

# HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH of CORN HILL



Pope Francis  
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Bishop Joe Vásquez  
Diocese of Austin

## Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 2, A.D. 2017

### Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday	July 1	5:00 PM	†Frank Simek, Sr.
Sunday	July 2	8:30 AM	Confraternity of Christian Mothers
Sunday	July 2	10:30 AM	Pro Populo
Monday	July 3	6:00 PM	†Keith, Cynthia, Erik & Ryan Moehring
Tuesday	July 4	6:00 PM	Virgil Tonn (for healing)
Wednesday	July 5	6:30 PM	†Johnnie Simek
Thursday	July 6	7:00 AM	†August & Louise Batla
First Friday	July 7	6:00 PM	For Life
Saturday	July 8	7:30 AM	†Virginia McMaster
Saturday	July 8	5:00 PM	Pro Populo
Sunday	July 9	8:30 AM	†Alton Klanika
Sunday	July 9	10:30 AM	†Rose Reddy

### Mass Ministry Reminders

#### **Saturday, July 8, 5:00 PM:**

**Altar Servers:** Matthew & Nathan Klepac, Natalie Mason

**Lector:** Jennifer Klepac

**EMHC:** Jim & Mary Margaret Heurtz, Keith Youngpeter

**Gift Bearers:** Billy & Kathy Meissner

**Head Usher:** Stephanie Wright

#### **Sunday, July 9:**

##### **8:30 AM:**

**Altar Servers:** Jamie, John & Jenna Danek

**Lector:** Cynthia Edgar

**EMHC:** John Edgar, Ray Nemeč, James Nemeč

**Gift Bearers:** Billy & Belinda Beyer

**Head Usher:** A.J. Batla

##### **10:30 AM:**

**Altar Servers:** Thomas C, Jarrod & Abby Hodgson

**Lector:** Jill Horner

**EMHC:** Linda Allen

**Gift Bearers:** Bill & Linda Montreuil

**Head Usher:** Frank Knapek

**EMHC to Shut-ins: Sunday, July 9:** James Nemeč

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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

**Cemetery Information:** Parish Office

**Cemetery Director:** Johnny Martinka 512-966-4301

**Cemetery Maintenance:** Ken Loudermilk 512-869-7351

**Music Ministry / Choir:** Ronnie Simek 512-630-5074

**Finance Council:** Tommy Sladeczek 512-746-5881

**Pastoral Council:** Pete Zenner 512-863-4038

**Pro-Life Prayer Group:** Chris Garlasco 860-689-3021

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

**Conf. of Christian Mothers:** Lucille Nemeč 254-527-3615

**K.J.T. Society #55:** John Danek 512-746-4168

**K.J.Z.T. Society #15:** Dorothy Klepac 512-746-2902

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### Altar Flowers

To donate for Altar flowers in memory or honor of loved ones,  
please complete and return an 'Altar Flower Envelope'  
(which are located by bulletins or from website).

### Last Week's Collection(s)

June 25: Twelfth Sunday Ordinary Time: \$3,954.24

### Vocations Crucifix Prayer Campaign

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

**July 2 - 8: Tim & Gwyn Vrabel family**

July 9 – 15: 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.

### CEF – Spiritual Bouquets

make appropriate gifts for any occasion. You can contact  
Janine Nemeč (512-863-6892) for enrollments any time.

### This Week at a Glance

Sunday, July 2:	--Hospitality Sunday --Bazaar Meeting
Monday, July 3:	--Senior Citizens' Supper
Tuesday, July 4:	--Office Closed for holiday
Thursday, July 6:	--Pro-Life Adoration --Pro-Life Group Meeting
Friday, July 7:	--First Friday Mass

We will have a **second collection this weekend (July 1/2) for Peter's Pence**. This collection is taken up worldwide to support the most disadvantaged – victims of war, oppression, natural disasters and others in need of emergency assistance. Pope Francis has asked us to “care for those who are in need of attention, understanding and help, to bring them the warm closeness of God’s love through tangible actions of sensitivity, of sincere affection and of love.” The Holy Father uses the Peter’s Pence Collection to strengthen dioceses, religious orders and struggling communities of faith when they need it most.

All parishioners and visitors are invited to **Hospitality Sunday** today (Sunday, July 2), in the PAC Bldg, after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Thank you to Catholic Life Branch #50 for preparing the breakfast.

We will also have a **Bazaar Meeting** today (Sunday, July 2) in the PAC Bldg, during Hospitality Sunday. All Committee members and function leaders are encouraged to attend, as well as anyone else who is interested in learning more about, or volunteering for, the Bazaar and its many aspects.

Our monthly **Senior Citizens’ Supper** will be held this Monday, July 3, at 6:30 p.m. in the PAC Bldg. Thank you to K.J.Z.T. St. Agnes Society #15 for preparing the meal.

**The parish office will be closed this Tuesday, July 4, for the holiday, and open Wednesday - Friday (July 5 - 7).**

**Pro-Life Adoration** this Thursday, July 6, 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.

The **Pro-Life Prayer & Awareness Group** will meet this Thursday, July 6. 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 afterward. Everyone is invited to join them.

