

# HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH of CORN HILL



Pope Francis  
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Bishop Joe Vásquez  
Diocese of Austin

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24, A.D. 2017



### Mass Schedule & Intentions

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

### Christmas – The Nativity of the Lord

Sunday	Dec 24	5:00 PM	Pro Populo
Monday	Dec 25	Midnight	Pro Populo (incense)
Monday	Dec 25	8:30 AM	Pro Populo (incense)
Tuesday	Dec 26	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Wednesday	Dec 27	6:30 PM	Dec'd Members of Joseph & Annie Straka family
Thursday	Dec 28	7:00 AM	†Albina Sladeczek
Friday	Dec 29	<b>7:00 AM</b>	†Leslie K. Shaw
Saturday	Dec 30	7:30 AM	†Angela Danek
Saturday	Dec 30	5:00 PM	†Joe & Margaret Vrazel
Sunday	Dec 31	8:30 AM	†Greg Maney (incense)
Sunday	Dec 31	10:30 AM	Pro Populo

### Last Week's Collection(s)

December 17: Third Sunday of Advent: \$4,330.30

### 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 24 – 30: Frances Nemeč**

December 31 – January 6: Pinto & Lucille Nemeč

### This Week at a Glance

Mon, Dec 25 – Fri, Dec 29:	--Parish Office Closed
Tuesday, December 26:	--NO RCIA Class
Wednesday, December 27:	--NO CCE Classes
Thursday, December 28:	--Pro-Life Adoration

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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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### Mass Ministry Reminders

#### Saturday, December 30, 5:00 PM:

Altar Servers: Matthew & Nathan Klepac, Natalie Mason  
Lector: Jennifer Klepac  
EMHC: Keith Youngpeter, Jim & Mary Margaret Heuertz  
Gift Bearers: John & Mary Ann Valenta  
Head Usher: Stephanie Wright

#### Sunday, December 31, 8:30 AM: (INCENSE)

Altar Servers: Jamie, John & Jenna Danek, Carter M  
Lector: Edgar / EMHC: Edgar, Pete & Nancy Zenner  
Gift Bearers: Richard & Lisa Danek  
Head Usher: Tommy Sladeczek

#### Sunday, December 31, 10:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Thomas C, Heron R, Jarrod Hodgson  
Lector: Kelly Godfrey / EMHC: Kelly Godfrey  
Gift Bearers: Hodgson family  
Head Usher: Jeff Voigt

EMHC to Shut-ins: December 31: Jerry David

#### \*\*New Year's Masses – Solemnity of Mary\*\*

#### Sunday, December 31, 5:00 PM:

Altar Servers: Matthew & Nathan Klepac, Carter Marquis  
Lector: Janine Nemeč  
EMHC: Jennifer Klepac, Jim & Mary Margaret Heuertz  
Gift Bearers: John & Mary Ann Valenta  
Head Usher: Stephanie Wright

#### 11:30 PM:

Altar Servers: (VOLUNTEERS NEEDED)  
Lector: Louis Brousseau / EMHC: Ray Nemeč  
Gift Bearers: Clawson family  
Head Usher: Frank Knappek

#### Monday, January 1, 8:30 AM: (INCENSE)

Altar Servers: Jakob V, Caleb & Amy Stefek, Samuel W  
Lector: Kelly Godfrey  
EMHC: Lucille Nemeč, James Nemeč, Kelly Godfrey  
Gift Bearers: Pinto & Lucille Nemeč  
Head Usher: Jeff Voigt

We thoroughly appreciate the new pew cushions and kneeler pads, which were donated in loving memory of Angela Gail Danek – made possible from the proceeds of Angela's benefit, which was so generously supported by the good people of our community!

**In Memoriam:** We extend our sympathies and prayers to the family of **Sybil Kubacak Duncan** (sister of Benny Kubacak), who passed away. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.

**Food Drive:** Thank you to all who participated in the food drive sponsored by the KJT Corn Hill Society #55. There will be many families enjoying a hunger-free Christmas this year because of your generosity. We donated 685 pounds of food and \$112 to the Caring Place.

**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!** 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 can be purchased at the parish office.

**The Parish Office will be closed this week, December 25 – 29, for the holidays ... and will reopen on Tuesday, January 2.**

**RCIA: NO** Class this Tuesday, December 26, due to the holidays. Next class is on Tuesday, January 2, at 7:00 p.m.

**CCE: NO** Classes on Wednesday, December 27 or January 3, due to the holidays. Classes will resume on Wednesday, January 10. For all CCE questions and information, contact Lucille D'Elia (737-215-1042 or [htcdre@yahoo.com](mailto:htcdre@yahoo.com)).

