

# HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH of CORN HILL



Pope Francis  
Vatican City State



Bishop Joe Vásquez  
Diocese of Austin

## Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 18, A.D. 2018

### Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday	Nov 17	5:00 PM	†Connie Quevedo †Joe & Mary Kreitz
Sunday	Nov 18	8:30 AM	Pro Populo
Sunday	Nov 18	10:30 AM	†Lupe Rodriguez †Emil Sherek
Monday	Nov 19	7:00 AM	†Louis & Gertrude Danek
Tuesday	Nov 20	6:00 PM	†Fr. Michal Jadavan †Frances Nemec
Wednesday	Nov 21	7:00 AM	†All Souls
<b>Thanksgiving Masses</b>			
Wednesday	Nov 21	6:30 PM	In Thanksgiving
Thursday	Nov 22	8:30 AM	In Thanksgiving
Friday	Nov 23	6:00 PM	Virgil Tonn (for healing) †Shana R. Emge
Saturday	Nov 24	7:30 AM	†Joe Janosec †Pete & Eleanora Schwertner
Saturday	Nov 24	5:00 PM	†Frances Nemec John T. Valenta (for healing)
Sunday	Nov 25	8:30 AM	Pro Populo
Sunday	Nov 25	10:30 AM	†Bill & Margie (Sladeczek) Stefek †Joe & Mary Simek

### Altar Flowers

The flowers at the Crucifix are placed in loving memory of **Reavelyn Pray** and are donated by Lourdes Massa.

The flowers at the Tabernacle are placed in honor of **A.J. & Dorothy Tschoerner** (64<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary).

For our Thanksgiving Masses, the flowers on Mary's altar are placed in memory of the **Bonkowski and Skrhak families**, and the flowers on St. Joseph's altar are placed in memory of the **Fojtik & Vrana families** (and are donated by Gene & Deanna Fojtik family).

### Last Week's Collection(s)

Nov 11: Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time: \$4,574.18

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Thursday in the church from 3:00 – 9:00 p.m.

**\*\*None this Thursday, November 22, due to Thanksgiving holiday.**

### Vocations Crucifix Prayer Campaign

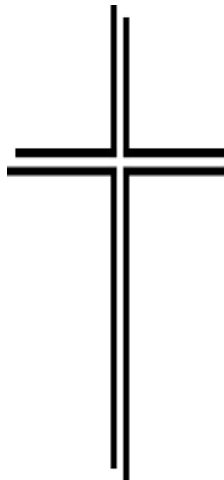
November 18 – 24: **Agnes Taylor**

November 25 – December 1: Jim & Mary Margaret Heuertz

### Rosary for Life

November 18 – 24: **Rodney & Gwenda Bruce**

November 25 – December 1: Ron & Catherine Bindas



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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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### Mass Ministry Reminders

#### THANKSGIVING Holiday Masses

##### Wed, Nov 21 (Vigil Mass) 6:30 PM:

Altar Servers: Jakob Voigt, Thomas Clawson, Preston Snook

Lector: Janine Nemec

EMHC: Jim & Mary Margaret Heuertz, Jennifer Klepac

Gift Bearers: Snook family

Head Usher: Donald Tschoerner

##### Thursday, November 22, 8:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Caleb & Amy Stefek, Adelaide Brousseau

Lector: Louis Brousseau

EMHC: Ray Nemec, Monica Sherek, James Nemec

Gift Bearers: Pinto & Lucille Nemec

Head Usher: Bill Sherek

##### Saturday, November 24, 5:00 PM:

Altar Servers: John & Maria Bruce, Preston Snook

Lector: Janine Nemec

EMHC: Jim & Mary Margaret Heuertz, Keith Youngpeter

Gift Bearers: Mark & Debbie Klaus

Head Usher: Stephanie Wright

##### Sunday, November 25, 8:30 AM:

Altar Servers: John & Jenna Danek, Caleb & Amy Stefek (INCENSE)

Lector: Chris Stefek

EMHC: James Nemec, Ray Nemec, Monica Sherek

Gift Bearers: Richard & Lisa Danek

Head Usher: AJ Balla

##### Sunday, November 25, 10:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Jakob Voigt, Samuel Williams, Abby Hodgson

Lector: Zenner

EMHC: Pete & Nancy Zenner

Gift Bearers: Hodgson family

Head Usher: Jeff Voigt

**EMHC to Shut-ins: Sunday, November 25:** Monica Sherek

**It's not too late to get your Christmas Cards** (20 cards per box for \$10) – which can be purchased on Wednesday evenings at the CCE office or during regular business hours. Proceeds will benefit our youth by helping with the cost of their attendance of the Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference (DCYC) in February. Contact Lucille D'Elia or the parish office.

