

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH of CORN HILL



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Bishop Joe Vásquez
Diocese of Austin

First Sunday of Lent

February 18, A.D. 2018

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday	Feb 17	7:30AM	Craig & Krystle
Saturday	Feb 17	5:00PM	Deceased members of the Cook family
Sunday	Feb 18	8:30AM	†John Nemec
Sunday	Feb 18	10:30AM	Pro Populo
Tuesday	Feb 20	6:00PM	Members of the John & Frances Nemec Family
Wednesday	Feb 21	7:00AM	†Frieda Tschoerner
Thursday	Feb 22	7:00AM	Virgil Tonn for healing
Friday	Feb 23	6:00PM	†Tommie Rose Martine
Saturday	Feb 24	7:30AM	Marshall, Brielle & Conner Cooke
Saturday	Feb 24	5:00PM	Prop Populo
Sunday	Feb 25	8:30AM	†Connie Quevedo
Sunday	Feb 25	10:30AM	Jennifer Klepac for healing

Mass Ministry Reminders

Stations of the Cross

Wednesday, February 21, 6:30 PM:

Altar Servers: Jamie & Jenna Danek, Lucas Beyer

Saturday, February 24, 5:00 PM:

Altar Servers: Nathan & Matthew Klepac, Preston Snook

Lector: Lupe Bernal

EMHC: Patsy Hightower, Jim & Mary Margaret Heuertz

Gift Bearers: Janine Nemec

Head Usher: Donald Tschoerner

Sunday, February 25, 8:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Caleb & Amy Stefek, Samuel Williams

Lector: Nancy Zenner

EMHC: Jerry David, James Nemec, Pete Zenner

Gift Bearers: Johnny & Dolores Martinka

Head Usher: AJ Batla

Sunday, February 25, 10:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Thomas Clawson, William Fonville, Abby Hodgson

Lector: Jill Horner

EMHC: Leo Bringman, Kelly Godfrey, Keith Youngpeter

Gift Bearers: Troy & Cynthia Clawson

Head Usher: Bill Sherek

EMHC to Shut-ins: Sunday, February 25: Jerry David

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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

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Conf. of Christian Mothers: Lucille Nemec 254-527-3615

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Last Week's Collection(s)

February 11: Sixth Sunday Ordinary Time: \$4,135.33

Catholic Higher Education: \$1,207.24

Ash Wednesday: (World & Home Missions) \$1,710.27

Vocations Crucifix Prayer Campaign

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

February 18 - February 24: Louise Havelka

February 25 - March 4: Bill & Monica Sherek

This Week at a Glance

Sunday, February 18:	--EMHC Training
Tuesday, February 20:	--RCIA Class
Wednesday, February 21:	--Stations of the Cross --CCE Classes --Bible Study
Thursday, February 22:	--Pro-Life Adoration --Pastoral Council Meeting
Sunday, February 25:	--Christian Mothers Meeting --KJT Meeting --Faith Formation Collection

Prayer for Lent

Stay with me, Lord, because I am weak
and I need your strength.
You are my life and without you,
I am without fervor.
You are my light and without you,
I am in darkness.
Stay with me, Lord, for I desire to
love you and always be in your company.
Stay with me, Jesus, for in life,
with all its dangers, I need you.
Amen



RCIA: Class this Tuesday, February 20, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Building. Discussion: Catholic Moral Teachings

CCE: Beginning this week all classes will attend Stations of the Cross and then we will go to the RE Building for our regular classes. For all CCE questions and information, contact Lucille D'Elia (737-215-1042 or htcdre@yahoo.com).

We will have a **second collection** next weekend, February 24/25th, for our **Religious Education Program**. This is a new collection for our parish that will occur on the 4th Sunday of each month, which helps fund our entire faith formation program.

Join us for **Pro-Life Adoration** this Thursday, February 22nd, from 3:00 – 9:00 p.m. in the church. Come and spend some time with our Lord, present in the Holy Eucharist.



If you would like to help decorate the church for the Easter season with Easter Lilies & Flowers, in memory or honor of loved ones, you may do so by completing and returning an **Easter Flower Envelope** (located by the bulletins). Please turn in envelopes by Sunday, March 25th, as the memorials will be listed in the Easter bulletin.

Catholic Life Insurance Branch #50 will have its annual branch social on Sunday February 25, 2018 in the Holy Trinity PAC. Social will start at 11:30 AM with a meal at noon and a short meeting following. Members need to RSVP by Monday February 19th to Tommy Sladeczek (512-635-3496) or Sharon Lloyd (512-746-2458).

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 212 W. Avenue I, Jarrell, TX 76537.

The diocesan **Ashes to Easter Lenten Mission Campaign** began on Ash Wednesday. 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.

Since Jennifer's accident many of you have been asking how you can help, well here is an opportunity. There will be an organizational meeting to help plan meals, organize shopping and handle many of the other things that will be necessary as Jennifer convalesces at home. If you would like to help please contact Debbie Klaus at 512-940-1557 or email at dlklaus@gmail.com.

The **KJT** will meet on Sunday, February 25th in the RE Building immediately following the 8:30 AM Mass.

The **Pastoral Council will meet** on Thursday, February 22, 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.



Its not too late to sign up for our Lenten Bible Study Class. If you ever wished you could “get more” out of Mass then this is the class for you. Here is your chance to really understand why we do what we do in Mass. We are 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 npenner@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. 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 it 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, along with 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.

Dear friends in Christ,

Peace be with you. Thank you to everyone who helped out with our Sts. Cyril and Methodius Celebration last Sunday. Thank you to the choir and organist, lector, altar servers, ushers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, those who set up the PAC and those who prepared the wonderful meal and to those who provided the desserts, and those who did the clean-up afterwards. Thank you also to Willie Vrabel for providing the music during supper. It was certainly a beautiful evening.

