

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH of CORN HILL



Pope Francis
Vatican City State



Bishop Joe Vásquez
Diocese of Austin



Third Sunday of Advent

December 17, A.D. 2017



Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday	Dec 16	5:00 PM	† Johnnie Simek
Sunday	Dec 17	8:30 AM	Pro Populo
Sunday	Dec 17	10:30 AM	† Bill Klepac
Monday	Dec 18	7:00 AM	For A.B.S.
Tuesday	Dec 19	7:00 AM	† Stanley Havelka
Wednesday	Dec 20	6:30 PM	Vernon & Jan Hein
Thursday	Dec 21	7:00 AM	For Greater Respect of Life
Friday	Dec 22	6:00 PM	† Adolf & Mary Schwertner
Saturday	Dec 23	7:30 AM	† Dennis Pavlas
Saturday	Dec 23	5:00 PM	Virgil Tonn (healing)
Sunday	Dec 24	8:30 AM	Al Kalinec
Sunday	Dec 24	10:30 AM	Pro Populo

Last Week's Collection(s)

December 8: Immaculate Conception: \$1,571.14
December 10: Second Sunday of Advent: \$6,449.78
Priest & Religious Retirement Fund: \$2,441.00

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 17 – 23: Jim & Mary Margaret Heuertz
December 24 – 30: Frances Nemeec

This Week at a Glance

Sunday, December 17: --Advent Penance Service
Tuesday, December 19: --RCIA Class
Wednesday, December 20: --CCE Classes
Thursday, December 21: --Pro-Life Adoration
--Pastoral Council Meeting

In Memoriam

We extend our sympathies and prayers to the family of **Patrick Vrabel** (brother to Gina Vrabel, of our parish family) who died this past week.
He will be buried here on Tuesday, December 19 --- Funeral Mass at 2:00 p.m., w/ Rosary prayed before at 1:00 p.m. (no meal after funeral).
*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.
May he rest in peace. Amen.*

† Fr. Stephen Nesrsta †

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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

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

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Mass Ministry Reminders

Wednesday, December 20, 6:30 PM:

Altar Servers: Jamie Danek, William & Joseph Brousseau

Lector: Zenner / EMHC: Zenner / Gift Bearers: Confirmation 2

Saturday, December 23, 5:00 PM:

Altar Servers: John & Maria Bruce, Preston Snook

Lector: Janine Nemeec

EMHC: Janine Nemeec, Patsy Hightower, Irene Cavanaugh

Gift Bearers: Johnny & Bernice Hernandez

Head Usher: Donald Tsochoerner

Sunday, December 24, 8:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Caleb & Amy Stefek, Lucas Beyer

Lector: Michael Vrabel

EMHC: John & Cynthia Edgar, Ray Nemeec

Gift Bearers: Billy & Belinda Beyer / Head Usher: A.J. Batla

Sunday, December 24, 10:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Jakob Voigt, Samuel Williams, Abby Hodgson

Lector: Zenner / EMHC: Zenner

Gift Bearers: Bill & Monica Sherek / Head Usher: Bill Sherek

EMHC to Shut-ins: December 24: John Edgar

Christmas Masses

Sunday, December 24, 5:00 PM:

Altar Servers: John & Maria Bruce, Thomas Clawson

Lector: Michael Vrabel

EMHC: Brandi Bernal, Jim & Mary Margaret Heuertz

Gift Bearers: Snook family / Head Usher: Stephanie Wright

& Midnight: Altar Servers: Jamie, John & Jenna Danek, Carter M

Lector: Jill Horner

EMHC: Ray Nemeec, Leo Bringman, Janine Nemeec

Gift Bearers: Ray & Teresa Nemeec / Head Usher: Frank Knappek

Monday, December 25, 8:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Caleb & Amy Stefek, Jakob Voigt, Adelaide Brousseau

Lector: Louis Brousseau

EMHC: Zenner

Gift Bearers: Bill & Monica Sherek / Head Usher: Bill Sherek

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.

THANK YOU to all who gave, so generously, for the Angel Tree!! Your selfless acts will truly benefit, and provide a very Merry Christmas for, many people. May God bless you all.

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. They are only **\$3 each, or 2 for \$5 and will be sold this weekend after Mass**, and you can also purchase them at the parish office.

THIS IS YOUR LAST WEEKEND TO:

--Turn in a Christmas Flower Envelope to donate for the poinsettias, in memory or honor of loved ones (envelopes located by the bulletins). All memorials will be announced in the Christmas bulletin.

--Sign up for a Marriage Certificate -- if, in 2017, you celebrated your 10, 15, 20, 25, etc., 50th or more, wedding anniversary. 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! The certificates will be presented to these couples on the weekend of the Feast of the Holy Family (Dec 30/31).

--Turn in your non-perishable food items for the Food Drive. The Catholic Union of Texas (KJT Society 55) of Corn Hill would like to thank everyone who donated food and money. You have certainly made a difference in the lives of those in need in our area.

