

# HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH of CORN HILL



Pope Francis  
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Bishop Joe Vásquez  
Diocese of Austin

**Second Sunday  
of Easter**  
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**Sunday of  
Divine Mercy**  
April 8, A.D. 2018



## Mass Schedule & Intentions

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|-----------|--------|----------------|----------------------------------------------|
| Saturday  | Apr 7  | 5:00 PM        | †Greg Maney                                  |
| Sunday    | Apr 8  | 8:30 AM        | Pro Populo                                   |
| Sunday    | Apr 8  | 10:30 AM       | Liv/Dec Members of John & Annie Valis Family |
| Tuesday   | Apr 10 | 6:00 PM        | †Bill Klepac                                 |
| Wednesday | Apr 11 | 6:30 PM        | †Tommie Rose Martine                         |
| Thursday  | Apr 12 | 7:00 AM        | †Hubert Klepac                               |
| Friday    | Apr 13 | <b>7:00 AM</b> | †Johnnie Simek                               |
| Saturday  | Apr 14 | 5:00 PM        | Pro Populo                                   |
| Sunday    | Apr 15 | 8:30 AM        | †Connie Quevedo                              |
| Sunday    | Apr 15 | 10:30 AM       | †William Harding, Jr.                        |

## Last Week's Collection(s)

March 30: Holy Land: \$1,328.00  
April 1: Easter Sunday: \$7,137.25

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Thursday in the church from 3:00 – 9:00 p.m.  
Come spend some time with our Lord!

## Vocations Crucifix Prayer Campaign

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

**April 8 – 14: Jim & Mary Margaret Heuertz**  
**April 15 – 21: Frances Nemeč**

## This Week at a Glance

Sunday, April 8: --Hospitality Sunday  
Tuesday, April 10: --RCIA Class  
Wednesday, April 11: --CCE Classes  
Thursday, April 12: --Pro-Life Adoration

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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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**Pastoral Council:** Pete Zenner 512-863-4038  
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## Mass Ministry Reminders

### Wednesday, April 11, 6:30 PM:

**Altar Servers:** Abby Hodgson, Matthew Klepac, Nathan Klepac  
**Lector:** Janine Nemeč  
**EMHC:** Mary Margaret Heuertz

### Saturday, April 14, 5:00 PM:

**Altar Servers:** Matthew & Nathan Klepac, Preston Snook  
**Lector:** Janine Nemeč  
**EMHC:** Leo Bringman, Patsy Hightower, Irene Cavanaugh  
**Gift Bearers:** Snook Family  
**Head Usher:** Donald Tschoner

### Sunday, April 15, 8:30 AM:

**Altar Servers:** Caleb & Amy Stefek, Shelby Hutchinson  
**Lector:** Chris Stefek  
**EMHC:** Jerry David, Ray Nemeč, Johnny Martinka  
**Gift Bearers:** Billy & Belinda Beyer  
**Head Usher:** Jerry David

### Sunday, April 15, 10:30 AM:

**Altar Servers:** William Fonville, Abby Hodgson, Thomas Clawson  
**Lector:** Jill Horner  
**EMHC:** Keith Youngpeter, Leslie & Linda Allen  
**Gift Bearers:** Linda & Bill Montreuil  
**Head Usher:** Frank Knapek



**A Benefit for the Klepac Family will be held today,  
Sunday, April 8, at the Schwertner Community Center**

Please come and enjoy a delicious BBQ meal of brisket, red potatoes and sides. There will also be a live auction, silent auction and a raffle. Plates will be served from 11 a.m. 'til sold out for a \$10 donation (to-go plates & drive-thru available). Live music will be provided by The Scooter Dubec Band.

**Don't forget to return your Lenten Ashes to Easter donation boxes as soon as possible.** The money collected will benefit the missions of our diocese. Thank you for your sacrificial Lenten almsgiving. **\*\*\*Some items were found in a couple of Lenten boxes that might have been mistakenly turned in.** If you feel you have misplaced some valuables, please contact the parish office.

**The Taylor family would like to thank everyone for their kind wishes, prayers, etc, on the death of Henry Taylor. God bless you all.**

All parishioners and visitors are welcome to our **Hospitality Sunday today** (Sunday, April 8) in the PAC Bldg after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. We appreciate the Pro-Life Group for preparing the breakfast.

Celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday today (Sunday, April 8) more fully by attending our **Divine Mercy Holy Hour** at 3:00 p.m. in the church.

