

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH of CORN HILL



Pope Francis
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Bishop Joe Vásquez
Diocese of Austin

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 11, A.D. 2018

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday	Feb 10	5:00 PM	Pro Populo
Sunday	Feb 11	8:30 AM	†Deceased members of Joseph & Annie Straka family
Sunday	Feb 11	10:30 AM	†Joan Tinnerello
Sunday	Feb 11	5:00 PM	Liv/Dec Benefactors of the Czech Seminarian Fund
Tuesday	Feb 13	6:00 PM	†Bernard Schwertner

Ash Wednesday

Feb 14	7:00 AM	†Hubert Klepac
	12:00 PM	†Johnnie Simek
	6:30 PM	†Bill Klepac

Thursday	Feb 15	7:00 AM	†Connie Quevedo
Friday	Feb 16	6:00 PM	W.M. & H. M. (healing)
Saturday	Feb 17	7:30 AM	Craig & Krystle
Saturday	Feb 17	5:00 PM	†Deceased members of the Cook family
Sunday	Feb 18	8:30 AM	†John Nemec
Sunday	Feb 18	10:30 AM	Pro Populo

Mass Ministry Reminders

Ash Wednesday, February 14

7:00 AM

Altar Servers: Volunteers Needed

Lector: Kelly Godfrey

EMHC: Cynthia Edgar

Head Usher: Frank Knapek

12 Noon

Altar Servers: Volunteers Needed

Lector: Pete Zenner

EMHC: Nancy Zenner

Head Usher: Donald Tschoner

6:30 PM

Altar Servers: Jamie, John & Jenna Danek

Lector: Janine Nemec

EMHC: Ray Nemec, James Nemec, Lucille Nemec

Gift Bearers: Billy & Belinda Beyer

Head Usher: Tommy Sladeczek

This Week at a Glance

Sunday, February 11:	--Czech Mass
Tuesday, February 13:	--RCIA Class
Wednesday, February 14:	--Ash Wednesday
	--No CCE Classes
Thursday, February 15:	--Pro-Life Adoration
Sunday, February 18:	--Extraordinary Minister Training

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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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Last Week's Collection(s)

February 4: Fifth Sunday Ordinary Time: \$4,760.24

Vocations Crucifix Prayer Campaign

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

February 11- February 17: Brousseau Family

February 18– February 24: Louise Havelka

Altar Flowers

Flowers next to the tabernacle are for **Joe and Joann Fojtik**
in honor of their Wedding Anniversary
and were donated by the **Gene and Deanna Fojtik Family**

Mass Ministry Reminders

Saturday, February 17, 5:00 PM

Altar Servers: Maria Bruce, John Bruce, Natalie Mason

Lector: Janine Nemec

EMHC: Leo Bringman, Irene Cavanaugh, Mary Margaret Heuertz

Gift Bearers: Heuertz Family

Head Usher: Stephanie Wright

Sunday, February 18, 8:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Caleb & Amy Stefek, Lucas Beyer

Lector: Michael Vrabel

EMHC: Lucille Nemec, Johnny Martinka, James Nemec

Gift Bearers: Pinto & Lucille Nemec

Head Usher: Frank Knapek

Sunday, February 18, 10:30 AM:

Altar Servers: William Fonville, Jakob Voigt, Jarrod Hodgson

Lector: Monica Sherek

EMHC: Kelly Godfrey, Keith Youngpeter, Pete Zenner

Gift Bearers: Voigt Family

Head Usher: Bill Sherek

EM to Shut-ins: Sunday February 18: James Nemec

We will have a **special collection** this weekend (February 10/11) for **Catholic Higher Education** in the Diocese of Austin, which helps to promote the Catholic Faith & Campus Ministries at several universities and colleges – a time and place when young adults need it the most! Please be generous.

RCIA: Class this Tuesday, February 13, at 7:00 p.m. in the church. Evening of Reflection

CCE: There will be **NO CLASS** this week. All students should attend Mass with their families. 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, February 15th, from 3:00 – 9:00 p.m. in the church. Come and spend some time with our Lord, present in the Holy Eucharist.

We will celebrate our annual **Czech Mass** this 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.

The Lenten Season begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14. **Mark your calendars** to attend one of our three Masses that day (7 am, 12 Noon, or 6:30 pm) and to attend Stations of the Cross each Wednesday evening (beginning February 21) at 6:30 p.m. (during Lent, our Wednesday weekday Mass will be celebrated at 7 am).

Fast and Abstinence During Lent: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence and Fridays are obligatory days of abstinence. The norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may also be taken, but not to equal a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding from age 14 onwards. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the “paschal fast” to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus and to prepare ourselves to share more fully, and to celebrate more readily, His Resurrection.

The Confraternity of Christian Mothers will meet on Sunday, February 25th, in the RE Bldg immediately after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Plans for the St. Joseph's Altar celebration and several other items are on the agenda. Members are encouraged to attend and all other ladies of the parish are invited. The Rosary prayed before Mass will be lead by members of the Confraternity who gather in the front pews to do so. **Reminder:** Annual dues (\$5) are due and can be given or mailed to the treasurer, Louise Straka. (Address: 212 W. Avenue I, Jarrell, TX 76537)

Thanks to everyone's hard work, generous donations and attendance at our **January Fundraiser**, a profit of \$5,525.10 was forwarded to the Cemetery Fund. God bless you all.