Join us for **Pro-Life Adoration** this Thursday, December 28, from 3:00 – 9:00 p.m. in the church. Come and spend some time with our Lord, present in the Holy Eucharist.

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

We will have a **second collection** next weekend, December 30/31, for the **Feast of the Holy Family**, which supports the maternity homes of our diocese and the diocesan office of Pro-Life Activities. Please be generous.

**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 parish youth will host a **Bake Sale** on the weekend of January 6 & 7 – proceeds of which will support their attendance of DCYC. Those interested in donating items to be sold are appreciated! For information, 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.

### Pro-Life Corner

Dear Friends,

While life is often filled with challenges and moments of suffering, Christmas is a reminder of the vast multitude of things that have to go right each and every day in order for us to simply take each breath. From the warmth of the sun, to the food that sustains us, to each functioning cell in our body, the coming of the Christ Child reminds us what a true gift life is for everyone!

The parish Pro-Life Prayer & Awareness Group would like to wish everyone a wonderful and joy filled Christmas! We enjoyed a successful and fun-filled 2017, and we're anticipating an even better 2018!

As part of your New Year's Resolution list, please consider offering just one hour out of your busy month to join us in praying for and learning about the dignity and sanctity of life. God bless!

**Start the new year right** by taking advantage of the ability to **"Give Online"** 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](http://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,

Today is the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent. Christmas is just around the corner. Are you prepared?

Christmas begins this Sunday evening, December 24, and continues until Monday, January 8. Keep your Christmas lights shining brightly all throughout the Christmas Season. Let us celebrate this season in its fullness. During the Christmas Season are several important Feast Days. During the Octave of Christmas we have The Birth of the Lord on December 25, St. Stephen on the December 26, St. John on December 27, The Holy Innocents on December 28, The Holy Family on Sunday, December 31, and Mary, the Holy Mother of God on January 1. In the remainder of the Christmas Season we have The Most Holy Name of Jesus on January 3, The Epiphany of the Lord on January 7 and The Baptism of the Lord on January 8. Try to attend as many of these Masses as possible. It is good for your soul and for your eternal well-being.

We have been pondering the coming of Jesus Christ during this Advent Season. We have tried to imagine the time in which Jesus lived. But we really cannot imagine or experience such a time. It is impossible. The idea of the coming of the Messiah began around the time of King David. David had done many bad things. He had a man killed and took his wife. He was unfaithful. But he still loved the Lord, wanting to make a house for God to dwell in. But instead, God told David that He would make David a house, the House of David, from which would come the heir that would build a kingdom like no other. David was king around the year 1000 B.C. For a thousand years the people waited for the “heir,” the Messiah, to arrive. Now 2000 years after the Jesus’ birth we continue to celebrate. The simple gesture of offering to give God a house turned into a promise that has affected humankind for 3000 years.

God is capable of such great surprises. We do something simple for God, and then God blesses our gift and turns it into something greater than we could have ever imagined. Today we also read in the Gospel about a young girl who also made a very simple gesture. Mary was very young, probably about 14 years of age, when the angel Gabriel came to her. Life was not simple. She was already betrothed to be married and was already doing a woman’s work. She had to go to the river to clean clothes, go to the market daily and help buy food for daily meals, helped her mother with grinding grain, baking bread, making cloth and clothes as well as other chores.

Many of us have some free time during the day or evening. Mary had no free time. No one did, but she managed to find time to come to know the Lord and love Him. When the angel came to Mary she was deeply troubled. She had no idea of what was really being asked of her. But she knew God was asking something. Mary’s simple word, “yes,” changed the course of the world.

As we gather on this last Sunday of Advent, we might ponder our response to God. Could it change us as David’s offer to build a house for God changed him? Will it change us as did the simple word “yes” from Mary? Say “yes” to God every day and great things will happen in your life.

For those of you who are counting, this Sunday’s Mass does not fulfill your Christmas obligation and the Christmas Masses do not fulfill your obligation to attend Mass on Sunday. So, you need to go to the weekend Mass and the Christmas Mass to be faithful to God and to His Church.

May God’s blessings be with you. Please read my Christmas letter that is inserted into this bulletin. Peace.

**Fr. Stephen Nesrsta, farář**

“The whole focus of Advent, which culminates in the Solemnity of Christmas, is a *person*! That person is Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Jesus is the true reason for the entire season.

Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary in the humble, poor stable of Bethlehem. The name “Jesus” means Savior. He came to open up the gates of heaven, to save us from slavery to sin, the devil, and eternal damnation. This Christmas let us contemplate the Person of Jesus and the purpose of His mission. Let our hearts overflow in humble praise and thanksgiving.

