

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH of CORN HILL



Pope Francis
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Bishop Joe Vásquez
Diocese of Austin



First Sunday of Advent

December 3, A.D. 2017



Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday	Dec 2	5:00 PM	†Ed & Wilma Ethridge
Sunday	Dec 3	8:30 AM	†Albina Sladeczek
Sunday	Dec 3	10:30 AM	Pro Populo
Tuesday	Dec 5	6:00 PM	†Judy Jackson
Wednesday	Dec 6	6:30 PM	†Connie Quevedo
Thursday	Dec 7	7:00 AM	†Msgr. Emilián Foltýn

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Holy Day of Obligation

Friday	Dec 8	7:00 AM	†Robert & Leona Brenek
		12 Noon	†Philip Palousek
		7:00 PM	Pro Populo

Saturday	Dec 9	7:30 AM	†Virginia McMaster
Saturday	Dec 9	5:00 PM	†James Denis Grygar
Sunday	Dec 10	8:30 AM	†Bernadette Schwertner
Sunday	Dec 10	10:30 AM	Pro Populo

This Week at a Glance

Sat/Sun, December 2/3:	--CEF Christmas Enrollments
Sunday, December 3	--Hospitality Sunday
Monday, December 4:	--Senior Citizens' Supper
Tuesday, December 5:	--RCIA Class
Wednesday, December 6:	--CCE Classes
Thursday, December 7:	--Pro-Life Adoration, Rosary, Meeting
Friday, December 8:	--Holy Day of Obligation

Mass Ministry Reminders

Wednesday, December 6, 6:30 PM:

Altar Servers: Nathan Klepac, Jakob Voigt, Samuel Williams
Lector: Janine Nemeč / **EMHC:** Heuertz / **Gifts:** Faith Formation

Friday, December 8 – Immaculate Conception-Holy Day of Obligation:

7:00 AM: Altar Servers: Thomas Clawson (& volunteers)

Lector: Natalie Mason

EMHC: Brandi Bernal, Jim & Mary Margaret Heuertz

Head Usher: Stephanie Wright

12 Noon: Altar Servers: NEED VOLUNTEERS

Lector: Jill Horner

EMHC: Zenner

Head Usher: Jerry David

7:00 PM: Altar Servers: Jakob V, Caleb & Amy, Lucas B (incense)

Lector: Leo Bringman

EMHC: Janine Nemeč, John & Cynthia Edgar

Gift Bearers: Voigt family

Head Usher: Jeff Voigt

Saturday, December 9, 5:00 PM: Altar Servers: John & Maria Bruce, Preston Snook

Lector: Leo Bringman

EMHC: Janine Nemeč, Jim & M Margaret Heuertz

Gift Bearers: Snook family

Head Usher: Donald Tschoerner

Sunday, December 10, 8:30 AM: Altar Servers: Carter Marquis, John & Jenna Danek

Lector: Zenner

EMHC: John & Cynthia Edgar, Ray Nemeč

Gift Bearers: Ray & Teresa Nemeč

Head Usher: Jerry David

Sunday, December 10, 10:30 AM: Altar Servers: Jakob V, Samuel W, Jarrod H

Lector: Monica Sherek

EMHC: Kelly Godfrey

Gift Bearers: Bill & Linda Montreuil

Head Usher: Bill Sherek

EMHC to Shut-ins: Sunday, December 10: Jerry David

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Weekend Masses: Saturday @ 5:00 pm

Sunday @ 8:30 am & 10:30 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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Altar Flowers

If you would like to donate flowers for the Altar(s), in memory or honor of loved ones, please complete and return an 'Altar Flower Envelope' (by bulletins or from our website). Please remember, no flowers are needed during the Advent & Christmas Seasons (Dec 3 – Jan 7).

