

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH of CORN HILL



Pope Francis
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Bishop Joe Vásquez
Diocese of Austin



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

March 25, A.D. 2018

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday	Mar 24	5:00PM	†Rose Roddy
Sunday	Mar 25	8:30AM	Pro Populo
Sunday	Mar 25	10:30AM	†Paul Chevallier & †Patrick Vrabel
Tuesday	Mar 27	6:00PM	†Bernadette Schwertner & †Fr. Oliver Weerakkody
Wednesday	Mar 28	7:00AM	†Frank Stastny & †Fr. Wade Russell

The Sacred Paschal Triduum Schedule

Holy Thursday	Mar 29	7:00PM	For All Priests
Good Friday	Mar 30	7:00PM	Passion, Veneration of the Cross & Communion
Holy Saturday	Mar 31	8:00PM	Pro Populo
Easter Sunday	Apr 1	6:30AM	Pro Populo
Easter Sunday	Apr 1	8:30AM	Pro Populo
Easter Sunday	Apr 1	10:30AM	Pro Populo

Attn: Rosary Leaders:

On Good Friday and Holy Saturday, there should be silence before the services, so please do not lead the praying of the Rosary on these evenings. Thank you.



MASS MINISTRY REMINDERS

HOLY WEEK

Stations of the Cross, Wednesday, March 28, 6:30PM

Altar Servers: Carter Marquis, John Bruce, Thomas Clawson

Holy Thursday, March 29, 7:00 PM: (INCENSE)

Altar Servers: Thomas Clawson, John & Maria Bruce, Natalie Mason

Lector: Kelly Godfrey

EMHC: John & Cynthia Edgar

Gift Bearers: Mark & Debbie Klaus

Good Friday, March 30, 7:00 PM:

Altar Servers: Jakob Voigt, Carter Marquis, Lucas Beyer

Lectors: Leo Bringman

Head Usher: Frank Knappek

Holy Saturday, March 31, 8:00 PM: (INCENSE)

Altar Servers: Jamie, John & Jenna Danek and Caleb & Amy Stefek

Lector: Leo Bringman and Louis Brousseau

EMHC: James Nemecek, Johnny Martinka, Lucille Nemecek

Gift Bearers: Ray & Teresa Nemecek

Head Usher: Donald Tschoerner

✠ Fr. Stephen Nestrsta ✠

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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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Cemetery Director: Johnny Martinka 512-966-4301

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Last Week's Collection(s)

March 18: Fifth Sunday Of Lent: \$4,190.79

Vocations Crucifix Prayer Campaign

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

March 25 – March 31: Keith Youngpeter

April 1 – April 7: Kathy Windhauser

Parish Office will be closed on Good Friday.

EASTER SUNDAY

Easter Sunday, April 1: 6:30 AM

Altar Servers: Natalie Mason, William Fonville, Nathan Setser

Lector: Monica Sherek

EMHC: Brandi Bernal, Leo Bringman,

Gift Bearers: Bernal Family

Head Usher: Bill Sherek

8:30 AM: (INCENSE)

Altar Servers: Carter Marquis, Caleb & Amy Stefek, Lucas Beyer

Lector: Michael Vrabel

EMHC: Lucille Nemecek, Jerry David, Ray Nemecek

Gift Bearers: Pinto & Lucille Nemecek

Head Usher: Tommy Sladeczek

10:30 AM: (INCENSE)

Altar Servers: Jakob Voigt, Matthew & Nathan Klepac

Lector: Jill Horner

EMHC: Pete & Nancy Zenner, Keith Youngpeter

Gift Bearers: Pete & Nancy Zenner

Head Usher: Jeff Voigt

EMHC TO Shut-Ins: April 1: Jerry David

This Week at a Glance

Sunday, March 25:	--Palm Sunday --Faith Formation Collection
Tuesday, March 27:	--NO RCIA Class
Wednesday, March 28:	--Stations of the Cross --Confessions (before/after Stations) --CCE Classes --Bible Study
Thursday, March 29:	--No Pro-Life Adoration
Friday, March 30:	--Fast and Abstinence --Parish Office Closed
Holy Saturday/Easter Sunday:	--Confessions (11am – Noon)
Monday, April 2:	--Senior Supper



Easter Egg Hunt

All children (thru age 11) are invited to bring their Easter baskets on Easter Sunday to hunt for eggs after the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

Schedule Change:

Hospitality Sunday will be held on **April 8th** after the 8:30 AM Mass. It will be hosted by the Pro-Life Group. Please join us for food and fellowship.

RCIA: NO class this Tuesday, March 27th. RCIA candidates should attend all Holy Week services.

