

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH of CORN HILL



Pope Francis
Vatican City State



Bishop Joe Vásquez
Diocese of Austin



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

December 31, A.D. 2017

Mass Schedule & Intentions

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

New Year's – The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Sunday	Dec 31	5:00 PM	Billy Meissner (healing)
Sunday	Dec 31	11:30 PM	†Joe Head
Monday	Jan 1	8:30 AM	Pro Populo (incense)
Tuesday	Jan 2	6:00 PM	W.M. & H.M. (healing)
Wednesday	Jan 3	6:30 PM	†Angela Gail Danek
Thursday	Jan 4	7:00 AM	For All Souls in Purgatory
Friday	Jan 5	6:00 PM	†Connie Quevedo
Saturday	Jan 6	7:30 AM	†Jeff Taylor
Saturday	Jan 6	5:00 PM	Pro Populo
Sunday	Jan 7	8:30 AM	†Tommie Rose Martine (incense)
Sunday	Jan 7	10:30 AM	In Thanksgiving (L.A.H.)

Mass Ministry Reminders

Saturday, January 6, 5:00 PM:

Altar Servers: John & Maria Bruce, Preston Snook

Lector: Leo Bringman

EMHC: Janine Nemeck, Jim & Mary Margaret Heuertz

Gift Bearers: Snook family

Head Usher: Donald Tschoerner

Sunday, January 7, 8:30 AM: (INCENSE)

Altar Servers: Carter Marquis, John & Jenna Danek, William Brousseau

Lector: Zenner

EMHC: John & Cynthia Edgar, Ray Nemeck

Gift Bearers: Ray & Teresa Nemeck

Head Usher: Jerry David

Sunday, January 7, 10:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Jakob Voigt, Samuel Williams, Jarrod Hodgson

Lector: Monica Sherek

EMHC: Kelly Godfrey

Gift Bearers: Susan Schoenbaechler

Head Usher: Bill Sherek

EMHC to Shut-ins: January 7: Jerry David

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Sunday @ 8:30 am & 10:30 am

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& Wed: 5:45–6:10 pm (or by appt.)

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Last Week's Collection(s)

(The December 24th & Christmas collections will be announced in the January 6/7 bulletin.)

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 31 – January 6: Pinto & Lucille Nemeck

January 7 - 13: Helen Havelka

This Week at a Glance

Sat, Dec 30 & Sun, Dec 31: --Feast of the Holy Family Collection

Tuesday, January 2: --RCIA Class

Wednesday, January 3: --NO CCE Classes

Thursday, January 4: --Pro-Life Adoration

--Pro-Life Group Rosary & Meeting

Saturday, January 6: --Saturday Parish Christmas Potluck

Prayer for the New Year

O sacred and most Holy Trinity, hear our prayers on behalf of our holy Father the Pope, our Bishops, our clergy, and for all that are in authority over us. Bless, we beseech Thee, during this year, the whole Catholic Church; convert unbelievers; soften the hearts of sinners so that they may return to Thy friendship; give prosperity to our country and peace among the nations of the world; pour down Thy blessings upon our friends, relatives, and acquaintances, and upon our enemies, if we have any; assist the poor and the sick; have pity on the souls of those whom this year has taken from us; and be merciful to those who, during the year, will be summoned before Thy judgment seat. May all our actions be preceded by Thy inspirations and carried on by Thy assistance, so that all our prayers and works, having begun in Thee, may likewise be ended through Thee. Amen.

On this Feast of the Holy Family weekend, all of our parish family married couples, who celebrated their 10th, 15th, 20th ... 50th and up wedding anniversaries in 2017, will receive a certificate from Bishop Joe Vásquez and the National Council of Catholic Women. Please join us in congratulating them, and all other married couples, for dedicating themselves to upholding the Sacrament of Matrimony. God bless.

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

After our 11:30 p.m. Mass this Sunday evening, for the Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God, all are invited to the PAC Bldg for our annual **Black-eye Pea and Cornbread Reception**, which we thank Charles & Jennifer Marquis for preparing! Help us ring in the New Year with friendly fellowship!