Last Week's Collection(s)

November 22: Thanksgiving Masses: \$709.00

November 26: Christ the King: \$4,277.00

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Thursday in the church from 3:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Vocations Crucifix Prayer Campaign

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

December 3 - 9: Kathy Windhauser

December 10 - 16: Henry & Agnes Taylor

Lost & Found: A small key with the word FUEL printed on it was found in the parking lot this past weekend. Contact the parish office to claim it.

The Meissner family would like to thank everyone who carried Billy in their thoughts and prayers these past months. He was released from the hospital on Friday to continue his recovery at home ... *“Words cannot express how grateful we are for all of your support, and please know that every prayer said in his name was answered. In appreciation, we are hosting a “Come and Go” at Moravian Hall next Sunday, December 10, from 2:00 – 6:00 p.m. Please come and join us in welcoming Billy home!”*

The Clerical Endowment Fund (CEF) has special **“Christmas Enrollment” cards for Spiritual Bouquet Gifts** for the Christmas season. These enrollments, with the usual \$2 offering, can be made after all Masses this weekend (December 2/3) in the foyer of the church. Christmas enrollments can also be made by contacting our parish CEF Chairperson, Janine Nemeč (512-863-6892).

All visitors and parishioners are invited to join us today (Sunday, December 3) for **Hospitality Sunday**, in the PAC Bldg, after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. We thank the Moravian Club for preparing the breakfast.

Our monthly **Senior Citizens’ Supper** will be held this Monday, December 4, at 6:30 p.m. in the PAC Bldg. We appreciate the Youth of our parish for preparing the meal. (*****all youth interested in helping should contact Monica Sherek at 512-864-4748**)

RCIA: Class this Tuesday, December 5, at 7:00 p.m. Discussion: Prayer.

CCE: Classes this Wednesday, December 6, from 6:15 – 8:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg. For all CCE questions and information, contact Lucille D’Elia (737-215-1042 or htcdre@yahoo.com).

Join us for **Pro-Life Adoration** this Thursday, December 7, from 3:00 – 9:00 p.m. in the church. Come and spend some time with our Lord, present in the Holy Eucharist.

Our **Pro-Life Prayer & Awareness Group** will meet this Thursday, December 7. They will begin in the church at 6:30 p.m. with a Pro-Life Rosary and then continue their meeting in the RE Bldg. Everyone is invited to both the Rosary and the meeting!

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Holy Day of Obligation, this Friday, November 8 (Mass at 7:00 a.m., 12 Noon and 7:00 p.m.)

We will have a **second collection** next weekend, December 9/10, for the **Priest & Religious Retirement Fund**. This collection allows the opportunity to “give to those who have given a lifetime”. This annual appeal benefits 32,000 elderly Catholic priests, sisters and brothers whose religious congregations lack adequate retirement funding.

‘Tis the season to support those in need, and you can do so by visiting our **Angel Tree** (in the foyer of the church). To participate, you will get a tag from the tree – purchase the item(s) listed – and then bring them to the church or the parish office – UNWRAPPED & with the tag - by the due-date of next Sunday, December 10. For questions, contact Debbie Klaus (512-869-7930). Thank you, in advance, for your generosity! (Donations to the Angel Tree will benefit the Annunciation Maternity Home residents, Jarrell School families and Will-O-Bell Nursing Home residents.)

Mark your ‘prayer calendars’ for next Sunday, December 10, and join Bishop Joe Vásquez and the rest of our diocese in celebrating and praying for the consecration of our diocese to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Please see the prayer on the back of this bulletin to use at home with your family.

If you would like to help decorate the church for the Christmas Season with beautiful poinsettias --- in memory or honor of loved ones --- you may do so by completing and returning a “Christmas Flower Envelope” (located by the bulletins). Please turn in your envelope by Sunday, December 17. All memorials will be announced in the Christmas bulletin.

Food Drive: Donating to help an area family has never been easier. The KJT is collecting food for the Caring Place, which works with families faced with financial struggles. Simply drop your non-perishable items in the boxes located in the vestibule or south entrance of church. If making a monetary donation is easier, we’ll take it. According to the Caring Place, \$1 buys 3.5 pounds of food; \$30 provides an individual with meals for a month. Contact Helen Havelka (512-869-8715) if you have any questions. Food Drive ends Sunday, December 17.

