

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH of CORN HILL



Pope Francis
Vatican City State



Bishop Joe Vásquez
Diocese of Austin



Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 11, A.D. 2018

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday	Mar 10	5:00PM	Pro Populo
Sunday	Mar 11	8:30AM	†Tommie Rose Martine
Sunday	Mar 11	10:30AM	For our Confirmandi
Tuesday	Mar 13	6:00PM	†Fr. Leonard Leddy & Fr. Robert Becker
Wednesday	Mar 14	7:00AM	†Johnnie Simek
Thursday	Mar 15	7:00AM	†Greg Maney
Friday	Mar 16	7:00AM	†William H. Jr. & Lydia Whitlow
Saturday	Mar 17	7:30AM	Marshall, Brielle & Connor Cooke
Saturday	Mar 17	5:00PM	Virgil Tonn for healing
Sunday	Mar 18	8:30AM	†Fr. Leonard Leddy & Fr. Robert Becker
Sunday	Mar 18	10:30AM	Pro Populo
Monday	Mar 19	6:00PM	Confraternity of Christian Mothers

Mass Ministry Reminders

Stations of the Cross

Wednesday, March 14, 6:30 PM:

Altar Servers: Caleb & Amy Stefek, Nathan Klepac

Saturday, March 17, 5:00 PM

Altar Servers: Matthew & Nathan Klepac, Preston Snook

Lector: Leo Bringman

EMHC: Jim Heuertz, Patsy Hightower, Irene Cavanaugh

Gift Bearers: Donald & Brenda Tschoerner

Head Usher: Howard Mertink

Sunday, March 18, 8:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Carter Marquis, Samuel Williams, Amy Stefek, Martin Ortiz

Lector: Cynthia Edgar

EMHC: John Edgar, Lucille Nemeck, Jerry David

Gift Bearers: Ray & Theresa Nemeck

Head Usher: Tommy Sladeczek

10:30AM:

Altar Servers: Abby & Jarrod Hodgson, Jakob Voigt

Lector: Jill Horner

EMHC: Keith Youngpeter, Nancy & Pete Zenner

Gift Bearers: Hodgson Family

Head Usher: Jeff Voigt

EMHC to Shut-ins: Sunday, March 18: Jerry David



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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.)

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Last Week's Collection(s)

March 4: Third Sunday Of Lent: \$5,333.28

Vocations Crucifix Prayer Campaign

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

March 11 – March 17: Renee & James Gragg

March 18 - March 24: Chris & Sora Garlasco

This Week at a Glance

Sunday, March 11:	--Confirmation --Penance Service
Tuesday, March 13:	--RCIA Class
Wednesday, March 14:	--Stations of the Cross --No CCE Classes --No Bible Study
Thursday, March 15:	--Pro-Life Adoration
Sunday, March 18:	--Christian Mothers Meeting
Monday, March 19:	--St. Joseph's Altar

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Thursday in the church from 3:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Come spend some time with our Lord!

CEF – Spiritual Bouquets

make appropriate gifts for any occasion. You can contact Janine Nemeck (512-863-6892) for enrollments any time.

LENTEN PRAYER

Eternal God, the refuge of all your children,
in our weakness, you are our strength,
in our darkness, you are our light,
in our sorrow, you are our comfort and peace.

May we always live in your presence,
and serve you in our daily lives;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

~St. Boniface

RCIA: Class this Tuesday, March 13th, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Building. Discussion: Eschatology – The End Times

CCE: There will be **no CCE classes this week** because of Spring Break. All classes will resume next Wednesday, March 21st. For all CCE questions and information, contact Lucille D'Elia (737-215-1042 or htcdre@yahoo.com).

We will have a **diocesan special collection** this weekend, March 10/11, for **Catholic Relief Services (CRS)**, which helps children, women and families around the world. The six worldwide organizations supported by the collection provide immediate humanitarian aid, pastoral support and disaster relief to our suffering brothers and sisters around the globe.

Join us for **Pro-Life Adoration** this Thursday, March 15th, 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.

Join us during Lent in meditating on the suffering and death of our Lord at **Stations of the Cross** every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

Take the opportunity to cleanse your heart, mind and soul this Sunday, March 11th, at 5:00 p.m., at our **Lenten Penance Service**.

Volunteers needed: At this time we are in need of a few additional money counters. Please contact the parish office for more information.

**During the Season of Lent, it is important that we reconcile ourselves with one another, and with God!
Please take the time for you and your family to go to Confession ... that your hearts, souls and minds will be ready for
the Sacrifice and Resurrection of our Lord. The following are several opportunities for Confession in our area:**

Holy Trinity of Corn Hill: Sunday, March 11, 5:00 p.m. (English & Spanish)

St. Mary in Taylor: Sunday, March 18, 6:00 p.m. (English & Spanish)

St. John Vianney in Round Rock: Tuesday, March 20, 7:00 p.m. (English & Spanish)

St. William in Round Rock: Wednesday, March 21, 7:00 p.m. (English & Spanish) &
Monday, March 26, 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. (English & Spanish)

Our Lenten Bible Study entitled A Biblical Walk Through the Mass **will not be held this Wednesday** due to Spring Break. Our classes will continue next Wednesday, March 21st immediately following the Stations of the Cross.