This week we began the holy season of Lent. 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 and they are 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 Easter with abundant joy. We will have Stations of the Cross every Wednesday at 6:30 pm. so please plan on attending this special Lenten devotion.

As we live the Season of Lent we may want to see how this holy season can strengthen our family life. Think of ways in which you can celebrate this season as a family...i.e., pray together at home as a family, attend Mass on the weekend and, when possible, attend Mass during the week as a family, attend Stations of the Cross, read the Bible together as a family, go to confession together as a family, and I am sure there are many things you can do as a family to make this season more meaningful to you.

Today’s first reading from Genesis speaks of a new beginning, a new covenant that God made with Noah and his sons after the disastrous flood. The first covenant had been shattered by human sinfulness. God was grieved by the sinfulness of the people and the flood was seen as His divine reaction. But there was a note of hope in all this because Noah found favor with God. It is God who comes to Noah and his family and forms a new covenant with them and their descendants. God is saying to Noah and to us, “let us forget the past, we will begin anew with peace between Me and all of creation.” The rainbow will be the sign of this newness.

Let us also forget the past and begin anew. This is precisely what happens when we go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation, when we go to confession. A new beginning is possible because God is helping us. Christ has given us all that we need to turn to Him: The Sacrament of Reconciliation to reconcile us, to forgive our sins; His Body and Blood in Holy Communion to strengthen us; the Inspired Word of God in the Bible to motivate us; His Church to direct and support us; and most of all His love, strength and mercy as shown to us by the Crucifix. God seeks us out to help us have a new beginning.

The Gospel today tells us of Jesus’ forty days in the desert. This forty-day period of Christ fasting and praying in the desert is the origin of our forty-day Lenten season. The Gospel today also mentions Christ’s appearance in Galilee and the beginning of His preaching. This too, was a new beginning for the people. “The kingdom of God is at hand! Repent, and believe in the gospel.” Let us repent and reform our lives and make a new beginning this Lent. Put the past behind us and begin anew. That is what Lent is all about.

Update: As most of you know, Jennifer was moved to HealthSouth Hospital and Rehabilitation in Round Rock. She is healing and getting stronger each day. She thanks all of you for your prayers and for the assistance you are providing for her family. If you would like to make a donation to assist them you may do so by bringing your cash or check donation by the office, or put it in the collection, or give it to Fr. Stephen. **Please make your check payable to Holy Trinity Catholic Church.** Also, please be sure to write on the envelope “The Klepac Family.” This will not be able to be a tax deductible donation.

May the Lord bless you all with a spiritually renewing Season of Lent.

Fr. Stephen Nesrsta, farář

Upcoming activities at Cedarbrake Retreat Center in Belton

The **Cancer Survivors Retreat** will be held March 10 from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton. This retreat will be a time for survivors to share their stories. Wanda Gibson, a spiritual director and cancer survivor, will lead this prayerful day of reflection. Whether you are celebrating one week or 20 years since your cancer experience you are invited to join us as we allow our mind, body and spirit to engage, heal, rest and rejoice. The cost is \$40 and includes lunch. For more information or to register for these retreats call Cedarbrake at (254) 780-2436 or visit www.austindiocese.org/cedarbrake.

Discovering Your True Self will be held March 21 from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton. The retreat will be based on the book by Father Richard Rohr entitled, "The Immortal Diamond." Deep within us is the true self; however, it has been hidden by who or what we think we should be. We will spend the day identifying the false images we hold on to as we ask the Lord to show us the beauty of our true selves. Bev Collin, assistant director of Cedarbrake, will present this day. The cost is \$40 and includes lunch. For more information or to register for these retreats call Cedarbrake at (254) 780-2436 or visit www.austindiocese.org/cedarbrake.

Healing through the Heart of Jesus will be held April 14 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton. The focus will be on our identity as God's loved ones and on the wounds that prevent us from living that identity. Father Charlie Garza, pastor of St. Martin de Porres Parish in Dripping Springs, will be the presenter. The cost is \$40 and includes lunch. For more information or to register for these retreats call Cedarbrake at (254) 780-2436 or visit www.austindiocese.org/cedarbrake.

Seeking the Holy Art Journaling Retreat will be held April 27-29 at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton. Art journaling is the use of simple art materials, Scripture and contemplative prayer to help us to respond to the Holy within. Sister Marianne Hieb, RSM, DMin, a member of the Lourdes Wellness Spirituality Retreat Team, will lead this retreat. The cost is \$220 for a private room and includes art supplies, or \$180 for a shared room and includes art supplies. For more information or to register for these retreats call Cedarbrake at (254) 780-2436 or visit www.austindiocese.org/cedarbrake.

Feb. 23: Day of prayer and fasting

His Holiness Pope Francis announced that Friday, Feb. 23, will be a day of prayer and fasting for peace, in particular for the populations of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and South Sudan. Catholics in good health from age 18 until age 59 are obliged to fast and pray. The faithful are asked to spend time in prayer on Friday, February 23. Perhaps consider offering the day's work and trials for the people who are suffering in these regions.

St. Mary's Catholic School in Taylor is now accepting student applications for the 2018-2019 school year. For over 121 years, SMCS has provided excellence in educating children in Faith, Academics and Service. SMCS provides PK3-8th grades with an active sacramental life. A full accredited curriculum, competitive athletics, religion, Spanish, art, music PE and technology. You are invited to see how St. Mary's can challenge, enrich and engage your child(ren) to achieve his or her God-given potential. For information go to www.stmarystaylor.org and click "ADMISSIONS", or contact Kim Bohac at 512-352-2313 ext 213 for a tour and more information.

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