

# HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH of CORN HILL



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Bishop Joe Vásquez  
Diocese of Austin



## The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

June 3, A.D. 2018

### Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday	June 2	5:00 PM	†Tommie Rose Martine
Sunday	June 3	8:30 AM	†Angela Danek
Sunday	June 3	10:30 AM	Pro Populo
Monday	June 4	7:00 AM	†Virginia McMaster †Patrick Vrabel
Tuesday	June 5	6:00 PM	†Fr. Alphonse Anthony †Joe Tschoerner
Wednesday	June 6	6:30 PM	†Bill Klepac
Thursday	June 7	7:00 AM	†Benny Kubacak
Friday	June 8	6:00 PM	Virgil Tonn (for healing)
Saturday	June 9	7:30 AM	†Doris Nesrsta
Saturday	June 9	5:00 PM	Liv/Dec Members of Joseph & Marie Valenta family
Sunday	June 10	8:30 AM	Pro Populo
Sunday	June 10	10:30 AM	Liv/Dec Members of John & Annie Valis family

### Mass Ministry Reminders

#### Saturday, June 9, 5:00 PM:

**Altar Servers:** John & Maria Bruce, Preston Snook

**Lector:** Lupe Bernal

**EMHC:** Patsy Hightower, Irene Cavanaugh, Leo Bringman

**Gift Bearers:** Snook Family

**Head Usher:** Donald Tschoerner

#### Sunday, June 10, 8:30 AM:

**Altar Servers:** Caleb & Amy Stefek, Shelby Hutchinson

**Lector:** Pete Zenner

**EMHC:** Johnny Martinka, Pete & Nancy Zenner

**Gift Bearers:** Billy & Belinda Beyer

**Head Usher:** A.J. Batla

#### Sunday, June 10, 10:30 AM:

**Altar Servers:** Thomas Clawson, William Fonville, Heron Rodriguez

**Lector:** Monica Sherek

**EMHC:** Monica Sherek, Leslie & Linda Allen

**Gift Bearers:** Clawson family

**Head Usher:** Bill Sherek

**EMHC to Shut-ins: Sunday, June 10:** James Nemeč

### ✠ Fr. Stephen Nesrsta ✠

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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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**Men's Prayer Group:** Pete Zenner 512-863-4038

**Conf. of Christian Mothers:** Lucille Nemeč 254-527-3615

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### Altar Flowers

The flowers at the Crucifix & Tabernacle are placed in honor of  
Floyd & Juanita Lange for their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

The flowers with our Blessed Mother and with St. Joseph  
are placed in memory of the deceased members of the  
Bonkowski, Fojtik and Skrhak families.

### Last Week's Collection(s)

May 27: Most Holy Trinity: \$4,468.24

& RE/Faith Formation: \$1,709.00

### 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.

**June 3 – 9: Louise Havelka**

June 10 – 16: Bill & Monica Sherek

### This Week at a Glance

Sunday, June 3: --June Fundraiser

Thursday, June 7: --Pro-Life Adoration

--Pro-Life Group Meeting

--Healing Mission w/Paul Rymniak

Friday, June 8: --Healing Mission w/Paul Rymniak

Saturday, June 9: --Vacation Bible School

Sat/Sun, June 9/10: --Mission Appeal

--Father's Day CEF Enrollments

Monday, June 11: --Senior Citizens' Supper

**Tues, June 12 – Fri, June 22: PARISH OFFICE CLOSED!**

(RE Office will be open – call Lucille at 737-215-1042)

**\*\*\*Announcements for the June 16/17 Bulletin**

**must be turned in by Tuesday, June 5, at 3:00 p.m.\*\*\***

Our annual **June Fundraiser** is today (Sunday, June 3) and we welcome all who are visiting! Enjoy a delicious Fried Chicken & Sausage meal with all the trimmings, served from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in the PAC Bldg. Adult plates \$10 / Children \$5. Drive-thru to-go will also be available for \$10/plate. We will then dance the afternoon away to music from the Jodie Mikula Orchestra (1-5 pm; free will donation). Good food – good friends – good time for all! **If you would like to make a donation to help offset the cost of the fundraiser**, you may do so with the envelopes provided by the bulletins. God bless.

**Support our parish youth!!** They will be selling raffle tickets at our fundraiser today for a **Large (152 Qt) Igloo Cooler full of Camping Supplies!** Drawing will be held at 2:00 p.m. during the Dance (need not be present). Tickets are \$2 each or 6 for \$10.