We will have a **second collection** this weekend (November 17/18) for the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**, which is dedicated to breaking the cycle of poverty by funding community programs that encourage independence. You are essential to its success. Your generous donations will give those in poverty the support they need to make lasting changes. Together, we can make a difference in families and communities across the United States. Please donate prayerfully and generously.

The **Confraternity of Christian Mothers will meet** today (Sunday, November 18) in the RE Bldg, immediately after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. (Members – please note the date change from the usual 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday meeting). Agenda items will include the First Penance Reception and Christmas preparations. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend. Members will gather in the front pews for Mass that morning to lead the Rosary prayed beforehand.

All men of the parish are invited to a **Knights of Columbus Open House** in the PAC Bldg, this Monday, November 19, at 6:30 p.m., to learn more about what membership in the Knights of Columbus has to offer you. Refreshments will be provided and spouses are strongly encouraged to attend as well.

**RCIA:** Class this Tuesday, November 20, at 7:00 p.m. Discussion: Our Liturgical Year and Catholic Devotions. For questions, contact Lucille D'Elia.

**CCE & Adult Faith Enrichment: NO Classes** this Wednesday, November 21, due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

The **parish offices will be closed** this Thursday & Friday, November 22 & 23, for the Thanksgiving holiday. **Announcements for the November 25 bulletin are due by 3:00 p.m. on Monday, November 19.**

**NO Pro-Life Adoration** this Thursday, November 22, due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Adoration will resume on Thursday, November 29, from 3:00 – 9:00 p.m. in the church.

We will have a **second collection** next weekend (November 24/25) 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.

**Food Drive:** It is time for our annual food drive to help the less fortunate families in our area. During the next 4 weeks, the Catholic Union of Texas (KJT Society 55) of Corn Hill will be collecting food for The Caring Place, which assists the Jarrell, Georgetown and surrounding communities. The drive begins Thanksgiving Day and ends Sunday, December 16. A list of non-perishable food items can be found near the collection boxes in the foyer and south entrance of the church. Monetary donations are also accepted. For questions, contact Helen Havelka (512-869-8715).

**If you would like to help decorate the church for the Christmas Season** with beautiful poinsettias --- in memory or honor of loved ones --- you may do so by completing and returning a "Christmas Flower Envelope" (located by the bulletins). Please turn in your envelope by Sunday, December 16. All memorials will be announced in the December 23 bulletin.

**Marriage Anniversaries:** If, in 2018, you celebrated your 10, 15, 20, 25, etc., 50<sup>th</sup> or more, wedding anniversary, the Austin DCCW, together with our Bishop, Joe Vásquez, will honor these couples with a certificate. There is a (blue) sign-up sheet in the foyer of the church. **Please fill in all of the information and print clearly** so that we don't misspell your names! Please sign-up by Sunday, December 16. The certificates will be presented on the weekend of the Feast of the Holy Family (Dec 29/30).

**We would like to thank everyone who has turned in a monetary pledge, or a pledge of prayers, for the diocesan capital campaign, *Encountering Christ*.** Your generous donations have, to date, totaled \$337,350, which is phenomenal. If you are still considering making a pledge, it is not too late. Pledge cards/envelopes are available at the church entrances and can be mailed to the parish office or put in the collection plate. God bless you all for your stewardship!

**Catholic Life Insurance, Branch #50, would like to thank everyone for their donations to their Children's Book Drive.** They will be delivered to the Food Pantry in Jarrell this week - - - just in time to make a child's Thanksgiving holiday a little more special!

