

# HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH of CORN HILL



Pope Francis  
Vatican City State



Bishop Joe Vásquez  
Diocese of Austin

## Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 22, A.D. 2018

### Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday	July 21	5:00 PM	Liv/Dec Members of Joe & Barbara Knapke family
Sunday	July 22	8:30 AM	Pro Populo
Sunday	July 22	10:30 AM	†Joe & Wilma Zgarba
Monday	July 23	7:00 AM	†Henry Taylor and †Jeff Taylor
Tuesday	July 24	NO MASS	
Wednesday	July 25	<b>7:00 AM</b>	†Doris Nesrsta
Thursday	July 26	<b>12 Noon</b>	†Hubert Klepac
Friday	July 27	6:00 PM	†Calvin Blackman, Sr.
Saturday	July 28	7:30 AM	Marshall, Brielle & Conner Cooke
Saturday	July 28	5:00 PM	Virgil & Marla Tonn (40 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary)
Sunday	July 29	8:30 AM	†Henry Taylor and †Jeff Taylor
Sunday	July 29	10:30 AM	Pro Populo

### Mass Ministry Reminders

#### Saturday, July 28, 5:00 PM:

**Altar Servers:** John & Maria Bruce, Natalie Mason

**Lector:** Lupe Bernal

**EMHC:** Jim & Mary Margaret Heuertz, Brandi Bernal

**Gift Bearers:** John & Mary Ann Valenta

**Head Usher:** Stephanie Wright

#### Sunday, July 29, 8:30 AM:

**Altar Servers:** Caleb & Amy Stefek, John Danek

**Lector:** Chris Stefek

**EMHC:** Pete Zenner, Ray Nemecek, Brandon Danek

**Gift Bearers:** Richard & Lisa Danek

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

#### Sunday, July 29, 10:30 AM:

**Altar Servers:** Jakob Voigt, Samuel Williams, Jarrod Hodgson

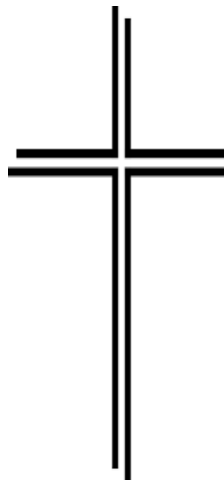
**Lector:** Monica Sherek

**EMHC:** Kelly Godfrey, Monica Sherek

**Gift Bearers:** Hodgson family

**Head Usher:** Jeff Voigt

**EMHC to Shut-ins: Sunday, July 29:** Brandon Danek



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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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**Parish Activity Center (PAC) Rentals & Info:** Parish Office

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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 Nemecek 254-527-3615

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### Altar Flowers

The flowers at the Tabernacle are placed in honor of the living & deceased members of the Joe & Barbara Knapke family.

### Last Week's Collection(s)

July 15: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: \$3,344.50

### 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.

**July 22 – 28: Agnes Taylor**

July 29 – August 4: Jim & Mary Margaret Heuertz

### Religious Articles Cabinet

in the foyer of the church, is full of many items, for all occasions, which are available for purchase. Contact the parish office, Louise Straka (512-746-5322) or Janine Nemecek (512-289-9242), to purchase items. Items can also be ordered for you from the catalog.

### This Week at a Glance

Sat/Sun, July 21/22: --Faith Formation Program Collection  
Sunday, July 22: --Confraternity of Christian Mothers  
Thursday, July 26: --Pro-Life Adoration  
Sat/Sun, July 28/29: --5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Second Collection

We are always in need of more Mass Ministers, so if you are looking to get more involved in your parish, consider becoming one, or more, of the following:

**Lector ~ Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion**

**Gift Bearer ~ Altar Server ~ Usher**

We will have a **second collection** this weekend (July 21/22) for our **Faith Formation Program**. Your generosity allows us to continue to educate our children, RCIA participants, and adults, through many different classes and programs.

The **Confraternity of Christian Mothers will meet** today (Sunday, July 22) in the RE Bldg, immediately after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. The August Senior Citizens Supper is an agenda item. Members will gather in the front pews at Mass to lead the Rosary prayed beforehand. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend the meeting.

Everyone is invited to enjoy the celebration of a **Czech Mass, in honor of our visiting Czech seminarians, at St. Bartholomew's Church in Katy, Texas, this Wednesday, July 25**. Mass is at 6:00 p.m. with a pot-luck reception to follow.

