

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH of CORN HILL



Pope Francis
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Bishop Joe Vásquez
Diocese of Austin

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 22, A.D. 2018

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday	Apr 21	5:00 PM	†Doris Tschoerner
Sunday	Apr 22	8:30 AM	Pro Populo
Sunday	Apr 22	10:30 AM	†Martha Matthews
Monday	Apr 23	7:00 AM	†Frances Nemeč
Tuesday	Apr 24	6:00 PM	†For an End to the Flu Epidemic
Wednesday	Apr 25	6:30 PM	Lauren Buchhorn (healing)
Thursday	Apr 26	7:00 AM	†Msgr. Frank Miller & †Fr. Wade Russell
Friday	Apr 27	6:00 PM	†Fr. Robert Becker & †Fr. Oliver Weerakkody
Saturday	Apr 28	7:30 AM	Marshall, Brielle & Conner Cooke
Saturday	Apr 28	5:00 PM	†Ted, Sr. & Gabriella Nemeč
Sunday	Apr 29	8:30 AM	Pro Populo
Sunday	Apr 29	10:30 AM	For Our First Communicants

Mass Ministry Reminders

Wednesday, April 25, 6:30 PM:

Altar Servers: Caleb & Amy Stefek, Shelby Hutchinson

Lector: Lupe Bernal

EMHC: Kelly Godfrey

Gift Bearers: 2nd Grade

Saturday, April 28, 5:00 PM:

Altar Servers: John & Maria Bruce

Lector: Janine Nemeč

EMHC: Patsy Hightower, Irene Cavanaugh, Keith Youngpeter

Gift Bearers: John & Mary Ann Valenta

Head Usher: Stephanie Wright

Sunday, April 29, 8:30 AM:

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

Lector: Michael Vrabel

EMHC: Cynthia Edgar, Johnny Martinka, Ray Nemeč

Gift Bearers: Sladeczek Family

Head Usher: AJ Batla

Sunday, April 29, 10:30 AM (First Holy Communion)

Altar Servers: Matthew & Nathan Klepac, Preston Snook

Lector: Monica Sherek

EMHC: Jim & Mary Margaret Heuertz

Gift Bearers: First Communicants

Head Usher: Frank Knapek

EMHC to Shut-ins: Sunday, April 29: Ray Nemeč

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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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Altar Flowers

The flowers at the Tabernacle are placed in honor of
Mr. & Mrs. James & Jennifer Zurovetz
and their celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony
this weekend. *Congratulations and many blessings!*

Last Week's Collection(s)

April 15: Third Sunday of Easter: \$4,355.74

Religious Education/Faith Formation Program: \$1,132.75

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 22 – 28: Pinto & Lucille Nemeč

April 29 – May 5: Helen Havelka

This Week at a Glance

Tuesday, April 24: --RCIA Class

Wednesday, April 25: --CCE Classes

Thursday, April 26: --Pro-Life Adoration

Sunday, April 29: --First Holy Communion

In Memoriam

We extend our sympathies and prayers to the family of
Frances Nemeč, who died and was buried here this past
week. Eternal rest, grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual
light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.

The family of Frances Nemec would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, Mass intentions, etc, in their time of grief. Thank you to those who prepared the funeral meal and who served as ministers in the Mass of Christian Burial. We also thank Msgr. Louis Pavliček and Fr. Sang Lee, Deacon Paul Foltyn (transitional deacon for the Diocese of Houston) and Deacon Gene Davis, for concelebrating and/or participating in the Mass. May God's blessings be with you all!

Sunday, April 22: Good Shepherd Sunday and World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Today, the Church, throughout the world, will pray for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life? *Pray for all priests, both living and deceased ... pray specifically for your parish priest ... encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a life of vocations ... pray a rosary daily for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call.* See the insert in this bulletin for more information.

We will have a **second collection** this weekend (April 21/22) for the **Seminarians & Priest Education and Formation**. Your donation will help with the rising cost of educating our seminarians and priests. Please be generous.

