

# HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH of CORN HILL



Pope Francis  
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Bishop Joe Vásquez  
Diocese of Austin



## Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

April 9, A.D. 2017



### Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday	April 8	5:00 PM	Pro Populo
Sunday	April 9	8:30 AM	Liv/Dec Members of Catholic Life Insurance #50
Monday	April 10	7:00 AM	Marshall, Brielle & Connor Cooke
Tuesday	April 11	7:00 AM	†Mary Guidry
Wednesday	April 12	7:00 AM	†Ruby Sykora

### The Sacred Paschal Triduum Schedule

Holy Thursday	April 13	7:00 PM	For All Priests
Good Friday	April 14	7:00 PM	Passion, Veneration of the Cross & Communion
Holy Saturday	April 15	8:15 PM	Pro Populo
Easter Sunday	April 16	8:30 AM	Pro Populo
Easter Sunday	April 16	10:30 AM	Pro Populo

### Last Week's Collection(s)

April 2: Fifth Sunday of Lent: \$3,914.24

### Parish Prayer Campaign for Vocations

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

April 9 - 15: *Louise Havelka*

April 16 - 22: Bill & Monica Sherek

### This Week at a Glance

Tuesday, April 11:	--NO RCIA Class
Wednesday, April 12:	--Stations of the Cross --Confessions (before/after Stations) --NO CCE Classes
Thursday, April 13:	--NO Pro-Life Adoration
Friday, April 14:	--Fast and Abstinence --Parish Office Closed --Confessions (11 am – Noon)
Holy Saturday / Easter Sunday:	--NO Confessions before Masses

### Parish Office

Will be closed on Good Friday, April 14  
(open on Tues – Thurs, April 11-13)  
Bulletin deadline is Tuesday by noon.

### Attn: Rosary Leaders:

on Good Friday and Holy Saturday, there should be silence before the services, so please do not lead the praying of the Rosary on these evenings. Thank you.



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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, April 12, 6:30 PM

Altar Servers: Jenna Danek, Jakob Voigt, Preston Snook

Holy Thursday, April 13, 7:00 PM: (INCENSE)

Altar Servers: Thomas C, John & Maria Bruce, Natalie Mason

Lector: Leo Bringman

EMHC: John & Cynthia Edgar

Gift Bearers: Mark & Debbie Klaus

Good Friday, April 14, 7:00 PM:

Altar Servers: Jakob Voigt, Carter Marquis, Lucas Beyer

Lectors: Pete Zenner

Head Usher: Frank Knappek

Holy Saturday, April 15, 8:15 PM: (INCENSE)

Altar Servers: Jamie, John & Jenna D and Caleb & Amy Stefek

Lector: Leo Bringman and Louis Brousseau

EMHC: James Nemec, Johnny Martinka, Debbie Klaus

Gift Bearers: Ray & Teresa Nemec

Head Usher: Donald Tschoner

Easter Sunday, April 16:

8:30 AM: (INCENSE)

Altar Servers: Carter Marquis, Caleb & Amy Stefek, Lucas Beyer

Lector: Michael Vrabel

EMHC: Lucille Nemec, Jerry David

Gift Bearers: Pinto & Lucille Nemec

Head Usher: Tommy Sladeczek

10:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Jakob Voigt, Thomas Clawson

Lector: Henry Taylor

EMHC: Pete & Nancy Zenner, Keith Youngpeter

Gift Bearers: Pete & Nancy Zenner

Head Usher: Jeff Voigt

EM to Shut-ins: Sunday, April 16: Jerry David

**In Memoriam:** We extend our sympathies and prayers to the family of **Shirley Erickson** (mother to Mike Hovatter, of our parish family), who passed away last Sunday. Eternal rest, grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.

**Jim & Mary Margaret Heuertz** would like to thank the parish family for your thoughts and prayers during their time of grief and loss. **God bless!**

**We congratulate and welcome Abigail Elyse Ramirez (infant daughter of Manuel & Caitlan Ramirez) into the Catholic Church, and the parish family, through the Sacrament of Baptism.**

**This is your last weekend to turn in an Easter Flower Envelope** if you would like to help decorate the church for the Easter season with Easter Lilies & Flowers, in memory or honor of loved ones (located by the bulletins). The memorials will be listed in the Easter bulletin.