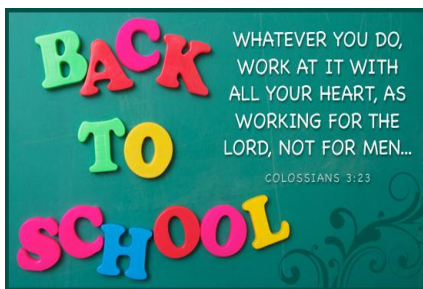
Join us for **Pro-Life Adoration** this Thursday, July 26, from 3:00 – 9:00 p.m. in the church. Come and spend some time with our Lord, present in the Holy Eucharist.

The **Finance Council will meet** this Thursday, July 26, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg.

The **Moravian Club will host their Annual BBQ Cook-Off** this Friday & Saturday, July 27 & 28, to which everyone is invited. Hamburgers will be sold at 5:00 p.m. on that Friday, and BBQ judging begins on Saturday at 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

We will have **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday second collection** next weekend, July 28/29, for the benefit of the **Jarrell Food Pantry and our parish Social Ministry fund**. Please be generous in helping those in need.

**Registration for our 2018-19 CCE Classes is open – and your early registration gives us a better opportunity to prepare for the upcoming year, so please do so as soon as you can!** 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. For questions, please contact our Faith Formation Director, Lucille D'Elia (737-215-1042 or [htcdre@yahoo.com](mailto:htcdre@yahoo.com)).



### **Our CCE Program needs you!**

If you would like to work in our program, in any capacity, please come to our **information meeting in the RE Bldg on Wednesday, August 1**, immediately after the 6:30 p.m. Mass.

All current and new CCE catechists and helpers ~ ~ ~ please make every effort to attend this important meeting, as our new Gospel Weeklies Program will be introduced and explained.

For questions or more information, please contact Lucille D'Elia at 737-215-1042 or [htcdre@yahoo.com](mailto:htcdre@yahoo.com). We hope to see you there.

**RCIA Classes to Begin on September 11, 2018 - RCIA is the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** -- a process for welcoming new members into the Roman Catholic Church. It is a community journey that leads to a transformation of mind and spirit. The RCIA is mainly for non-Catholics who want to become Catholic, but adult Catholics who have not received all of the Sacraments (Communion, Confession, Confirmation) may also come into full communion with the Church through the RCIA process. Also, anyone who is already Catholic and would like to learn more about their faith, is welcome to attend the classes, which **will be held every Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm. in the RE building beginning on Tuesday, September 11**. If you would like to become Catholic, or are Catholic and need to receive First Communion, Confession, and/or Confirmation, or have any questions, please contact Lucille D'Elia in the Faith Formation Office at 737-215-1042 or [htcdre@yahoo.com](mailto:htcdre@yahoo.com). We look forward to speaking with you.

### **2018 BAZAAR NEWS**

We are now handing out our **Bazaar Information Letters & Raffle Tickets for each parish family**...so please stop by a Raffle Table after Mass to pick yours up. And...don't forget to pick up some extra books of tickets to sell to your neighbors, coworkers, friends and family!

**We will need many volunteers to work at each area of the Bazaar!** Many hands make light work – and it takes all of us to make the day enjoyable for everyone! A list of Bazaar Contacts is available on the bulletin board in the foyer of the church and in the Bazaar Information Letter. Please contact the Function Leader of the area you want to work in to sign-up. You might also consider working at more than one function (an hour shift here, an hour shift there, etc).

For any questions, or for more information, please call the parish office or Helen Havelka (512-869-8715).

**Dear friends in Christ,**

Praised be Jesus Christ! It has really been hot! Please remember to dress appropriately for Mass. No shorts please! Let us come to Mass dressed for the One we come to worship...the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords.

The Deacons from the Czech Republic are getting a good taste of our hot Texas weather. As a reminder, I am taking them to various activities and events during their stay with us. Your patience and understanding with my schedule during this time is most appreciated. Thank you to all of you for the kindness and love you always offer to our visitors each year.

In today's Gospel it is written, "When he (Jesus) disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things." Jesus experienced an interruption in what He wanted to do. He wanted to get away with His apostles and get some much needed rest. But, He was interrupted. Many of us have to deal with interruptions on a daily basis. When this happens we often lose our train of thought and forget what we were going to say and do. At times, interruptions can be very frustrating. Many times these interruptions do more than just cause us temporary frustration or inconvenience ... they can change our life forever. Life does not always unfold as we have planned it.