**RCIA:** Class this Tuesday, April 10, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg. Discussion: Living Our Faith Day-by-Day ... A Call to Serve.

**CCE:** Classes this Wednesday, April 11, from 6:15 – 8:00 p.m. For all CCE questions and information, contact Lucille D'Elia (737-215-1042 or htdcre@yahoo.com).

Join us for **Pro-Life Adoration** this Thursday, April 12, from 3:00 – 9:00 p.m. in the church. Come and spend some time with our Lord, present in the Holy Eucharist.

**K.J.T. #15 will meet** next Sunday, April 15, in the RE Bldg after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. All members are encouraged to attend.

The **Pastoral Council will meet** on Thursday, April 19, in the RE Bldg, at 7:00 p.m., followed by a **Finance Council meeting**. The Pastoral Council meeting agenda will be posted on the church's bulletin board for your information and preparation.

**Banns of marriage** are announced for the second time for James Zurovetz & Jennifer Rodriguez who will be married here on Saturday, April 21.

The **69<sup>th</sup> 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 Nemec (254-527-3615) for more information and for Registration Forms. **Advance registration is requested by April 16.**

**We will fill the altars with beautiful flowers to celebrate all mothers on Mother's Day weekend (May 12/13). If you would like to donate in honor/memory of your mother, grandmother, aunt, etc, complete and return a "Mother's Day Mass Remembrance" envelope** (please make sure you check living or deceased). Please turn in envelopes by Sunday, May 6.

**Due to the generosity of our parishioners, Holy Trinity was able to deliver over 550 items (including toiletries, school supplies and food) to the Jarrell Locker Project.** They were very appreciative of the donations and of your dedication to help keep their shelves stocked for those in need. Many thanks also to Debbie Klaus for coordinating this effort.

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

**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 fully accredited curriculum, competitive Athletics, Religion, Spanish, Art, Music, PE, and Technology. After-school Enrichment classes provide extended learning opportunities for students. Go to [www.stmarystaylor.org](http://www.stmarystaylor.org) and click "ADMISSIONS," or contact Kim Bohac (512-352-2313 ext 213) for a tour and/or more information.

Dear friends in Christ,

**He is Risen! He is Truly Risen!** Today is the Octave Day of the Easter Season. We continue to focus on and celebrate the resurrection of Jesus.

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. May we all be open to receiving the love and mercy of God. We will have a Divine Mercy Service at 3:00 pm today. Everyone is invited to attend. Incense will be used during the Service.

The gospel of today is very appropriate for the Feast of Divine Mercy as we see in the interaction between Jesus and the apostle Thomas. If we look at the three times Thomas speaks in Scripture, we see that he is a man of great courage, but also, a practical, down-to-earth, no-nonsense kind of person who has great affection for Jesus. When Thomas first realized that they were not going to deter Jesus from going to Jerusalem and facing his death, he says to the disciples, "Let us go and die with him." That took great courage.

At the Last Supper when Jesus was preparing the disciples for his death, he told them that he was going to prepare a place for them and that he would come to take them to that place so they could be with him. Jesus also said that they knew the way to the place where he was going. Thomas, practical man that he was, said, "Lord, we do not know where you are going so how can we know the way?" Jesus' response is the revelation, "I am the way, the truth, and the life." Jesus is our map to heaven.

Today's gospel tells us that when Jesus first appeared to the disciples, Thomas was not there. When Thomas did return, the disciples eagerly told him what he missed and Thomas flat-out said he would not believe unless he personally could touch the wounds of Jesus. When Jesus came again a week later, Thomas was present and Jesus invited him to fulfill the conditions for his belief. Thomas in awe and wonder replied with those wonderful words of faith, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus cared so deeply about Thomas that he spared no effort to bring him to faith, even letting him put his finger into the mark of the nails in his hand and his hand into the wound in his side.

God is willing to meet us where we are. There is no situation, no crisis of faith, no experience of brokenness that God is not willing to be there with us. Often we find it difficult to be where we are; to feel the emotions that are stirring; to face the questions that arise; to deal with the doubts and fears that threaten us. Thomas needed proof in order to believe in the resurrection and he openly said so. He did not pretend a faith he did not have or talk himself out of his doubt. This is not to say he loved Jesus any less.