**ATTN: PARENTS:** Registration for the 2018-19 CCE Classes is NOW OPEN! Grades K – High School are welcome. Registration forms are available in the church, the RE office and on our website, and can be returned via mail, email or in the collection plate. Questions? Contact our Faith Formation Director, Lucille D'Elia (737-215-1042 or [htcdre@yahoo.com](mailto:htcdre@yahoo.com)).

**\*\*\*PLEASE MAKE NOTE:** The **parish office will be closed** from Tuesday, June 12 – Friday, June 22. Announcements for the June 16/17 Bulletin are due by this Tuesday, June 5! The RE office will be open during this time and you can contact Lucille at 737-215-1042.

Join us for **Pro-Life Adoration** this Thursday, June 7, from 3:00 – 9:00 p.m. in the church. Come and spend some time with our Lord, present in the Holy Eucharist.

Our **Pro-Life Prayer & Awareness Group will meet** this Thursday, June 7. They will begin with a **Rosary for LIFE** at 6:30 p.m. in the church and then move to the RE Bldg for their meeting. Everyone is invited and encouraged to join them at both the Rosary and the meeting.

**Paul Rymniak, Spiritual Healer**, will be here for a **Healing Mission** this Thursday & Friday, June 7 & 8 (both evenings begin at 7 p.m.). Healing is not just for the physically impaired. Mental and emotional stresses and strains can take a heavier toll on our lives, even more than the worst of diseases. If you, or your family, are in need of healing in any or all of these areas, come and experience what the Lord can do for you. Come and be HEALED!

**Next Sunday, June 10, is the deadline to donate for Father's Day Altar Flowers, in honor or memory of your Father (or other loved ones).** Complete and return a "Father's Day Mass Remembrance" envelope (by the bulletins) and please make sure you mark living or deceased and print clearly! The memorials will be announced in the June 17 bulletin.

Give your father (and other loved ones) the wonderful gift of prayer and Mass for a year by enrolling them for a Spiritual Bouquet in the **Father's Day CEF Drive**, which will be held on the weekends of June 9/10 and 16/17 after all Masses. An offering of \$2 per card/person benefits the seminarians of our diocese. You may also obtain a Spiritual Bouquet at any time by contacting Janine Nemec (512-289-9242).

**Thank you to those who enrolled their loved ones in the Mother's Day CEF Drive.** Your donations totaled \$685.00.

Next weekend, June 9/10, **we will welcome Fr. Aloysius (Aloy) Nzekwe, MSP**, as he will offer an **Appeal for his Missionary Society of St. Paul**, of Houston. A collection will be taken up for the benefit of the Mission, so please be generous.

**KJT # 55 will be selling BBQ Chicken halves off the pit** on Sunday, June 24, after both Masses for the price of \$5.00 for each half. They will begin taking pre-orders next weekend (June 9/10) after all Masses. Pre-orders are encouraged as there will be a limited amount of extra chicken. The last day to place an order is June 18. For more information or to order, please call John Valenta (281-507-5686) or Teresa Nemec (254-527-4509). They will also be having a **Bake Sale** the weekend of June 23/24 after all Masses. Proceeds from both events will be used to make a donation to the Priest & Religious Retirement Fund, to offset costs of Hospitality Meals, Senior Meals, Mission Meal, etc.

If you are new(er) to the parish, or a long-time member, and would like to be involved in/work at the Bazaar ... please join us for our first **Bazaar Planning Meeting** next Sunday, June 10, in the RE Bldg, immediately after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Committee members and Function Leaders are asked to attend.

Our monthly **Senior Citizens' Supper** will be held on Monday, June 11, at 6:30 p.m. in the PAC Bldg. We thank Jennifer Klepac & Crew for preparing the meal.

**Don't Forget! We have the ability for *Online Giving!*** With this feature, you will no longer have to remember an envelope each week and you won't have to write a check or search for some cash. Your donations are logged each month and you will still receive an annual donation report, just as before. The system is user friendly and you can make, change or add to your selections anytime you want. To begin, go to our website, [www.holytrinityofcornhill.org](http://www.holytrinityofcornhill.org), and click **Give Online**.

**Dear friends in Christ,**

Praised be Jesus Christ! We welcome all of our visitors who are with us this Sunday for our June Fundraiser. May you experience the presence and love of Jesus Christ during the Mass and at the meal and dance today at the PAC Bldg. Thank you for joining us for this day.

