

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH of CORN HILL



Pope Francis
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Bishop Joe Vásquez
Diocese of Austin

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 3, A.D. 2019

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday	Feb 2	5:00 PM	Pro Populo
Sunday	Feb 3	8:30 AM	†Willie & Albina Beyer
Sunday	Feb 3	10:30 AM	†Victor Palousek, Sr. †Jeanette Pokluda
Monday	Feb 4	6:00 PM	Liv/Dec Benefactors of Czech Seminarian Fund
Tuesday	Feb 5	6:00 PM	†Edmond Keating †Mary Jean Stenicka
Wednesday	Feb 6	6:30 PM	†Pete & Eleanora Schwertner Antoinette Certo (for healing)
Thursday	Feb 7	7:00 AM	†Albin & Janette Zurovetz Marshall, Brielle & Conner Cooke
Friday	Feb 8	6:00 PM	†Msgr. Emilián Foltýn Craig & Krystle
Saturday	Feb 9	7:30 AM	†Judy Jackson †Tomás Mužný
Saturday	Feb 9	5:00 PM	Pro Populo
Sunday	Feb 10	8:30 AM	†Albina Sladeczek Tommy Sladeczek (for healing)
Sunday	Feb 10	10:30 AM	†Paul & Rosalie Nemeč †Emil Sherek
Czech Mass	Feb 10	5:00 PM	Liv/Dec Benefactors of Czech Seminarian Fund

Last Week's Collection(s)

January 27: Third Sunday Ordinary Time: \$3,798.25
Faith Formation Program: \$1,118.13

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

Vocations Crucifix Prayer Campaign

February 3 - 9: Bill & Monica Sherek
February 10 - 16: James & Renee Gragg

Rosary for Life

February 3 - 9: Gene & Deanna Fojtik
February 10 - 16: Stephanie Fojtik

This Week at a Glance

Sunday, February 3: --Hospitality Sunday
Monday, February 4: --Senior Citizens' Supper
Tuesday, February 5: --RCIA Class
Wednesday, February 6: --CCE Classes
Thursday, February 7: --Pro-Life Adoration
--Pro-Life Rosary & Meeting
Saturday, February 9: --Ultrasound Health Screening



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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.)

Parish Contacts & Resources

Director of Faith Formation: Lucille D'Elia 737-215-1042
Financial Bookkeeper: Laura Soto 317-767-9782
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Cemetery Director: Johnny Martinka 512-966-4301
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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, February 6, 6:30 PM:

Altar Servers: Carter M, Jenna D, Preston Snook, Emma Fonville
Lector: Lupe Bernal EMHC: Brandi Bernal
Gift Bearers: Grades 5/6

Saturday, February 9, 5:00 PM:

Altar Servers: Matthew & Nathan Klepac, Natalie Mason
Lector: Lupe Bernal
EMHC: Jennifer Klepac, Brandi Bernal, Leo Bringman
Gift Bearers: Alex & Virginia Hernandez
Head Usher: Donald Tsoehner

Sunday, February 10, 8:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Carter M, Shelby Hutchinson, Joseph Brousseau
Lector: Pete Zenner
EMHC: Johnny Martinka, Nancy Zenner, Brandon Danek
Gift Bearers: Pinto & Lucille Nemeč
Head Usher: Tommy Sladeczek

Sunday, February 10, 10:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Jakob Voigt, William Fonville, Martin Ortiz
Lector: Monica Sherek EMHC: Monica Sherek
Gift Bearers: Voigt family Head Usher: Jeff Voigt

CZECH MASS: Sunday, February 10, 5:00 PM:

Altar Servers: John Danek, Caleb & Amy Stefek
Lectors: (Ann & Michelle Hyzak)
EMHC: Jim & Mary Margaret Heuertz, James Nemeč
Gift Bearers: Billy & Belinda Beyer
Head Usher: Frank Knapek

EMHC to Shut-ins: Sunday, February 10: Brandon Danek

Thank you to everyone who supported last weekend's fundraiser, proceeds of which benefitted our Cemetery fund. We especially appreciate those who helped set up and prepare and serve the meal and desserts. God bless you all.

2018/19 Catholic Services Appeal: Your gift to the Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) helps to sustain Catholic schools, religious education, ministerial formation, and initiatives for life, peace and justice. Thank you to those who have already made a donation. If you have not, please prayerfully consider doing so.

