

# HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH of CORN HILL



Pope Francis  
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Bishop Joe Vásquez  
Diocese of Austin

## Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

March 3, A.D. 2019

### Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday	Mar 2	5:00 PM	Liv/Dec Members of KJZT #15, St Agnes of Bohemia
Sunday	Mar 3	8:30 AM	Pro Populo
Sunday	Mar 3	10:30 AM	†Edward & Margie Havelka †Ruth Ann Ryan
Tuesday	Mar 5	6:00 PM	†Virginia McMaster †Edith Hejl
<b>Ash Wednesday</b>			
Wednesday	Mar 6	7:00 AM	†Bea Baron
		12 Noon	†Hubert Klepac
		6:30 PM	†Tommy Rose Martine
Thursday	Mar 7	7:00 AM	†Angela Danek Marshall, Brielle & Conner Cooke
Friday	Mar 8	6:00 PM	†Pete & Eleanora Schwertner †Paul Nemeč
Saturday	Mar 9	7:30 AM	†Judy Jackson †Jo Gray
Saturday	Mar 9	5:00 PM	†Robert & Crecencia Hernandez John Gavin
Sunday	Mar 10	8:30 AM	†Bea Baron †Johnny and Albert Sladeczek
Sunday	Mar 10	10:30 AM	Pro Populo

### Altar Flowers

The flowers at the Crucifix, Tabernacle & Eucharistic Altar are placed in honor of **Matthew Mertink & Amy Janecka** for their celebration of the Sacrament of Matrimony this weekend.

### Last Week's Collection(s)

**February 24:** Seventh Sunday Ordinary Time: \$4,302.30  
Faith Formation Program: \$1,430.30

### Vocations Crucifix Prayer Campaign

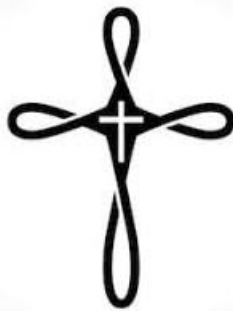
**March 3 – 9: Kathy Windhauser**  
March 10 – 16: Agnes Taylor

### Rosary for Life

**March 3 – 9: Bill & Sharon Parma**  
March 10 – 16: Keith Youngpeter

### This Week at a Glance

Monday, March 4: --Senior Citizens' Supper  
Tuesday, March 5: --RCIA Class  
Wednesday, March 6: --NO CCE Classes  
--NO Adult Faith Enrichment  
Thursday, March 7: --Pro-Life Adoration  
Saturday, March 9: --EIM Workshop



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**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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**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

#### ASH WEDNESDAY: March 6:

**7:00 AM:** Altar Server: Natalie Mason (& volunteers)  
**Lector:** Lupe B **EMHC:** Ray Nemeč **Head Usher:** Stephanie W

**12 Noon:** Altar Servers: (volunteers)  
**Lector/EMHC:** Jennifer Klepac **Head Usher:** Frank K

**6:30 PM:** Altar Servers: Caleb & Amy S, Preston & Heather Snook  
**Lector:** Nancy Zenner **EMHC:** Jim & Mary Margaret H, Pete Z  
**Gift Bearers:** Billy & Belinda Beyer **Head Usher:** Donald T

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

**Altar Servers:** Matthew & Nathan Klepac, Natalie Mason  
**Lector:** Lupe Bernal  
**EMHC:** Jennifer Klepac, Brandi Bernal, Leo Bringman  
**Gift Bearers:** John & Kathleen Valenta  
**Head Usher:** Donald Tsocherner

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

**Altar Servers:** