

# HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH of CORN HILL



Pope Francis  
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Bishop Joe Vásquez  
Diocese of Austin

## Sunday of Divine Mercy

April 23, A.D. 2017

### Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday	April 22	5:00 PM	Pro Populo
Sunday	April 23	8:30 AM	†William Harding, Jr.
Tuesday	April 25	6:00 PM	†Msgr. Gideon Stram
Wednesday	April 26	6:30 PM	†Vicki Kieffer
Thursday	April 27	7:00 AM	Family of John & Frances Nemeec
Friday	April 28	6:00 PM	Virgil Tonn (healing)
Saturday	April 29	7:30 AM	†Albin & Janette Zurovetz
Saturday	April 29	5:00 PM	†Judy Jackson
Sunday	April 30	8:30 AM	Pro Populo
Sunday	April 30	10:30 AM	For Our First Holy Communicants

### Mass Ministry Reminders

#### Wednesday, April 26, 6:30 PM

**Altar Servers:** Natalie Mason, Heron Rodriguez, John Danek  
**Lector:** Jennifer Marquis  
**EMHC:** Lucille Nemeec  
**Gift Bearers:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Class

#### Saturday, April 29, 5:00 PM:

**Altar Servers:** John & Maria Bruce, Natalie Mason  
**Lector:** Kelly Godfrey  
**EMHC:** Patsy Hightower, Irene Cavanaugh, Keith Youngpeter  
**Gift Bearers:** Rodney & Gwenda Bruce family  
**Head Usher:** Donald Tschoner

#### Sunday, April 30:

##### 8:30 AM:

**Altar Servers:** Carter Marquis, Lucas Beyer, Samuel Williams  
**Lector:** Henry Taylor  
**EMHC:** Johnny Martinka, Jerry David, James Nemeec  
**Gift Bearers:** Billy & Belinda Beyer  
**Head Usher:** Tommy Sladeczek

##### 10:30 AM: (First Holy Communion)

**Altar Servers:** Jakob Voigt, William Fonville, Preston Snook  
**Lector:** Zenner  
**EMHC:** Pete & Nancy Zenner  
**Gift Bearers:** First Communicants  
**Head Usher:** Frank Knappek

**EM to Shut-ins: Sunday, April 30:** John Edgar

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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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“The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet... Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy.”

~ from Sr. Faustina's diary

### Last Week's Collection(s)

**April 14:** Good Friday – Holy Land: \$1,493.99

**April 16:** Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection: \$5,526.01

### Parish Prayer Campaign for Vocations

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

**April 23 – 29: Rodney & Gwenda Bruce family**

April 30 – May 6: Kathy Windhauser

### This Week at a Glance

Sat/Sun, April 22/23:	--Diocesan Second Collection
Saturday, April 22:	--K.J.T. #55 Bake Sale
Sunday, April 23:	--K.J.T. #55 Breakfast Taco / Bake Sale
	--Confraternity of Christian Mothers Mtg
	--Divine Mercy Holy Hour
Monday, April 24:	--Men's Prayer Group Meeting
Tuesday, April 25:	--RCIA Class
Wednesday, April 26:	--CCE Classes
Thursday, April 27:	--Pro-Life Adoration
Sat/Sun, April 29/30:	--Fifth Sunday Second Collection
Sunday, April 30:	--First Holy Communion

It is time to return your **Ashes to Easter Lenten Boxes!** Thank you to all who have graciously participated in this program. Your donations will greatly benefit the Missionaries and Missions of our diocese. God bless you for your generosity.

We will have a **diocesan special collection** this weekend (April 22/23) for the **Seminarians and Priest Education & Formation fund**. To ensure an ample number of priests in the diocese to celebrate the sacraments, preach God's word and guide us on our journey with Christ, this collection provides support so that financial impediments do not prevent men from responding to God's call to the priesthood.

K.J.T. #55 will host a **Bake Sale** this Saturday, April 22 (after 5 p.m. Mass) and a **Breakfast Taco / Bake Sale** this 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.

