

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH of CORN HILL



Pope Francis
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Bishop Joe Vásquez
Diocese of Austin

Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 2, A.D. 2017

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday	April 1	5:00 PM	Keith & Carole Youngpeter family
Sunday	April 2	8:30 AM	Pro Populo
Monday	April 3	7:00 AM	Liv/Dec Benefactors of the Czech Seminarian Fund
Tuesday	April 4	6:00 PM	Seth Permenter (for healing)
Wednesday	April 5	7:00 AM	†Kip Heuertz
Thursday	April 6	7:00 AM	†James Denis Grygar
First Friday	April 7	6:00 PM	†Jim Turner
Saturday	April 8	7:30 AM	†Virginia McMaster
Saturday	April 8	5:00 PM	Pro Populo
Sunday	April 9	8:30 AM	Liv/Dec Members of Catholic Life Insurance #50

Altar Flowers

To donate Altar Flowers in memory or honor of loved ones, return an Altar Flower Envelope (by bulletins or from website) (Reminder: no flowers are needed for Lent & Easter seasons.)

Last Week's Collection(s)

March 26: Fourth Sunday of Lent: \$3,890.00
Diocesan: Catholic Relief Services: \$1,515.24

Parish Prayer Campaign for Vocations

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

April 2 - 8: Mark & Debbie Klaus

April 9 - 15: Louise Havelka

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, April 2:	--Hospitality Sunday --Bible Study --Lenten Penance Service
Monday, April 3:	--Senior Citizens' Supper
Tuesday, April 4:	--RCIA Class
Wednesday, April 5:	--Stations of the Cross --CCE Classes
Thursday, April 6:	--Pro-Life Adoration --Pro-Life Group Meeting
Friday, April 7:	--First Friday Mass

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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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Mass Ministry Reminders

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Wednesday, April 5, 6:30 PM

Altar Servers: Carter Marquis, Lucas Beyer, Jarrod Hodgson

Saturday, April 8, 5:00 PM:

Altar Servers: John & Maria Bruce, Natalie Mason

Lector: Leo Bringman

EMHC: Jim & Mary Margaret Heuertz, Debbie Klaus

Gift Bearers: Johnny & Bernice Hernandez

Head Usher: Donald Tsoehner

Sunday, April 9, 8:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Thomas C, William & Adelaide Brousseau

Lector: Louis Brousseau

EMHC: John & Cynthia Edgar, Lucille Nemecek

Gift Bearers: Richard & Lisa Danek

Head Usher: Jerry David

EM to Shut-ins: Sunday, April 9: James Nemecek

Lenten Prayer



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 and peace.
May we always live in your presence,
and serve you in our daily lives;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
~St. Boniface

"On behalf of the CCE Program, I would like to thank all of the members of the Pastoral Council and their families for the wonderful celebration luncheon that they hosted for our Confirmation students. The food was delicious and the celebration was great. We truly appreciate all of the support that our program receives from the Parish and the Pastoral Council. Once again, you have all demonstrated to our children that here at Holy Trinity, we live our faith each and every day. Thank you again." Lucille D'Elia

From Ashes to Easter: 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.) Please return your boxes on Easter Sunday.

All parishioners and visitors are welcome to join us at **Hospitality Sunday** today (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 held today (Sunday, April 2) at 3:30 p.m. in the PAC Bldg** (this meeting's time changed due to our Lenten Penance Service at 5 pm; otherwise, the meetings are at 5 pm). Contact Pete or Nancy Zenner (512-863-4038 or nzenner@suddenlink.net).

Lenten Penance Service today (Sunday, April 2) at 5:00 pm. Take this opportunity to cleanse your heart, mind and soul in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Our monthly **Senior Citizens' Supper** will be held this Monday, April 3, at 6:30 p.m. in the PAC Bldg. Thank you to Catholic Life Insurance, Branch #50, for preparing the meal.

RCIA: Class this Tuesday, April 4, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg. Discussion: Explanation of Holy Week.

Join us every Wednesday (at 6:30 p.m.) during Lent for **Stations of the Cross**, to meditate on the suffering and death of our Lord.

CCE: Classes this Wednesday, April 5, at 6:15 p.m. For information, contact Lucille D'Elia (htcdre@yahoo.com or 737-215-1042).

Pro-Life Adoration this Thursday, April 6, from 3:00 – 9:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come – when they can and for however long they can stay – to spend some time with Our Lord, present in the Blessed Sacrament. **Note:** We will NOT have Adoration on Holy Thursday, April 13.

