

# HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH of CORN HILL



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Bishop Joe Vásquez  
Diocese of Austin

## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 14, A.D. 2018

### Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday	Jan 13	5:00 PM	Dec'd Members of Joseph & Annie Straka family
Sunday	Jan 14	8:30 AM	Pro Populo
Sunday	Jan 14	10:30 AM	†Fred J. Valenta
Tuesday	Jan 16	6:00 PM	†Anita Galvan
Wednesday	Jan 17	6:30 PM	†Jeff Taylor
Thursday	Jan 18	7:00 AM	Craig & Krystle
Friday	Jan 19	6:00 PM	†Albina Sladeczek
Saturday	Jan 20	7:30 AM	†Virginia McMaster
Saturday	Jan 20	5:00 PM	Ronald & Melissa T. Vrabel (17 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary)
Sunday	Jan 21	8:30 AM	Confraternity of Christian Mothers
Sunday	Jan 21	10:30 AM	Pro Populo

### Mass Ministry Reminders

#### Wednesday, January 17, 6:30 PM:

**Altar Servers:** John Bruce, Samuel Williams, Preston Snook  
**Lector:** Kelly Godfrey  
**EMHC:** Heuertz  
**Gift Bearers:** 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

#### Saturday, January 20, 5:00 PM:

**Altar Servers:** John & Maria Bruce, Preston Snook  
**Lector:** Janine Nemecek  
**EMHC:** Janine Nemecek, Patsy Hightower, Irene Cavanaugh  
**Gift Bearers:** Johnny & Bernice Hernandez  
**Head Usher:** Donald Tschoerner

#### Sunday, January 21, 8:30 AM:

**Altar Servers:** Caleb & Amy Stefek, Lucas Beyer  
**Lector:** Michael Vrabel  
**EMHC:** John & Cynthia Edgar, Lucille Nemecek  
**Gift Bearers:** Billy & Belinda Beyer  
**Head Usher:** A.J. Batla

#### Sunday, January 21, 10:30 AM:

**Altar Servers:** Jakob Voigt, Samuel Williams, Abby Hodgson  
**Lector:** Zenner  
**EMHC:** Zenner  
**Gift Bearers:** Hodgson family  
**Head Usher:** Bill Sherek

**EMHC to Shut-ins: January 21:** 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

**Director of Faith Formation:** Lucille D'Elia 737-215-1042

**Financial Bookkeeper:** Laura Soto 317-767-9782

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**Cemetery Information:** Parish Office

**Cemetery Director:** Johnny Martinka 512-966-4301

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**Conf. of Christian Mothers:** Lucille Nemecek 254-527-3615

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### Last Week's Collection(s)

January 7: Epiphany of the Lord: \$4,799.96

### 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.

**January 14 – 20: Frank & Lucille D'Elia**

January 21 – 27: Andrew & Susan Klepac

### Religious Articles Cabinet

in the foyer of the church, is full of many wonderful items, for all occasions, which are available for purchase. You may contact the parish office, Louise Straka (512-746-5322) or Janine Nemecek (512-289-9242), to purchase items, or to have items ordered for you.

### CEF – Spiritual Bouquets

make appropriate gifts for any occasion (birthday, anniversary, death, graduations, sacraments, etc). You can contact our parish CEF chairperson, Janine Nemecek (512-289-9242), for enrollments any time. Donations given benefit the education of our diocesan seminarians.

### This Week at a Glance

Sunday, January 14:	--Altar Server Practice
	--Altar Server Appreciation
Tuesday, January 16:	--RCIA Class
Wednesday, January 17:	--Pro-Life Film Showing
	--CCE Classes
Thursday, January 18:	--Pro-Life Adoration
Saturday, January 20:	--Pro-Life Film Showing
Sunday, January 21:	--Christian Mothers Meeting

**The family of Patrick Vrabel would like to thank everyone for their prayers and sympathies during their time of grief. Thank you also to those who helped with the funeral Mass. God bless.**

**The Youth would like to thank all who participated in their Bake Sale last weekend.** Thanks to those who donated items for sale, who purchased items and who gave monetary donations. Proceeds of \$779.00 benefit the youth's attendance of DCYC.