This Friday, July 7, is the **First Friday of the month**, and we will have Mass at 6:00 p.m. with a time of Adoration, our devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and Benediction.

**Thank you to all who have already given items for our Bazaar Raffle ... but the more the merrier! ... so if you still wish to donate a gift card, or any other prize, please contact the parish office by next Sunday, July 9.**

**PARISH  
BAZAAR**

**Our annual Bazaar will be held on Sunday, September 17.** We will have a full day - - - worship, good food, fun for the whole family and lots of friendly fellowship! **Though it is a lot of fun – it’s also a lot of work – and many hands are needed** to make it enjoyable for everyone! If you are interested in working at the Bazaar, or are new to the parish and would like more information about this annual fundraiser, please call the parish office. New parish members are always welcome and encouraged to join in the fun!

**CCE Program:** Classes for the new 2017/18 school year will be here before we know it, and we are already preparing! If you haven’t already done so, **please pre-register your student(s)**, so that we will have a good idea of book and supply needs!! We have classes for Pre-K (age 4) and up, so if you have a youngster that’s now school age – it’s time to get him/her involved. To register, or for any CCE information, please contact the Director, Lucille D’Elia, at 737-215-1042, or [htcdre@yahoo.com](mailto:htcdre@yahoo.com).

You may have heard of **The Caring Place** in Georgetown, but many do not know what it is, or what they do for this and the surrounding communities. They provide financial assistance and other basic life necessities for those in need. Their main location is in Georgetown (2000 Railroad Ave), but, for those in this area who aren't able, or who can't afford, to drive over there, they are also in Jarrell, twice a month, at the Jarrell United Methodist Church (404 1<sup>st</sup> Street). *First Come, First Served – Financial Assistance Sign-In Times – First & Second Thursdays of the month from 10 am – 2 pm (based on availability). Food, clothing and household item vouchers will also be given for redemption at the Georgetown location.*

**Our July 22 EIM Workshop is now on the diocesan website – so SIGN UP NOW!** If you are currently – or plan to be – involved in any parish ministry, program or employment, you must be EIM Certified, which means attending an EIM Workshop every three years. There are several of our parishioners whose 3-year-term will expire this year (from their class in 2014), so please take this opportunity to renew your certification. If you are not sure of your expiration date, please contact the parish office. Instructions on EIM workshops and compliance can be found on the diocesan website, [www.austindiocese.org](http://www.austindiocese.org), or at the parish office.

## Dear friends in Christ,

May the grace and peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you all. On Tuesday, we will celebrate the Fourth of July --- Independence Day. Many of the freedoms and liberties that hundreds of thousands of people died for since the foundation of our great country have slowly been chipped away over the last 50 years or so. Our Church is asking us to pray that these freedoms and liberties be protected so that we, our children, our grandchildren and generations to come, can enjoy the freedoms and liberties that men and women have died for so that we can have a better life. As we celebrate this Fourth of July, please pray --- especially for Respect for all Life, from the first moment of conception to natural death, for defense of marriage as God intends it to be, and for Religious Freedom, that we may be able to live and profess our faith without worry of being fined or jailed. These are God-given rights and freedoms. We pray that our President and legislatures will always have the courage to defend these rights and freedoms.

In today's gospel, Jesus tells us, "...and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me." Jesus is saying that each one of us must bear our cross in life just as he did. We all have to endure some form of pain and suffering. This pain and suffering is the cross which we carry. And, in life, we will have many different crosses to carry. The most important cross, and the one of greatest value, is the one we carry when we have to suffer because of our faith in Jesus and we suffer for Him just as He suffered for us. No matter how many crosses we have, Jesus is always there waiting for us to ask him to help us carry it. All we have to do is ask him for help. The crosses we carry can change our lives and bring us closer to God.

What is your cross in life? Maybe the cross you are carrying is the pain you feel from the death of a loved one. The cross could be the abandonment you feel when your boyfriend or girlfriend has rejected you, or, as you might say, dumped you. Maybe your cross is the suffering you are enduring due to some form of illness, such as arthritis, cancer, or a number of other ailments. Maybe your cross is being unemployed, or having marriage problems, or maybe you have just been through a divorce. Children leaving the Church, or drinking heavily, or taking drugs can be a heavy cross for parents to have to carry. Going to school could be a cross for many of you children and teenagers and adults as well. There are many crosses that we may have to carry and many of those crosses we build ourselves. Sometimes, because of the sins we have committed, we make our own crosses to carry. The question is, what are we going to do with these crosses? Are we going to try to avoid carrying it, or are we going to carry it and ask Jesus for help? Why is it that some people can take up their cross and follow Jesus, while others cannot? Why do some people become better after having carried a cross, while others become bitter and angry at God? The answer to these questions is a matter of faith. If we have faith, the cross can turn us into saints. If we do not have faith, the cross can turn us into animals. Faith gives us the power to carry any cross which we are given. For the Christian, it is the faith that, as Jesus brought new life to the world by taking up his cross and carrying it, so can we bring new life to the world and to ourselves by taking up our cross and carrying it.

