birth, but the man blind by choice. And why should anyone choose this? Because you can get used to the darkness, just as you can get used to the light.

Some would rather live in the darkness that is familiar to them than risk life in the light they do not know. If you know someone clinging to the racial prejudice they learned as a child, or someone who refuses to obey the teachings of Christ and His Church, then you can see this type of blindness in action.

Blindness to grace. Blindness to goodness. Blindness to hope. Blindness to loved ones. Blindness to mystery. Blindness to the Church's teachings. These are the stubborn darknesses in which we roam.

So Jesus asks the following question: Will the blind see? Well ... will we?

May all of you continue to have a spiritually renewing Season of Lent as we prepare ourselves for Palm Sunday and Holy Week and the celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord at Easter.

Be sure to make a good confession before Easter. Our Penance Service will be next Sunday, April 2, at 5:00 pm. Also, see the schedule in the bulletin of Penance Services in other parishes in our area.

Fr. Stephen Nesrsta, farář

Pray the Scriptures with us during the month of
April 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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>	Monthly Devotion The Holy Spirit The Holy Eucharist Meditate on the working of the Spirit in the world and the great gift of the Body and Blood of our Lord that we receive in Holy Communion.	The Easter Triduum of the passion and resurrection of Christ is the culmination of the entire liturgical year. The Easter Triduum begins with the evening Mass →	of the Lord's Supper, reaches its high point in the Easter Vigil, and ends with evening prayer on Easter Sunday. Good Friday is a day of Fast and Abstinence.	† 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	1 First Saturday Jer 11:18-20 Ps 7:2-3,9b-12 Jn 7:40-53 <i>Crosses and Statues may be covered beginning today until Holy Saturday. Immaculate Heart of Mary Devotion</i>
2 Ez 37:12-14 Ps 130:1-8 Rom 8:8-11 Jn 11:1-45 Fifth Sunday of Lent	3 Dn 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62 Ps 23:1-6 Jn 8:1-11	4 Nm 21:4-9 Ps 102:2-3,16-21 Jn 8:21-30 <i>St. Isidore, bishop, Doctor of the Church</i>	5 Dn 3:14-20,91-92,95 (Ps) Dn 3:52-56 Jn 8:31-42 <i>St. Vincent Ferrer, priest</i> Attend Stations of the Cross in the evening.	6 Gn 17:3-9 Ps 105:4-9 Jn 8:51-59	7 † First Friday Jer 20:10-13 Ps 18:2-7 Jn 10:31-42 <i>St. John Baptist de la Salle, priest</i> Abstinence - No Meat <i>Sacred Heart of Jesus Devotion</i>	8 Ez 37:21-28 (Ps) Jer 31:10-13 Jn 11:45-46
9 (At Procession Mt 21:1-11) Is 50:4-7 Ps 22:8-9,17-20,23-24 Phil 2:6-11 Mt 26:14 - 27:66 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord 	10 Is 42:1-7 Ps 27:1-3,13-14 Jn 12:1-11 Monday of Holy Week	11 Is 49:1-6 Ps 71:1-4a,5-6ab,15,17 Jn 13:21-33,36-38 Tuesday of Holy Week	12 Is 50:4-9a Ps 69:8-10,21-22,31,33-34 Mt 26:14-25 Attend Stations of the Cross in the evening. Wednesday of Holy Week	13 Holy Thursday Ex 12:1-8,11-14 Ps 116:12-13,15-18 1 Cor 11:23-26 Jn 13:1-15 Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper	14 † Good Friday Is 52:13 - 53:12 Ps 31:2,6,12-13,15,17,25 Heb 4:14-16; & 5:7-9 Jn 18:1 - 19:42 Friday of the Passion of the Lord <i>Fast & Abstinence</i>	15 Holy Saturday Option of 7 Readings & Psalms Last part of readings are: Rom 6:3-11 Ps 118:1-2,16-17,22-23 Mt 28:1-10 The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night
16 Easter Sunday Acts 10:34a,37-43 Ps 118:1-2,16-17,22-23 Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8 Jn 20:1-9 The Resurrection of the Lord	17 Acts 2:14,22-33 Ps 16:1-2a,5,7-11 Mt 28:8-15 Monday within the Octave of Easter	18 Acts 2:36-41 Ps 33:4-5,18-20,22 Jn 20:11-18 Tuesday within the Octave of Easter	19 Acts 3:1-10 Ps 105:1-4,6-9 Lk 24:13-35 Wednesday within the Octave of Easter	20 Acts 3:11-26 Ps 8:2a,5-9 Lk 24:35-48 Thursday within the Octave of Easter	21 † Acts 4:1-12 Ps 118:1-2,4,22-27a Jn 21:1-14 Friday within the Octave of Easter	22 Acts 4:13-21 Ps 118:1,14-15,16-21 Mk 16:9-15 Saturday within the Octave of Easter
23 Octave of Easter Acts 2:42-47 Ps 118:2-4,13-15,22-24 1 Pt 1:3-9 Jn 20:19-31 Second Sunday of Easter Sunday of Divine Mercy	24 Acts 4:23-31 Ps 2:1-9 Jn 3:1-8 <i>St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, priest, martyr</i>	25 1 Pt 5:5b-14 Ps 89:2-3,6-7,16-17 Mk 16:15-20 St. Mark, Evangelist	26 Acts 5:17-26 Ps 34:2-9 Jn 3:16-21	27 Acts 5:27-33 Ps 34:2,9,17-20 Jn 3:31-36	28 † Acts 5:34-42 Ps 27:1,4,13-14 Jn 6:1-15 <i>St. Peter Chanel, priest, martyr</i> <i>St. Louis Grignon de Montfort, priest</i>	29 Acts 6:1-7 Ps 33:1-2,4-5,18-19 Jn 6:16-21 St. Catherine of Sienna, virgin, doctor of the Church
30 Acts 2:14,22-33 Ps 16:1-2,5,7-11 1 Pt 1:17-21 Lk 24:13-35 Third Sunday of Easter	He is Risen! He is Truly Risen! Praised be Jesus Christ! Now and Forever!	Some other saints: 2 nd - St. Francis of Paola 11 th - Sv. Stanislav 13 th - St. Martin I 21 st - St. Anselm 23 rd - St. George St. Adalbert 30 th - St. Pius V	The Ten Commandments	1. I am the Lord your God. You shall not have strange gods before me. 2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.	3. Remember to keep holy the Sabbath Day. 4. Honor your father and your mother. 5. You shall not kill. 6. You shall not commit adultery.	7. You shall not steal. 8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. 9. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife. 10. You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.