**--For those interested in being an Altar Server** (4<sup>th</sup> grade and up, with the appropriate sacraments), we will have an **Altar Server Practice** today (Sunday, January 14) at 5:00 p.m. in the church.

**--For our current Altar Servers** – the practice 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**.

**RCIA:** Class this Tuesday, January 16, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg. Discussion: Eucharist.

**CCE:** Classes this Wednesday, January 17, 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](mailto:htcdre@yahoo.com)).

Join us for **Pro-Life Adoration** this Thursday, January 18, 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 host a viewing of the documentary on the life and work of Margaret Sanger, founder of Planned Parenthood.** "Who was the real Margaret Sanger" takes a look at the woman who made birth control popular in America and her beliefs against the dignity of the human person. **The video will be shown in the RE building at 11 a.m., on Wednesday, Jan. 17, and at 6 p.m., on Saturday, Jan. 20 (after the 5 p.m. Vigil Mass). A light meal will be provided after each showing, so please RSVP to the office.**

The **Confraternity of Christian Mothers will hold their monthly meeting on Sunday, January 21**, in the RE Bldg immediately after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend. Agenda items include the February Senior Citizens Supper. Members will sit in the front pews to lead the Rosary prayed before Mass. **Reminder:** Annual dues (\$5) for 2018 are now due and can be given, or mailed, to the treasurer, Louise Straka (address: 212 W. Avenue I, Jarrell, TX 76537).

The **Finance Council will meet** on Thursday, January 25, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg.

We will have a **second collection** on the weekend of January 27/28 for our **Religious Education Program**. This is a new collection for our parish that will occur on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month. Please see the last page of this bulletin for information.

**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! **If you would like to make a donation to help offset the cost of groceries, supplies, etc, January Fundraiser envelopes are available by the bulletins.**

We will celebrate our annual **Czech Mass** on Sunday, February 11, at 5:00 p.m. This Mass is offered in honor of the patron saints of the Slavic peoples, Sts. Cyril & Methodius, and all readings and hymns will be in the Czech language. Whether or not you are of Czech descent, or if you speak or do not speak the Czech language, we invite you to join us for this beautiful Mass. Help us to give tribute to the ancestors who started this community and this parish, by celebrating our Czech heritage. Many of our parishioners today are descendants of these founders. A meal will be held afterward in the PAC Bldg for those attending the Mass.

**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!** They are only **\$3 each or 2 for \$5** and can be purchased at the office. Proceeds support our parish youth.

**The new year is in full swing, yet there are still several boxes of assigned 2018 Contribution Envelopes that have not been picked up (in the foyer of the church), so if you haven't already, please pick yours up.** 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. Reports will be mailed by January 31.

**Prayerfully consider adding to your New Year resolution list: ‘become more involved with my parish!’** We are always in need of more Mass ministers (lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Altar Servers, Gift Bearers, Ushers, etc). We need more volunteers to help in the Faith Formation Program. We have parish prayer groups, social events, fundraisers, confraternities and more that can always benefit from new members and new perspective. Increase your love of the Lord and His Church by gathering with fellow Catholic Christians with the same interests and goals. For information on any of the above and more, please contact the parish office or talk to Fr. Stephen.

**Please Note: The parish office hours have changed and we will now be open from 9 am – 3 pm (Tuesday – Friday).**

**Dear friends in Christ,**

We have now returned to the season of Ordinary Time in which we focus upon the not so ordinary life and ministry of Jesus. In today’s Gospel John the Baptist identifies Jesus as the Lamb of God to his disciples who in turn went to see and listen to Jesus. These disciples responded to Jesus’ invitation to come and see. Today’s Gospel does not tell us specifically what they saw or what Jesus told them, but we know that they did eat with Jesus and listened to what He had to say. The Gospel does show us that they came to understand they had found the Messiah. The actions of these disciples, and Simon Peter also, give the impression that they were awaiting God’s call. The Psalmist today best describes their attitude: “I have waited, waited for the Lord...” Once they heard God’s call, their response was immediate. They wasted no time pursuing John’s tip about the Lamb of God, and in responding to the invitation from Jesus to come and see.