Our **Pro-Life Prayer & Awareness Group** will meet this Thursday, April 6. 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. Everyone is invited and encouraged to join them.

This Friday (April 7) is the **first Friday of the month**. Mass is at 6 p.m. with a time of Adoration, our devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and Benediction.

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 NEXT Sunday, April 9**, as the memorials will be listed in the Easter bulletin.

St. Joseph's Church in Cyclone invites everyone to their annual **Springfest** next Sunday, April 9. A home-fried chicken & sausage meal will be served from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Dine-in or to-go plates available.

K.J.T. # 55, Corn Hill Society, will host a **Bake Sale** on Saturday, April 22 (after 5 p.m. Mass) and a **Breakfast Taco / Bake Sale** on Sunday, April 23 (after 8:30 a.m. Mass). Proceeds will benefit the Priest & Religious Retirement Fund and assist their Society in its parish/community service efforts. All support is greatly appreciated. You may contact Teresa Nemecek for information (254-527-4509).

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.

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

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!

There is an older organ (w/speaker box) in the RE Bldg...and if anyone has any information on where it came from, if it was donated by a person/family – that might want it back, etc, please tell Fr. Stephen or contact the parish office. We do not have the room to store it and, therefore, need to move it out of the RE Bldg. If no one calls with information or speaks for it by May 1, we will dispose of it.

We have several sets of Fr. Ricardo Pineda's '**Parish Mission CDs**' available (\$20/set). If you would like one or more, please call the parish office.

Dear Parishioners,

May the peace and love of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Thank you to everyone who helped with the Confirmation reception last Sunday. It was a wonderful meal and time for fellowship. Thank you to our Catechists who gave of their time and talents to prepare the students to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Thank you also to the parents for valuing their faith and relationship with the Lord and so desiring that their children also experience a special presence of Christ in their life. Thanks also to the choir for helping us to have a beautiful worship experience.

For the next two weeks, our statues will be covered to remind us that we are in the most solemn time of our Church year. The covering of the statues also reminds us that we are to give up all that is pleasing to our senses during this remaining time of Lent and focus upon the suffering of our Lord. Let us enter into these final days of Lent with our entire being, mind, body and soul, so that we can more intensely experience the joy of the resurrection and salvation.

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week. **The Easter Triduum during Holy Week is our most sacred and solemn time 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.**

Our Mass 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.

We will also have Stations of the Cross on Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. so come and join us in experiencing the love of God through the passion of His Son, Jesus.

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 a.m. 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 this Sunday's Gospel, we have the story of the raising of Lazarus from the dead. In the Gospels, Jesus raises three people from the dead: the widows' son at Nain, Jairus' daughter, and Lazarus, whom we heard about in today's gospel.

The raising of Lazarus from the dead is the most powerful story of the three people whom Jesus brought back to life. Jesus told the disciples: "Lazarus is dead. For your sake, I am glad that I was not there, that you may come to *believe*..." Then Jesus called out, not quietly or gently, but **loudly**: "Lazarus, come out!" And Lazarus comes walking out of the tomb. It was for those who were present at the grave of Lazarus and for each of us that Jesus did this miracle, that we might believe in Him and prepare ourselves for the glory of His kingdom, for our Resurrection...not for the glory of this earth. He did it for the glory of our new life with Him as He takes us to the vision of His Father.

In our Masses for the dead, we hear: *"Lord, for your faithful people life is changed, not ended. When the body of our earthly dwelling lies in death, we gain an everlasting dwelling place in heaven."* As St. Teresa of Avila said in her last days on earth: "I am not dying; I am entering life." As Catholic Christians, this is what we believe and celebrate: a new life in heaven, fully united with our Lord Jesus Christ. It is only through Jesus Christ that we overcome the sting of death. Doctors, hospitals, psychologists and friends can help us make our way through life and help us when we are dying. But only Jesus Christ can prepare us for eternal life with Him, and with God our Father, and with the Holy Spirit. Jesus has given us the Sacraments of the Church to help us in this life and to give us all we need so that we are assured of eternal life with Him. May we always frequent the Sacraments, thereby, choosing Jesus and eternal life.

NOTICE

Recently, I wrote a letter to Bishop Joe Vásquez asking for permission to begin having a 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday morning. He has responded by granting my request. There were several reasons for this request.