Many people are beginning their summer vacations. Always remember to take a nice set of clothes along with you so that you will be properly dressed for Mass wherever you go. Please do not attend Mass in shorts if you are more than 6 years of age. Check ahead of time to locate the Catholic Church and find out the Mass times so that you will be on time for Mass. You can find the Mass times for almost every parish by going to [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org) or by using their App on your smart phone. It is important that we do not neglect our worship of God and that we keep His Commandment to keep Holy the Sabbath Day.

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of Corpus Christi, the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. Since the time of the Apostles, the Church has believed and taught that Jesus is present, body and blood, soul and divinity, in the Holy Communion that we receive at Mass. The bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus during the consecration in the Eucharistic Prayer. The appearance remains the same, but the substance changes. This is not a symbolic presence, it is the REAL PRESENCE of Jesus. That is why we take such care of the Blessed Sacrament, the Eucharist, and offer to the Real Presence of Jesus, our Adoration and Praise. That is why we have our annual Corpus Christi Procession, to give a more public sign of our belief in this Real Presence. The early Church Fathers wrote about this presence, as did St. Paul in his letter to the Corinthians (1 Cor. 10:16–17, 11:23–29). May we all be careful of how we speak about the Holy Communion that we receive at Mass. We should speak of it as the Body of Christ and the Blood of Christ, not bread and wine. We pray that one day all Christians will once again believe what the Apostles and the early Church believed about Jesus' Real Presence in Holy Communion.

May all of you have a most blessed week.

**Fr. Stephen Nestrta, farář**

**Exciting News:** The Granger and surrounding areas will receive fresh food (fruit and vegetables) on the **second Tuesday of each month, beginning June 12**, from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. at the SSCM Parish hall in Granger. This service is provided by a grant in coordination with HCCM (Hill Country Community Ministries in Leander) and the Capital Area Food Bank. Volunteers are needed to help sort and distribute the fresh foods once a month at the SSCM Hall. Residents from Granger and surrounding areas (Taylor, Bartlett, Schwertner, Jarrell, Little River and Holland) are all welcome. No qualification documents are needed. Please help spread the word to your family and friends.

**Ladies ... Mark Your Calendars!** The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual **Catholic Women's Conference** will be held on Saturday, September 8, at the Performing Arts Center at Westlake High School in Austin. This year's theme is "Generation to Generation" and will feature a keynote presentation by Judy Landrieu Klein, author of "Mary's Way: The Power of Entrusting Your Children to God." Other activities will include breakout sessions, vendors and exhibits, as well as Mass, celebrated by Bishop Joe Vásquez. The **cost to register is \$45 before June 15 (\$55 after)**. To register, visit [www.austindiocese.org/womens-conference](http://www.austindiocese.org/womens-conference) (flyers available in foyer or side entrance of church).

**Upcoming retreats: Summer Silence, or the Desert Solitude**, will be held June 8-13 at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton. This retreat gives participants the time and the space to eat and pray in silence for three, four or five nights. It will include centering prayer as well as Lectio Divina, Ignatian prayer, Taize prayer, adoration and daily Mass. The cost for the retreat ranges from \$325 to \$815 depending on length of stay and size of room. For more information or to register, call Cedarbrake at (254) 780-2436 or visit [www.austindiocese.org/cedarbrake](http://www.austindiocese.org/cedarbrake).

**Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ:** *At the heart of this great celebration is the reality of Christ's total gift of himself to us! Christ not only gave his life on the cross for our salvation, but continues to give himself completely in the Eucharist. This feast is also a reminder that through Christ we are intimately connected to one another as members of his Body. If Christ is willing to give himself to all of us, saints and sinners, what sacrifice for others are we willing to make? Are we willing to give of ourselves for those in need: the poor, the imprisoned, the unborn, the undocumented immigrant, the refugee, the homeless stranger?*

*...and Jesus replied to them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me.'*

# Reflection: Holy Eucharist or 'Fast Food'?

By Jennifer Hartline

Catholic Online ([www.catholic.org](http://www.catholic.org))

We came and a miracle happened right in front of us. Are we so accustomed to it that it no longer ignites our sense of wonder and awe?

This morning at Mass I looked around quietly during Communion, and I was struck by a most heartbreaking thought. "I don't think we even know what we have here. I don't think we realize WHO we have here."