We will have the **Blessing of Throats** at all Masses this weekend (February 2/3) as February 3 is the feast of St. Blaise and it is our tradition to bless the throats of the faithful asking for St. Blaise to protect us from all illness, especially that of the throat.

All visitors and parishioners are invited to our **Hospitality Sunday** today (Sunday, February 3) in the PAC Bldg after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. We appreciate the Charles & Jennifer Marquis family for preparing the breakfast.

Our monthly **Senior Citizens' Supper** will be held this Monday, February 4, at 6:30 p.m. in the PAC Bldg. We thank the Confraternity of Christian Mothers for preparing the meal.

RCIA: Class this Tuesday, February 5, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg. Discussion: Holy Orders (Priesthood/Diaconate).

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

Adult Faith Enrichment: Class this Wednesday, February 6, in the PAC Bldg after the 6:30 p.m. Mass. All adults of our parish are invited to attend this program and we sincerely encourage the parents of our CCE students (especially those with kids in their sacrament years) to enrich your faith education so that you are able to appropriately guide your child(ren) in their faith journey!

Do you remember your Confirmation? Can you answer questions about this Sacrament that your teen (or younger) may ask you? **We will have a three-week session on the Sacrament of Confirmation in our Wednesday Adult Faith class on February 13, 20 & 27.** These classes will explain what this Sacrament means in today's Church, what it means in today's world – especially for our teens/young adults, what they are currently learning in their Confirmation class, etc. **Confirmation Parents & Sponsors: if your teen is currently enrolled in our Confirmation program, then these classes are especially necessary for you – and you are strongly encouraged to attend!** So mark your calendars – set all other activities aside for a few Wednesday nights – and attend for both you and your child(ren)'s benefit.

Pro-Life Adoration this Thursday, February 7, from 3 – 9 p.m. in the church. Come spend time with the Lord, present in the Holy Eucharist.

Our **Pro-Life Prayer & Awareness Group** will meet this Thursday, February 7. They will begin with a Pro-Life Rosary in the church at 6:30 p.m. and continue with their meeting in the RE Bldg afterwards. Everyone is invited to the Rosary and the meeting.



Elite Medical Imaging (EMI) will be here on Saturday, February 9, in the RE Bldg, to provide our annual **Preventive Ultrasound Health Screening**. Ultrasound screenings are painless, non-invasive and contain no radiation. Eight preventive screenings will be offered: carotid artery, abdominal aorta, thyroid, liver, spleen, gallbladder and both kidneys. These screenings are not typically done at doctor's visits or at annual checkups,

nor will insurance companies pay for them, unless you are symptomatic. Their radiologist recommends these screenings be considered on an annual basis as a preventive measure. Oftentimes, results can change from one year to the next based on age, stress factors and lifestyle. Screenings will be offered to you for \$49 each or the full package, (all 8 areas) for just \$150.00! Flex spending accounts may be used, and all other forms of payment are accepted the day of the screening. Appointments are required and will be offered on a first come first serve basis. Call to schedule your appointment today at **713-568-8331 or 855-303-0667**.

We will celebrate our annual **Czech Mass** next Sunday, February 10, at 5:00 p.m., 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. (This Mass does fulfill your Sunday obligation.) 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. A meal will be held afterward in the PAC Bldg for those at the Mass.

K.J.T. Society #28, Granger, will have a **Fried Pork Steak Dinner** next Sunday, February 10, at the SSCM recreation hall. Serving will begin at 11:00 a.m. (until they run out), and plates are \$10 each. To-go plates will be available inside (no drive-thru).

SSCM Church in Granger will host the world-famous **International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Fatima** next Wednesday, February 13, from 8:00 a.m. – 8:30 p.m. in the church, where you will have an opportunity to hear the story of Our Lady of Fatima and venerate her in this form. Everyone is invited for this extraordinary occasion of healing, hope and grace. The tour of this statue throughout the world has been on-going for more than 70 years and is for those who will probably never have the opportunity to make a pilgrimage to Fatima, Portugal, to be able to experience the favors and graces, cures and countless conversions associated with the image. The presence of this special statue, sculpted from Sr. Lucia's description of her encounters with Our Lady, is a great gift to our community. Visit www.fatimatourforpeace.com for more info.