The **Confraternity of Christian Mothers** will meet today (Sunday, April 23) in the RE Bldg after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. All ladies of the parish are invited.

We celebrate **Divine Mercy Sunday** this weekend. Join us for a **Divine Mercy Holy Hour** today (Sunday, April 23) at 3:00 p.m.

**Bible Study: *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible***: meeting today (Sunday, April 23) at 5:00 p.m. in the PAC Bldg. Next meeting will be on Sunday, April 30, at 5:00 p.m. For information, contact Pete or Nancy Zenner (512-863-4038 or [npzenner@suddenlink.net](mailto:npzenner@suddenlink.net)).

The **Men's Prayer Group** will meet this Monday, April 24, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg. Discussion: 4<sup>th</sup> Apparition of Fatima. Contact Pete Zenner for information (512-863-4038).

**RCIA**: Class this Tuesday, April 25, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg. Discussion: Living Our Faith Day by Day / A Call to Serve.

**CCE**: Classes this Wednesday, April 26, at 6:15 p.m. Parents are always encouraged to stay and attend Mass! **\*\*\*Attn: we are already thinking ahead for next year's classes ... and invite all parents of our parish, with children ages 4 and up (especially those who will be new to our program), to contact Lucille for information and to pre-register. And ... this year's Vacation Bible School will be held on Saturday, June 10, which you can also sign-up for!** (Lucille D'Elia: [htcdre@yahoo.com](mailto:htcdre@yahoo.com) or 737-215-1042).

**Pro-Life Adoration** this Thursday, April 27, from 3:00 – 9:00 p.m. in the church. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come and spend some time with our Lord, present in the Holy Eucharist.

We will have our **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Second Collection** next weekend, April 29/30, for the benefit of the Jarrell Food Pantry.

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade CCE class will be celebrating their **First Holy Communion** next Sunday, April 30, at a 10:30 a.m. Mass. **Reminder to Parents**: Your attendance is requested at our final Communion practice next Wednesday, April 26, after Mass.

**Benefit for Angela Gail Danek** (daughter of Raymond & Jane Danek, of our parish family): At the young age of 37, Angela is bravely fighting a battle with cancer and needs your prayers and support! Join her and her family for a BBQ meal, live auction and silent auction next Sunday, April 30, at Moravian Hall. Plates will be served from 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. for a \$10 donation (to-go plates & drive-thru available). See the flyer on the bulletin board for more information.

St. Mary's of Waco invites everyone to their annual **Spring Festival** next Sunday, April 30, from 10:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Geneva Hall in Waco. Food, auctions, car show and much more. See the flyer on the bulletin board for all information.

**We will fill the altars with beautiful flowers to celebrate all mothers on Mother's Day weekend (May 13/14). If you would like to donate in honor/memory of your mother, grandmother, aunt, etc, complete and return a "Mother's Day Mass Remembrance" envelope** (please make sure you check living or deceased). Please turn in envelopes by Sunday, May 7 ... as the memorials will be listed in the May 14<sup>th</sup> bulletin.

**There is an older organ (w/speaker) in the RE Bldg**...which we do not have the room to store and, therefore, need to move out of the RE Bldg. If anyone is interested in taking it to use for reclaimed wood or another use, please contact the parish office. **If there is no interest 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.

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.

Dear friends in Christ,

**He is Risen! He is Truly Risen!** Today is the Octave Day of the Easter Season. We continue to focus on and celebrate the resurrection of Jesus.

Thank you to everyone who sent me Easter greetings, get well cards and all those who brought food. Your kindness and thoughtfulness are greatly appreciated.

Next Sunday, we will have a Mass at 10:30 am to celebrate First Holy Communion with our children. Please pray for those who will receive the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ for the first time. May they always have a desire to receive Him often.