## Dear friends in Christ,

Last weekend was Commitment Weekend for the Encountering Christ Campaign. Thank you to everyone who filled out pledge cards and thank you for making a commitment to the campaign. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

This week, we will celebrate Thanksgiving Day. What does this holiday mean to you? Thanksgiving is a day set aside by our country to give thanks to God for the way in which He has blessed us as individuals and for the way He has blessed our nation. We should attend Mass together as a family and give worship and thanks to our God first before we do anything else that day. See the Mass schedule in this bulletin for our Thanksgiving Day Masses. As a Catholic family it would be good to reflect upon how much you have to be thankful for as a family and as individuals. Count your blessings and share your thankfulness with other members of your family. We, as Catholics, realize just how much we are blessed each day. That's one reason why we celebrate the Eucharist, the Mass, every day. Eucharist means "thanksgiving". It is our ultimate thanksgiving prayer to God. We give thanks to the Father for giving us His Son, Jesus. We give thanks for the gift of salvation and for Jesus' dying and rising from the dead. We give thanks to Jesus for giving us His Body and Blood in Holy Communion at Mass, through which we are nurtured and strengthened in our faith. We give thanks for His constant presence with us when we are trying to live a life of faithfulness to Him. And we give thanks for the gift of the Holy Spirit who leads us in this life of faith. We certainly have much for which to be thankful. Sometimes we get so caught up in the events of our lives, our country and the world that we fail to see God's blessings. Remain focused on the Lord and give Him thanks. Allow yourselves to see just how much you are blessed.

In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that "the earth will pass away." It happens right before our eyes. Buildings pass away. Relationships pass away. Friends pass away. Our bodies pass away, they wear out. Nothing seems to last, except the process of not lasting. And somehow we struggle to deal with this reality. But how?

Many people try to say "no" to it. We treat the passing of time like we might treat a stray dog. We don't feed him, don't pet him, and do not pay any attention to him, hoping he will go away. However, time is more persistent. We may try to ignore it, but it continues to be there. It does not ignore us. Little by little everything in our life passes away in time. Many people get angry about becoming old. They are angry that they lose their strength or their eyes grow dim. They rant and rave and shake their fist at the passing of time. But yet time keeps passing by. However, most people say "yes" and accept the sunrise-sunset process as part of life. Some accept it with sadness and feel that life is going nowhere. They feel that the years take away far more than they give. They say: "How can there be a happy ending to life when the one you love dies?"

Jesus also had to deal with the passing of time. He saw the death of John the Baptizer. He experienced the death of His foster-father, Joseph, probably at an early age. Jesus experienced being run out of Nazareth by His friends and neighbors. He also had to deal with a life in which everything was constantly changing. For Him, though, there was more to the passing of time. Jesus gives us insight in today's gospel to what really matters. He says: "The earth will pass away, but, my words will not." He saw something that will never change and that something is the Truth which He gives to us. His unchanging Truth is the security that enables us to face all of the other insecurities. With Jesus our sense of anticipation remains alive, because with Him there is always more to come.

The song from "Fiddler on the Roof" says: "Is this the little girl I carried? Is this the little boy at play?" Well, yes it is. And now they have grown. Nothing ever stays the same. "The earth passes away, but," the words of Jesus do not. The story never ends. The truth of Christ lives forever.

Next week, we will celebrate the end of the work of Jesus as we celebrate the feast of Christ the King and, thus, end our Church year. But, on the following Sunday we turn right around and start the story over again as we begin another Church year with the First Sunday of Advent. Sunrise, Sunset, Sunrise, Sunset. Things come to an end and other things come to a new beginning. Today we are reminded that, just as the Truth of Christ lives forever, so will we by remaining faithful to Him. For in Christ, our life is always filled with the hope of eternal life with Him and with one another. The earth will pass away, but there is something much better which awaits us. Let us put our faith in the words of Christ. He will never pass away, He lives forever and so will we.

Here is a good reflection on the theme which I just mentioned above: Vyhнали jsme ze svého života smrt... a ta se nám vrátila oknem, lépe řečeno televizí (v podobě násilí a brutality filmových scén). Neradi myslíme na svou smrt, a přece... je trochu pošetilé utíkat, zavírat oči před tou jedinou neotřesitelnou jistotou našeho života: že jednou zemřeme.

Co z toho vyplývá pro náš život? V latině se používal obrat „agas quod agis et respice finem“: dělej, co děláš (tj. dělej naplno, ne ledabyle s omluvou, že stejně všechno jednou skončí), a myslí na konec. A tím koncem není smrt (pak by znamenalo, že můžeme zanedbat svou odpovědnost za tento život a svět), ale život s Kristem. Vlastně tím skutečným závěrem našeho života není soud (to je jen „předposlední stanice“), ale společenství s Ježíšem – život v jeho blízkosti. A pokud máme před očima „tento konec“, pak zařídíme svůj život ne tak, abychom obstáli u soudu (čili abychom byli bezúhonní, plní dobrých skutků), ale abychom už teď žili s Ježíšem – protože potom bude právě toto celý náš pravý život! (From Pastorage.cz)

Please continue to pray for the Souls in Purgatory during this month of November as we remember those who have died. May they rest in peace.