K.J.Z.T St. Agnes Society #15 will meet on Wednesday, February 20 (please notice date change from Feb 6), at 6:00 p.m. in the home of Barbara Danek. Members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

This past week, the Diocese of Austin published the names of all people who have worked for the Church and have been credibly accused of inappropriate conduct with minors within the last 50 years. **In accord with our diocesan Ethics & Integrity in Ministry (EIM) policy:** the Diocese of Austin is committed to preventing harm from happening to any of our children or vulnerable adults. If you are aware of sexual or physical abuse and/or neglect of a child or vulnerable adult, state law requires you to report that information to local law enforcement or to the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services at (800) 252-5400 or www.dfps.state.tx.us. Additionally, if the suspected abuse is by clergy or an employee or volunteer of any diocesan parish, school or agency, a Confidential Notice of Concern should be submitted to the diocesan Ethics and Integrity in Ministry Office at (512) 949-2400. The Confidential Notice of Concern can be found at www.austindiocese.org (click on the link HOW TO REPORT ABUSE). Reports may be made anonymously.

...AROUND THE DIOCESE...

St. William Parish in Round Rock will host a **Sweetheart Dinner and Dance** on February 9 at their Evangelization Center. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the dance will follow from 8 – 11 p.m. Music by Gary Hobbs. Tickets are \$40 per person, which includes dinner. Reserved tickets are \$60. For more information, call Julio Campos at 512-635-4707.

A Healing Pilgrimage Retreat on the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes will be held February 11 from 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at Cedarbrake Retreat Center in Belton. Focus on the great love of Mary, the message of Lourdes, pray the rosary and celebrate Mass with the sacrament of anointing. Father Albert Haase, Beverly Collin and Brian Egan will facilitate the day. Cost is \$40 and includes lunch. For more information and to register, visit www.austindiocese.org/cedarbrake or call (254) 780-2436.

Married couples are invited to strengthen, renew and rekindle their sacrament of matrimony by attending one of the **2019 Marriage Encounter weekends:** Feb. 8-10 in Belton, March 29-31 in Round Rock, Sept. 6-8 in Round Rock or Nov. 1-3 in Belton. The emphasis of the Marriage Encounter ministry is on communication between husband and wife, who spend a weekend together away from the distractions and the tensions of everyday life, to concentrate on each other. For more information, visit www.austinme.org or call (512) 677-9963.

The seventh annual **Catholic Men's Conference** will be held on February 23 from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. at St. William Parish in Round Rock. This year's theme is "No Man Left Behind: Winning God's Way." Speakers include Hector Molina, Vince Young and Jon Leonetti. Register at www.centexcatholic.com.

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!

February 2/3 – Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time:

Considering the decadence of this contemporary age in secular society, there is a critical need to stand up for what is right and just. We are reminded by Jeremiah that taking the hard right, as opposed to the easy wrong, is the correct moral and ethical choice. As long as we stand on the promises of Christ, God will provide us the fortitude and strength to speak the truth.

Dear friends in Christ,

Peace be with you! Thank you to everyone who helped to make the Cemetery Fundraiser meal a success. Your hard work and dedication are greatly appreciated. We will have a report in the bulletin in a few weeks with the results of the fundraiser.

Today, Sunday, February 3, is the feast of St. Blaise, who was a bishop in Sebaste in Armenia in the late 200's and early 300's. He was a very holy man, known for working several miracles to save the lives of people. One miracle was when he saved a boy from choking on a fish bone. No one could get the bone out but Blaise was able to save the boy's life. On the feast of St. Blaise it is our tradition to bless the throats of the faithful. We will have the blessing of throats at all Masses this weekend.

Don Schwager gives us a good meditation on this Sunday's readings: [Do you believe that God wants to act with power in your life today? The Power to set you free from sin, hurtful desires, fear and oppression. Throughout the Scriptures we see God performing mighty acts to save his people from death and destruction - from Noah's ark that spared his family from the flood of wickedness that had spread across the land to Moses and the Israelites who crossed through the parting waters of the Red Sea as they fled the armies of Pharaoh their slave Master and oppressor.

Throughout the Gospel accounts Jesus praised individuals who put their faith in God as they remembered the great and wonderful deeds he had performed time and again. Jesus even praised outsiders - non-Jews and pagans from other lands who had heard about the mighty deeds of the God of Israel. One example Jesus mentioned was Naaman the pagan army commander from Syria who was afflicted with leprosy - a debilitating skin disease that slowly ate away the flesh (2 Kings 5:1-15).