Marriage Anniversaries: If, in 2017, you celebrated your 10, 15, 20, 25, etc., 50th or more, wedding anniversary, the Austin DCCW, together with our Bishop, Joe Vásquez, will honor these couples with a certificate. There is a (blue) sign-up sheet in the foyer of the church. Please make sure you **fill in all of the information and print clearly** so that we don’t misspell your names! Please sign-up by Sunday, December 17. The certificates will be presented to these couples on the weekend of the Feast of the Holy Family (Dec 30/31).

The 2018 Contribution Envelopes are now available in the foyer of the church. If you are not currently using them and would like a box, please put your name on the sheet provided or contact the parish office.

If you would like an Annual Donation Report for tax, or other, purposes, please contact the parish office. If you have received one in the past, you will automatically receive one again. If you have had a change of address since last January, please let us know. Reports will be mailed out in January.

Please take the time to make a good confession during Advent. The following are several opportunities in our area:

St. Mary – Taylor – Sunday, December 10, 6 PM; **St. John Vianney** – Round Rock – Monday, December 11, 7 PM;

Holy Trinity – Corn Hill – Sunday, December 17, 5 PM; **SSCM – Granger** – Tuesday, December 19, 7 PM;

St. William – Round Rock – Monday, December 18, 7 PM and Wednesday, December 20, 1 PM – 6 PM

If you haven't already, take advantage of the ability to **"Give Online"** - conveniently and easily - through our website or the Give+ app. Whether it's a one-time donation, or a recurring 'weekly collection' donation, you can set your own preferences and change, or add to it, at any time. Your online donations are kept track of in the parish office and will be listed on your annual donation report.

- 1) Visit our church website at www.holytrinityofcornhill.org
- 2) Click on the 'Give Online' button (on home page – approx half-way down)
- 3) Click on the Create Profile button and then follow the instructions

Simply follow these easy steps:

You can make almost any donation you want online: --Cemetery --In Memoriam --CCE Registrations --Social Ministry --Fundraisers --& More!

We do ask that you give sufficient information in the text box available to you when giving an 'Other Donation'

(examples: in memoriam of John Doe to (cemetery or church); or CCE Reg Fees for Jane and Jimmy Doe; or annl cemetery dues for John Doe)

You will NOT want to donate for: --Mass Intentions --Altar Flowers --any other Flowers, as they require information you can't give online.

And, as the saying goes: "There's an APP for that!" You can also make a contribution to our church through the mobile app: **Give+**

Download the Give+ app for free from the App Store or Google Play (search for "church give plus") to donate directly from your smart phone!

Dear friends in Christ,

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the unity of the Holy Spirit be with you all. This weekend, we begin the Season of Advent. The Advent Season is from Sunday, December 3 through the beginning of the Vigil Mass of Christmas on December 24. The Advent Season is a time of watching and waiting for the Birth of the Lord. It is a time of preparation. How are you going to prepare yourself during this time of Advent? **Our Advent Penance Service will be on Sunday, December 17.** Be sure to plan to make a good confession before you celebrate the Birth of the Lord at Christmas. The Christmas Season begins on the evening of December 24 and continues until Monday, January 8, when we will celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. So, after Christmas Day on December 25, please do not say that Christmas is over, because it has actually just begun. Too many Catholics and other Christians have given into the secular celebration of Christmas, a celebration that is completely absent of the presence of Jesus Christ, whose birthday we celebrate. Celebrate Advent as a time of preparation, make a good confession and spend extra time in prayer with your family.