From Ashes to Easter: We are blessed by the gracious gift of Jesus Christ, who transformed human history with His infinite and compassionate love. Through His Spirit, His grace has been poured into our hearts. With open and merciful hearts, we are invited to share our blessings. As we add coins to our Ashes to Easter box each day, we will bring hope to struggling missions. Please pray a Hail Mary for the missions. Lent boxes can be picked up by the bulletins and should be returned at Easter.

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 **next Sunday, March 18th**, in the RE Bldg immediately after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. (Note change from usual 4th Sunday-Palm Sunday). Members will gather in the front pews for Mass to lead the Rosary prayed beforehand. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.



All are invited to help celebrate! In commemoration of St. Joseph's feast day, the Confraternity of Christian Mothers will host a **St. Joseph's Altar** on Monday, March 19, in the PAC Bldg after the 6:00 p.m. Mass. This altar is a reflection of the deep devotion to St. Joseph, who is the patron saint of those in need. Fr. Stephen will bless the altar and then all participants may sample the (meatless) foods on the altar. Keeping in tradition of a St. Joseph's Altar, a donation basket will be available for a contribution to be given to the poor (The Caring Place).

Dear Parishioners,

Praised be Jesus Christ! Congratulations to all who are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation here at our parish this Sunday. May your hearts always be open to the Holy Spirit dwelling within them and may you always accept the Holy Spirit's guidance in your life.

Lent is quickly passing by and Holy Week will be here soon. Try to attend the Stations of the Cross every Wednesday at 6:30 pm, including during Holy Week. Some of you may already be making plans for Holy Week and Easter. Our schedule for the Easter Triduum will be as follows:

Holy Thursday - 7:00 p.m., Good Friday - 7:00 p.m., Holy Saturday - 8:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday - 6:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

The Easter Triduum during Holy Week is our most sacred and solemn week of the whole year. We should make it a priority to attend the celebrations on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday, setting aside other non-religious activities that may conflict with these sacred days. Let us be faithful to God.

We will be having Altar Server practice for each of the above celebrations. Altar Servers will have practice for Holy Thursday on Palm Sunday, April 9, following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Altar Server practice for Good Friday will be after Mass on Holy Thursday. Altar Server practice for Holy Saturday will be at 11:00 a.m. on Holy Saturday. All Altar Servers who are scheduled to serve at each of the above celebrations are asked to be at these practices. If you are not able to serve when scheduled, please find a substitute for you and be sure to tell them that they must attend the practice as scheduled for that particular day. Also please call the parish office to let us know so that we will know who will be serving. Thank you to all of you for serving at God's Altar.

Today we celebrate *Laetare Sunday*, the Fourth Sunday of Lent. *Laetare* is taken from the Latin translation Isaiah 66:10-11, which is used as the entrance antiphon for this Sunday as found in the Today's Missal. We rejoice that the Easter Mystery is drawing near and we await it with joyful anticipation.

In today's first reading, we are told of the unfaithfulness to God by the people of Judah. They were punished for their failure to repent and change their ways. They failed to listen to prophet after prophet. Their fate was ultimately placed in the cruel hands of the king of the Chaldeans who punished them severely. They were taken into exile in Babylon and not freed for seventy years. This was all thought to be the will of God. It was their understanding of sin, punishment, and forgiveness.

The Christian community has grown in its understanding of God since the Book of Chronicles was written. In our second reading, Paul tells us that God is rich in mercy, so much so that God sent us Jesus when we were dead in sin. It is because we are in sin that God gives us new life in Jesus. This fuller understanding of God contrasts with the Old Testament understanding of a God of justice who brings affliction on his people. Paul also says that salvation in Jesus is God's gift to us. It is not a reward...we did not earn it...it is pure gift. God gives, not according to our merit, but out of unlimited goodness. The good we do is in response to God's goodness to us.

In today's gospel from John, Jesus reveals to us the mercy of God the Father. If we understand the teaching of Jesus about God, we can grow in our relationship with God. We move from a nation that God punishes, to a nation God loves unconditionally. In order to grow in faith we must grow in our relationship with God. The gospel tells us that God sent his Son to save us from our sins. This is the ultimate act of mercy, the greatest gift given by God. The grace given by God, in Jesus, benefits us when we can name the sin and evil in our lives. We must name the evil in order to admit our need for God's mercy and grace. We must call on God for the grace to live in the light and act in truth.

God is merciful and full of compassion. Let us continue our Lenten journey to Easter, seeing our relationship with God and Jesus in a new way, so that we will continue to let God come closer to us. May our prayer be like the words of the spiritual hymn: "Just a closer walk with Thee, grant it Jesus if you please, daily walking close to me, let it be, dear Lord, let it be."

May all of you continue to have a spiritually renewing Season of Lent as we prepare ourselves for Holy Week and the celebration of Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord.