This Second Sunday of Easter is often known as Doubting Thomas Sunday. St. Thomas doubted the resurrection of our Lord, but the moment he saw Jesus, he believed. Many people have many doubts in today's world. Where is their faith? According to St. Paul, faith is 'believing in that which cannot be completely seen or understood'. We all need to pray for an increase in faith.

In today's Gospel, we see that people were fairly much the same way almost 2000 years ago as we are today. Many times we need to see and experience events for ourselves before we will believe they are true. John tells us how Thomas did not believe that Jesus had appeared and visited with the disciples. Because of this passage, Thomas is known as "Doubting Thomas." However, if we take a closer look at the gospels, we will find that Thomas was not the only disciple who had doubts about the resurrection of Jesus. The gospels of Mark and Luke tell us how Jesus appeared to Mary Magdalene and told her to tell the disciples that he was coming to visit them. When she arrived at where the disciples were staying and told them what she had seen and heard, they did not believe her. In Matthew and John, we find that when Mary told the disciples about the empty tomb, "Peter and the other disciple" ran to the tomb to see for themselves if it was true. Maybe they did not believe what she had said. Jesus had told the Apostles several times that He had to die and that He would rise to life again. After being faithful followers of Jesus and living with him for about three years, the apostles still doubted. So it was not only Thomas who was unsure about the resurrection of Christ. Yet it is only Thomas who openly expresses this doubt and it is only Thomas who makes the profound statement when he proclaims Jesus to be "My lord and my God!" as soon as he sees Jesus. This was the church's first profession of faith. Thomas professes Jesus as being both Lord and God. He recognizes Jesus in both his human and divine natures. It is Thomas who makes the greatest statement of all the disciples. He doesn't have to see and feel the nail marks in Jesus' hands. As soon as he sees Jesus' face he knows for sure it is him. At the sight of Jesus, Thomas changed from feeling the anguish, hurt and pain that Jesus' death had caused him, to feeling and experiencing the joy and hope offered to him by Jesus' resurrection. Many of the others did not express their doubts about Christ's resurrection as Thomas did. Thomas did not try to deny what he said about not believing nor does he try to defend himself, he accepts his mistake in what he said and the embarrassment it causes him. Thomas was a very brave and honest person. He spoke what he thought and did not try to hide anything from anyone. He showed his true colors at all times.

I wish I could be like Thomas. There are many times in my life when I have said something and then later wished that I had not said it. Then later on when I was confronted about it I denied I had said it, fearing what would be thought of me or what the consequences might be if I acknowledged what I had said. Then later I felt very badly about what I had done. I am sure that all of you have had similar experiences in your lives.

Many people today have doubts about their Catholic faith and about God. This may not necessarily be bad because it can cause them to ask questions about their faith and in the process learn more about it, coming to a better understanding about their relationship with God resulting in a stronger, more concrete faith. However, harm comes when we just let that doubt linger on without trying to find the answers to the questions we have. Some even go so far as denying that they have these doubts and because of this they live in a state of struggle and mental turmoil. Sometimes because of the death of a loved one or because of something else that happens to us, we may also be in a state of grief and confusion and we may have doubts about God. If you have any doubts or questions please follow the example of Thomas and vocalize it to someone who can help you find the answers that you are looking for. Don't go on living a life that feels half empty, waiting for something to fill it up. The sooner you find the answers the quicker you will be at ease with yourself and with God. Once you find those answers I hope that you can be like Thomas and be able to cry out to Jesus with conviction "My Lord and my God."

Today's readings also give us some idea of how we who believe in Christ are supposed to live out what we believe. In the first and second readings it says that those who believed shared what they had with one another, they went to the Temple daily to pray, they ate together and that they rejoiced with inexpressible joy. We as Christians come together to share our faith in Christ and also to share the material things which God has blessed us with. We also show our belief in Christ by giving in the collection each week just as the early disciples of Christ did. We come together to pray and to worship God and we come together to share in the Eucharist, in the body and blood of Christ which we receive at Holy Communion. As we receive Christ in the host at Holy Communion we should express our belief just as Thomas did when he saw Jesus. We should say 'Amen' loud enough for the priest and the people near us to hear. In saying 'Amen' we are proclaiming our faith and saying to Christ, "Yes, I believe that you, Jesus, are truly present in this host which I am receiving. And I declare you to be 'My Lord and my God.'"