RCIA: Class this Tuesday, January 2, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg. Discussion: Baptism & Confirmation.

CCE: NO Classes this Wednesday, January 3, due to the holiday. Classes will resume on Wednesday, January 10. 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, January 4, 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, January 4. They will pray a Pro-Life Rosary in the church at 6:30 p.m. and then continue their meeting in the RE Bldg. Everyone is invited to both the Rosary and the meeting!

This Friday and Saturday (January 5 & 6) are the **first Friday and Saturday of the month**. Friday's Mass is at 6:00 p.m. with a time of Adoration, our devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and Benediction. Saturday's Mass is at 7:30 a.m. and will conclude with our monthly devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary by praying the Litany.

All parishioners and visitors are invited to celebrate with us on Saturday, January 6, at our **Saturday "Parish Christmas" Potluck**, in the PAC Bldg, immediately after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Please bring your favorite dish and/or dessert to share (which you can drop off at the PAC before Mass). We thank the K.J.T. #55 for coordinating the evening's festivities.

The parish youth will host a **Bake Sale** next weekend, January 6/7, at all Masses – 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).

Due to the New Year holiday, our monthly **Senior Citizens' Supper** will be held on Monday, January 8, at 6:30 p.m. in the PAC Bldg. We thank the K.J.Z.T. #15 for preparing the delicious meal.

Altar Serving:

--For those interested in becoming an Altar Server (4th grade and up, with the appropriate sacraments), we will have an **Altar Server Practice** on Sunday, January 14, at 4:00 p.m. in the church. Please contact the parish office to sign-up or for more information.

--For those who are already Altar Servers – the practice on Sunday, January 14, is for you, too, as a refresher course, so please make every effort to attend ... and then, after practice, you and your families are invited to the PAC Bldg for our annual **Altar Server Appreciation Supper** (at 5 pm). Please RSVP to the parish office for the number attending the meal.

Our annual January Fundraiser will be held on Sunday, January 28, proceeds of which will benefit the Cemetery Fund. Everyone is invited for a delicious BBQ Pork dinner with all the trimmings, served from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in the PAC Bldg. Adults \$9 / Children \$5. To-go plates will be available at the drive-thru. Spread the word and invite your family and friends!

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 office.

Preparation for Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary: In Fatima, Our Lady said, "My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the way that will lead you to God." Please join thousands of Faithful throughout our Diocese for 33 days of preparation prayer for **Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary**. The prayers begin on February 20 and are done privately using the preparation book. Please visit www.TexasToJesusThroughMary.org by January 24 to receive your FREE copy of the Montfort preparation prayer book (which will be mailed to you) and for more information.

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 each year, unless you tell us otherwise. If you have had a change of address, please let us know. Reports will be mailed out by January 31.

Dear friends in Christ,

Merry Christmas! I would like to thank all of you for the cards, gifts and tasty treats that I received from you for Christmas. You are truly a very generous and loving people. I pray that you may all have a blessed New Year, one that is filled with good health, holiness and joy. I would also like to thank those who decorated the church, sang in the choir, played the organ and helped out in any way to make our Christmas Masses so beautiful. Thank you for your commitment and dedication to your parish and to our Lord.

Today, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. We are tempted to look at the Holy Family as an ideal that cannot ever be realized in our families. But, Mary and Joseph also had their struggles. The trust, which is fundamental to a marriage, was challenged by Mary's pregnancy. Joseph must have felt terrible when he had to bring his wife to a stable and not to a nice warm house. Then, after Jesus was born, going to live in a foreign land, Egypt, away from family and traditions, was far from ideal. Still, the Holy Family made it through the difficulties of their family life for one reason alone: they had great faith. Joseph had faith in the angel of his dreams and treated the pregnant Mary in an honorable way. He had faith that God would help him protect the child and he moved the family to Egypt. Mary had faith both in the angel and in God's working through Joseph. Jesus, having emptied himself of his divinity, had faith in his parents to care for him.