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

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.

Join us this Wednesday, March 28th, at 6:30 PM for our final **Stations of the Cross**.

We are still in need of a few additional money counters. Please prayerfully consider this ministry and contact the parish office.

The **Parish Office** will be closed on Good Friday, March 30th.

Our Lenten Bible Study entitled A Biblical Walk Through the Mass **continues this week.** Please join us in the PAC on Wednesday, March 28th immediately following the Stations of the Cross.

NO Pro-Life Adoration this Thursday, March 29th. Everyone is invited to come to the RE Building after Mass on Holy Thursday to the Altar of Repose and spend some time in adoration.

We will have a **second collection** this weekend, March 24/25th, for our **Religious Education Program**. This collection occurs on the 4th Sunday of each month and helps fund our entire faith formation program.

The Confraternity of Christian Mothers thank all who attended the St. Joseph's altar celebration to commemorate St. Joseph's feast day with song & prayer and sharing in the meatless foods blessed on the altar. Your generous donations of \$124 were sent to The Caring Place in Georgetown.

If anyone is in need of a hospital bed, please contact the parish office.

The following is our Holy Week & Easter Schedule:



Wednesday, March 28, 6:30 PM Stations of the Cross
Holy Thursday, March 29: 7:00 p.m.
Good Friday, March 30, 7:00p.m.
Holy Saturday, March 31: 8:00p.m.
Easter Sunday, April 1: 6:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.



Confession Schedule:

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

Confession Times at Holy Trinity:

Tuesday, March 27 after Mass until 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 28, before and after Stations of the Cross (5:45 – 6:10 p.m. and 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.)

Good Friday, March 30, 11:00 a.m. – Noon

(NOTE: We will not have Confessions before Masses on Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday)

Dear Parishioners,

Peace be with you. Thank you to everyone who helped to cover the statues. They really add to the solemnity of these holy days.

Today we celebrate Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, the beginning of Holy Week. **Thursday through Saturday of Holy Week are the most solemn days of our Church Liturgical Year. This is a very sacred time and we should set aside all other activities so that we are able to attend all of the Holy Week celebrations.** In order to really experience the fullness of these days a person needs to attend every day as the theme of the Redemption is begun at the beginning of the Sacred Paschal Triduum, Holy Thursday, and ends with the triumphant conclusion upon the celebration of Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord. Our full attention should be given to celebrate these most sacred rites. All services should take priority over any other event because celebrating Holy Week is what we are all about as a Catholic people. Let us do our best to show our love for our Saviour by our faithfulness to these days. All of you should have made a good confession so that you are spiritually prepared to celebrate these holy days. I will be hearing confessions at various times during this week. Please see the schedule in this bulletin.

We will have **Stations of the Cross** this Wednesday, at 6:30 p.m. Please try to attend so that your experience of Holy Week can be all that it can be.

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 am Mass. Altar Server practice for Good Friday will be after the evening Mass on Holy Thursday. Practice for Holy Saturday will be on Holy Saturday at 11:00 a.m.

Today we recall Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem as He rides a donkey and the people lay palm branches along his path and sing "Hosanna", which comes from Hebrew meaning "save now". It is a cry for salvation. We hear this act of salvation being brought to fulfillment as we read the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ in today's Gospel. Today we prepare ourselves for the celebrations of this Holy Week and we reflect upon Jesus' suffering and death. So quickly the people turn against Jesus. We oftentimes do the same thing. We are faithful to our Lord, but, all of a sudden, we turn against Him by living a life of sin and we no longer want to be near Him. May we have the courage to admit when we have done wrong and seek union with God and once again declare Jesus and our King and Lord.

Good Friday marks the beginning of the **Divine Mercy Novena**. Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet daily and experience the mercy of God. We will have our Divine Mercy Devotion on Sunday, April 8, Divine Mercy Sunday, at 3:00 pm. This devotion will consist of the blessing of the image of Divine Mercy, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy Litany, Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

May all of you have a spiritually renewing Holy Week and a joyful celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord on Easter Sunday.

Fr. Stephen Nestrsta, farář

Special Collection on Good Friday, (March 30th): As requested by the Holy Father, Pope Francis, we will take up the annual collection to support Christians in the **Holy Land**. Please be generous.

This is your last weekend to turn in an Easter Flower Envelope if you would like to help decorate the church for the Easter season with Easter Lilies and Flowers, in memory or honor of loved ones (located by the bulletins). The memorials will be listed in the Easter bulletin.

