

# HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH of CORN HILL



Pope Francis  
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Bishop Joe Vásquez  
Diocese of Austin

## Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 13, A.D. 2017

### Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday	Aug 12	5:00 PM	†Joe & Margaret Vrazel
Sunday	Aug 13	8:30 AM	Pro Populo
Sunday	Aug 13	10:30 AM	Liv/Dec Members of KJZT St Agnes Society #15
Monday	Aug 14	7:00 AM	Ted & Gabriella Nemeč
<b>Holy Day of Obligation – Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>			
Tuesday	Aug 15	7:00 AM	Pro Populo
		12 Noon	†Connie Quevedo
		7:00 PM	†Louis Stojanik
Wednesday	Aug 16	6:30 PM	For Our Catechists
Thursday	Aug 17	7:00 AM	†Johnnie Simek
Friday	Aug 18	6:00 PM	†Msgr. Emilián Foltyn
Saturday	Aug 19	7:30 AM	Lauren Buchhorn (for healing)
Saturday	Aug 19	5:00 PM	Mark & Debra Klaus – In Thanksgiving
Sunday	Aug 20	8:30 AM	Pro Populo
Sunday	Aug 20	10:30 AM	†Frank & Anastasia Knapæk

### Altar Flowers

The flowers at the Crucifix and the Tabernacle are placed  
in loving memory of **Albina Sladeček**  
and are donated by Tommy & Cindy Sladeček.

### Last Week's Collection(s)

August 6: Transfiguration of the Lord: \$4,970.00

### 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.

### Vocations Crucifix Prayer Campaign

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

**August 13 – 19: Keith Youngpeter**  
August 20 - 26: Kathy Windhauser

### This Week at a Glance

Sat/Sun, August 12/13: --'Back to School' CEF  
Tuesday, August 15: --Holy Day of Obligation  
--Parish Office Closed  
Thursday, August 17: --Pro-Life Adoration  
Sat/Sun, August 19/20: --'Back to School' CEF

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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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Cemetery Director: Johnny Martinka 512-966-4301

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### Mass Ministry Reminders

**Holy Day of Obligation - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Tuesday, August 15: 7:00 AM:**

Altar Servers: Natalie Mason

Lector: Cynthia Edgar

EMHC: John Edgar

Head Usher: Frank Knapæk

**Noon:**

Altar Servers: Jakob Voigt

Lector: Nancy Zenner

EMHC: Pete Zenner, Jim & Mary Margaret Heuertz

Head Usher: Donald Tschœrner

**7:00 PM:**

Altar Servers: Caleb & Amy Stefek, John & Jenna Danek

Lector: Janine Nemeč

EMHC: Janine Nemeč, James Nemeč, Ray Nemeč

Head Usher: Tommy Sladeček

**Saturday, August 19, 5:00 PM:**

Altar Servers: Matthew & Nathan Klepac, Natalie Mason

Lector: Janine Nemeč

EMHC: Irene Cavanaugh, Jennifer Klepac, Janine Nemeč

Gift Bearers: Alex & Virginia Hernandez

Head Usher: Howard Mertink

**Sunday, August 20: 8:30 AM:**

Altar Servers: Carter M, Lucas B, William Fonville

Lector: Michael Vrabel

EMHC: Jerry David, Ray Nemeč, Lucille Nemeč

Gift Bearers: Ray & Teresa Nemeč

Head Usher: Tommy Sladeček

**10:30 AM:**

Altar Servers: Jakob Voigt, Samuel Williams

Lector: Leo Bringman

EMHC: Leo Bringman

Gift Bearers: Susan Schoenbaechler

Head Usher: Jeff Voigt

EMHC to Shut-ins: August 20: Jerry David

The family of Arlane Wright wishes to thank everyone for their prayers, phone calls and food in their time of grief. May God bless you.

Our 'Back to School' CEF Enrollment drive will be held after Masses this weekend (August 12/13) and next (19/20), for those wishing to enroll their children, grandchildren, godchildren, etc, and even teachers, as they soon begin another school year! Enrollments for other occasions can also be made at this time. The usual offering is \$2 per person, per card, and benefits the education of our diocesan seminarians.

The Parish Office will be closed this Tuesday, August 15, in observation of the Holy Day of Obligation, the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary ... and will be open Wednesday – Friday, August 16 – 18, from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Pro-Life Adoration this Thursday, August 17, from 3:00 – 9:00 p.m. in the church. Everyone is invited to come and spend some time with the Lord, present in the Holy Eucharist.