**From Ashes to Easter:** With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption. We can help make things new with small, yet joyful sacrifices. The works of mercy are charitable actions by which we come to the aid of our neighbor. Make a contribution to your Lenten Box and pray for the Missions. **Please return your boxes on Easter Sunday.**

**Bible Study, *Awakening the Mystery of the Bible*:** meeting today (Sunday, April 9) at 5:00 p.m. in the PAC Bldg. (Next meeting: Sunday, April 23, 5 pm.) We still have study packets available, so if you are interested in attending, please know that you are welcome. For information, contact Pete or Nancy Zenner (512-863-4038 or [nzenner@suddenlink.net](mailto:nzenner@suddenlink.net)).

**RCIA: NO** Class this Tuesday, April 11. RCIA candidates should attend all Holy Week services.

Join us this Wednesday, April 12, at 6:30 p.m., for our final **Stations of the Cross**.

Sts. Cyril & Methodius Youth Ministry invites you to join them in a solemn remembrance of our Lord's sacrifice. Allow yourself to **encounter the mystery of Christ's Passion and Cross as you walk with Him through the streets of Granger** on Wednesday, April 12, at 7:00pm. They will begin at the front of the SSCM Church and conclude at their Recreation Center. Please wear comfortable shoes. If you can't walk, you may wait at the Recreation Center.

**CCE: NO** Classes this Wednesday, April 12, due to Holy Week. Parents and students are encouraged to attend our final Stations of the Cross and our Holy Week & Easter services as a family! Classes will resume on Wed, April 19. For information, contact Lucille D'Elia ([htcdre@yahoo.com](mailto:htcdre@yahoo.com) or 737-215-1042).

**NO Pro-Life Adoration** this Thursday, April 13, due to the Holy Week. Adoration will resume on Thursday, April 20, at 3:00 p.m.

**Special Collection on Good Friday (April 14):** As requested by the Holy Father, Pope Francis, we will take up the annual collection to support Christians in the **Holy Land**. Please be generous.

**Reminder for Good Friday:** it is our Catholic practice and obligation to **abstain from meat** on Fridays during Lent. It is also our obligation to **Fast** on Good Friday – which should last until the Holy Saturday Vigil. These small sacrifices prepare us for the ultimate sacrifice of our Lord and bring us closer to Him.

**All children (thru age 10) are invited to bring their Easter baskets on Easter Sunday to hunt for eggs after the 8:30 a.m. Mass!**  **Happy Easter!**

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 Nemeč for information (254-527-4509).

The **68<sup>th</sup> 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 interested in attending may contact Lucille Nemeč (254-527-3615) for more information and a registration form. Advance registration is requested by April 17.

The **Confraternity of Christian Mothers will meet** on Sunday, April 23, in the RE Bldg after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. All ladies of the parish are invited. Members will gather in the front pews for Mass and lead the Rosary prayed beforehand.



**The following is our Holy Week & Easter Schedule:**

Holy Thursday, April 13: 7:00 p.m.  
Good Friday, April 14, 7:00 p.m.  
Holy Saturday, April 15: 8:15 p.m.  
Easter Sunday, April 16: 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

**Confession Schedule:**

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)  
Here on Wednesday, April 12, before and after Stations of the Cross (5:45 – 6:10 p.m. and 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.)  
Here on Good Friday, April 14, 11:00 a.m. – Noon

**(NOTE: We will not have Confessions before Masses on Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday)**



**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,

Today we celebrate Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, the beginning of Holy Week. Thursday through Saturday of Holy Week are the most solemn days of our Church Liturgical Year. This is a very sacred time and we should set aside all other activities so that we are able to attend all of the Holy Week celebrations. In order to really experience the fullness of these days, a person needs to attend every day as the theme of the Redemption is begun at the beginning of The Sacred Paschal Triduum ... Holy Thursday evening, which is actually the beginning of Good Friday ... and ends with the triumphant conclusion upon the celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord on Easter Sunday. Our full attention should be given to celebrate these most sacred rites. Attending all of these special Services should take priority over any other event because celebrating Holy Week is what we are all about as a Catholic People. Let us do our best to show our love for our Savior by our faithfulness to these days. All of you should have made a good confession so that you are spiritually prepared to celebrate these holy days. If you have not had an opportunity yet to go to confession, I will be hearing confessions this week at various times. Please see this bulletin for the confession schedule.

We will be having Altar Server practice for each of the Triduum 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 and be sure to tell them that they must attend the practice as scheduled for that particular day. Please also contact Jennifer so that we will know who will be serving. Thank you to all of you for serving at God's Altar.

We will have Stations of the Cross this Wednesday, at 6:30 p.m. Please try to attend so that your experience of Holy Week is all that it can be.