Mothers of small children may know that better than most of us. It's 10 o'clock at night. Your only plan is to go to bed and get a good night's sleep. Then about midnight you hear that dreaded cry. Your child is sick and has vomited all over the bed. You strip the bed, change her, and start over. She wakes up crying several times during the night. Finally about 6:00 o'clock, she is sound asleep and it is time for you to wake up. Your plan for a good night's sleep has been gloriously interrupted. However, it goes with the territory of being a mother.

Some interruptions are far more serious. You are near retirement. Your financial future is reasonably secure. You and your spouse plan to work in your garden, travel a little, and enjoy some well-deserved leisure. Then suddenly he/she dies, and all your plans have to be revised. Interruption.

Maybe you are in college and have made plans for your life. Then suddenly you fail a couple of classes or cannot afford to continue your studies for various reasons. Interruption. Your plans must be changed.

No one is exempt from these kinds of interruptions. Jesus had to deal with interruptions. There wasn't a single day in His life when He wasn't interrupted. Mark tells us that when Jesus saw the crowd, His first reaction was pity. He could have reacted differently. Those people were imposing on His time. It was supposed to be His day off. And he had every right to a day off. He had been working non-stop for no telling how long. The crowds would not even let Him and the disciples take time out to eat. They deserved a good rest. They tried to take one, but it was not to be.

You and I might have grumbled at being bothered on our day off or during a time when we are trying to rest. Well, I know I have grumbled because of interruptions. I am not proud of these grumbings. Sometimes my grumbings are a hindrance to my ministry. But Jesus acted differently. The crowd reminded Him of sheep without a shepherd. They did not know where to go or what to do. To Jesus, they were a sad sight. His pity turned to action and He taught them at great length. He gave them His time, even though it was supposed to be His day off. He wanted them to know how important they were to God. And the only way to make that lesson believable was by showing them that they were also important to Him.

Jesus was aware of His own weary body and mind. And He had not forgotten the exhaustion of His disciples. But He was more conscious of the needs of the crowd. You do not wait until you are interrupted to develop that kind of sensitivity to people. That is something that must be done in the regular routine of life. We must teach ourselves to be aware of human needs. We must become a shepherd to those who are lost in hatred, or in cynicism, or in fear, or in gossip. Will we allow ourselves to be used long enough to tell them that God cares, by showing them that we care?

Interruptions are a part of life. Some of them are tragic, and some are rather trivial. But if we allow it, all of them can be used to the benefit of people and the glory of God. Jesus did that. He took a disrupted holiday and used it to show five thousand people the love of God. The next time we are interrupted, we might use it to show one person the same thing.

May all of you have a most blessed week.

**Fr. Stephen Nestrta, farář**

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# Seeing the Gifts of the Holy Spirit in Our Lives

~~Jeannie Ewing

“How does a person know if she is bearing good fruit for God?” A young woman asked me this question following an Advent retreat in which I’d presented about the spiritual benefits of waiting. It’s a common question, I realize — one without a clear, universal answer. Maybe it’s a cop-out to respond, “There’s no panacea,” but I frequently do. And then I read about the fruits of the Holy Spirit in scripture, recalling that there are definite signs that one is, indeed, fruitful in one’s work. Galatians 5:22-23 tells us that “the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.” The short answer to the initial question, of course, is that our lives will exemplify a melange of these spiritual fruits if we are, in fact, following God’s will. But how can we recognize these fruits, and what can we do to foster them in our lives? Let’s begin by differentiating between the gifts of the Holy Spirit and the fruits of the Holy Spirit. “The seven *gifts* of the Holy Spirit...complete and perfect the virtues of those who receive them. They make the faithful docile in readily obeying divine inspirations.” (CCC 1831) “The *fruits* of the Spirit are perfections that the Holy Spirit forms in us as the first fruits of eternal glory.” (CCC 1832) In other words, spiritual gifts are those that God chooses to bestow on us without any merit or practice on our part. We cannot *earn or acquire* these gifts. But if we use them by being attentive to the ways in which God is calling us to share them with others, we will see the *consequences* of these gifts — which are the spiritual *fruits*, or results, of our good deeds. How can we share the charisms God has given us so that the following spiritual fruits will be evident through our lives? Without delving into the dense theological attributes of each, here are some practical ways we can grow in each:

**Love** A foundational theological virtue, it’s safe to assume that all other fruits fall back to the “greatest of these,” as St. Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 13. Authentic Christian love requires self-abnegation on a daily basis. It means we must deny ourselves little pleasures or comforts in order that the Spirit overcomes the flesh. Not contingent upon emotion, love – or charity – is a conscious act of the will. It means we will the good of the other. At times that might mean speaking truth that challenges a loved one. At other times, it might mean we should quiet ourselves and listen to another. No matter, when we are refined in the school of suffering, we will know more deeply and clearly what it means to love.