The diocesan **Ashes to Easter Lenten Mission Campaign** begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14th. We invite each family to take a mission box home in support of the missionary works of the Diocese of Austin. Put the box in a central location in your home and remember, daily, to put in some coins and say a prayer for the missionaries and their work. You will return the boxes at Easter.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: There will be a Re-Commissioning Class on Sunday Feb. 18th at 4 PM. All current EMHC must attend. If for some reason you are not able to attend, you will need to contact Father Stephen to schedule a make up class. Anyone who would like to be an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion is welcome to attend this class as well. For information, please contact the parish office or speak with Fr. Stephen.

The **Silent Lenten Retreat** will be held at Cedarbrake in Belton, February 16-18. Mass will be celebrated Saturday and Sunday. Spiritual direction will also be available. Come take advantage of the quiet and enter into the Lenten season of preparation. The cost is \$185 per person. For more information or to register for these retreats call Cedarbrake at (254) 780-2436 or visit www.austindiocese.org/cedarbrake.

Do you ever wish you could “get more” out of Mass? For many of us, the Mass might, in a certain sense, be almost too familiar. We show up at church and perform prayers and rituals that many of us have known since childhood. But what do all these prayers and rituals mean? Well here is your chance to really understand why we do what we do in Mass. We are happy to announce that we will be offering a Bible Study entitled A Biblical Walk Through the Mass. This is a 5 part study, and each session includes a 30 minute video segment followed by workbook questions and discussion. We will meet on Wednesday evenings immediately following the 6:30 PM Stations of the Cross in the PAC for 90 minute sessions. The dates for the Study are: Feb. 21st, Feb. 28th, March 7th, March 21st and March 28th. The parish has purchased the program itself, but each participant is asked to pay a fee of \$25 for their materials, which will be due on the first night of class (Feb. 21st). To sign up for these classes, please see the sheet in the church foyer. Everyone is welcome and we hope that you will share this opportunity with family and friends!! For questions, contact Pete or Nancy Zenner at 512-863-4038 or npzenner@suddenlink.net, or the parish office.

Many of you may have heard about our local schools and “**The Locker Project**”. The ‘**Locker Project**’ is a non-profit, student led, service learning organization that focuses on ‘kids helping kids’. The “Locker Project” provides basic necessities to students while they are in school. Items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo and soap are always in demand. As adults we now have the chance to help this group by providing some necessary items for distribution to students who are truly in need of some basic essentials. This Lenten season our parish will help our local Locker here in the Jarrell School District by collecting items that are needed in order to keep the locker fully stocked. Necessary items are all personal hygiene items such as shampoo, soap, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste or any other personal hygiene items. The locker also can supply necessary school supplies such as notebooks, pens/pencils. Non-perishable food items such as granola or breakfast bars, assorted cracker packs and beef jerky. The items can be placed in the basket marked “Locker Project” located in the vestibule of the church or brought to the parish office. For questions please contact Lucille D’Elia at 737-215-1042 or the parish office.

Dear friends in Christ,

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. We welcome all visitors here today for our Czech Mass in honor of Sts. Cyril and Methodius. May we all go forth and evangelize as they did.

This week we will celebrate Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the holy season of Lent. Since Ash Wednesday falls on Valentine’s Day this year, please remember that it is a day of fast and abstinence. No meat is to be eaten and you should eat as little as possible. No candy or other sweets and no lavish dinners. Mass on Ash Wednesday will be at 7:00 am, 12 Noon, 6:30 pm. Please plan on attending Mass with your family.

Lent is a forty-day period of time before the Easter Triduum in which we prepare ourselves for the celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord at Easter. Lent begins with the celebration of Ash Wednesday when we are marked with ashes to signify that we are sinners and that we want to repent. In other words, we really desire to change our life and to do better in living as disciples of Jesus. There are three aspects to the season of Lent: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Increased prayer helps us to grow in our relationship with Jesus, fasting helps us to gain a spiritual hunger for our Lord and helps us to gain self-control of our appetites and desires, and almsgiving helps us in our need to live as Jesus did in service to other people. These help to prepare the Christian to celebrate the resurrection of the Lord. Lent helps to remind Christians of their sinfulness and the need to return to their baptismal innocence.

During the Lenten season we as Catholics pray the Stations of the Cross every week, usually on Wednesday or Friday, as we meditate on Jesus being arrested in the Garden, brought before Pilate, scourged, crowned with thorns, carrying His cross, being crucified and then buried. By meditating on these last events of Jesus’ life we come to have a greater appreciation of the Resurrection of our Lord from the dead so that we can truly celebrate and live the meaning of Easter in our lives each day. We will be having Stations of the Cross every Wednesday, beginning on February 21, at 6:30 pm.