We see the same response from Samuel in today’s first reading, except Samuel seems a little more confused. Samuel was waiting in the temple, keeping a time of vigil, so he even had to sleep in the temple. Samuel was “waiting, waiting for the Lord.” After Samuel finally figures things out he responds: “Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.” We can learn from young Samuel that we, too, need to listen to God. We also, need to be patient and listen to God speaking to us in many different ways and then respond by saying: “Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.” Then when we have done this, we can follow our Lord and serve Him in whatever vocation He is calling us to in life or has already called us to and which we are currently living.

In today’s second reading St. Paul tells us that by God’s grace we became members of Christ when we responded with our free will to Christ’s invitation to “come and see.” Since we are members of Christ, are we listening to Him as His disciples did, and as Samuel did to God? If we listen to Jesus we will recognize Him as the Messiah and follow Him and serve Him. Samuel and the disciples responded with enthusiasm to their calling. I pray that all of us will respond with the same enthusiasm and live out our vocation in life whether it be marriage, priesthood, religious life, or single life, in true service to our Lord.

May all of you have a most blessed week.

**Fr. Stephen Nesrsta, farář**

**Catholic Social Teaching Corner – January 13/14 -- Second Sunday in Ordinary Time:** In the Gospel today, John the Baptist points out Jesus as the “Lamb of God,” the one who lived and accepted even death to save us from sin. Although we live in uncertain times, we are called to live in union with the One who ransomed us by his own death out of love for us. We will indeed face what he faced – suffering, fear and death – but like him we are promised a share in his risen life and glory. How can we share our hope this week? How can we break through fear and anxiety in our lives or the lives of those around us because of our faith in Jesus?

**Texas Catholic Pro-Life Day is Saturday, January 27.** The day begins with Mass, celebrated by Bishop Joe Vásquez, at 10 a.m. at San José Parish in Austin and Mass, celebrated by Bishop Daniel Garcia, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Louis Parish in Austin. The March and Rally for Life will follow in downtown Austin. For details, visit [austindiocese.org/texas-catholic-pro-life-day](http://austindiocese.org/texas-catholic-pro-life-day).

**“No Man Left Behind,” the sixth annual Catholic Men’s Conference,** will be held on Saturday, February 17, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. William Parish in Round Rock. Speakers include Tom Peterson, founder of VirtueMedia and CatholicComeHome.org, and John Pridmore, an ex-London gangster who is now Christian. Premium tickets, which include a private lunch with the speakers, are \$100 each. Regular tickets are \$45 in advance. Register at [centexcatholic.com](http://centexcatholic.com).

**Marriage Encounter weekends for 2018:** Married couples are invited to strengthen, renew and rekindle their marriage sacrament by attending one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends: Feb. 16-18, April 20-22 and Nov. 2-4. The emphasis of Marriage Encounter is on communication between husband and wife, who spend a weekend together away from the distractions and the tensions of everyday life, to concentrate on each other. For more information, visit [www.austinme.org](http://www.austinme.org) or call (512) 667-9963 or e-mail [wwmeaustin@gmail.com](mailto:wwmeaustin@gmail.com).

## Holy Trinity Faith Formation

Envision this: *When born into a Catholic, faith-filled family, a child's religious education begins at birth with the parents and continues throughout life with many different stages and settings as they grow. Parents bring their children into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism and faithfully take their children to Mass every weekend and holy day – and, even though infants and toddlers don't yet understand the meaning of Mass or what all is going on, they do learn how to act in church and how to, hopefully, be quiet and sit still for that hour each week. As children begin to attend school, they also begin attending children's religious classes at their parish and receive, at the appropriate ages, the rest of their sacraments of initiation, with faithful class attendance, of course.*