**Joy** Though it is right to pray that we will be “reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy in the next,” the secular definition of happiness is not even close to the spiritual fruit of joy. It is quite possible to experience supernatural joy in the midst of great trials and hardship. The juxtaposition of experiencing both pain and joy is a beautiful spiritual gift that allows us to be visible witnesses of the hope we have in the Resurrection.

**Peace** Peace is likely what we long for above all else, but how to attain it? St. Teresa of Avila once said, “Let nothing disturb you.” How is that possible in our complex tech society? There are times when God will impart peace as supernatural grace upon our souls when we least expect it, yet need it as consolation to continue in fidelity to our spiritual journey. This is the “peace that surpasses all understanding” written about in Phil 4:7.

**Patience** If we truly want to be holy, practicing patience is an excellent starting point. If we pray for this gift of “long-suffering,” God will deliver us plenty of opportunities for us to practice it. Often, when we undergo seasons of waiting — in which our lives seem to be in a holding pattern and nothing is really moving forward with projects or plans — we are asked to trust and wait. Waiting necessitates patience, because we don’t know how long we will need to hold still.

**Kindness** A popular quote today is, “In a world where you can be anything, be kind.” It’s a choice on our part as to how we will respond to those we encounter. Will I be rude, insensitive, quick-tempered, judgmental? Or will I pause, be patient, and respond with mercy? It is true that we are all fighting battles unknown to the rest of the world, so smiling, offering a helping hand, and being “slow to anger” are all superb ways we can exemplify kindness in our daily lives.

**Goodness** In his letter to the Philippians, St. Paul wrote, “whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.” When I think of goodness, this is what I imagine — integrity, honesty, truth, beauty. Let’s do more than think about these things; let’s put them into effect by our words and deeds.

**Faithfulness** Fidelity to God and in our human relationships is often tried throughout the course of our lives. The Psalmist cried, “How long, O Lord, how long will you forget me?” in Psalm 13. When we feel abandoned by God, or perhaps our marriage has become stagnant, or maybe a parent or sibling has hurt us deeply throughout many decades, we are tempted to sever the ties. True faithfulness involves perseverance through the ups and downs, good and bad – and mediocre. We remain rooted to the True Vine, and in time, as branches we will bear “fruit that will last” (John 15).

**Gentleness** Akin to meekness, when we are gentle, we have a quiet way about us. We’re not constantly chattering or loudly interrupting (as I often do, much to my chagrin). Instead, we listen. We wait to respond to someone else. We don’t allow our emotions to override reason. It seems that, in order to grow in gentleness, we need a healthy dose of humility. Maybe it’s because humility humiliates — we become little in the sight of God and others, and so we are less inclined to judge harshly. This does not mean we don’t stand for what’s true and against what is evil. It simply means we respond to others, in their own weaknesses and foibles, with charity.

**Self-Control** I can think of nothing more apt than to end with self-control. In a world that lauds instant gratification, what could be more counter-cultural than exhibiting self-control? On the one hand, we’re praised for refraining from eating pesticide-laden produce or hormone-pumped animal products, but on the other hand, we’re encouraged to indulge – in spa treatments, shopping sprees, or ice cream sundaes. True self-control, however, is a spiritual fruit, because it involves the virtue of temperance – balancing our strong impulses specifically toward sensory pleasures and delights. We refrain and restrain not out of guilt, only to overindulge later, but rather we moderate our senses and their pleasures.

There’s no reason to measure ourselves by how many or how often spiritual fruits are evidence of good works or following God’s will. Instead, we would do well to simply remain receptive to the movements and musings of the Holy Spirit, guided by the sacraments and sound spiritual direction, so that our daily lives will bear whatever God wills — in His time, His way, and by His methods. If we remain open to Him always, He will never disappoint. In fact, He will make all things great, and greater still than we can possibly fathom — in and through us.