Reminder for Good Friday: It is our Catholic practice and obligation to **abstain from meat** on Fridays during Lent. It is also our obligation to **Fast** on Good Friday – which should last until the Holy Saturday Vigil. These small sacrifices prepare us for the ultimate sacrifice of our Lord and bring us closer to Him.

From Ashes to Easter: With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption. We can help make things new with small, yet joyful sacrifices. The works of mercy are charitable actions by which we come to the aid of our neighbor. Make a contribution to your Lenten Box and pray for the Missions. Please return your boxes on Easter Sunday.

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.

The 69th annual Austin DCCW Convention will be held at the Austin Marriott North Hotel in Round Rock on April 23-24, 2018. The convention theme is: "Women Embracing the Joy of the Gospel" and all ladies of the Diocese of Austin are invited to attend. Ladies of the parish interested in attending may contact Lucille Nemeč [254-527-3615] for more information and for Registration Forms. **Advance registration is requested by April 16th.**

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



Today, March 24/25th, is Palm Sunday. Here is a little meditation to prepare ourselves, as we journey spiritually with Jesus and walk along with Him from His entry into Jerusalem through the mystery of His Passion and Death and, ultimately, to His glorious Resurrection. If we die with Him we shall also live with Him (cf Romans 6:8).

The blessed sacramental palms we receive help focus our attention on this journey. Besides also being referred to as Palm Sunday, it has sometimes been called Fig Sunday because figs were eaten as a remembrance of the fig tree cursed by Jesus after entering Jerusalem (Mark 11:12-14). At times, different types of branches were used since it was difficult to get palms in areas where they were hard to grow. So, it has also had the name of Yew Sunday or Branch Sunday.

The palm, or phoenix (also phoinix) as it is known in Greek, was a symbol of highest honor, of rejoicing and triumph. It was customary to lay palms and cloaks in front of someone as an indication of submission to them. Imagine the outrage of the officials when they saw Jesus' entry.

They all knew the symbolism the palm contained in many places of the Old Testament. They knew the prophecy, which said "... your king shall come to you; a just savior... meek, and riding on an ass, on a colt, the foal of an ass...he will banish the chariot...and the horse...the warrior's bow..." (cf Zechariah 9:9-10). When the Pharisees told Him to rebuke His disciples, the Lord said that the stones would cry out if they were silenced. In the minds of the Sanhedrin, then, Christ was declaring himself King.

One might ask whether it is possible to be triumphant and victorious and, at the same time, humble. By choosing to enter Jerusalem in the manner in which he did, Jesus showed the people the type of king he truly is. He comes in triumph, but not triumphantly. He has taught as a shepherd, not as a general. Those who have heard him speak, or witnessed a miracle that he worked, have now been called to give witness to their experiences. They do so by proclaiming Jesus the "Son of David," praising God the Father for sending their long awaited savior. Although He eagerly desired to drink the cup He was about to drink, Christ wept for Jerusalem as He drew near (cf Luke 19:21), for the suffering that he knew would come to them.

Let us then, enter into His merciful Passion:

...by how much the more we announce the Passion of the Lord, by so much the more we approach to the celebration of His Resurrection. There are yet six days till we reach the joy of that festival ... even in these six days ... try to recover your ground, if ye have in any respect failed in ... preceding weeks ... the nearer we approach our Paschal joy, so much the purer we ought to make ourselves by fasting, by praying, by watching, and by all the works of mercy; and furthermore, to wash out our sins by continual weeping. And if anyone thinks that he need not weep for his own sins, at least he ought in these days to sorrow for the sufferings of his Lord. For though He were God before all worlds, coming in the form of a servant, and being spit upon and scourged by wicked men, for their and our salvation, He did not abhor at this time to lay down His life. Let each one of you, my brethren, suffer with Him, carrying His reproach, and lamenting the blindness of those from whom He endured it. He Himself hath said in the Gospel, *Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted*. Grief, for a little while, is now in season, to the end that we may more freely rejoice in the holy Resurrection. The Psalmist also saith, *What shall I render to the Lord for all the benefits He hath done unto Me? I will receive the cup of salvation, and call upon the Name of the Lord*. By the cup we may understand both open persecution and hidden sorrow, which in some way or other must be tasted by every Christian. Let us prepare ourselves, therefore, beloved, for the coming festival, to which the Lord grant us to attain in a worthy manner. Let us, then, rejoice, not in delicacy of good living, but by sending before us the works of justice and equity...

...and by the works of mercy as well! May the palms we take home today be a symbol of our communion with our Blessed Lord and His Passion...and a spur to drawing closer to Him as well.

Blessed Passion Sunday and Holy Week to one and all!

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