St. Ignatius of Loyola accentuates the fact that Jesus did all of this not simply for humanity as a whole but for you and I, individually. Jesus was born, suffered, died and rose from the dead for me, as if I were the only person in the universe. How important I am for God! How important Christmas—the birth of Jesus—should be for me.

**Christmas** ... the literal interpretation of this word is “The Mass of Christ”. The most pleasing gesture I can carry out, the most pleasing gift I can give to Jesus, the most total way I can live out Christmas, would be to attend the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. In the moment of Consecration in Holy Mass, Jesus is truly born in the hands of the priest when he says: “This is my Body... this is my blood... Do this in memory of me.”

Even more, when I receive Jesus into my heart in Holy Communion then Jesus is truly born in my heart. The word “Bethlehem” means “House of Bread”. My heart indeed becomes the “House of Bread” when I receive Jesus the “Bread of Life” in Holy Communion. In reality, attending Mass daily and receiving Holy Communion daily, I can be experiencing Christmas every day!”

~ Fr. Ed Broom, OMV



*Thank you to all who made a donation for poinsettias  
in memory of the following loved ones.  
Your generosity is much appreciated! Merry Christmas!*

In memory of Helen & F.C. Roberts, by Ed & Patricia Ziegler

In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Gene Hirt and Mrs. David Houck, by Phil & Jean Houck

In memory of Angela Gail Danek, by Raymond & Jane Danek

In memory of David Michalec and Jack & Lillie Edgar, by John Edgar

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In memory of James Kuehne, Ruby Kuehne, Olivia Nester and Terry Sawyer, by the Hodgson family

In memory of Carmen A. and Francisca Luna, by Rosa Luna

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In memory of Curtis & Ann Congdon and Joseph & Edna Ribsam, by John & Betty Ribsam

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In memory of Soon Lee and Maryann Garlasco, by Chris & Sora Garlasco

In memory of R.V. & Shirley Barker, William & Bernadette Schwerter and Joan Schwertner, by Robert & Carolyn Barker

In memory of Dr. LeRoy Giebel, by Dan Giebel

In memory of Joe & Annie Danek and Laddie & Sharon Danek, by Richard & Lisa Danek

In memory of Louis & Lily Vrabel, by Frankie Vrabel

In memory of Joe & Joyce Vanya and Bo & Georgie Horner, by the Horners

In memory of John & Mary Havelka and Emil, John & Jerry Havelka, by Ted Havelka

In memory of Mary Conlee, Msgr. Gideon Stram, Joe & Agnes Cervenka family and Joe & Julia David family, by Jerry David

In memory of Joe & Viola Sevcik and Ernest & Ludmila Margurger, by the John & Jacqueline Danek family

In memory of Carmen Marie Clawson, by Troy, Cynthia, Travis, Thomas & Carrie Clawson

In memory of Alvin & Anita Schoenfeld, by Linda Tunner

In memory of the Kalinec and Lange families, by Floyd & Juanita Lange

In memory of Jeff Taylor, by Henry & Agnes Taylor

In memory of John Nemeč, by Frances Nemeč

In memory of Erwin & Cynthia Goerner and Travis & Gladys Blakeslee, by Duane & Gwen Blakeslee

In memory of Willie & Albina Beyer, Herbert & Ethel Luning, Laddie & Sharon Danek and Fulton & Joy Castleman, by Billy & Belinda Beyer

In memory of Carmen & Roman Razo, Ofelia Razo and Lupe Buentello, by Alex & Virginia Hernandez

In memory of Margaret Nelson, by Kathy Windhauser

In memory of Fran & Florence Von Der Vellen and Albert & Emma Khalar, by Jim & Emma Von Der Vellen

In memory of Louis & Albina Sladeček, by Tommy & Cindy Sladeček

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In memory of Louis & Agnes Straka, Robert & Leona Brenek and Carmen Clawson, by Louis & Louise Straka

In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Frank Spann, Jr., and Mr. & Mrs. Charlie Waltman, Sr., by Rosemary Waltman

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In memory of Louise & August Batla, by Jennifer & A.J. Batla

In memory of Stanley Havelka, by Helen Havelka

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In memory of Kip Heuert, by Jim & Mary Margaret Heuert

In memory of Benny Kubacak, Anton & Mary Kubacak and Werner & Hulda Marburger, by Dorothy Kubacak

In memory of Johnnie Simek, Jacob & Marcella Lefner and Joe & Mary Simek, by Alice Simek

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