The Holy Family conquered their struggles through their faith-life. This must also be the primary concern of our families. For example, so many single parents waste energy wishing that their marriage had worked out and their children could be with both their parents. It does no good to long for that which is not going to happen. Instead, the single parent should focus on establishing a strong Christian home.

Also, so many parents wish they had the financial resources of their neighbors to be able to provide so much more for their children. What children need is a Christian home, not the things that the neighbor's kids have. Your children need living examples of faith and faithfulness in their home. You, as parents, must be that example.

The first reading from Genesis and the second reading from the letter to the Hebrews speak to us about faith and faithfulness. Abraham's faith had to grow. At first he thought that he is the one who would make it happen, that he would have an heir, so he tries to do things on his own. God corrects Abraham's way of thinking and tells him that Sarah would be the one of whom the child would be born. God works a miracle...Sarah conceives and bears a son. Letting God work His way in our life is much better than trying to do things on our own.

In the second reading, we are reminded of the faith of Abraham and how that faith was brought to perfection in him. We must allow God to bring our faith to perfection also.

Today's Gospel tells us about Mary and Joseph's faithfulness in fulfilling their religious responsibilities by bringing the infant Jesus to the Temple to consecrate Him to God. Also, it says that Mary had completed her time of purification after giving birth. You also fulfill your religious responsibilities when you consecrate your babies to God when you bring them to church for baptism. This is why the Church sees it as so important that babies are brought for baptism as soon as possible...to consecrate them to God, to be cleansed of original sin, and to begin to share in the faith of their parents by becoming disciples of Jesus in baptism. I love seeing how much you love your children. I love the fact that you all are determined to provide the best for your children. Let me remind you, to be the best parents you can be, remain grounded in the Lord. Make prayer a part of your home life. Pray with your children at your meals and at bedtime and pray for them after they fall asleep. Teach your children respect. Let them witness your respect for them, for each other, and for others, and demand that they respect others, including you. Do your best, and trust God to do the rest. May all our families be Holy Families.

This week, beginning this Sunday evening, December 31, and Monday, January 1, we celebrate the solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. Let us join together to honor our Blessed Mother, to thank her for being the mother of God, Jesus, and to ask her to be praying for us. See this bulletin for the Mass schedule. After the 11:30 p.m. Mass, we will have a black-eye pea and cornbread reception in the PAC.




Are your Christmas lights still shining? The Christmas Season continues until Monday, January 8, 2018. Keep those lights on until the end of the Christmas Season to give witness to the true Light of the world, Jesus Christ.

Please mark your calendars for our annual Sts. Cyril and Methodius Celebration. We will have a Czech Mass on Sunday, February 11, at 5:00 pm, followed by a meal in the PAC.

May all of you have a very joyful and blessed A.D. 2018.

