

# HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH of CORN HILL



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Bishop Joe Vásquez  
Diocese of Austin

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 21, A.D. 2017

### Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday	May 20	5:00 PM	†Joe & Annie Danek
Sunday	May 21	8:30 AM	Pro Populo
Tuesday	May 23	NO MASS	
Wednesday	May 24	6:30 PM	†Albert & Filipina Slovak
Thursday	May 25	7:00 AM	†Mary Conlee
Friday	May 26	6:00 PM	Virgil Tonn (healing)
Saturday	May 27	7:30 AM	†Judy Jackson
Saturday	May 27	5:00 PM	†Kip Heuertz
Sunday	May 28	8:30 AM	Pro Populo

### Mass Ministry Reminders

#### Saturday, May 27, 5:00 PM:

**Altar Servers:** John & Maria Bruce, Natalie Mason  
**Lector:** Janine Nemec  
**EMHC:** Jim & Mary Margaret Heuertz, Debbie Klaus  
**Gift Bearers:** John & Mary Ann Valenta  
**Head Usher:** Donald Tschoerner

#### Sunday, May 28, 8:30 AM: (INCENSE)

**Altar Servers:** Jamie & John Danek, Caleb & Amy Stefek  
**Lector:** Cynthia Edgar  
**EMHC:** John Edgar, James Nemec, Kelly Godfrey  
**Gift Bearers:** Tommy & Cindy Sladeczek  
**Head Usher:** A.J. Batla

**EM to Shut-ins: Sunday, May 28:** John Edgar

Alleluia  
He is  
Risen

✠ Fr. Stephen Nestrsta ✠

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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

Dir Rel Educ & Bookkeeping: Lucille D'Elia 737-215-1042

Parish Activity Center (PAC) Rentals & Info: Parish Office

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Men's Prayer Group: Pete Zenner 512-863-4038

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### Altar Flowers

If you would like to donate Altar Flowers in memory or honor of loved ones, you may do so with an Altar Flower Envelope (by bulletins or from our website).

### Last Week's Collection(s)

May 14: Fifth Sunday of Easter: \$4,023.25  
Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception: \$1,276.24

### Vocations Crucifix Prayer Campaign

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

**May 21 - 27: Frances Nemec**

May 28 – June 3: Pinto & Lucille Nemec

### 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.

### Religious Articles Cabinet

in the foyer of the church, is full of many wonderful items, for all occasions, which are available for purchase.

Contact the parish office, Louise Straka (512-746-5322) or Janine Nemec (512-863-6892), to purchase items.

### This Week at a Glance

Sunday, May 21: --Graduation Mass  
Monday, May 22: --Men's Prayer Group  
Tuesday, May 23: --RCIA Class  
Thursday, May 25: --Pro-Life Adoration  
Sat/Sun, May 27/28: --Second Collection  
Sunday, May 28: --Confraternity of Christian Mothers

**We congratulate and welcome Eric Craig Thornell, III, & Elliot Carter Thornell (infant sons of Eric & Carey Thornell) into the Catholic Church, and the parish family, through the Sacrament of Baptism!**

**Bible Study: *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible*: meeting today, Sunday, May 21, at 5:00 p.m. in the PAC Bldg.** Final meeting will be held next Sunday, May 28 – in the RE Bldg. Contact Pete Zenner (512-863-4038 or [npzenner@suddenlink.net](mailto:npzenner@suddenlink.net)).

The **Men's Prayer Group** will meet this Monday, May 22, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg. Discussion: 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Apparitions of Fatima. Please contact Pete Zenner for information (512-863-4038).

**RCIA:** Class this Tuesday, May 23, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg. Discussion: Science Tests Faith – Eucharistic Miracles.

**CCE: Another great year of religious education has come to an end and we couldn't have done it without the dedication of our wonderful catechists, parents and students – so thank you all very much for your time and talent, offered for the greater glory of our Lord and our Catholic faith!**

**\*\*Parents:** Please, don't forget to pre-register for next year's CCE classes – especially those with children new to our program (registration forms are available on our website and in the foyer of the church). We are already planning and preparing for the 2017-18 school year and your EARLY registration helps us to better determine the needs of our catechists and students. For all CCE information, please contact Lucille D'Elia ([htcdre@yahoo.com](mailto:htcdre@yahoo.com) or 737-215-1042).