In today's gospel, we recall the event of Jesus' triumphal entrance into Jerusalem. Then, as we read the Passion, we hear about the arrest, suffering, crucifixion and death of Jesus. I would encourage you to spend some time today reflecting on these events and what meaning they have for you as you live your Christian faith.

Warmer weather is here. Usually when summer approaches, we are tempted to dress rather lightly or skimpy for Mass. We need to remember that, as we come to Mass, we come to worship God and to receive His Son in Holy Communion. We should dress in a way that shows respect for God. The general rule that I believe is appropriate is that anyone over 6 years of age should not wear shorts to Mass. Also, girls and ladies should wear blouses or dresses that are appropriate for Mass, nothing strapless and no spaghetti straps. Some say that God doesn't care what you wear to Mass. Well, that may be so. But the question should be, "do you love God enough that you care what you wear to Mass and are you willing to do something special for Him?" Do you stand in honor in His presence? Also, if you dress appropriately for Mass, you will not be cold in church from the air conditioning. If the air is blowing on you and you are cold, try to move to another part of the church.

There are some important parish events that you need to mark on your calendar.

- Sunday, April 23, Divine Mercy Celebration - 3:00 pm - Adoration, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Litany of Divine Mercy and Benediction
- Sunday, April 30, 10:30 am, First Holy Communion
- Wednesday, May 17, 6:30 pm - Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Closing Mass for our Religious Education Program
- Sunday, June 4, 10:30 am - June Fundraiser - Fried Chicken Dinner and Dance
- Sunday, June 4, Pentecost Sunday - Wear red to Mass
- Sunday, June 11, Holy Trinity Sunday
- Sunday, June 18, Corpus Christi Sunday - Procession after 8:30 am Mass

The Novena of Divine Mercy begins this week on Good Friday. Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet every day with your family, or with another family or group of families, until Divine Mercy Sunday.

As I mentioned last week, beginning Sunday, June 4, we will have an additional Mass at 10:30 a.m. every Sunday. Having another Mass presents us with some challenges though. We need more Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, 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.

May all of you have a spiritually renewing Holy Week and a joyful celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord on Easter Sunday.

**Fr. Stephen Nerssta, farář**

### Holy Week has begun ... here is a meditation for you and your family so that you may ...

### Make This Week Your Holiest Week!

--taken from *Catholic Exchange*, by Fr. Ed Broom, OMV

Each year God showers us with countless blessings, especially in the Season of Lent, Holy Week, culminating in Easter—the Resurrection of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, His triumph over sin, the devil, and death itself.

However, the effects of these Holy days are in direct proportion to our interior disposition of soul, openness to God's grace, and docility to the inspirations of the Holy Spirit. In other words a fervent practicing Christian will reap a much more abundant harvest than a non-practicing Christian.

**Magnanimity.** This is a key word to Ignatian spirituality. In simple English, it means generosity of spirit. St. Ignatius of Loyola, in the Annotations for the Director of the Exercises, emphasizes the primary importance of the Exercitant (he who is making the Spiritual Exercises) to enter in with Magnanimity—great generosity of spirit.

Likewise, we should enter into Holy week with the same disposition of spirit: *Magnanimity*. If you like, we should enter into these sacred Paschal mysteries of the suffering, passion, death and Resurrection of Jesus with an ardent longing to truly love God totally, unreservedly, with every thread of our being! We should live out this Holy Week as if it were to be the last in our lives—only God knows if this will be our last Holy Week???

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## ***Live Out the Easter Triduum to the Max***

The Easter Triduum consists of three days culminating in Easter (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday)—the Resurrection of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Let us offer some short and simple ideas, reflections and challenges to derive the most abundant fruit from these holy days and arrive at an authentic transformation of our lives. May we be able to say with St. Paul: “It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.”

### ***Holy Thursday***

On this day we commemorate with love, awe, tenderness, and gratitude beyond human expression the institution of two Sacraments, generously given to all of humanity from the depths of the most Sacred Heart of Jesus for our sanctification and salvation: The Sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist, and Holy Orders (The Priesthood). The most logical disposition and movement of our hearts should be to praise and thank Our Lord Jesus for having bestowed upon the Church until the end of the world the greatest of all gifts— the most Holy Eucharist, that we can receive in Holy Communion every day (if we are properly disposed). The most Holy Eucharist is truly and substantially the Body, Blood, and Divinity of Jesus the Lord. “Eucharist” means “thanksgiving”. Our whole beings should overflow with the most exalted and sublime expression of thanksgiving!

### ***Holy Orders***

On the same day and in the same historical context Jesus instituted Holy Orders—the Catholic Priesthood. This was in the Upper Room (Cenacle), at the Last Supper which was the first Mass when Jesus said the words: “Do this in memory of me”. At that precise moment the Apostles were transformed into the first priests as well as the first Bishops.