The Parish Office will be closed the week of December 25 – 29 for the holidays. Therefore, **announcements for the December 31st bulletin are due this Tuesday, December 19.**

RCIA: Class this Tuesday, December 19, at 7:00 p.m. Discussion: The Sacraments.

CCE: Classes this Wednesday, December 20, 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 21, from 3:00 – 9:00 p.m. in the church. Come and spend some time with our Lord, present in the Holy Eucharist.

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.

Due to the holidays, the **Men's Prayer Group will NOT meet in December.** Their next meeting will be held on Monday, January 22 (at 7 pm in the RE Bldg). You may contact Pete Zenner for more information (512-863-4038).

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).

Don't forget to pick up your 2018 Contribution Envelopes (located in the rear of the church sanctuary). 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, and one will be put out for you.

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, 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 opportunities in our area:

**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**



Christmas Mass Schedule

Vigil Mass: Sunday, December 24, 5:00 p.m.
Midnight Mass: Monday, December 25, 12:00 a.m.
Christmas Day Mass: Monday, December 25, 8:30 a.m.

Banns of Marriage are announced for the first time for Mark Moeller & Erin Dennehy, who will celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony here on Saturday, December 30.

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,

Here we are, already, on the Third Sunday of Advent. "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say rejoice! The Lord is near!" (Philippians 4:4-5) This verse, taken from today's entrance antiphon, expresses the theme of this Sunday's readings and the reason we call this Sunday "Gaudete Sunday".

Listed in this bulletin are the Penance Services of the parishes in our deanery. Please plan on going to Confession some time before Christmas, either here, or at one of the other parishes listed in this bulletin. It is one of the best ways that you can prepare your soul to celebrate the birth of the Savior. In doing so, you are giving our Lord a great gift, the gift of yourself. **Our Penance Service will be this Sunday, December 17, at 5:00 pm.** I would like to encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to bring your whole family to confession. We will have five priests here to hear confessions, so you will not have to wait in line very long.

This year, the Season of Advent is only three weeks and a day, so we are already past the midway point in preparing ourselves for the great event -- the birth of the Son of God, Jesus Christ. For all of us, there are many preparations to be made. It requires a lot of time and energy, to be spent generously and wholeheartedly, if it is to be a successful event. We must accept the work and sacrifices with a spirit of joy in anticipation of the happy event.

Advent gives us a chance to take the necessary steps to prepare for the birth of the Lord, the Son of God. Besides preparing materially, we also need to spend time and energy to prepare our own hearts to be ready to welcome the newborn infant on Christmas morning.

We sometimes think of Advent as a time for prayer and sacrifice, just as we do during the Lenten Season. However, there is a major difference - in that our prayer and sacrifices are grounded in a deep sense of hope. It is the realization that soon the Creator of the Universe will humble Himself to share in our humanity. In joyful anticipation, we look forward to the coming of the Savior.

How are we preparing ourselves for this great event? We turn to the prophet John the Baptizer who admonished the people to turn aside from their sins, repent and be cleansed in the waters of baptism. All of John's preaching reflected back, not on himself, but on Jesus. John said, "There is one among you whom you do not recognize...whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." It is to this exalted One, Jesus our Lord, whom we turn to for forgiveness and reconciliation. All of us have this opportunity to be reconciled with God and with His Church by coming to the Penance Service.

Also, this season calls us to be of service to others, joyfully and generously. This is a challenge for us today. We need to minister, not for our own glory and honor, but as a means of reflecting God's love in our lives by what we say and do. In today's first reading, Isaiah describes his mission as service to his people. He was to bring glad tidings to the lowly, to heal the brokenhearted, proclaim freedom to the captives and release to prisoners. Isaiah's mission was to be of service to others.

Paul told the Thessalonians how they should prepare while they are waiting for the Lord to come. He instructed them to be waiting in hopeful and joyful expectation as he says, "Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus". He knew that lives, lived in hope and love, would give peace and joy in this world, and would grant everlasting happiness in the next.

While we are waiting, let us take to heart the advice that John the Baptizer gave to the people of his day. We are to make straight the way of the Lord in our hearts and in our daily lives by examining our conscience, resolving to do better, and repenting of our sins. By doing this, Christmas will have a special meaning for us, one that will continue throughout our lives, and we will be properly prepared to meet our Lord, Jesus Christ.

For those of you who are counting, next Sunday's regular Masses do not fulfill your Christmas obligation and the Christmas Masses do not fulfill your Sunday obligation. So ... you need to go to a weekend Mass and a Christmas Mass to be faithful to God and to His Church.

May the joy of this season be in your heart and soul.

Fr. Stephen Nesrsta, farář

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

A change to the April Hospitality Sunday was made since last week – so please take note!!

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 8, 2018: Pro-Life Group (not April 1)

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