

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH of CORN HILL



Pope Francis
Vatican City State



Bishop Joe Vásquez
Diocese of Austin

The Baptism of the Lord

January 13, A.D. 2019

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday	Jan 12	5:00 PM	Pro Populo
Sunday	Jan 13	8:30 AM	†Doris Cole (incense) LeRoy Tschoner (for healing)
Sunday	Jan 13	10:30 AM	†Jerome Tobolka †Janet Voigt
Tuesday	Jan 15	6:00 PM	†Albin & Janette Zurovetz
Wednesday	Jan 16	6:30 PM	†John & Betty Emge
Thursday	Jan 17	7:00 AM	†August & Louise Batla †Lorena Canik
Friday	Jan 18	7:00 AM	†Greg Maney †Albina Teltow
Saturday	Jan 19	No Morning Mass	
Saturday	Jan 19	5:00 PM	†Hubert Klepac †Anita Galvan
Sunday	Jan 20	8:30 AM	†Tommy Rose Martine †Kenneth W. Patton, Sr.
Sunday	Jan 20	10:30 AM	Pro Populo

Last Week's Collection(s)

January 6: The Epiphany of the Lord: \$4,533.50

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

Come spend some time with the Lord!

Vocations Crucifix Prayer Campaign

January 13 – 19: Louis & Louise Straka

January 20 – 26: Louis & Agnes Brousseau family

Rosary for Life

January 13 – 19: Michael Vrana

January 20 – 26: Frank & Lucille D'Elia

This Week at a Glance

Tuesday, January 15: --RCIA Class

Wednesday, January 16: --CCE Classes

--Adult Faith Enrichment

Thursday, January 17: --Pro-Life Adoration

Sunday, January 20: --Confraternity of Christian Mothers

--Altar Server Practice

--Altar Server Appreciation



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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

Financial Bookkeeper: Laura Soto 317-767-9782

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

Cemetery Information: Parish Office

Cemetery Director: Johnny Martinka 512-966-4301

Cemetery Maintenance: (Position Vacant)

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Finance Council: Tommy Sladeczek 512-746-5881

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

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K.J.T. Society #55: John Danek 512-746-4168

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Catholic Life Insurance #50: Tommy Sladeczek 512-635-3496

CEF Enrollments: Janine Nemecek 512-289-9242

Marriage Preparation: Contact the priest before setting a wedding date and at least 9-12 months before the desired date.

Baptisms: Classes are scheduled based on need. Contact Lucille D'Elia for questions and requirements (737-215-1042)

Mass Ministry Reminders

Wednesday, January 16, 6:30 PM:

Altar Servers: Carter Marquis, Preston Snook, Jarrod Hodgson

Lector: Jennifer Marquis

EMHC: Heuertz

Gift Bearers: Confirmation 2

Saturday, January 19, 5:00 PM:

Altar Servers: John & Maria Bruce, Preston Snook

Lector: Janine Nemecek

EMHC: Jim & Mary Margaret Heuertz, Keith Youngpeter

Gift Bearers: Johnny & Bernice Hernandez

Head Usher: Howard Mertink

Sunday, January 20, 8:30 AM:

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

Lector: Chris Stefek

EMHC: James Nemecek, Cynthia Edgar, Brandon Danek

Gift Bearers: Richard & Lisa Danek

Head Usher: AJ Batla

Sunday, January 20, 10:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Jakob Voigt, Samuel Williams, Abby Hodgson

Lector: Zenner

EMHC: Pete & Nancy Zenner

Gift Bearers: Voigt family

Head Usher: Jeff Voigt

EMHC to Shut-ins: Sunday, January 20: Brandon Danek

In Memoriam

We extend our sympathies and prayers to the family of **Martha Tschoner**, who 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.

RCIA: Class this Tuesday, January 15, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg. Discussion: Reconciliation & Anointing of the Sick.

CCE: Classes this Wednesday, January 16, at 6:15 p.m. Parents are encouraged to stay and attend Mass as an example for their children.

Adult Faith Enrichment: Class this Wednesday, January 16, in the PAC Bldg after the 6:30 p.m. Mass.

Pro-Life Adoration this Thursday, January 17, from 3 – 9 p.m. in the church. Come spend time with the Lord, present in the Holy Eucharist.