It was the Angelic Doctor who once wrote:

"Material food first changes into the one who eats it, and then, as a consequence, restores to him lost strength and increases his vitality. Spiritual food, on the other hand, changes the person who eats it into itself. Thus the effect proper to this Sacrament is the con-vertion of a man into Christ, so that he may no longer live, but Christ lives in him; consequently, it has the double effect of restoring the spiritual strength he had lost by his sins and defects, and of increasing the strength of his virtues." (St. Thomas, Commentary on Book IV of the Sentences, d.12, q.2, a.11)

Admittedly, it is a truly mind-blowing thing to accept that we receive the true Body of our LORD in that small piece of bread we take and eat, and His Blood is the wine we drink. (I could go on here for a hundred pages of adjectives attempting to capture the awesomeness of God and I couldn't even come close.) So for our teensy little human brains to understand this extraordinary mystery is a very tall order indeed.

Every Sunday we gather with joy and gratitude to worship and we sing and pray and praise Jesus with our whole hearts, our minds focused only on Him. We absorb like sponges the Scriptures we hear and the teaching given to us by our priest or deacon, before we finally stand up and approach the altar of grace to consume our true LIFE. And when we approach, we fall down on our faces, unable to stand, because we know Whom we are about to receive and the knowledge is too great for us. We are overwhelmed by Him. Right? Shouldn't it be that way? Shouldn't we strive for that experience?

But it wasn't like that this morning. It seemed more like a line of folks at a cafeteria-style restaurant than faithful souls approaching their Lord for DIVINE LIFE. People were chatting with the person behind them...staring blankly at the floor or the wall...smiling or waving at someone a few rows away...shuffling along as though going nowhere special. And perhaps worst of all, people casually receiving the Lord and then walking right out the door...leaving, without stopping even a moment to pray or show reverence and gratitude.

I know I am guilty of distraction, too. I'm often trying to direct my children in front of me ("cross your arms, sweetie...") and keep them moving forward, while the 2-year old in my arms is squirming to get down. I feel tired. My arms ache. My mind is 2 hours ahead of me on the day's schedule. This is not terribly conducive to deep spiritual focus. Still, this morning I heard Jesus whispering to me, wanting my full attention, wanting the full attention of everyone in the room. I felt Him tugging on my heart, as one wanting very much just to be noticed. Do we not know that we are receiving an unspeakable gift? How is it that we allow ourselves to be so distracted by trivial and even ungodly things during the most important moment of our lives? We seem to rush by Him so quickly...it must wound His heart. Jesus gave us everything, down to the last drop of His blood on the cross, and now that Body and Blood is present in all its holiness and power to nourish and strengthen us...yet somehow that understanding doesn't penetrate our hearts enough. In all honesty, I think someone looking in from the outside would think we were just lining up for a snack of crackers and juice.

The Eucharist is the single most important distinction between Catholics and many other Christians. What we proclaim about this Sacrament - and about the holy priesthood - is different than what many other Christians, (other than our Orthodox Christian brethren) believe. We profess that we receive the Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, as we approach that altar of sacrifice. It is an astounding truth. So astounding, I think, that our minds alone will not be able to process it and come up with an affirmative belief. Only the heart, only the spirit can accept this magnificent reality, and from the looks of things, it seems we have a hard time getting in touch with our hearts and spirits.

It's a tragic symptom of our human nature that we fail to recognize what we see all the time. Something profound has become ordinary. Something unfathomable has become so familiar we barely give it a second thought. We have it all, and it doesn't impress us anymore.

I know that we all come with our own burdens and problems and hassles weighing on our minds. It isn't easy to set all that aside and give our full concentration to the Mass. But those burdens and problems and hassles are precisely the reason He wants to feed us! Our Jesus is waiting, wanting, eager to give Himself to us, hoping we will truly see Him and receive Him. He ordained to give Himself to us in a way we can touch, taste, and consume into our frail bodies in order to be fortified in our daily struggles. But we are weak and afraid, or lazy and indifferent, or self-absorbed and hard-hearted, so we do not find Him. We are not strengthened by Him. We are not changed by Him. We may take, but do we fully receive? We may eat, but are we truly fed? We came, and a miracle happened right in front of us. Are we so accustomed to it that it no longer ignites our sense of wonder and awe? I certainly hope not. Heaven help us if we cease to be amazed.

We desperately need the Holy Spirit to penetrate our hearts with a renewed conviction of our most sacred beliefs. Perhaps we need to exercise some self-discipline and gain control of our wandering minds during Mass, and train our hearts to "tune in." We must come with faith, however small, and really look at the Lord we are being fed. If we are faithful to do that, I have no doubt that God will meet us and take us the rest of the way to understanding in our spirits what our minds may find inconceivable. He will sustain us in body, mind, and soul.

Can you imagine what would happen then?