*Once a child graduates high school, they begin their own lives as young adults and, even though they may no longer be under the full-time guidance of their parents, continue to attend Mass every weekend and holy day, and maybe even extra Masses during the week as time permits. They lead a life of chastity and then, one day, meet the Catholic man or woman of their dreams and marries him/her in the Catholic Church, in the presence of God, family and friends! They attend Mass faithfully as a couple, have children of their own and begin the process of what their parents did so many years before and the beginning of this story is re-played in their own family, knowing all the while that God is with them for every trial and tribulation ... good times and bad. (Or ... maybe they take another road that leads them to heed God's call in becoming a priest or religious brother or sister, in full service to the Lord and His Church!)*

*Once their children grow up and have families of their own, they go one step further and take an active role with their grandchildren in upholding and teaching them their faith as well. They live their lives happily until the Lord then calls them to His heavenly kingdom to share eternal life with Him. Their children offer a Mass of Burial for them in their beloved home parish and they are laid to rest with all the graces and glories of a Catholic funeral.*

How perfect and wonderful does that all sound?!? Awesome, right?!? But, as troubling as this might be to say, this story is, and always has been, somewhat of a folklore or fairy tale – but most especially in today's world. Some of us come close to living and doing as we should – and try very hard to make life happen this way – but nobody and no life is perfect ... and no one knows all of the answers ... and that's why we have **Faith Formation in the Catholic Church**.

Obviously, we have the priest in our parish, who is here to shepherd us, offer for us, and teach us in, the Mass, anoint us with the sacraments, and help us through rough patches with counsel and reconciliation. But, he is only one man, and sometimes needs help in doing what needs to be done to keep us all on the right path. Therefore, the Church has a **Faith Formation Program** – where lay people, who, with the guidance of the pastor, diocesan training, etc, help to offer faith formation to those in need.

We know that not everyone is born into a Catholic, or even Christian, home and needs guidance and education to persevere in their faith search and conversion ... parents can't teach their children all they need to know about the Catholic faith ... youth need special guidance as they reach adulthood in order to make the best decisions for the future ... and adults don't, and will never, know everything about their faith and, therefore, must strive to continue their education as well ... and so, again, that's where Faith Formation comes in to play in the Church.

There are many different aspects to our Faith Formation Program, all of which offer ways to introduce, build and improve our knowledge, faith and Love of our Lord: children have 9-12 years of 'CCE' classes; adults who are not Catholic and would like to become so, or who need to continue their faith journey as Catholic adults in the sacraments, have RCIA classes; men and women continue to grow spiritually through bible study or prayer groups; high school kids grow into faith-filled young adults through youth programs. As we all know, knowledge is strength – the more you know, the better you handle whatever comes your way – and when it comes to our faith, this couldn't be more true!

But, **in order to offer these wonderful resources to everyone here at Holy Trinity, we need your help!** We need **people** to serve as teachers, helpers, event coordinators and volunteers, etc. God calls every one of us to minister to His people and those in need, and being a part of our Program is a wonderful, fulfilling way to do so. We need **financial support** to provide the materials and resources used in all of these areas and, therefore, we will now have a second collection on each 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month for our "Religious Education Program" (light blue envelope in your collection envelope boxes). And, we need **your prayers** for the success of each area of our Program, for those to respond to the call to help with and/or minister to those attending the classes, and for the willingness of individuals to attend, enjoy and grow from the classes and groups offered.

**We want to thank and welcome Lucille D'Elia as our new Director of Faith Formation.** She has been our director for the CCE Program for five years, but is excited to take on this new role to encompass all of our faith formation, which will include: CCE, RCIA, Adult Faith Formation, Sacraments of Initiation Preparation for Children (including baptisms), Youth Program, Marriage Annulments and Parish & Social Ministries. **We would also like to thank and welcome Laura Soto for accepting the role as Financial Bookkeeper** for our parish. Her contact information is 317-767-9782 or htcbk@yahoo.com.

**For more details and information on any of the above Program aspects, please contact Lucille directly at 737-215-1042 or htcdre@yahoo.com.** Please prayerfully consider joining our Program – either as mentor, volunteer, or attendee – in order to enrich your faith life and that of others in our parish family and community. God bless you all.