The **Confraternity of Christian Mothers will meet** today (Sunday, April 22) in the RE Bldg, immediately after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Members will gather in the front pews for Mass to lead the Rosary prayed beforehand. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

St. Helen K.J.Z.T. Society #18 is sponsoring a **Chicken Fried Steak Dinner** today (Sunday, April 22) at the SSCM Hall in Granger. Serving begins at 11:30 a.m. for \$9 a plate (drive-thru available). Proceeds will benefit the Granger Volunteer Fire Dept.

RCIA: Class this Tuesday, April 24, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg. Discussion: Bible Study, Prayer Groups and Catholic Customs.

CCE: Classes this Wednesday, April 25, from 6:15 – 8:00 p.m. For all CCE questions and information, contact Lucille D'Elia (737-215-1042 or htcdre@yahoo.com).

Join us for **Pro-Life Adoration** this Thursday, April 26, 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 our **5th Sunday Collection** next weekend, April 28/29, at all Masses, for the benefit of our Parish Social Ministry fund and the Jarrell Food Pantry.

SSCM Church of Granger will host a **Fried Chicken Dinner** next Sunday, April 29, beginning at 11:00 a.m. in their parish hall. Adult plates are \$10; child plates are \$5. Drive-thru is available.

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.

EIM Workshop – HERE – on Saturday, May 19, at 10:00 a.m. in the RE Bldg. If you are in need of a refresher course, or would like to become EIM compliant (which you must be in order to serve in a ministry in the parish), then sign-up for this workshop ASAP – as it is limited to 25 attendees. **IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND THIS – OR ANY OTHER WORKSHOP – YOU NEED TO DO SOME THINGS PRIOR TO THE CLASS!** You will actually register for the workshop on the diocesan website. If you don't have access to the internet, you may contact the parish office and we will help you out. But, for those of you who do, please go online (www.austindiocese.org) and follow all of the directions on the Ethics & Integrity in Ministry page. If you have already taken an EIM course, then you will just have to sign up for a workshop. If you have NEVER taken an EIM course, then you will have to complete the online application and sign up for the workshop at the same time. **IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU DO ALL OF THIS BEFORE ATTENDING THE WORKSHOP!** And, again, if you have any trouble in the process, or have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the parish office for help! (NOTE: We will also have a workshop here in July.)

Parents! Don't forget to mark your calendars for our 2018 Vacation Bible School (VBS)! Join us at the RE Bldg on Saturday, June 9, from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Children, ages 4 – 10, are invited for a day of fun and spiritual growth and inspiration by participating in a **Discovery Mission!** Registration begins next week – see next weekend's bulletin for more details.

Holy Trinity has a position open for a part-time maintenance person. This is a paid position. Please contact Fr. Stephen for amount of pay, the amount of hours expected to work each week, and for duties and responsibilities.

Here we are, yet again, gearing up for our **ANNUAL PARISH BAZAAR**, which will be held on Sunday, September 16, 2018!
So...first things first...**RAFFLE PRIZES!**



If you are interested in donating a prize for our Raffle, please contact Janet Havelka (512-517-8895). For the past few years, Gift Cards have been the trend, but any and all (new item) donations will be gladly accepted. You may also consider combining resources with a friend or family member for a larger priced card or item ... but no item is too big or too small ... and all are much appreciated!

God bless you, in advance, for your help and donations for our fundraiser!

Catholic Social Teaching Corner: April 21/22 – Fourth Sunday of Easter: Whom do we follow and to whose voice do we listen? This Sunday as we continue to unpack the meaning of our Baptism, we hear Jesus call himself the Good Shepherd whose sheep hear his voice and follow his lead. That way of Jesus is the way of love and unity. We are truly blessed to be loved so much and because we have been given so much, we must in turn live lives of generous love toward all. Are there some in our world we believe are undeserving of love or respect or generosity? Jesus gave his life for them, how shall we respond?