The **Confraternity of Christian Mothers** will meet next **Sunday, January 20**, in the RE Bldg immediately after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. (Members: note meeting date change from the usual 4th Sunday.) Agenda items include 'reception' of new members, February's Senior Citizens' Supper, Deanery DCCW meeting and election of officers. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend. Members will sit in the front pews to lead the Rosary prayed before the 8:30 a.m. Mass. **Reminder:** Annual dues (\$5) for 2019 are now due and can be given, or mailed to, the treasurer, Louise Straka (212 W. Avenue I, Jarrell, TX 76537).

Altar Serving:

--For those interested in becoming an Altar Server (4th grade and up, with the appropriate sacraments), we will have an **Altar Server Practice** next Sunday, January 20, at 4:00 p.m. in the church. Contact the parish office to sign-up or for more information.

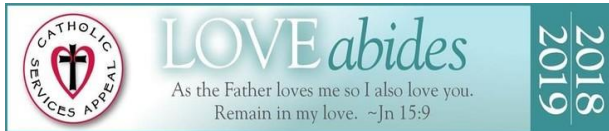
--For our current Altar Servers – the practice on Sunday, January 20, is for you, too, so please make every effort to attend.

--After practice, all new and current Altar Servers and their families are invited to the PAC Bldg for our annual **Altar Server Appreciation Supper** (at 5 pm). **Please RSVP** to the parish office to give us a head count of those attending the meal.

The **Finance Council** will meet on Thursday, January 24, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

Our annual January Fundraiser will be held on Sunday, January 27, proceeds of which will benefit the Cemetery Fund. Everyone is invited for a delicious BBQ Pork dinner with all the trimmings, served from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in the PAC Bldg. Adults \$9 / Children \$5. To-go plates will be available at the drive-thru. Spread the word and invite your family and friends! **If you would like to make a donation to help offset the cost of groceries, supplies, etc, January Fundraiser envelopes are available by the bulletins.**

Please make a pledge to the 2018/19 Catholic Services Appeal on January 26/27 or now with the pledge card you will receive at home.



Your gift to the Catholic Services Appeal helps to sustain Catholic schools, religious education, ministerial formation, and initiatives for life, peace and justice.

Your donations are carefully spent, it is money for God's work, and are used accordingly. Your contributions are deeply appreciated, very much needed and make a real difference in the lives of many.

To clarify the distinction between the recent *Encountering Christ* Capital Campaign (ECCC) and the annual Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) ... the ECCC is funding that secures the future of the Diocese of Austin and its endeavors and ministries ... and the CSA is for the immediate, annual expenses of the operations and ministries of our Diocese. The CSA is usually carried out in November of each year, but, due to our participation in the ECCC at that time, our parish is conducting this pledge drive now. We appreciate your understanding and participation.

We will celebrate our annual **Czech Mass** on Sunday, February 10, at 5:00 p.m. This Mass is offered in honor of the patron saints of the Slavic peoples, Sts. Cyril & Methodius, and all readings and hymns will be in the Czech language. Whether or not you are of Czech descent, or if you speak or do not speak the Czech language, we invite you to join us for this beautiful Mass. Help us to give tribute to the ancestors who started this community and this parish, by celebrating our Czech heritage. Many of our parishioners today are descendants of these founders. A meal will be held afterward in the PAC Bldg for those attending the Mass.

"A note of thanks to all the families of Holy Trinity Church of Corn Hill that pledged their financial support to Armor of God Catholic Radio Station, 106.9FM. this past weekend. We were overwhelmed by the enthusiastic response given by the people of your parish. During the weekend presentations, 73 families filled out pledge cards totaling \$8,780. When you add the \$5,000 matching gift, the total support from your parish family comes to a very generous \$13,780. This goes a long way in helping us to achieve our annual budget of \$68,000 to cover the costs associated with the loan payments, operation and overhead of the radio station. Thank you, again, for your prayers and support. God Bless You!"

Tom McNew – Armor of God Radio



Armor of God Catholic Radio is now broadcasting on 106.9 FM, which is available in our area. They provide the opportunity to hear weekday Mass, daily prayer services and Catholic devotionals, such as the Rosary and Divine Mercy and much more. Tune in now! And for more information or to pledge your support, visit them at www.ArmorofGodRadio.com.