Naaman's slave-girl was a young Jewish woman who had faith in God and compassion for Naaman her master. She urged him to seek healing from Elisha, the great prophet of Israel. When Naaman went to the land of Israel to seek a cure for his leprosy, the prophet Elisha instructed him to bathe seven times in the Jordan river. Naaman was indignant at first, but then repented and followed the prophet's instructions. In doing so he was immediately restored in body and spirit.

What is the significance of Naaman's healing for us? Ephrem the Syrian (306-373 AD), an early Christian teacher from Edessa, tells us that Naaman's miraculous healing at the River Jordan, prefigures the mystery of the healing which is freely granted to all nations of the earth by our Lord Jesus through the *regenerating waters of baptism and renewal in the Holy Spirit* (Titus 3:5). "Therefore Naaman was sent to the Jordan as to the remedy capable to heal a human being. Indeed, sin is the leprosy of the soul, which is not perceived by the senses, but intelligence has the proof of it, and human nature must be delivered from this disease by Christ's power which is hidden in baptism. It was necessary that Naaman, in order to be purified from two diseases, that of the soul and that of the body, might represent in his own person the purification of all the nations through the bath of regeneration, whose beginning was in the river Jordan, the mother and originator of baptism." (commentary On The Second Book Of Kings 5.10-1)

Jesus told Nicodemus, "unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God" (John 3:5). The Lord Jesus wants to renew in each one of us the gift of faith and the regenerating power of baptism and the Holy Spirit (Titus 3:5) which cleanses us of the leprosy of sin and makes us "newborn" sons and daughters of God.

We all stand in need of God's grace and merciful help every day and every moment of our lives. Scripture tells us that "the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning" (Lamentations 3:22-23). God gives grace to the humble who seek him with expectant faith and with a repentant heart that wants to be made whole and clean again.

The Lord Jesus will set us free from every sinful habit and every harmful way of relating to our neighbor, if we allow him to cleanse and heal us. If we want to walk in freedom and grow in love and holiness, then we must humbly renounce our sinful ways and submit to Christ's instruction and healing discipline in our lives. Scripture tells us that the Lord disciplines us *for our good that we may share his holiness* (Hebrews 12:10). Do you want the Lord Jesus to set you free and make you whole again? Ask him to show you the way to walk in his healing love and truth.]

Pastorace.cz says the following about today's readings: Nikdo není prorokem ve své vlasti. Jak zneužitelné úsloví! Může totiž ospravedlnit moji pohodlnost, bezcharakternost, která rozmazává moji nejhlubší identitu – nechci se náhodou dostat do křížku s vlastní rodinou („stejně nebudu prorokem, nebudu přijatý, nač se namáhat!“), a proto se navenek projevují... jako „normální“ (příliš normální) člověk: hlavně nedát najevo (slovem nebo postojem), že jsem věřící! Že mám určité zásady, že spoléhám na Krista. Naše úsloví však může paradoxně odůvodnit i... opačný postoj. Pokud druzí nechtějí přijmout moje evangelium (třeba necitlivě vnucené), pak „je to samozřejmě jejich chyba (v žádném případě ne moje), koneckonců to už Kristus předpověděl a on sám dopadl zrovna tak, fiaskem – takže nic nového pod sluncem“.

Samozřejmě že naše okřídlené úsloví neospravedlňuje ani to první, ani to druhé. Je to jen přísloví, a ne „železné pravidlo“! Neplatí absolutně! To je krásně doložitelné na příkladu Matky Ježíšovy: ona přijímala Ježíšovo slovo, „ačkoli“ byla jeho nejbližší. Ona tedy přijala proroka, svého vlastního syna. Co z toho vyplývá pro mě? Možná se příliš bojím být prorokem mezi svými. Nechci narazit, vypadat divně, ztratit sympatie. Avšak... jsem pak kvasem? Světlem pro druhé? Cožpak se má světlo schovat pod nádobu? Není to škoda – ztráta pro mě a pro druhé?

In the recent minutes of our Pastoral Council meeting, it was mentioned that we were beginning the long-range planning for our parish. We have hired RBDR PLLC Architects, of Waco, to assist us with this planning. In the next few weeks, some of you, mainly those who are head of organizations or committees at our parish, will receive phone calls from this firm asking for your input. Please answer their questions and tell them your vision of what you want Holy Trinity Catholic Church to be in the next 10 to 15 years. Your input is very important to us.

May all of you have a most blessed week.

Fr. Stephen Nestrta, farář