

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH of CORN HILL



Pope Francis
Vatican City State



Bishop Joe Vásquez
Diocese of Austin



Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 18, A.D. 2018

Mass Schedule & Intentions

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
Tuesday	Mar 20	6:00PM	†Stanley Havelka
Wednesday	Mar 21	7:00AM	†Alphonse Tschoerner
Thursday	Mar 22	7:00AM	†Fr. Oliver Weerakkody & Fr. Wade Russell
Friday	Mar 23	6:00PM	†Albina Sladeczek
Saturday	Mar 24	7:30AM	†Parents of Herbert & Mary Koch
Saturday	Mar 24	5:00PM	†Rose Roddy
Sunday	Mar 25	8:30AM	Pro Populo
Sunday	Mar 25	10:30AM	†Paul Chevalier & Patrick Vrabel

Mass Ministry Reminders

Stations of the Cross

Wednesday, March 21, 6:30 PM:

Altar Servers: William Brousseau, Jakob Voigt, Maria Bruce

Saturday, March 24, 5:00 PM

Altar Servers: John & Maria Bruce, Natalie Mason

Lector: Lupe Bernal

EMHC: Brandi Bernal, Janine Nemecek, Keith Youngpeter

Gift Bearers: Janine & Mike Nemecek

Head Usher: Stephanie Wright

Sunday, March 25, 8:30 AM:

Altar Servers: John, Jenna & Jamie Danek, Shelby Hutchinson

Lector: Louis Brousseau

EMHC: Cynthia Edgar, Johnny Martinka, Ray Nemecek

Gift Bearers: Sladeczek Family

Head Usher: AJ Batla

10:30AM:

Altar Servers: Thomas Clawson, Heron Rodriguez, Jakob Voigt

Lector: Leo Bringman

EMHC: Pete & Nancy Zenner, Kelly Godfrey

Gift Bearers: Clawson Family

Head Usher: Bill Sherek

EMHC to Shut-ins: Sunday, March 25: 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

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Last Week's Collection(s)

March 11: Fourth Sunday Of Lent: \$4,497.00

Catholic Relief Services \$1,236.24

Vocations Crucifix Prayer Campaign

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

March 18 – March 24: Chris & Sora Garlasco

March 25 - March 31: Keith Youngpeter

This Week at a Glance

Sunday, March 18: --Christian Mothers Meeting

Monday, March 19: --St. Joseph's Altar

Tuesday, March 20: --RCIA Class

Wednesday, March 21: --Stations of the Cross

--CCE Classes

--Bible Study

Thursday, March 22: --Pro-Life Adoration

Sunday, March 25: --Palm Sunday

--Faith Formation Collection

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

Come spend some time with our Lord!

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

A Benefit for the Klepac Family will be held on April 8th at the Schwertner Community Center. If you would like to help provide silent auction items, please contact Marla Tonn at 512-863-0755. Deadline for donations is Wednesday, April 4th.

RCIA: Class this Tuesday, March 20th, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Building. Discussion: Holy Week

CCE: All CCE classes will attend Stations of the Cross at 6:30 and then proceed to the RE Building for regular classes. For all CCE questions and information, contact Lucille D'Elia (737-215-1042 or htcdre@yahoo.com).

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 this 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).

Our Lenten Bible Study entitled A Biblical Walk Through the Mass continues this week. **Please join us in the PAC on Wednesday, March 21st** immediately following the Stations of the Cross.

Join us for **Pro-Life Adoration** this Thursday, March 22nd, 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 have a **second collection** next weekend, March 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.

The Confraternity of Christian Mothers will meet **this 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.

Pro-Life Corner

Dear Friends,
The Vatican announced last week that Pope Francis has recognized a second miracle paving the way for the canonization of Pope Paul VI. This year also marks the 50th anniversary of the soon to be St. Paul VI historic encyclical *Humanae Vitae*. While viewed by some at the time to be controversial, the encyclical reaffirmed the Church's teaching against contraception. In section 17 of the encyclical, the Pope predicted the future social consequences of contraception. 1. Increased marital infidelity and lower moral standards, including for our young people, 2. The greater objectification of woman, 3. Government's imposing contraception on their citizens. (i.e. the HHS mandate). Reflecting on the past 50 years, it could be argued that the "empowerment" promised to women through the use of the pill and contraception has eroded the concept that men share an equal responsibility for an unplanned pregnancy, has led to higher divorce rates, teen pregnancy, the porn culture, and government mandates against conscious. The past 50 years have not only affirmed these controversial predictions, but possibly made them prophetic.



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 next Sunday, March 25th** as the memorials will be listed in the Easter bulletin.

. 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:

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)

From Ashes to Easter: Don't forget to keep putting your coins in your Ashes to Easter box and praying a Hail Mary for the missions. Boxes can be returned during the Easter season.

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.

We are still in need of a few new money counters. This is a once a month commitment and there is training provided. Please contact the parish office for more information.

Dear Parishioners,

May the peace and love of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Thank you to everyone who helped with the Confirmation reception last Sunday. It was a wonderful meal and time for fellowship. Thank you to our Catechists and to everyone involved in our Faith Formation Programs who gave of their time and talents to prepare the candidates to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Thank you also to the parents for valuing their faith and relationship with the Lord and so desiring that their children also experience a special presence of the Holy Spirit in their life. Thank you also to the musicians and cantors for helping us to have a beautiful worship experience.

For the next two weeks our statues will be covered to remind us that we are in the most solemn time of our Church year. The covering of the statues reminds us that we are to give up all that is pleasing to our senses during this remaining time of Lent and focus upon the suffering of our Lord. Let us enter into these final days of Lent with our entire being, mind, body and soul, so that we can even more intensely experience the joy of the resurrection and salvation.