The **Monthly Mass for Life** will be celebrated May 5 at 8 a.m. at San José Parish in Austin. There will be a prayer vigil after Mass at the church or an abortion facility. The primary goal of Sidewalk Ministry is the conversion of hearts – focusing on the soul of the mother seeking an abortion and all those with her. Details are available at www.austindiocese.org/sidewalk-ministry.

The **ninth annual Evening for the Ladies** celebrating the Christ Child Society will be held May 15 beginning at 6 p.m. at St. William Parish Hall in Round Rock. The Christ Child Society offers different programs to support children in need throughout the Austin area. These programs include the Layette Program, Bereavement Gowns “Angel Gowns”, Hygiene for Teenage Homeless Project, caps and mittens, and more. For more information about tickets contact Julie Schultz at (512) 468-8934 or Meg Beasley at (512) 810-8248.

Spring Fiesta, St. William in Round Rock

St. William Parish in Round Rock will host its Spring Fiesta April 28 from noon to 9 p.m. on the parish grounds. Activities include a garage sale, a variety of foods, train rides and live music. This event is free to everyone. For more information, contact the parish at (512) 255-4473 or visit www.saintwilliams.org.

Spring Fiesta, Christ the King in Belton

Christ the King Parish in Belton will host its Spring Fiesta May 5 on the parish grounds. Live music begins at 6 p.m.; \$5 entry for adults. Homemade salsa contest; \$10 entry fee per team. Washer tournament at 2 p.m.; \$10 per competitor. Movie night for children. Details are available at (254) 939-0806 or www.ctkbelton.org.

Spring Fest, Christ the King in Belton

Christ the King Parish in Belton will host its Spring Fest May 6 on the parish grounds from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free entry, unlimited kids' games with \$10 armband. There will be live music, food booths, barbecue, Mexican plates, live and silent auctions and more! Details are available at (254) 939-0806 or www.ctkbelton.org.

Catholic Charities is partnering with St. John Vianney Parish in Round Rock and Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Taylor to provide **utility assistance to households in Williamson County**. Families in need of assistance with their ATMOS Energy or Texas Gas bills may visit St. John Vianney on the First Friday of the month or Our Lady of Guadalupe on the Second Friday of the month from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please bring the current utility bill and a photo ID.

Permanent Diaconate Discernment: Project Stephen

English and Spanish speaking men wishing to explore the permanent diaconate are invited to Project Stephen – a monthly gathering for men and their wives to pray, listen, and discern in community. Project Stephen meets year-around, on the third Thursday of each month from 7 to 9 p.m. at the diocesan Pastoral Center in Austin. Men, before attending, must first discuss their interest in the diaconate with their pastors and receive his consent. When a new formation class begins (every three years), men will be invited to apply. For more information, e-mail formationdirectors@austindiocese.org.

The Catholic Foundation – Diocese of Austin is a non-profit organization established in 2007 to provide a means for individuals and organizations to provide long-term financial stability for the diocese and its churches, schools, agencies and organizations. Through the creation of individual endowments, the Foundation provides a means to generate income to help sustain the long-term strength and viability of Catholic institutions in Central Texas. For more information about how to include the Foundation in your will or estate plan please visit www.catholicfdn.org or contact Scott Whitaker at scott-whitaker@austindiocese.org or (512) 949-2441.

Grow in your faith and change your life with **Relevant Radio 970 AM - Austin's “Talk Radio for Catholic Life.”** This non-profit, listener-supported Catholic radio station bridges the gap between faith and everyday life - covering topics of the day from a uniquely Catholic perspective. Relevant Radio 970 can be heard on the radio, on the Internet at www.relevantradio.com or on the mobile app, available for Apple or Android devices. Take your faith with you wherever you go - tune in today!

Dear friends in Christ,

Peace be with you! This week, the ladies of the Austin Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (ADCCW) are holding their annual convention in Round Rock. Please pray for all the ladies of the ADCCW that they may have a very productive convention and continue their work in supporting vocations to the priesthood and in informing and empowering women to be leaders in the Church and in their parishes.