**In Christ, Fr. Stephen Nestrta, farář**

You may have seen the mini-series, *Band of Brothers*, which came out on the small screen back in 2001. For those that haven't seen it, it's based on a non-fiction book written by Stephen Ambrose. *Band of Brothers* tells the true story of a group of heroic American soldiers from the US Army's 101st Airborne Division (Easy Company) and their long journey from the Normandy invasion to Hitler's "Eagle's Nest" at the end of World War II. In a deeply moving segment near the end, the men from Easy Company come upon a concentration camp moments after the flight of the Nazis. The camp is located close to an idyllic little German town. As the horror of the camp sets in, the soldiers realize that the town's residents knew of the activities at the camp, but since the horrors were unseen and didn't cross paths with the resident's daily lives, the townspeople did nothing to stop it. Maybe those in that small town were afraid, or felt helpless, or were desensitized, or simply felt it was someone else's problem?

Today, in a country that offers some of the world's greatest comfort and wealth, millions of unborn have lost their lives in the wombs of their mothers. The elderly and most vulnerable of our society are now enticed by legal assisted suicide in a growing number of states. Our tax dollars have been used to encourage the forced sterilization of the poor in places like Peru and other countries.

Have we become like those residents of that small German town? Are those that speak out against the horror merely zealots as some claim? Imagine the impact if just ten percent of Catholics in each diocese stood actively for life! That would number some one hundred thousand - just in our diocese alone. *Just imagine.*

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR LIFE!**

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## CATHOLICS AND THANKSGIVING

*Still a Holy Day?*...and Whereas both Houses of Congress have, by their joint committee, requested me to recommend to the people of the United States a DAY OF PUBLIC THANKSGIVING and PRAYER, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness.”

#0151 George Washington, President of the United States

The fourth Thursday in November is set aside in this country as a day of public thanksgiving and prayer acknowledging the many favors of God. Though many Americans do not acknowledge God publicly anymore, we still celebrate this day each year. It has now become a day of eating a large meal with family and friends; a day to watch football; a day off from work. Like many other holidays, it seems to have lost its focus.

As Catholics we can easily say, “Well, Thanksgiving isn't a real Holy Day or Feast Day, so why worry about the secularization of it?” And this is true. A government-mandated holiday is not a Holy Day as we commonly understand them.

***Forget everything you've ever heard about the pilgrims, the Mayflower, and the friendly Indians.....***the first Thanksgiving was held about half a century earlier and more than a thousand miles to the south...and it was held by *Catholic* explorers...a celebration held by a hardy band of Spanish settlers in 1598 in San Elizario, in what is present-day Texas. The expedition, which included women and children, had braved the Chihuahuan Desert and hadn't had anything to eat or drink for days. Once they reached the Rio Grande, the settlers paused and held a Thanksgiving Mass, celebrated by Franciscan missionaries, according to the account by journalist Melanie Kirkpatrick in her book, *Thanksgiving: The Holiday at the Heart of the American Experience*.

But being historically first still does not dislodge the place of primacy held by the pilgrims, for their celebration is the basis for the American holiday. Yet, even here, Catholics play an indispensable part of the story through the most seemingly unlikely character, Squanto. Usually, as the story is told, Squanto seems to appear out of nowhere, like some angelic figure out of the wilderness, fluent in English and willing to help the starving settlers.

What is less known is that Squanto had been captured by John Smith to be sold into slavery but had been rescued by Franciscan friars. Squanto was baptized into the Catholic faith and lived in England before returning to his home. So yes, we owe our 'first' Thanksgiving to an act of Catholic charity.

It's further noteworthy that at least two of the first Catholic Thanksgivings were Masses because our term the Eucharist comes from a Greek word whose literal meaning is *thanksgiving*. Every time we attend Mass we participate in the most important thanksgiving feast there is. As the catechism states, “The Eucharist is a sacrifice of thanksgiving to the Father, a blessing by which the Church expresses her gratitude to God for all his benefits, for all that He has accomplished through creation, redemption, and sanctification.”

As Catholics, then, this holiday reminds us of the ultimate source of all our thanksgiving.