In today’s Gospel “A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, ‘If you wish, you can make me clean.’ Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, ‘I do will it. Be made clean.’ The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean.” Do you ever asks Jesus to make you clean? The rules for those with leprosy were very serious as we hear in today’s first reading from the Book of Leviticus. “The one who bears the sore of leprosy shall keep his garments rent and his head bare, and shall muffle his beard; he shall cry out, ‘Unclean, unclean!’ ...He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp.” Every time we commit a sin we stain our souls and need to be made clean by Jesus. If the sin is serious we cast ourselves “outside the camp” and cannot receive the Sacraments of the Eucharist or Anointing of the Sick. We are made clean by going to the Sacrament of Reconciliation where Jesus washes our soul and strengthens us so we can better avoid sin. If all of us were asking Jesus to make us clean, then there would be a long line at the confessional. But, this does not seem to be the case. If you are serious about cleansing your soul and walking as a disciple of Jesus then you would be going to confession regularly. Pray for the same courage the leper had in approaching Jesus to be made clean. He could have gotten into big trouble for going to Jesus, but, he took the risk and was healed. Let us also take the risk and put our fears aside and ask Jesus to cleanse our soul with His healing grace.

The Klepac family continues to heal. Jennifer is still in the hospital but is healing and getting stronger each day. Please keep them in your daily prayers. Jennifer has worked for Holy Trinity for many years and since she is an employee of our parish we are able to accept monetary donations for the Klepac family to help with any needs they may have at this time or in the future. Please make your check payable to Holy Trinity Catholic Church. You may bring your cash or check donation by the office, or put it in the collection, or give it to Fr. Stephen. Please be sure to write on the envelope “The Klepac Family.” This will not be able to be a tax deductible donation.

Last Sunday I mentioned at Mass about the death of Fr. Michal Jadavan. He was a priest of the Ostrava-Opava Diocese in the Czech Republic. Fr. Michal first came to Texas as a deacon in 2010. He made two additional visits to me, the latest being in August/September of last year. At the time he told me the doctors gave him about a year to live. He had been struggling with liver cancer for about two years. He died on February 2, 2018. He was a wonderful and devoted priest who worked with the youth of his diocese and taught in a school. Eternal rest grant unto him O’ Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

May all of you have a most blessed week and Lente-

The Mystery of Lent

What Is Lent?

Lent is the penitential season of approximately 40 days set aside by the Church in order for the faithful to prepare for the celebration of the Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection. During this holy season, inextricably connected to the Paschal Mystery, the Catechumens prepare for Christian initiation, and current Church members prepare for Easter by a recalling of Baptism and by works of penance, that is, prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Even in the early Church, Lent was the season for prayerful and penitential preparation for the feast of Easter. Though the obligation of penance was originally only imposed on those who had committed public sins and crimes, by medieval times all the faithful voluntarily performed acts of penance to repair for their sins.

Ash Wednesday is the call to "Repent and believe the gospel" (Mk 1:15). For the next forty days, the faithful willingly submit to fasting and self-denial in imitation of Our Lord's forty-day fast in the desert. It is in these dark and still nights, these desert-times, that the soul experiences its greatest growth. There, in the inner arena, the soul battles the world, the flesh and the devil just as Our Lord battled Satan's triple temptation in the desert. His battle was external, for Jesus could not sin; our battle is interior, but with a hope sustained by the knowledge of Christ's Easter victory over sin and death.

His victory is our renewal, our "spring" — which is the meaning of the Anglo-Saxon word, "*lengten*" or Lent. In this penitential season we have the opportunity to make an annual spiritual "tune-up", a 40-day retreat with Our Lord. Have we allowed worldly cares and the "daily drama" to obscure our call to holiness? Have self-love and materialism eroded our relationship with God? Then let us renew our efforts, and through our Lenten observance, discipline the body and master it as we "follow in the footsteps of the poor and crucified Christ" (*St. Francis of Assisi*).

The Springtime of Lent: Action and New Life

The liturgical season of Lent coincides with spring, calling to mind the new life and growth, the hope and change that should characterize this time of prayer, penance and conversion. This is the season of initiation into the grace-life of the Church. For 40 days, the Church invites us to start afresh.

...Just as Nature renews herself every spring, so during the Church's spring we are encouraged to begin anew with the catechumens. We prepare for the renewal of our baptism, we suffer with Christ for our sins, we are buried with Him so that we may also arise with Him to a new life of grace and glory. (Therese Mueller, *Our Children's Year of Grace*)

Since Lent means "spring" it reminds us that we are "to spring" into action, to do the tasks of the season, to prepare for the new growth and graces that overflow from Easter. Spring is the most important season for a farmer, for it determines what crops he will plant. Once decided, he prepares the soil thoroughly and plants the seed carefully, hoping that the seed buried deep in the soil will produce an abundant crop.

On Palm Sunday, the very threshold of his death and Resurrection, Our Lord assured his followers that "unless the grain of wheat falls to the earth and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat. But if it dies, it produces much fruit. The man who loves his life loses it, while the man who hates his life in this world preserves it to life eternal. If anyone would serve me, let him follow me; where I am, there will my servant be." (Jn 12: 24-26) Let us renew our Baptism during this Lenten Season, joyfully dying to self in order to become that fruitful grain of wheat.