Many people turn away from God and get angry at Him when they have a cross to carry. If they only knew how much God wants to help them they would turn to the Lord and seek His help and assistance. That doesn't mean that carrying our cross is going to be easy. Sometimes we need a heavy cross for us to see our own sinfulness and to change our way of life. No matter what our cross - our suffering - is in life, we should be able to see how God is with us and how it has made us a better person. We should be able to determine how God is working in us in our time of suffering. However, sometimes we may not be aware of God's presence in our suffering until we have had the opportunity to think and reflect upon the cross we have carried. This may be days, months, or years later. With the help of a priest, sister, close friend, or a spiritual director, we can better determine how God has worked in our lives in that moment of suffering. Many times, we can find the answer we are looking for in the bible. Read the New Testament and much of your pain and suffering will be better understood and made easier to bear.

In speaking to the Apostles in today's gospel, Jesus knew that they would each have a heavy cross to carry. Here, Jesus is telling the apostles that their ministry will not be easy. They have to rely totally on Jesus for their strength if they wish to carry out the mission which He will entrust to them. We, too, must rely totally on Jesus' help so that we will be able to carry the cross which we are given. So, when something in your life seems to be going the wrong way, go to Jesus crucified and ask Him to strengthen and assist you in your time of need. He will help you. For no one knows more about having to endure pain and suffering than Jesus Christ himself. Look at the cross and see how much He suffered for us. Jesus definitely understands suffering and is always ready to help us endure the sufferings which we experience. He may not help us in the way we expect Him to, but it will be in the way we most need to be helped. Remember, our way is not always the best way to do things. Let go of things and do it God's way. "...and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me."

I would like to end with the poem on the right which pretty much sums up what our attitude should be toward the crosses we have to carry.

### ***Splinters from the Cross***

Little headaches, little heartaches  
Little griefs of every day,  
Little trials and vexations,  
How they throng around our way!  
One great cross, immense and heavy,  
So it seems to our weak will,  
Might be borne with resignation,  
But these many small ones kill,  
Yet all life is formed of small things,  
Little leaves, make up the trees,  
Many tiny drops of water  
Blending, make the mighty seas.  
Let us not then by impatience  
Mar the beauty of the whole,  
But for love of Jesus bear all  
In the silence of our soul.  
Asking Him for grace sufficient  
To sustain us through each loss,  
And to treasure each small offering  
As a splinter from His Cross.

**Fr. Stephen Nesrsta, farář**

**Thank you to all who came to the Cemetery Work Day last Saturday. Your efforts and hard work are much appreciated!**

**Holy Trinity Catholic Church  
Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, June 8, 2017  
7 PM - Religious Education Building**

**Call to Order**

**Opening Prayer**

**A Tribute to Fathers: Marla Tonn**

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

**Members Absent:** Ken Loudermilk

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

**Guests Present:** 3

**Old Business**

1. June Fundraiser – The June Fundraiser was a huge success both financially and socially. Fr. Stephen thanked all who helped in any way.
2. Corpus Christi Procession – The annual Corpus Christi Procession will be held on Sunday, June 18, after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Each organization that sponsors an altar was given an agenda.

**New Business**

1. Tree Removal and Replacement – Three trees on the south side of the church were cut down because they were hollow and a danger to cars and people. They will be replaced at a later date with new trees. Marla Tonn will look into what type of trees would be best, an approximate cost, etc.
2. EIM Workshop – Our annual workshop will be held in the PAC Bldg on Saturday, July 22.
3. Czech Deacons Visit – The Czech deacons will be visiting from July 18 through August 17.
4. Fr. Stephen's Vacation – Fr. Stephen will be on vacation from June 18 through July 1, but will be here to celebrate the weekend Masses.
5. PAC Parking/Dumpster Area – Because of weight shifting when the garbage truck stops and starts in front of the dumpster, damage is being done to the asphalt in that area. Numerous solutions were discussed.

**Ministry/Committee Reports**

1. Social Ministry – Lucille D'Elia reported that the parish needs funds for our own social ministry. The 5th Sunday second collection will now be split between our social ministry and the Jarrell Food Pantry.
2. RE Program – Lucille reported that a High School Course will be added to our children's CCE Program. Vacation Bible School will be held on Saturday, June 10. 95% of the cost of VBS has been covered by private donations.
3. Cemetery – There will be a Cemetery Work Day on Saturday, June 24. The cemetery fund is in good shape.

**Finance**

The finance committee met on April 20, 2017. Tommy Sladeczek reported that, even though we made major repairs to the parking lot and roads, we are in sound financial condition. Mass collections are up and expenses are stable. We currently have no major capital improvements planned for the upcoming fiscal year.

**Other Business**

1. The addition of the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sundays, starting June 11, still requires more volunteers to help with music, lectoring and Eucharistic ministry.
2. The Bible Study was well attended and they expressed the want to continue with opportunities for more adult education.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, August 24, 2017