Jesus has promised to be with us in our struggles. We do not have to face painful experiences alone. We do not have to depend on our own efforts. We do not have to pretend to have faith when we are lacking it. We can freely say to God, "This is awful. I don't like it." We can say whatever we want and know that God will listen to us and respond. Let us pray that we stay in dialogue with God so that our trust may grow and we may say with Thomas, "My Lord and my God."

This is what Jesus asks of us. He has proven his love for us in the person of Jesus Christ, whose blood and water flowed from his side as is illustrated on the picture of Divine Mercy by the red and white rays coming from his heart. Just as Jesus wanted to prove to Thomas His resurrection, Jesus wants to prove His mercy to us. He wants us to know that His mercy is unlimited. That is why He asked that we celebrate this feast of Divine Mercy on the Sunday after Easter. Jesus died for our sins and God wants us to know that we are forgiven through the sacrifice of the cross. Our Lord told Sister Faustina, "*It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter... I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fountain of My mercy.*" All of us are poor sinners and are in need of God's mercy. Let us be like Thomas and say "My Lord and my God!" and accept the unlimited, overflowing mercy of God.

Warmer weather is approaching. Usually when summer approaches we are tempted to dress rather lightly or skimpy for Mass. We need to remember that as we come to Mass we come to worship God and to receive His Son in Holy Communion. We should dress in a way that shows respect for God. The general rule that I believe is appropriate is that anyone over 6 years of age should not wear shorts to Mass. Also, girls and ladies should wear blouses or dresses that are appropriate for Mass, nothing strapless or no spaghetti straps. Some say that God doesn't care what you wear to Mass. Well, that may be so. But the question should be "do you love God enough that you care what you wear to Mass and are you willing to do something special for Him?" Do you stand in honor in His presence? Also, if you dress appropriately for Mass you will not be cold in church from the air conditioning. If the air is blowing on you and you are cold, try to move to another part of the church.

May all of you continue to experience the joy of the resurrected Lord in this Easter Season.

**Fr. Stephen Nestrta, farář**



## CCE NEWS & EVENTS

Happy Easter. He has truly risen. Our students have been on a journey with Jesus throughout this Lenten season and, during Holy Week, many of them had a chance to take a "walk through Holy Week" with a wonderful teaching tool that we now have. This week we once again celebrated Mass before classes and then many of the younger grades had another Easter egg hunt and made Easter crafts. Easter is a truly wonderful season.

Our second grade class is busy preparing for their First Holy Communion to take place on April 29<sup>th</sup> at the 10:30 AM Mass. Please keep them in your prayers as they get ready to receive the body and blood of Jesus for the very first time. What a special day that will be.



### ANNOUNCING OUR BRAND NEW JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL PARISH YOUTH GROUP

We are excited to announce the beginning of a new type of youth group here at Holy Trinity. Our new Youth Group Leader, Kelly Godfrey, had a meeting with the junior high and high school students and they are now getting ready to plan their next activities. If you are in junior high or high school and want to find out how you can be part of this exciting new group, please contact our CCE office.



Our program is expanding and more students are added all of the time. That is wonderful news and praise be to God. More students means more helpers are needed. For next year we need catechists, classroom helpers and everything in between. Lesson plans and training will be provided. Please prayerfully consider joining our program. I guarantee you will enjoy helping to teach our faith to these terrific children. If you have any questions or would like to learn more about our program, please contact our office at 737-215-1042 or [htcdre@yahoo.com](mailto:htcdre@yahoo.com).



## Mark your calendars

- April 11:** Wed. Mass: 6:30PM  
Class 7:00PM
- April 18:** Wed. Mass: 6:30PM  
Class 7:00PM
- April 21:** Saturday 10AM to 7PM  
Confirmation Retreat
- April 25:** Wed. Mass: 6:30PM  
Class 7:00PM
- April 29:** Sunday Mass 10:30AM  
First Holy Communion
- May 2:** Wed. Mass 6:30PM  
Class 7:00PM
- May 9:** Wed. Mass 6:30PM  
Class 7:00PM
- May 16:** Wed. Mass 6:30PM
- May Crowning followed by  
End of Year Celebration in the PAC
- June 2:** Saturday 10AM to 4 PM  
Vacation Bible School



This year at VBS we will go on a "Discovery Mission" to find out what God's mission is for our lives. We will learn about people in the bible who listened to God and some others who didn't. Come be part of this exciting adventure. Registration begins May 2<sup>nd</sup> for students ages 4 through 10.



