

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH of CORN HILL



Pope Francis
Vatican City State



Bishop Joe Vásquez
Diocese of Austin



Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, A.D. 2017



Mass Schedule & Intentions

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
Monday	Dec 11	7:00 AM	Marshall, Brielle & Conner Cooke
Tuesday	Dec 12	6:00 PM	†Emil & Ella Schwertner
Wednesday	Dec 13	6:30 PM	†Bill Klepac
Thursday	Dec 14	7:00 AM	Susan Harding & her intentions
Friday	Dec 15	6:00 PM	Vernon & Jan Hein
Saturday	Dec 16	7:30 AM	Craig & Krystle
Saturday	Dec 16	5:00 PM	†Johnnie Simek
Sunday	Dec 17	8:30 AM	Pro Populo
Sunday	Dec 17	10:30 AM	†Bill Klepac

Mass Ministry Reminders

Wednesday, December 13, 6:30 PM:

Altar Servers: Natalie Mason, Lucas Beyer, Preston Snook
Lector: Jennifer Marquis
EMHC: Jennifer Klepac
Gift Bearers: 2nd Grade

Saturday, December 16, 5:00 PM:

Altar Servers: Matthew & Nathan Klepac, Natalie Mason
Lector: Lupe Bernal
EMHC: Jennifer Klepac, Brandi Bernal, Keith Youngpeter
Gift Bearers: Johnny & Bernice Hernandez
Head Usher: Stephanie Wright

Sunday, December 17, 8:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Jamie Danek, Joseph & Adelaide Brousseau
Lector: Louis Brousseau
EMHC: Johnny Martinka, Lucille Nemecek, James Nemecek
Gift Bearers: Pinto & Lucille Nemecek
Head Usher: Tommy Sladeczek

Sunday, December 17, 10:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Thomas Clawson, Heron Rodriguez, William Fonville
Lector: Leo Bringman
EMHC: Leo Bringman
Gift Bearers: Clawson family
Head Usher: Frank Knappek

EMHC to Shut-ins: December 17: Ray Nemecek

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Bulletin Announcement Deadline: Tuesdays @ 3:00 pm

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 website).

Please remember, no flowers are needed during the Advent & Christmas Seasons (Dec 3 – Jan 7).

Last Week's Collection(s)

December 3: First Sunday of Advent: \$4,047.60
 (November's Online Donations: \$490.00)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

Come spend some time with our Lord!

Vocations Crucifix Prayer Campaign

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

December 10 - 16: Henry & Agnes Taylor

December 17 – 23: Jim & Mary Margaret Heuertz

This Week at a Glance

Tuesday, December 12: --RCIA Class
 Wednesday, December 13: --CCE Classes
 Thursday, December 14: --Pro-Life Adoration
 Sunday, December 17: --Advent Penance Service

Prayer for Advent

All-powerful God, increase our strength of will for doing good, that Christ may find an eager welcome at His coming and call us to His side in the kingdom of heaven, where He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Lost & Found: A small key, with the word FUEL printed on it, was found in the parking lot. You may contact the parish office to claim it.

Holy Trinity BAGS for Sale! Buy a shopping bag – with our church picture and name on it – for yourself and for your family and friends! Use them to wrap your Christmas presents in this year and the recipients can use them again and again ... help save the environment and bag your groceries in them instead of plastic ... or carry around your everyday essentials – all while supporting and promoting our parish. However you use them, they are great to have, and being only **\$3 each, or 2 for \$5**, just sweetens the deal! They will be sold this weekend and next after Mass and you can also purchase them at the parish office.

We will have a **second collection** this 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.

Angel Tree gifts and items return deadline is today, Sunday, December 10! If you still have items to turn in, please contact Debbie Klaus (512-869-7930) ASAP. Thank you for your generosity, stewardship and participation in the corporal works of mercy!

RCIA: Class this Tuesday, December 12, at 7:00 p.m. Discussion: History of the Church.

CCE: Classes this Wednesday, December 13, 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 14, from 3:00 – 9:00 p.m. in the church. Come and spend some time with our Lord, present in the Holy Eucharist.