Dear friends in Christ,

Praised be Jesus Christ! Now and forever! The glory of the Son has been revealed to us in many ways during these past few weeks. Let us share in His glory by sharing in His life.

This weekend, the Season of Christmas comes to an end as we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Our Christmas lights and decorations will be taken down and stored away for another year. Tomorrow, the Season of Ordinary Time begins and will continue until the beginning of Lent on March 6. During Ordinary Time, we reflect on the daily life and ministry of Jesus Christ. Though, as we all know, His life and ministry was not so ordinary. Therefore, our life and ministry should not be so ordinary either. Jesus calls us, by virtue of our baptism, to live a radical life of faithfulness to Him and to His Church.

The feast of the Baptism of the Lord points to a new beginning in the Jesus' life. The baptism of Jesus cannot be viewed through our Christian understanding of baptism. We understand baptism to be a washing away of original sin. For each of us it is a putting on the life of Christ. It is dying to sin and rising to new life in Jesus Christ. It is becoming a member of the Body of Christ by uniting oneself to the Christian community. It is becoming a child of God in and through Jesus Christ. Our understanding of baptism has a direct relation to Christ himself. For us, our baptism says we are united with Christ.

The Baptism of Jesus is much different. It is the beginning of His public ministry, the beginning of the work which He was called to do by the Father. And, as we all know, a new beginning can be a tough time in life. I am sure that many of us have lost sleep, or spent many hours praying, or were filled with fear, or even shed tears over some new beginnings. This was probably also a difficult time for our Lord. He knew what He had to do. He knew that He would be rejected. He knew that eventually it would cost Him His life. Yet, this simple act of being immersed in water so beautifully tells us that His dying would bring about new life and that the Son of God was among the people: "You are my beloved Son. With you I am well pleased."

Since we are members of Christ's body, the Baptism of the Lord must take on a significant meaning in our own lives. The Baptism of the Lord calls us to do just as Jesus did: to accept our vocation in life and to become a public presence of God in the world. We cannot simply be private Christians, say our prayers in private, have a private set of beliefs of what is right and wrong, or a private value of God. No, we must be willing to be empowered by the Spirit to be a public sign, an active reality of Christ in the world. Too many Christians compromise their faith and morals in order to look good in the eyes of the world. If we do not begin to be who we are called to be as baptized Catholic Christians, then we are failing not only God, but we are also failing ourselves and the whole Christian community. By doing this, we will fail to accomplish what God has called us to do through our baptism. Let us fulfill our baptismal commitment by fulfilling the will of God in our lives by being faithful to Him, to His teachings and to His Church.

Here is a little reflection on the life we are called to live:

Známe jistě nevěřící lidi ve městech, kteří si jdou sednout do kostela, "protože to prostředí na ně dobře působí". Křesťané si v průběhu staletí vytvořili své stavby, svou kulturu, svůj životní sloh, často jakýsi "malý svatý svět", do něhož někdy na chvíli vstoupí i nevěřící, aniž by na své nevěře cokoliv změnil. A některý věřící se do tohoto "svatého světa" stěhuje každou neděli nebo i napořád. Není ale právě tady slabé místo našeho křesťanského života? Jestliže totiž náboženství je zvláštním světem, do něhož se lze ukrýt, potom není řešením života. Potom se nám život rozpadá na "povznášející" část náboženskou a "nízkou" část profánní, obyčejnou. Je to ale křesťanské?