**CCE Program:** Our CCE classes will begin on Wednesday, September 6, so please register NOW – by August 23, so that we have adequate books and materials for each student! Registration forms can be found in the church, CCE/parish offices and on our website. For all CCE information, please contact the Director, Lucille D'Elia, at 737-215-1042 or [htcdre@yahoo.com](mailto:htcdre@yahoo.com).

**RCIA Classes to Begin in September** - RCIA is the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults -- a process for welcoming new members into the Roman Catholic Church. The RCIA is mainly for non-Catholics who want to become Catholic, but adult Catholics who have not received all of the Sacraments (Communion, Confession, Confirmation) may also come into full communion with the Church through the RCIA process. Catholics who would like to learn more about their faith are also welcome to attend. **Classes will be held every Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg, beginning on Tuesday, September 12. Please call the parish office to register for the classes and/or meet with Fr. Stephen.**



All High School Students – On November 18, the SMYRT Team from Texas A&M will be here at Holy Trinity to host a wonderful Retreat for all high school students and friends (grades 9-12). Please contact the CCE office to reserve your space.

Due to the generosity of our Parish Family, the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday collection enabled us to help the Jarrell Food Pantry and also provide much needed supplies to the Annunciation Maternity Home. God Bless you all.

**Jesus Taught  
us how to  
Serve Others**

## PARISH BAZAAR

**Stop by the 'Raffle Table' after Mass to pick up more raffle tickets or to turn in your ticket stubs and money!** We very much appreciate your efforts in selling tickets to your family members, coworkers, friends and neighbors!

If you would like to donate for the groceries and other expenses of the Bazaar, envelopes can be found on the bulletin tables and can be put in the collection plate, mailed/brought to the parish office, or turned in at the Raffle table at the weekend Masses.

Donations for the Bazaar games, silent and live auctions, etc, are needed and very much appreciated! Please see the list below of suggested items, and all donations can be brought to the PAC Bldg (which will be open every weekend after Mass) or to the parish office during business hours.

- Live Auction – NEW & Unused items – valued at \$25 or more – please contact Jacqueline Danek (512-423-2598) for suggestions and other questions.
- Silent Auction – NEW & Unused items – religious articles, homemade goods, crafts, candles, small tool & garden sets, kitchen items, lotion/bath sets.
- Bingo Prizes – NEW & Unused items - valued at \$5 or more – coffee, sugar, snacks, candy, laundry and/or dish detergents, etc.
- Toy Walk Prizes – NEW & Unused items - valued at \$5 or more – stuffed animals, Barbies/dolls, tractors, trucks, crafts, Legos, board games, etc.
- Ring Toss Game – 2 liter sodas (any brand / any flavor)
- Cake Walk – cakes ONLY (bring to PAC the morning of the Bazaar)

**Needed: kolache bakers for the booth at the Bazaar.** Please call Dorothy Klepac at 512-746-2902 or Barbara Danek at 512-746-2015 for more information.

**Volunteers are needed for all areas of the Bazaar – and we need as many helpers as possible to make the day enjoyable for everyone!** A list of Function Leaders is in your Bazaar Packet, as well as posted on the church bulletin board, so please call the Leader in the area(s) you would like to work in. New parishioners are always welcome!

## Dear friends in Christ,

Peace be with you! The summer is “flying by”, as they say, and school will begin soon. Please pray for all teachers and students as they prepare for a new school year. We pray that the Holy Spirit will shower upon them His gifts of wisdom, knowledge, and understanding.

This week, we celebrate a **Holy Day of Obligation as we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven**. All Catholics should go to Mass on this special day. Mass will be on Tuesday, August 15, at 7:00 am, 12 noon, and 7:00 pm.

Today's gospel, of Jesus and Peter walking on the water, has been interpreted in many ways. It is often used as a metaphor of how Jesus comes to the rescue of the Church in times of stormy weather, in times of trouble. However, it seems that this is another case in which Peter is humbled before our Lord. Once again, the focus is on Jesus and Peter. You could say that in today's gospel Peter is all washed up. However, in two weeks, we will hear in the gospel how Peter will be declared the “Rock” on which Jesus will build His Church. Peter will be given the keys of the kingdom of heaven and the power of binding things on earth and in heaven. But, in today's gospel, Peter must realize that he must keep his focus on Jesus Christ if he is to keep his head above water. But, as you and I know, this is not an easy thing to do. Especially today, when the world is full of distractions and society tells us that we must focus on ourselves and that we are the most important thing in the world. We have truly become a “me” society.