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 next Sunday, December 17.** All memorials will be announced in the Christmas bulletin.

Food Drive Ends Next Sunday, December 17: You can help area families have a Hunger-Free Christmas by placing a non-perishable item in the food drive boxes located near the vestibule and south entrances of the church. Every can, box, or bag of food makes a difference. Monetary donations are also accepted. If you have any questions, please contact Helen Havelka (512-869-8715).

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 next 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 Parish Office will be closed the week of December 25 – 29 for the holidays. Therefore, **announcements for the December 29th bulletin are due by Tuesday, December 19.**

The **Pastoral Council will meet** on Thursday, December 21, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg. All parishioners are invited to attend. The agenda for this meeting is located on the bulletin board for your information and preparation.

ATTN: ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS! The annual **Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference (DCYC)** will be held at the Waco Convention Center on February 2-4, 2018, and you are invited! Cost is \$100 and includes your hotel stay plus most of your meals (scholarships are available if needed). **Registration forms are available in the foyer of the church and are due by December 31.** For all other information, or to turn in registration forms, please contact Monica Sherek (512-864-4748).

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.

Simply follow these easy steps:

- 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

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,

Greetings to each of you in this holy Season of Advent. How many of you have had and have everything go your way in your life, just as you think it should go, according to your plans? Probably not one person can say that everything always goes your way, according to your liking. If you can say this, then there is something definitely wrong. How do we respond and react when things do not go our way?

The Second Letter of Peter addresses this problem in today's reading. The hearers of this letter were experiencing doubt and disappointment in certain elements of their new faith. Not everything was working out as they believed it would. These early members of the Christian community believed that the Second Coming of Christ was very close at hand. They fully expected to see the Risen Lord again within their lifetime. But as the years wore on and Jesus did not return, it became clear to these first Christians that either they had misunderstood or they were wrong. Or even worse, perhaps Jesus himself was wrong.

When things do not work out in people's lives as they believe that it should, many people leave the practice of their faith because of disappointment that God has not done things as was expected or wanted by them. Some members of the early community began to deny belief in the Second Coming of Jesus in the same way we deny or ignore our own beliefs if they do not work out as we expected or if they do not suit us. It is no secret that many of us ignore our Church's moral teachings because they do not suit us. In addition, some early Christians, as maybe we have, simply lost enthusiasm.

The author of the Second Letter of Peter steps addresses this human experience of denial, doubt and disappointment and says: *"Wait a minute! We must remember who God is and what God is about. He is patient with us, but the time is here for Him to have His way. All God wants is what is good for us."* God's way is not our way, and we tend to forget or ignore this. For God, one day may be as a thousand years and a thousand years as a day. But we have become too accustomed to a microwave society, getting things when we want them, everything being instant, and everything being our way. This letter reminds us that we have to let God be God. We must let God do things His way, in His time, and in the way He sees fit because that is the way that is going to serve us best. We try to find peace in our lives in many ways, but letting God have His way is the secret of finding peace.

Unfortunately, we are so into what we want and how we want it, and into the fact that we want it right now, that we tend to forget that the life of faith is not about our expectations but, instead, God's expectations.

Advent, in part, is about reminding ourselves of God's great gift to us in the life of Jesus. It is also a reminder of Jesus' promise that He is going to come back to us, to take us with Him. And He tells us that the hour is known only to the Father. But He clearly lets us know that He is coming back.

Every Sunday we profess, *"I believe...He will come again in glory..."* Do we appreciate what it means to believe this? Does our behavior match what comes from our mouths -- or are we simply mouthing? Do we believe that the Lord will return? Do we believe and understand that we are going to die, or do we somehow pretend, "Not so!"

Isaiah's prophecy about the coming of the Messiah and its fulfillment in John the Baptizer is both a joyful message and a warning to be ready. This Advent, and every Advent, is a reminder to acknowledge this reality and struggle to grasp its full implication. John preached a way of making ourselves ready, and that is the way of repentance. We must face ourselves as we are. We must see the arrogance in our casual denial of letting God have His way. As John asked the people to repent, so must we repent. **Our Advent Penance Service is next Sunday, December 17, at 5:00 pm.** Make a good confession before you celebrate Christmas. Be ready, be prepared!