Fr. Stephen Nestrta, farář

Total Consecration Rosary and Mass: In Fatima, Our Lady said, "My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the way that will lead you to God." On this 70-Year Anniversary of our Diocese, please join thousands of Faithful throughout our Diocese to collectively make or renew our **"Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary"** at a special Holy Mass on the Annunciation of the Lord. Rosary and Mass will be offered on **Monday, April 9th** at 6pm at Saint Mary Cathedral(Austin), at 6:30pm at Saint Thomas Aquinas Church (in Extraordinary Form, College Station), at 5pm at Saint Joseph Church (Killeen), and at 6:30pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church (Martindale). Please visit www.TexasToJesusThroughMary.org for more information.

MARRIED COUPLES: Spring is here! It's the season of rebirth, new life, when nature seems to take a fresh start. Why not wake up your marriage this Spring as well? Remind your spouse that he or she is still number one in your life. Make a Marriage Encounter Weekend and re-discover the romance of your relationship. An upcoming weekend is scheduled for April 20-22 at the Wingate Hotel in Round Rock. To apply online visit: austinme.org or contact Michael and Shani Cowart: 512-677-WWME (9963) or email wwmeaustin@gmail.com. Call early to ensure a space.

CCE NEWS & EVENTS - March 2018



Mark your calendars

Lent is a wonderful season in our faith and it offers many "teachable" moments for our students. If you have attended Stations of the Cross on any Wednesday this year you are aware that all of the students attend every Wednesday. (Yes, even the Pre-K & Kindergarten classes attend). Along with experiencing the Stations of the Cross in our church, our catechists are finding new and unique ways to teach about this special season of Lent and the true meaning. The younger grades had their lesson using our felt board and flannel Jesus and his disciple figures to help them understand Jesus' journey to the cross. Some of the other students watched our brand new Brother Francis DVD "Stations of the Cross" which teaches in a different way. Our dedicated and talented catechists have been so creative in using all of the Lent resources and their wonderful talents to help reinforce the lessons. Of course all of these "teachable" moments are made much better when they are enhanced by the family experiencing this powerful devotion. All families should do their best to attend each Wednesday evening and if you would like to sit together as a family, please feel free to do so. Afterwards please bring your child(ren) to the RE building for class.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on Sunday March 11th at the 10:30 AM Mass. We are truly delighted to welcome Bishop Daniel Garcia to celebrate this Sacrament for our confirmandi. Please keep them and all of the students in your prayers.

We will not have class on March 14th as it is spring break but when we return on March 21st the young ladies who will have just been confirmed will be in our high school program and the Confirmation I students become our new Confirmation class. All of these new Confirmation students will be invited to attend our Confirmation Retreat to be held here in the parish on April 21st. The presenters will once again be the STRONG Team from the University of Texas. Please check the bulletin and watch for more details.

Speaking of high schoolers, some of them went to DCYC (Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference) this year. Following is a report from Kelly Godfrey who was one of the chaperones who attended and who will be leading a new youth group here in our parish (details to follow soon).

DCYC 2018

The weekend of February 2-4, 2018, 4 students and 2 chaperones attended DCYC in Waco, Texas. Together along with approximately 2,800 other Austin Diocese high school students and their chaperones it was an event that offered faith building activities for those just becoming Catholic all the way up to those youth seriously discerning a life of religious vocations. The theme of the weekend was "Fully Alive" based on the St. Irenaeus quote: "The glory of God is man fully alive."

There were sessions in the main hall with our keynote speakers Jeremy Rodriguez (Catholic Music Ministry), Joe Melendez (Catholic performer), Matt Regitz (Youth Minister with Prince of Peace Church in Houston), Jared Zimmer (uses fitness to evangelize the faith), and Lizzie Velasquez (motivational speaker and anti-bullying activist). Several workshops were offered throughout the day on Saturday teaching different skills to help one become Fully Alive in their faith. There were also many sacramental opportunities such as Reconciliation, Adoration, liturgy of the hours, daily Mass and Sunday Mass.

DCYC will be held again in Waco the weekend of February 1-3, 2019. It is a truly amazing experience and I would encourage all of the high school youth in the parish to mark their calendars and plan on attending the event.

March 11 – Confirmation
Mass: 10:30 AM



March 14th – NO CCE
Spring Break

March 21st – Wed.
Stations of the Cross – 6:30 PM
7:00-8:00 PM Class



March 25th – Palm Sunday

March 28th – Wed.
Stations of the Cross – 6:30 PM
7:00-8:00 PM Class

March 29th – Holy Thursday

March 30th – Good Friday

March 31st – Holy Saturday

April 1st – Easter Sunday

April 4th – Wed. 6:30 PM Mass
7:00-8:00 PM Class



**HOLY TRINITY EASTER EGG HUNT WILL
BE HELD IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING
THE 8:30 AM MASS ON EASTER SUNDAY.
FOR CHILDREN AGES 1-11.**



**DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR
BASKET!**