If we look through the Old Testament, we see what happened to the Israelites when they took their mind and heart off of God and, instead, focused only on their own well-being, on their own wealth. We can also see, in today's gospel, of what happens to Peter when he takes his focus off of Jesus and relies only on his own powers. The same sin of pride, and believing that he is walking on the water through his own ability, causes him to begin to sink. Only when he realizes that he is not the one in control of things and calls out to Jesus and Jesus grabs his hand does Peter come to understand how selfish and egotistical he really is. Because Peter is able to recognize this about himself and change his attitude and way of thinking, Jesus chooses him to be the leader of the apostles, the first Pope.

What is keeping us from reaching out to grab the hand of Jesus so that we can be rescued from sinking in the stormy waters of life? Is it our pride? Are we willing to call out to Jesus and ask for help, or do we want to rely solely on our own limited ability to fix or change our situation in life? Are we a people of little faith? Jesus is crying out to us “Get hold of yourselves! It is I. Do not be afraid!” Are we willing to listen to Him and take the necessary risks that He asks us to take so that He can have total control of our lives? Or are we ashamed to come before Him, to get down on our knees and ask Jesus for His help? These are questions that only each of you, as individuals, can answer. What will your answer be? Are you going to go it alone in life, or are you going to allow Jesus to help you, to lift you up before you drown? There is no crisis, no disaster or storm, that Christ cannot calm. Let us allow Him to keep us in His arms.

Many people asks questions about the Church's teaching on important issues like abortion, sterilization, in vitro fertilization, vasectomy, tubal ligations, gay marriage, end of life issues, feeding tubes, breathing tubes, and many others. It is important to know what the Church teaches about these topics. For information you can go to the Catechism of the Catholic Church and also to an excellent website [www.ncbcenter.org](http://www.ncbcenter.org) (National Catholic Bioethics Center). This website will answer most, if not all, of your questions. Please take some time to explore it and be up-to-date on these issues.

Deacons Jan Jurečka, Vojtěch Zahrádka and Jiří Šústek will return from West to attend a gathering in Hutto this Sunday. On Monday, they will be away and then they will go to Praha, Texas for the parish festival on Tuesday, August 15. They will then return to the Czech Republic on Thursday. We hope they have enjoyed their visit with us and ask God's blessings upon them as they return home.

May all of you have a most blessed week.

In Christ,  
Fr. Stephen Nesrsta, farář

## Assumption of Mary

Fr. William Saunders

Addressing a jubilant crowd of over 500,000 people packed into St. Peter's Square, Pope Pius XII solemnly defined in *Munificentissimus Deus* on November 1, 1950, that “the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever-virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory.”

Although the solemn definition may have been at the midpoint of the 20th century, the belief in the Assumption of our Blessed Mother exemplifies the dynamism of revelation and the Church's ongoing understanding of it as guided by the Holy Spirit.

Granted, the word *Assumption* does not appear in sacred Scripture. For this reason, many fundamentalists who literally interpret the Bible would have a difficulty with this belief. Nevertheless, we must first pause and reflect on the role of our Blessed Mother in the mystery of salvation, for this provides the foundation for the belief in the Assumption. We firmly believe that from the first moment of her conception, Mary was free of all sin including original sin by a special favor of Almighty God.

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The Archangel Gabriel recognized her as “full of grace,” “blessed among women,” and “one with the Lord.” Mary had been chosen to be the Mother of our Savior. By the power of the Holy Spirit, she conceived our Lord, Jesus Christ, and through her, true God became also true man: “The Word became flesh and dwelt among us” (Jn 1:14).

During her lifetime, although the gospel citations are limited, Mary always presented our Lord to others: to Elizabeth and her son, John the Baptist, who leapt for joy in the womb at the presence of the Lord still in His own mother’s womb; to the simple shepherds as well as the wise Magi; and to the people at Cana when our Lord acquiesced to His mother’s wish and performed the first miracle. Moreover, Mary stood at the foot of the Cross with her Son, supporting Him and sharing in His suffering through her love as only a mother could do. Finally, she was with the Apostles at Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit descended and the Church was born. Therefore, each of us can step back and see Mary as the faithful servant of God who shared intimately in the birth, life, death and resurrection of our Lord.