"The Lord is my Shepherd; there is nothing I shall want." This Psalm, which we read during Mass today, is probably the most famous of the 150 Psalms that we find in the Bible. It is used at more funerals than any other Psalm as well. Maybe it's so popular because Jesus tells us that He is the good Shepherd. *"I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."* But what comes to our minds when we hear this term "good Shepherd". It's not very likely that you and I have ever seen an actual shepherd -- or ever will. So what does Jesus mean by "Shepherd?" Here, a shepherd is one who devotedly watches over his flock of sheep entrusted to him -- guiding, calming, protecting, leading or rescuing the precious animals. However, the shepherd must also discipline his sheep, always holding in his heart what is best for the flock.

It is said that the sheep recognize the loyalty and sincerity of the shepherd and they know that the shepherd will protect them. This is what Jesus describes when he calls Himself the *"sheepgate"*. The pens in which the sheep were kept did not have any gates. The Shepherd would use his own body as the gate by laying down at night on the ground at the entrance of the pen. If any animal tried to get the sheep they had to step over his body and the same was true if the sheep tried to get out. The shepherd was literally laying down his life for his sheep.

It is also important to remember that the shepherd carried a big staff. If needed, he would discipline his sheep by hitting them with the staff. Most people tend to forget this aspect of being a shepherd and only focus on the more enjoyable aspects of the trade...simply because none of us like being disciplined or told what we can or cannot do.

The Lord is truly our Shepherd. But, since He is with His Father in Heaven, He has given us another Shepherd to lead and guide us here on earth, and this is the Pope. The Pope is the Vicar of Christ, the shepherd of the flock -- the Church. Jesus told Peter, *"I declare to you that you are 'Rock' and on this rock I will build my Church, and the jaws of death shall not prevail against it. I will entrust to you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you declare bound on earth shall be bound in heaven."* Because of Jesus entrusting His Church to Peter, the Church has made four proclamations *De Fide*, meaning all are irreversible articles of faith.

1. Christ appointed Peter to be the first of all the apostles and to be the visible head of the whole Church in primacy of jurisdiction.
2. Peter is to have successors in his primacy over the whole Church for all time.
3. The successors of Peter in the primacy are the bishops of Rome.
4. The Pope, the successor of Peter, possesses full and supreme power of jurisdiction over the whole Church, not merely in matters of faith and morals, but also in Church discipline and in the government of the Church.

That means that the Pope must teach, govern, and sanctify the flock entrusted to his care. He has no choice, for his first accounting must be to God and not to any human person. His role is to guide and protect us from false teachings and to inform us of the truth in matters of faith and morals, and also to discipline us, the flock, when needed. He has the most awesome responsibility of anyone in the world because all he does concerns the souls of all people around the world. No other leader has this responsibility.

So perhaps we ought to pray for such a shepherd and stand firm with him and support him, always waiting for him to study, ponder, and decide. And when he makes pronouncements, even in a disciplinary sense, we would do well to honor the proclamation, because it is very likely *"bound in heaven."*

When we receive the Eucharist together, in receiving Holy Communion, we are participating in the greatest act of worship we can do together as Catholics. Theologians have referred to the Eucharist as "the bread of angels," "bread from heaven"; it has been called the medicine of immortality for Jesus said, *"He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me."* It is a promise from Jesus that He will take us to heaven if we receive Him and follow Him. What a great and wonderful promise and gift our Lord has given us. Let us always show our appreciation to our Lord for this great gift by spending a few minutes in prayer giving thanks to Jesus for giving us His Body and Blood. We should never receive Holy Communion at Mass and then just walk straight out the door. This is like slapping Jesus in the face after you have received Him. Go back to the pew and say a prayer and stay at Mass until the prayer after Mass is completed. After all, you would not go to someone's home and eat dinner with them and then after you take the last bite get up and run out the door. No, you would stay a little while longer visiting with them before you leave and thanking them for the wonderful meal. Even more so we should stay with the Lord until all is completed and then go home and live what we have received.

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 have a most blessed and holy week.

Fr. Stephen Nerssta, farář