**Pro-Life Adoration** this Thursday, May 25, 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 a second collection next weekend, May 27/28, for the **Archdiocese for the Military Services.** The Archdiocese provides the Catholic Church's full range of pastoral ministries and spiritual services to those in the U.S. Armed Forces. Please be generous in your support of this worthy cause, which is collected for every three years.

The **Confraternity of Christian Mothers** will meet next Sunday, May 28, in the RE Bldg, immediately after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend. Members will gather in the front pews for Mass and lead the Rosary prayed beforehand.

Our **Pro-Life Prayer & Awareness Group** will meet on Thursday, June 1. They will begin with a Pro-Life Rosary in the church at 6:30 p.m. and then continue their meeting in the RE Bldg. All parishioners and friends are invited and encouraged to be a part of this group – offering prayer time for, and learning more about, the issues that promote and/or threaten LIFE in today's society. You may contact the parish office or Chris Garlasco ([cgarlasco@hotmail.com](mailto:cgarlasco@hotmail.com) or 860-689-3021) for information.

**Catholic Family Fraternal of Texas (K.J.Z.T.) District XI/XII Meeting and Social** will be held on Sunday, June 11, at St. Mary's PAC Bldg (500 W San Antonio Rd) in Caldwell. Registration is at 11:00 a.m. with a meal and meeting to follow. **RSVP by June 2** to Mary Harris 979-567-7444, or Frances Kacer 979-567-4215. (Mass will be celebrated beforehand at 10:00 a.m.) The St. Agnes Society has several members receiving 50-year and 75-year pins! Members and their families are welcome.

**Our June Fundraiser** will be held on Sunday, June 4. Our 10:30 a.m. Mass will include traditional Czech hymns sung by our choir and the Happy Czech Singers of Austin. We will have a delicious Fried Chicken & Sausage meal from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., followed by an afternoon dance with music by the Jodie Mikula Orchestra! **ATTN: Parish Family: Donated food items are needed – cooked chicken & broth and toasted bread cubes – for the dressing.** A sign-up sheet is located in the foyer of the church and these food donations will need to be brought to the PAC on Saturday morning (June 3), the day before the dinner. **If you would like to make a monetary donation to help pay for groceries and supplies,** 'June Fundraiser' envelopes are available by the bulletins.

**Created by God ... Built for a Purpose!** What a fun day we have planned for this year's **Vacation Bible School** (for children ages 4-11), on Saturday, June 10, from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. (check-in at 9:30 a.m.) in the RE Bldg. Registration forms are available on our website, in the church and in the RE Bldg, and must be turned in by June 4 ... please contact Lucille D'Elia ([htcdre@yahoo.com](mailto:htcdre@yahoo.com) or 737-215-1042) for questions or more information.

**We will fill the altars with flowers to celebrate all Fathers on Father's Day weekend (June 17/18). If you would like to donate for them, in honor or memory of your father, uncle, brother, etc, complete a "Father's Day Mass Remembrance" envelope** (by the bulletins). Envelopes should be turned in by June 11 and please remember to mark living or deceased.

## Dear friends in Christ,

Congratulations to all of our graduates. Let us all pray for those who are graduating from High School as they begin a new chapter in their life. May they always allow Jesus to be their Shepherd. We need to also pray for all college graduates as they seek employment. May they seek the Lord's guidance in choosing the job that our Lord wants them to have.