1. In the last few years, the population in Jarrell has increased quite rapidly. In the Sonterra Addition, they have built over 1,300 new homes and are adding more than 225 homes per year. A new apartment complex is being built with over 300 units. Also, the Jarrell Town Center Addition is expanding. 100 homes have been built and another 214 home sites are in progress. The population is increasing about 10% annually. We need to act now to accommodate the people who are moving into this area. Some people who have moved into Jarrell are attending Mass at other parishes because they prefer a later Mass time on Sunday.
2. We need more people to attend our parish here at Corn Hill if this parish is to keep a resident priest.
3. The 8:30 a.m. Mass is becoming very crowded and uncomfortable. People do not like to feel crowded in the pews.

Having another Mass presents us with some challenges, though. We need more Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, more altar servers, lectors, ushers and more people to help with the music and more cantors. If you would like to become involved in one or more of these ministries please contact the parish office.

The new Mass addition will begin on a weekly basis on June 4 (the day of our June Fundraiser). However, we will have a 10:30 a.m. Mass before that time, on Easter Sunday, April 16, and for First Holy Communion on April 30.

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

Fr. Stephen Nesrsta, farář

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



Next weekend, April 8/9, is Palm Sunday. Here is a little meditation to prepare ourselves, as we will journey spiritually with Jesus and walk along with Him from His entry into Jerusalem through the mystery of His Passion and Death and, ultimately, to His glorious Resurrection. If we die with Him we shall also live with Him (cf Romans 6:8).

The blessed sacramental palms we receive help focus our attention on this journey. Besides also being referred to as Palm Sunday, it has sometimes been called Fig Sunday because figs were eaten as a remembrance of the fig tree cursed by Jesus after entering Jerusalem (Mark 11:12-14). At times, different types of branches were used since it was difficult to get palms in areas where they were hard to grow. So, it has also had the name of Yew Sunday or Branch Sunday.

The palm, or phoenix (also phoinix) as it is known in Greek, was a symbol of highest honor, of rejoicing and triumph. It was customary to lay palms and cloaks in front of someone as an indication of submission to them. Imagine the outrage of the officials when they saw Jesus' entry.

They all knew the symbolism the palm contained in many places of the Old Testament. They knew the prophecy, which said "... your king shall come to you; a just savior... meek, and riding on an ass, on a colt, the foal of an ass...he will banish the chariot...and the horse...the warrior's bow..." (cf Zechariah 9:9-10). When the Pharisees told Him to rebuke His disciples, the Lord said that the stones would cry out if they were silenced. In the minds of the Sanhedrin, then, Christ was declaring himself King.

One might ask whether it is possible to be triumphant and victorious and, at the same time, humble. By choosing to enter Jerusalem in the manner in which he did, Jesus showed the people the type of king he truly is. He comes in triumph, but not triumphantly. He has taught as a shepherd, not as a general. Those who have heard him speak, or witnessed a miracle that he worked, have now been called to give witness to their experiences. They do so by proclaiming Jesus the "Son of David," praising God the Father for sending their long awaited savior. Although He eagerly desired to drink the cup He was about to drink, Christ wept for Jerusalem as He drew near (cf Luke 19:21), for the suffering that he knew would come to them.

Let us then, enter into His merciful Passion:

...by how much the more we announce the Passion of the Lord, by so much the more we approach to the celebration of His Resurrection. There are yet six days till we reach the joy of that festival ... even in these six days ... try to recover your ground, if ye have in any respect failed in ... preceding weeks ... the nearer we approach our Paschal joy, so much the purer we ought to make ourselves by fasting, by praying, by watching, and by all the works of mercy; and furthermore, to wash out our sins by continual weeping. And if anyone thinks that he need not weep for his own sins, at least he ought in these days to sorrow for the sufferings of his Lord. For though He were God before all worlds, coming in the form of a servant, and being spit upon and scourged by wicked men, for their and our salvation, He did not abhor at this time to lay down His life. Let each one of you, my brethren, suffer with Him, carrying His reproach, and lamenting the blindness of those from whom He endured it. He Himself hath said in the Gospel, *Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted*. Grief, for a little while, is now in season, to the end that we may more freely rejoice in the holy Resurrection. The Psalmist also saith, *What shall I render to the Lord for all the benefits He hath done unto Me? I will receive the cup of salvation, and call upon the Name of the Lord*. By the cup we may understand both open persecution and hidden sorrow, which in some way or other must be tasted by every Christian. Let us prepare ourselves, therefore, beloved, for the coming festival, to which the Lord grant us to attain in a worthy manner. Let us, then, rejoice, not in delicacy of good living, but by sending before us the works of justice and equity...

...and by the works of mercy as well! May the palms we take home today be a symbol of our communion with our Blessed Lord and His Passion...and a spur to drawing closer to Him as well.

Blessed Passion Sunday and Holy Week to one and all!