Dnešní evangelium jakoby ukazovalo také k takovému "zvláštnímu světu". Protržené nebe, duch, sestupující jako holubice, hlas z nebe - to přece nejsou běžné každodenní věci. Jenže toto evangelium míří přece jen zcela opačným směrem. Že je svět hříšný, tedy plný hříchu, zla, toho, co před Bohem neobstojí, to víme dobře. A svět - to jsme především my, lidé. My jsme těmi, kdo, obrazně řečeno, do Jordánu splavují všechny své viny. Ti, kteří se dávali Janem křtít, tedy ponořovat do vod Jordánu, vždyť křest je ponořením!, ti si přáli, aby jejich hříchy byly řekou odneseny. A do tohoto "proudu hříchu" vstupuje, doslova: "je ponořen" i Ježíš. Všimněme si, Ježíš si nestaví jako Syn Boží krásný, vyvýšený chrám na Sionu, do něhož by vstupovali jen vyvolení duchovní mistři, ale on sám vstupuje plně do našeho lidství, tedy i do proudu lidských hříchů. Stává se jedním z nás. Člověkem, na něhož zlo a důsledky zla působí, a on se nechraní proti jeho ostnům krunýřem. Ale zůstává přítom tím, kdo sám na hříchu podíl nemá a v tom není jedním z nás - hříšníků. V tomto smyslu je milovaný Syn, v němž Otec našel zalíbení. Ale tento Otec - Bůh se k němu hlásí právě ve chvíli, kdy Ježíš stojí uprostřed světa, uprostřed hříšníků. Ten, kdo se nám stal podobným ve všem, kromě hříchu, je Otcem milován. To je nesmírná naděje. Svět je i dnes plný zla. I dnes by bylo koryto Jordánu plné hříchů, kdyby lidstvo pro jejich smytí do něj vstoupilo. Ale i dnes je do toho řečiště ponořen Ježíš, a s ním i ti, kdo mu patří. Ježíš je v řečišti hříchu jako milovaný Syn. My můžeme být přítomni v řečišti zla světa jako Boží synové. Není tedy nutné odcházet na chvíli či na dlouho ze "zlého světa" do "svatého světa". Je třeba stát v tomto světě jako ti, kdo jsou přijati za syny s oprávněnou nadějí, že se k nám Bůh přihlásí jako se přihlásil ke svému Synu.

May we all rejoice in the life in Christ we have received in Baptism. Let us go forth and be Christ in the world. May all of you have a most blessed week.

Fr. Stephen Nesrsta, farář

A New Year to Give Our Lives More Fully to the Lord

Maurice Blumberg

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. (John 3:16)

I urge you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship. Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect. (Romans 12:1-2)

All of us, gazing with unveiled face on the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, as from the Lord who is the Spirit. (2 Corinthians 3:18)

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. (Galatians 5:22-23)

For the love of Christ impels us, once we have come to the conviction that one died for all; therefore, all have died. (2 Corinthians 5:14)

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. (Matthew 16:24)

Christmas has ended – a grace-filled time when we celebrated the birth of Jesus Christ, God-made-man. How grateful we are that God our Father would send his only Son to earth to become one of us. Why would God do such a thing? We could of course give many theological reasons including sin, the cross, redemption, etc. But perhaps the simplest explanation comes from looking at it through the lens of love. Only love would do such a thing (John 3:16).

As we begin a new year, how can we respond to such love? What will we say to our Father when we receive Jesus in the Eucharist? A simple “thank you” seems inadequate. One way is to make this a year when we give our lives more fully to our Lord Jesus Christ. It’s not easy to give our lives to the Lord. We may wonder: What will God ask me to do? Will I have to part with something I treasure? Just what will God do with this gift of self that I am offering to him (Romans 12:1)?

Here is the best part of the Christian life: When you give your life to the Lord, he takes it, fills it with his grace, and gives it back to you transformed (2 Corinthians 3:18). He makes your life overflow with the fruits of his Spirit including his love, joy, and peace (Galatians 5:22). And as a result, you end up happier and more fulfilled than you ever were – even if you are called into a new and demanding area of service to your family or to others. You may be called to take up the challenge to love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you. Maybe you know someone with a serious illness who needs prayers for healing. Maybe you need to pray that a family member or relative would give his or her life to the Lord. Or maybe you are hoping for victory over a sinful area that keeps tripping you up. Don’t box God in. Instead, expect the unexpected—as you give your life more fully to Christ and make him truly your Lord and Savior. That’s what the love of God will do!

So don’t hold back. Even if you’ve done it many times before, let 2019 be a year when the love of God impels you (2 Corinthians 5:14) to give your life more fully to Jesus. And watch to see how he gives it back to you.

“Lord Jesus, take my life. I give it to you. Let it be yours completely. I give you my whole heart, and I believe that you can move any mountains in my life! Fill me afresh with your Holy Spirit so that in 2019, I will deny myself, take up my cross, and follow you.” Amen.