During the Season of Advent, we usually begin decorating our homes for Christmas. I always recommend that you wait until the Third Sunday of Advent, *Gaudete Sunday*, before you turn on your Christmas lights. Also, I encourage you to leave your tree and decorations up and your Christmas lights shining until the end of the Christmas Season on January 8. Let us truly celebrate Christmas during the entire Christmas Season. I also encourage parish organizations to have their Christmas parties during the Christmas Season and not during Advent. In the USA, Santa Claus has only become an advertising gimmick. Instead of Santa coming to our parties, we should live the truth of our faith and have St. Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, come to our celebrations. He is the one who brought gifts to the poor and needy of his day. Our faith is filled with wonderful traditions that have been handed down to us during the past 2000 years. The more we present our faith in the spirit and truth it is meant to teach, the more people will have a conversion of heart and think about the faith they have received. I know that you may be getting tired of my repeating this every year, but I feel that this is something that needs to be said and needs to be thought about.

In today's Gospel, Jesus says: "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come." Jesus is telling us that we must always be prepared for His Second Coming into the world and also for the day when we will leave this earth by our bodily death to stand before Him in judgment. As we all know, either one of these two events can happen at any second, any hour or any day. Are you ready? Are you watchful? Are you alert? Our Opening Prayer, the Collect, for this Mass says: "Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom." We all need a greater resolve to run forth to meet Jesus. We all need a greater resolve to be faithful to Him and to all His teachings. Many things in this world distract us from the Truths Jesus proclaimed. May we have the courage to accept His Truth and try to live it day-by-day. To be watchful and ready, and, to avoid the dangers of our distractions, we must pray daily, from our hearts, seeking a closer relationship with our Lord. Only then will we be ready to meet Him when he comes again.

Please pray for all the priests of the Diocese of Austin as we have an Advent Day of Prayer together this Tuesday, December 5.

Please check this bulletin for the Penance Services that have been scheduled at various parishes in our deanery. Try to attend with your family together to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation some time during the Advent Season.

May all of you have a very blessed Advent Season.

**In Christ,
Fr. Stephen Nestrta, farář**

On the weekend of December 9/10, this prayer will be prayed by all parish congregations of our Diocese, at all Masses, for the consecration of our Diocese of Austin to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. You are encouraged to also pray this prayer at home with your families for the blessings of our Mother Mary.

Diocesan Prayer of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Most Holy Virgin Mary, Mother of God, patroness of the Diocese of Austin under the title of the Immaculate Conception, united with your beloved Son, Jesus the Christ, and enflamed by the love of the Holy Spirit, we consecrate our Diocese and family to your Immaculate Heart. The Sacred Heart of Jesus continually overflows with divine love offering pardon to all and reparation for sins. Your most pure, maternal and loving Immaculate Heart is intimately linked with His, in God's plan for our salvation.

Queen of Peace, pray that our hearts become more fully converted, finding peace from anger, hatred, war, and violence, which tear apart communities and families. Obtain peace and liberty for the Church and help us overcome all division preventing the faithful practice and public witness of Christian life.

Mother of Sorrows, whose Immaculate Heart is pierced by human suffering, awaken in us compassion for the homeless, the impoverished, the refugee, the oppressed, the grief-stricken, the hopeless and those sick in mind and body. Teach us God's preferential love for the poor and vulnerable on the margins of our consciences and our communities.

Patroness of the Unborn and Mother of the Living, deliver us from all sins against human life from its beginning until natural death. Assist us to defend the sanctity of marriage and the family. Teach us to preserve and nurture the dignity of every human being as children of God.

Our Lady Star of the New Evangelization, enable our hearts to embrace the truth of God. Make us docile and obedient to the promptings of the Holy Spirit and help us always to discern good from evil. Instill in us your zeal to proclaim the Gospel of your Son in every time and place.

Mother of the Church, and first among disciples, guide us on the path of holiness. Awaken in each of us a desire to draw ever closer to your beloved Son. Under the mantle of your love, we consecrate our Diocese to your maternal protection and entrust all to your beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

-Bishop Joe Vásquez,
Diocese of Austin