Another important piece of evidence attesting to the Assumption in sacred Scripture is found in the Book of Revelation: “A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and her head a crown of twelve stars” (12:1). This passage is part of the first reading for the Mass for the Solemnity of the Assumption. Notwithstanding the chronological aspect of the text, the Church has interpreted this passage as referring to the Blessed Mother who has been assumed into the glory of Heaven and crowned as Queen of Heaven and Earth, and as Mother of the Church.

For these reasons, we believe that the promises our Lord has given to each of us of sharing eternal life, including a resurrection of the body, were fulfilled in Mary. Since Mary was free of original sin and its effects (one of which is corruption of the body at death), since she shared intimately in the life of the Lord and in His passion, death, and resurrection, and since she was present at Pentecost, this model disciple appropriately shared in the bodily resurrection and glorification of the Lord at the end of her life. (Note that the solemn definition does not specify whether Mary physically died before being assumed or just was assumed; it simply states, “Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life...”) The *Catechism*, also quoting the Byzantine Liturgy, states: “The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin is a singular participation in her Son’s resurrection and an anticipation of the resurrection of other Christians: ‘In giving birth you kept your virginity; in your Dormition you did not leave the world, O Mother of God, but were joined to the source of Life. You conceived the living God and, by your prayers, will deliver our souls from death’” (no. 966).

In sum, the *Dogmatic Constitution on the Church* of the Second Vatican Council taught, “Finally, the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, when her earthly life was over, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords, and conqueror of sin and death” (no. 59).

This belief in the Assumption of our Blessed Mother has been longstanding in our Church. We must remember that the early Church was preoccupied with resolving questions about Christ, particularly His incarnation and the hypostatic union (His divine and human natures). However, in addressing these questions, the Church gradually defined the titles of Mary as Mother of God and as the New Eve, and the belief of the Immaculate Conception, all of which form the basis for the Assumption.

In *Munificentissimus Deus*, Pope Pius XII cited various Church Fathers to trace the longstanding tradition of the belief of the Assumption — St. John Damascene, St. Andrew of Crete, St. Modestus of Jerusalem and St. Gregory of Tours, to name a few. Bishop Theoteknos of Livias (c. 550-650) delivered one of the most comprehensive early sermons concerning the Assumption: “For Christ took His immaculate flesh from the immaculate flesh of Mary, and if He had prepared a place in heaven for the Apostles, how much more for His mother; if Enoch had been translated and Elijah had gone to heaven, how much more Mary, who like the moon in the midst of the stars shines forth and excels among the Prophets and Apostles? For even though her God-bearing body tasted death, it did not undergo corruption, but was preserved incorrupt and undefiled and taken up into heaven with its pure and spotless soul.”

St. John Damascene (d. 749) also recorded an interesting story concerning the Assumption: “St. Juvenal, Bishop of Jerusalem, at the Council of Chalcedon (451), made known to the Emperor Marcian and Pulcheria, who wished to possess the body of the Mother of God, that Mary died in the presence of all the Apostles, but that her tomb, when opened, upon the request of St. Thomas, was found empty; wherefrom the Apostles concluded that the body was taken up to heaven.” In all, the Patristic Fathers defended the Assumption on two counts: Since Mary was sinless and a perpetual virgin, she could not suffer bodily deterioration, the result of original sin, after her death. Also, if Mary bore Christ and played an intimate role as His mother in the redemption of man, then she must likewise share body and soul in His resurrection and glorification.

The Byzantine Emperor Mauritius (582-602) established the celebration of the Dormition of the Blessed Virgin Mary on August 15 for the Eastern Church. (Some historians speculate that the celebration was already widespread before the Council of Ephesus in 431.) By the end of the sixth century, the West likewise celebrated the Feast of the Assumption. While the Church first emphasized the death of Mary, gradual shifts in both title and content occurred, so that by the end of the eighth century, the Gregorian Sacramentary had prayers for Assumption Day.

The feast of the Assumption gives each of us great hope as we contemplate this one facet of the beautiful woman of faith, our Blessed Mother. Mary moves us by example and prayer to grow in God’s grace, to be receptive to His will, to convert our lives through sacrifice and penance and to seek that everlasting union in the Heavenly Kingdom. In 1973, the National Conference of Catholic Bishops in their letter *Behold Your Mother* stated, “Christ has risen from the dead; we need no further assurance of our faith. Mary assumed into heaven serves rather as a gracious reminder to the Church that our Lord wishes all whom the Father has given Him to be raised with Him. In Mary taken to glory, to union with Christ, the Church sees herself answering the invitation of the heavenly Bridegroom.”