Fr. Stephen Nesrsta, farář

Pray the Scriptures with us during the month of January 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Note: January 1 thru 8 are part of the Christmas Season. January 9 begins the First Week in Ordinary Time.</p>	<p>1 The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord Nm 6:22-27 Ps 67:2-3,5,6,8 Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21  Mary, The Holy Mother of God</p>	<p>2 1 Jn 2:22-28 Ps 98:1-4 Jn 1:19-28 St. Basil the Great, St. Gregory Nazianzen, bishops, doctors of the Church</p>	<p>3 1 Jn 2:29 - 3:6 Ps 98:1,3-6 Jn 1:29-34 <i>The Most Holy Name of Jesus</i></p>	<p>4 1 Jn 3:7-10 Ps 98:1,7-9 Jn 1:35-42 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, religious</p>	<p>5 † First Friday 1 Jn 3:11-21 Ps 100:1-5 Jn 1:43-51 St. John Neumann, bishop <i>Sacred Heart of Jesus Devotion</i></p>	<p>6 First Saturday 1 Jn 5:5-13 Ps 147:12-15,19-20 Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 <i>St. André Bessette, religious</i> <i>Immaculate Heart of Mary Devotion</i></p>
<p>7  Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:2,7-8,10-13 Eph 3:2-3a,5-6 Mt 2:1-12 The Epiphany of the Lord</p>	<p>8 End of the Christmas Season Is 55:1-11 (Ps) Is 12:2-6 1 Jn 5:1-9 Mk 1:7-11  The Baptism of the Lord</p>	<p>9 1 Sm 1:9-20 (Ps) 1 Sm 2:1,4-8 Mk 1:21-28</p>	<p>10 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20 Ps 40:2-5,7-10 Mk 1:29-39</p>	<p>11 1 Sm 4:1-11 Ps 44:10-11,14-15,25-26 Mk 1:40-45</p>	<p>12 † 1 Sm 8:4-7,10-22a Ps 89:16-19 Mk 2:1-12</p>	<p>13 1 Sm 9:1-4,17-19; & 10:1a Ps 19:8-10,15 Mk 2:13-17 <i>St. Hilary, bishop, doctor of the Church</i></p>
<p>14 1 Sm 3:3b-10,19 Ps 40:2,4,7-10 1 Cor 6:13c-15a,17-20 Jn 1:35-42 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>15 1 Sm 15:16-23 Ps 50:8-9,16-17,21,23 Mk 2:18-22</p>	<p>16 1 Sm 16:1-13 Ps 89:20-22,27-28 Mk 2:23-28</p>	<p>17 1 Sm 17:32-33,37,40-51 Ps 144:1-2,9-10 Mk 3:1-6 St. Anthony, abbot</p>	<p>18 1 Sm 18:6-9; & 19:1-7 Ps 56:2-3,9-14 Mk 3:7-12</p>	<p>19 † 1 Sm 24:3-21 Ps 57:2-4,6,11 Mk 3:13-19</p>	<p>20 2 Sm 1:1-4,11-12,19,23-27 Ps 80:2-3,5-7 Mk 3:20-21 <i>St. Fabian, pope, martyr</i> <i>St. Sebastian, martyr</i></p>
<p>21 Jon 3:1-5,10 Ps 25:4-9 1 Cor 7:29-31 Mk 1:14-20 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>22 2 Sm 5:1-7,10 Ps 89:20-22,25-26 Mk 3:22-30 <i>Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children</i></p>	<p>23 2 Sm 6:12b-15,17-19 Ps 24:7-10 Mk 3:31-35 <i>St. Vincent, deacon, martyr</i> <i>St. Marianne Cope, virgin</i></p>	<p>24 2 Sm 7:4-17 Ps 89:4-5,27-30 Mk 4:1-20 St. Francis de Sales, bishop, doctor of the Church</p>	<p>25 Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22 Ps 117:1-2 Mk 16:15-18 The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle</p>	<p>26 † 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5 Ps 96:1-3,7-8a,10 Mk 4:26-34 or Lk 10:1-9 Sts. Timothy and Titus, bishops</p>	<p>27 2 Sm 12:1-7a,10-17 Ps 51:12-17 Mk 4:35-41 <i>St. Angela Merici, virgin</i></p>
<p>28 Dt 18:15-20 Ps 95:1-2,6-9 1 Cor 7:32-35 Mk 1:21-28 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>29 2 Sm 15:13-14,30; & 16:5-13 Ps 3:2-7 Mk 5:1-20</p>	<p>30 2 Sm 18:9-10,14b, 24-25a,30-19:3 Ps 86:1-6 Mk 5:21-43</p>	<p>31 2 Sm 24:2,9-17 Ps 32:1-2,5-17 Mk 6:1-6 St. John Bosco, priest</p>	<p>Monthly Devotion The Holy Childhood of Jesus. Meditate on our Lord's years as a child and teenager and pray for our children of today.</p>	<p>Some other saints: 7th - St. Raymond of Peñafort 18th - Panna Maria, Matka jednoty křesťanů 21st - St. Agnes 28th - St. Thomas Aquinas</p>	<p>Every Sunday is a Solemnity. Weekdays with bold print are either a Solemnity or a Feast Day. All other weekdays are either Memorials or Optional Memorials or without a specific memorial. <i>Optional Memorials are in italics.</i></p>

† The Bishops of the United States have asked that we observe Fasting and Abstinence on every Friday for the intentions of Life, Marriage, and Religious Freedom.