Every Holy Thursday, while participating in the Mass of the Last Supper, we should pray for priests. Our prayers should be universal! That is to say we should pray for vocations to the priesthood; we should pray for seminarians who are preparing for Holy Orders—the Priesthood. Equally important, we should pray for priests that are already ordained. Our prayers should be lifted on high for young priests, for elderly priests, for sick priests.

Furthermore, we should pray for tempted priests, priests that have many doubts, as well as for priests that have fallen so that they will return to Jesus the Good Shepherd of their souls. With a heavy heart Jesus prayed, “The harvest is rich but the laborers are few; ask the Lord of the harvest to send more laborers to work in his vineyard.” So many souls are at risk and jeopardy for the lack of laborers, for the lack of holy and fervent priests. On Holy Thursday with fervent prayers and hearts on high pray for priests. Offer your own Holy Communion for them. Jesus is earnestly longing for your prayers!

### ***Good Friday***

On Holy Thursday we contemplated Jesus at the Last Supper blessing us with the two Sacraments of the Eucharist and the Priesthood. On Good Friday our attention, gaze and contemplation is lifted on high to the cross. Let us unite our hearts with the famous prayer attributed to Saint Francis of Assisi: “We adore you O Christ and we bless you because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.”

*Contemplate the Cross and Resurrection.* Spend some time in silence and contemplation before a graphic image of Jesus crucified. One specific aspect worthy of meditation and contemplation is the Precious Blood of Jesus!

With love, reverence, devotion and a spirit of reparation, contemplate the various outlets of His Precious Blood. Start with His Thorn-crowned Head. The pierced brow, penetrated by long and piercing thorns almost arriving at the brain allows for a constant flowing of Blood; the Blood that He shed for your salvation. Jesus suffered His most excruciating Passion for all of humanity, but also for you and me personally.

If you were the only person in the whole created universe, Jesus loves you so much that He would indeed shed every drop of His most Precious Blood for the immortal salvation of your soul. How precious you are in the eyes of God. How precious you are to His Sacred Heart!

Contemplate the nail-driven hands. These hands that blessed the little children, these hands that touched and restored sight to the blind, these hands that touched lepers healing them instantaneously of their incurable disease, these sacred hands that turned bread into His Body and Blood, these hands are now nailed to the cross from which His Precious Blood oozes out dripping to the ground.

*Contemplate His feet.* These were the feet that walked to bring good news to the aliens, the abandoned, the poor and despised. He came to set the captives free. Now these feet can no longer move, but only shed blood so that we can walk the paths of purity, justice and peace.

### ***His Sacred Heart***

Finally let us contemplate His most Sacred Heart pierced with the lance. From this fountain of life, the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, after being pierced with the lance, Blood and Water came gushing forth, the source and fountain of our sacramental life. The water is symbolic of the Sacrament of Baptism and Confession. The Blood is symbolic of the most Holy Eucharist! In all of our troubles, fears, anguishes and sufferings may we always seek our secure refuge in the pierced and open Sacred Heart of Jesus.

### ***Holy Saturday: The Sorrowful Heart of Mary***

One short suggestion to live out Holy Saturday would be to live this most special day with the Blessed Virgin Mary!

### ***The Tone and Sentiments for Holy Saturday***

For many Holy Saturday is barely understood! This is the tone and sentiments that we should cultivate on Holy Saturday. Fasting? Good Friday fasting is obligatory. Holy Saturday the church encourages fasting, but it is not obligatory. This day should not be full of unnecessary noises, but silence. Why? ... to cultivate a contemplative spirit of prayer.

### ***Our Thoughts and Heart***

Our thoughts and our heart should be with the Blessed Mother, Our Lady of Sorrows! The Church recommends that we spend some quality time with Our Lady reliving what happened a few hours earlier. That is to say, we should enter into the Sorrowful Heart of Mary, who stood at the foot of the cross and relive the Passion, suffering and death of Jesus. In a word, on Holy Saturday, we should contemplate in our hearts the passion of Christ through the eyes and heart of Mary! Nobody every penetrated the height, width, and depth of the suffering and passion of Jesus better than His Immaculate Mother Mary.

***In conclusion, let us live out the Easter Triduum with Magnanimity. Let us enter into the Triduum with great love and gratitude for Jesus who gave Himself up for me, shedding every drop of His most precious Blood for me as if I were the only person in the created universe. How great is the love of Jesus for you and for me!***