In today's readings, we hear much about love. Jesus tells us that we are to keep His commandments, and the main commandment is love. What is love? Love is not a feeling. Love is not an emotion. Love is a choice we make to give of ourselves unselfishly to and for the good of another, just as Jesus did on the cross. Sometimes I hear people say, "I don't feel like I love that person anymore." Only when we live by feelings and emotions can we make such a statement. 'True love' loves the other person no matter what happens and no matter how they feel. It is a choice we make. True love always tells the truth. True love is always honest. True love says what needs to be said, in the spirit of charity, even though it may mean that the person that it is said to may not speak to us again. True love does not talk down to other people. True love speaks with humility. True love desires the other person to go to heaven ... and this means supporting the other person in living a life of faithfulness to Jesus and to His Church. True love helps the other person to keep God's commandments ... and this means not being afraid to tell the other person when they are straying away from Jesus and His Church, and gently leading them to doing what is right, even though doing what is right may be inconvenient or difficult. In order to do this, we must overcome our own feelings and emotions as Jesus did. This can be very difficult when we are insecure, or when we are a very "needy" people. Sometimes our own "neediness" gets us into trouble. If I say to someone "I love you" and then convince them to commit sin with me, it is not love at all. It is only a fulfillment of my need, or the need of the other - - - it is not love. We need to help one another to keep God's commandments, which we normally number as ten, but also include many subcategories as we find in the Scriptures.

### The Ten Commandments are:

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.



There are also the two commandments of Jesus, which summarize the Ten Commandments:

*And one of them, a doctor of the Law, putting him to the test, asked him, "Master, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus said to him, "'Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with thy whole heart, and with thy whole soul, and with thy whole mind.' This is the greatest and the first commandment. And the second is like it, 'Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.' On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets." (Matthew 22:35-40)*

We should do our best to help one another keep these commandments. When we do so, it shows our love for the other person and also our love for God. It is difficult at times, but, with the help of the Holy Spirit, we can do it. We just need to have faith and trust in our Lord.

Remember the words of Jesus in today's Gospel, "Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me. And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him." (John 15:21)

As we continue to honor our Blessed Mother, Mary, during this month of May, don't forget to pray the rosary daily, reflecting upon the mysteries for each day. In doing so, we grow closer to her Son, Jesus, and we grow stronger in our faith.

May the blessings of our Lord be with each of you.

**Fr. Stephen Nestrta, farāī**

We still have Fr. Ricardo Pineda's 'Parish Mission CDs' available (\$20/set). If you would like one, call the parish office. This would be a great gift for a friend or loved one – especially for those who commute long distances and could benefit from a spiritual 'journey'!

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.

[WWW.MASSTIMES.ORG](http://WWW.MASSTIMES.ORG) is a great website to visit when you are away on vacation, business trip, etc, and need to attend Mass (especially on the weekend ☺) in an unfamiliar place. They have information for parishes nation-wide – Mass times, directions, etc.

***Our Lord has asked us ALL to spread His Word to the nations and we do so in many ways and through many different Vocations! Please prayerfully consider fulfilling your call to vocations by serving the Lord at the Holy Mass as a { Lector ~ Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion ~ Head Usher ~ Altar Server }***

***Ministers are needed for all weekend Mass times, but we especially need Extraordinary Ministers and Lectors at the new 10:30 a.m. Mass. For information, or to volunteer, please contact the parish office or speak with Fr. Stephen.***

**If you are – or are considering being (hint, hint ... see message above! ☺) – involved in any ministry here (or in any other parish or parish school), you must be certified in our diocesan Ethics & Integrity in Ministry Program. Sooo.....**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND PREPARE FOR OUR UPCOMING EIM WORKSHOP ON SATURDAY, JULY 22.**

**Several of our parishioners/ministers/catechists are in need of a refresher course in 2017 – so please check your renewal date. Even if you are not due for a refresher by July, but are this year, go ahead and utilize this opportunity to get it done. We always have one in July, so you would have the benefit of being in line with our schedule for the next time. If you don't remember it, you can find your renewal date on the diocesan website ... and if help is needed, please contact the parish office. If you're not able to attend this one, there are always workshops being held in many locations in the diocese each month. All workshop dates/locations can be found on the diocesan website at [www.austindiocese.org](http://www.austindiocese.org). (Please be aware that our workshop will not be posted on the diocesan website until July (due to summer scheduling) – but you can, and should, go ahead and complete the online application, if needed, and then go back in to sign-up for our class closer to July 22.)**

**IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND THIS – OR ANY OTHER WORKSHOP – YOU NEED TO DO SOME THINGS PRIOR TO THE CLASS!**

You will actually register for the workshop on the diocesan website. If you don't have access to the internet, you may contact the parish office and we will help you out. But, for those of you who do, please go online ([www.austindiocese.org](http://www.austindiocese.org)) and follow all of the directions on the Ethics & Integrity in Ministry page. If you have already taken an EIM course, then you will just have to sign up for a workshop. If you have NEVER taken an EIM course, then you will have to complete the online application and sign up for the workshop at the same time. **IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU DO ALL OF THIS BEFORE ATTENDING THE WORKSHOP!** And, again, if you have any trouble in the process, or have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the parish office for help!