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. May we all be open to receiving the love and mercy of God. We will have a Divine Mercy Service at 3:00 pm today. Everyone is invited to attend. Incense will be used during the Service.

Warmer weather is approaching. Usually, when summer approaches, we are tempted to dress rather lightly or skimpy - even 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.

Beginning Sunday, June 4, we will begin having a Mass at 10:30 am every Sunday. Having another Mass presents us with some challenges. 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.

May all of you continue to experience the joy of the resurrected Lord in this Easter Season.

**Fr. Stephen Nesrsta, farář**

**Holy Trinity Catholic Church  
Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, April 20, 2017  
7 PM - Religious Education Building**

**Call to Order**

**Opening Prayer**

**Scripture Reading:** Charles Marquis - Thessalonians 4:13-18

**Members Present:** Pete Zenner, Charles Marquis, Cynthia Edgar, Pinto Nemec, Marla Tonn, Billy Beyer, Gina Vrabel

**Members Absent:** Ken Loudermilk, John Valenta

**Ex-Officio Members Present:** Lucille D'Elia, Tommy Sladacek, Fr. Stephen

**Guests Present:** 3

**Old Business**

1. Confirmation – Fr. Stephen thanked the Pastoral Council for the meal/reception after the Confirmation Mass.

**New Business**

1. Fr. Stephen announced that he will be on Retreat the week of May 7-12.
2. Transitional Deacon Ordinations - will be held on May 20. Three deacons will be ordained for the Diocese of Austin.
3. New Mass Time of 10:30 a.m. – With this addition, we will definitely need more lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Altar Servers and Head Ushers. Marla Tonn suggested that we use the church section of The Williamson County Sun to inform all that we are adding this Mass to our schedule.
4. June Fundraiser - will be held on Sunday, June 4. Pinto Nemec said that he and Lucille (Nemec) will again be in charge of the kitchen.
5. Corpus Christi Procession - will be held in conjunction with the 8:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, June 18. Billy Beyer said he will be responsible for setting up the outside Altars.
6. Bazaar Committee – our annual Parish Bazaar will be held on Sunday, September 17. The first committee planning meeting will be held on Sunday, June 11.

**Ministry/Committee Reports**

1. Social Ministry - Lucille D'Elia reported that the parish now has a comprehensive list of all social assistance organizations and programs in this area. Her student intern, Michael Beyer, compiled the list which includes organizations that can assist in all areas of social need such as utility payment assistance, clothing needs, mental health concerns, etc.
2. RE Program - Lucille reported that there are only 4 classes left in the RE Program for this year. She reported that 65 students were in attendance for the entire school year. First Communion will be on Sunday, April 30, with a meal to follow, prepared by Mark and Debbie Klaus. Vacation Bible School will be held on Saturday, June 10. Lucille also expressed concerns about the increasing cost of the RE Program textbooks. The price of registration for the RE classes no longer covers the cost of the text. She discussed different ways of covering this cost.
3. Cemetery - the Cemetery Committee will meet on May 18. Johnny Martinka and Billy Beyer discussed cemetery cleaning and removing the sunflowers and cockle-burrs from along the north fence of the cemetery. There will be a Cemetery Work Day announced soon.

**Finance Council**

The Finance Council will meet on April 20 after the Pastoral Council and will have a report at the next Pastoral Council meeting in June.

**Other Business**

Pinto Nemec questioned Fr. Stephen about the possible need for a Deacon for our parish because of the addition of a 10:30 a.m. Mass. Fr. Stephen said it would be very helpful. He will discuss this with the Bishop.

**Next meeting** will be held on Thursday, June 8, 2017.

Minutes submitted by Cynthia Edgar, Recorder