This Advent, are we ready to give up, to repent, of those things that stand in God's way of drawing himself closer to us? We believe that Jesus will come again. This belief is the source of great joy. But it also is a promise that should make us nervous. What are we going to do to change and improve our lives and prepare ourselves for our meeting with Jesus? Let's take time to think about it very seriously.

When we come to Mass, whether it be on Saturday evening or Sunday morning and also on a weekday, we should come early enough to prepare ourselves through prayer for what we celebrate at Mass. If we rush in and have not quieted ourselves mentally and spiritually we will miss out on the true experience of what the Mass is all about. The rosary helps us to prepare by focusing us on the life of Jesus. Also, other private prayers that come from your heart should be prayed before Mass so that you are truly in communication with our Lord. Pray the prayers that best express your inner sentiments.

Have a most blessed week.

Fr. Stephen Nersisyan, farář

Please see, below, the **2018** schedule of “**PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS**” (Hospitality Sundays, Saturday Potlucks & Senior Citizens’ Suppers).

We are making this available to you ahead of time so that you can mark your calendars for the entire year!

If you don’t have a 2018 calendar yet, you are welcome to pick one up in the church (by bulletins – one per family, please).

This schedule is also available on our website year-round on the ‘Parish Events’ page.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the parish groups, committees and individuals that prepare the meals for each of these events ... because, without you and your stewardship ... this would not be possible!

For those of you that are new to the parish, or who are unsure of how these events work ... here’s some information: Each month, the parish provides opportunities for our parishioners and visitors to come together in fellowship and camaraderie.

The Senior Citizens’ Supper is for those who fall into the category of an older, wiser age ☺ (as the name suggests...) and is typically held on the first Monday of the month, unless otherwise noted on the schedule.

The Hospitality Sundays and Saturday Potlucks, for the most part, alternate the first Saturday and/or Sunday each month of the year...though some do not, so please pay close attention to the dates on the schedule. At the Hospitality Sundays --- the breakfast is provided for you to enjoy – while getting to know your ‘neighbor’. At the Saturday Potlucks --- everyone brings their favorite dish(es) and/or dessert(s) to share with everyone else – which offers lots of variety and sharing of recipes! (church provides the refreshments)

All of these events are free of charge to all who attend (*though donations are always accepted* ☺) and the meals are prepared by the groups, committees and individuals listed with each one. If you are interested in helping with, or ‘picking up’, one or more of these events, you may contact the parish office for more information. Volunteers are always welcome!!

Hope to see you there!

Senior Citizen Suppers

SP = Saturday Potluck / HS = Hosp Sunday

January 8, 2018: K.J.Z.T. (2nd Monday due to holiday)

SP: January 6, 2018: K.J.T.

February 5, 2018: Confraternity of Christian Mothers

HS: February 4, 2018: Marquis family

March 5, 2018: Moravian Club

SP: March 3, 2018: CYM

April 2, 2018: Catholic Life

HS: April 1, 2018: Pro-Life Group

May 7, 2018: K.J.T.

SP: May 5, 2018: Moravian Club

June 11, 2018: Jennifer K (2nd Monday due to fundraiser)

(No event in June due to fundraiser)

July 2, 2018: K.J.Z.T.

HS: July 1, 2018: Catholic Life (Bazaar mtg)

August 6, 2018: Confraternity of Christian Mothers

HS: August 5, 2018: K.J.T. (Bazaar mtg)

September 3, 2018: Moravian Club

SP: September 1, 2018: CYM

October 1, 2018: Catholic Life

HS: October 7, 2018: Havelka family

November 12, 2018: K.J.T. (2nd Monday due to Wurstbraten)

SP: November 3, 2018: Marquis family

December 3, 2018: CYM

HS: December 2, 2018: Moravian Club