#### **EIM Q&A:**

**Q: I don't work directly with children or vulnerable adults, so why do I need to be certified? I'm just handing out Holy Communion – right next to the Pastor – during Mass ... or I'm just a lector at Mass ... or I'm just an usher at Mass ... or I'm just a function coordinator for our fundraiser ... or I'm just a member of the Cemetery / Pastoral / Finance Council ... etc.**

**A:** Even if you are not directly involved with minors (anyone below age 18) or vulnerable adults (typically over age 65 or incapacitated in some form in which they would not be able to protect themselves), if these individuals are present at any event or program that you are involved in, then you must be EIM certified. This is not because you are believed to be a perpetrator, but so that you can have the skills and knowledge of what to look and/or listen for in the case of abuse or neglect by another person.

It also gives perpetrators the forewarning that there are eyes all around, who are watching out for the vulnerable. That knowledge will hopefully make them more apt to *not* do harm to others for fear of being seen or getting caught.

**Q: Why do I need to take the course more than once?**

**A:** New research and statistic data are composed annually and, in our roles as EIM certified individuals, we should all be informed and made aware of such information. Also, no one remembers everything – especially after three years – so it is good practice to have a 'refresher' course. We do understand that this topic is not one that is easily discussed or that we like to even think of in general, but it is all too real in today's society and it is, therefore, our duty as Christians to be vigilant and do what we can to help control and hopefully end this tragic behavior.

**We ask that you do not let this necessary program steer you away from being a part of any function/program in our parish! It is a very small sacrifice to make (just 2 hours every three years!) that could make a big difference in someone else's life!**

Holy Trinity Catholic Church of Corn Hill  
Pro-Life Prayer & Awareness Group  
offers the Catholic Church's teachings on  
Marriage, Contraception and Natural Family Planning



# Freedom to Love

presented by Alissa Molina

Tuesday, June 6, 7:00 p.m.

Parish Activity Center

(8626 FM 1105, Jarrell)

So what does the Catholic Church teach about marriage, contraception and natural family planning ... & why?

In a culture that often reduces the significance of human love and sexuality, and provides “depersonalized, recreational and often pessimistic information” (Truth and Meaning of Human Sexuality, 1), parents struggle to give their children an adequate education in regard to the true meaning of sexuality.

St. John Paul II labored to offer an adequate anthropology, or understanding of the human person, to the Church and to the world during his years of service as priest, bishop and pope. In his teaching, popularly known as Theology of the Body, and better understood as a catechesis on human love, he offered his reflections on the meaning of the body and the human person.

This presentation by Alissa Molina is an opportunity to better understand the human person in a way that is so radically different from the current culture.

**Who should attend??** EVERYONE – REGARDLESS OF AGE OR GENDER – should be educated and informed so as to be an advocate for the teachings of the Catholic Church in celebrating LOVE & LIFE.

(We invite you to join us for Mass first at 6:00 p.m. in the church. Light refreshments will be provided in PAC.)

**For information and to RSVP, please contact the parish office:**  
512-863-3020 or [holytrinitycc@yahoo.com](mailto:holytrinitycc@yahoo.com)

**About the Presenter:** Alissa Molina is a wife and mother. She holds a Catechesis on Human Love certification offered through the Diocese of Austin and is the founder of Made Worthy Ministries. She is currently employed by St. Louis King of France Catholic Church, in Austin, where she serves as the Confirmation Coordinator.

*Made Worthy Ministries* was born of the knowledge that God created each one of us with *infinite* worth. There is *beauty* in our worth. There is *power* in our worth. There is *hope* in our worth. Our worth cannot be *earned*. Nor can it be *lost*. Our worth is full of *treasure*. And our worth requires *responsibility*. *Let's spend time together celebrating our worth.* [www.madeworthyministries.org](http://www.madeworthyministries.org)



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