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week. **The Easter Triduum during Holy Week is our most sacred and solemn time 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.** 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.

We will be having Altar Server practice for each of the above celebrations. Altar Servers will have practice for Holy Thursday on Palm Sunday, March 25, 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.

It is hard for us to imagine, in our fast-paced, materialistic society, that any good can come from hardship and sacrifice. These are not words that we like to hear. Our food, our exercise machines, our news, and even our relationships are expected to produce instant gratification. We want our lives to be better, richer, and more successful...all without much effort on our part. We are told that lottery tickets will make us millionaires, milk shakes will make us slim, and the internet will give us all the answers we are looking for in life.

In this season of Lent, we are asked to escape this philosophy. We are asked to slow down and examine our lives in light of gospel values. We are asked to increase our prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. We are asked to sacrifice. Why does the Church ask this of us? Because to give up something old makes room for something new.

In today's second reading, the Hebrews are reminded that Jesus learned obedience from what He suffered, and when He was made perfect He became the source of eternal salvation. It was in obedience, sacrifice and death on the cross, that Jesus was glorified. In John's gospel, Jesus tells His apostles that the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified...not humiliated, not beaten, not put to death, but glorified. He recognized that a grain of wheat must die to produce fruit. Even though He knew what was going to happen and how much He would have to suffer, He accepted it because He knew that it was for this purpose that He had come.

What is our hour and what is our purpose in life? We do not know the hour, but we do know the purpose of our lives. At the moment of our baptism we were given a share in the cross of Jesus. Our purpose is to lift high the cross and spread the good news of salvation, to bring others to come and know Jesus Christ.

Ask yourselves the following questions: "What did I accomplish this week? Did I become closer to Jesus and did I make His presence known to someone else? Did I sacrifice and suffer to make room for something else? If I sacrificed a daily candy bar, soda or alcoholic beverage, did I contribute the money to the poor? If I gave up an hour of television did I spend it in prayer? Have my daily sacrifices been fruitful?"

During these final days of Lent, let us be aware of our lifestyle and the priorities we have set. The prophet Jeremiah gives us the clearest image of the new covenant as he says, "I will place the law within them, and write it upon their hearts. I will be their God, and they shall be my people." Do we allow ourselves to truly know Jesus, to allow Him within our hearts and souls? Or do we close the door of our heart and prevent Him from entering?

This new covenant has been fulfilled in Jesus Christ. It is our task to keep it alive within us, to let our sacrifices bear fruit. With Jesus, let them be the source of your eternal salvation. Make God known today through your words and actions. Truly serve our Lord and be obedient to Him. Through your obedience you will be made perfect and He will be the source of your salvation.

As we enter these most sacred days I pray that all of you may be renewed in spirit and in faith as we celebrate the mystery of our salvation.

Fr. Stephen Nesrsta, 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.

St. Joseph's in Cyclone will be holding its annual SPRINGFEST Celebration on Sunday, March 25th. A delicious meal of home fried chicken, sausage and all accompaniments will be served from 11 AM to 1:30 PM.

**Holy Trinity Catholic Church
Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 22, 2018 7 PM
Religious Education Building**

Call to Order
Opening Prayer
Scripture—Marla Tonn - Philippians 2:12-16

Old Business

1. Parish Mission - The Parish Mission will be held October 21-25, 2018.
2. January Fundraiser - The annual January Fundraiser held on Sunday, January 28, 2018 was a success. The proceeds went to the Cemetery Fund and bids are being taken for an extension of the fence and gates.
3. Electrical Work - The electrical work is ongoing. The light is shining on the church again and the lights and plugs in the to-go shed have been updated. More work will be done in the Parish Hall to make the lighting adjustable. There was some discussion about adjustable lighting for the Holy Family Room in the PAC also, to make it more convenient to watch educational videos, take notes, etc.
4. Parking lot work - We will be getting bids to fix the areas of the parking lot that need repair including the area around the dumpster at the Parish Hall.

New Business

1. AC Heating in Church and RE/Office Building – Team Services of Pflugerville will replace all AC/Heating Units in the church and RE/Office Building. The cost will be \$100,000 to replace all the units. The units in the Church are 21 years old and the units in the RE building are 30 years old.
2. Lent/Holy Week - There will be a 7:00 PM Mass on Holy Thursday and a 7:00 PM Service on Good Friday. The Mass on Holy Saturday will be at 8:00 PM. Sunday Masses will be at 6:30, 8:30 and 10:30 AM.
3. Confirmation - March 11 - There will be 3 confirmed on Sunday, March 11 with a lunch to follow for the Confirmandi and their guests. This lunch will be hosted and prepared by the Pastoral Council.

Ministry/Committee Reports

1. Social Ministry -The Locker Project is ongoing.
2. RE Program - Preparations are being made for Confirmation on March 11, 2018.
3. Cemetery - Dirt work is completed. Plans are being made to plant grass and replace the chain link fence on the south side.

Finance Committee:

A report was given regarding the parish finances from July 2017 Through December 2017.

Other Business

1. We will consider a new Church directory in 2019.
2. The Diocese will have a Capital Campaign beginning in 2018.
3. The Bible Study of the Mass has 24 people attending.
4. The EMI Health Screening was held on Saturday, February 3.

Members Present - Helen Havelka, Cynthia Edgar, Billy Beyer, Gina Vrabel, Sora Garlasco, Mike Hovatter, Pete Zenner and Marla Tonn.

Members Absent: John Valenta

Ex-Officio Member Present - Lucille D'Elia and Father Stephen

Guests: 1

Minutes submitted by Cynthia Edgar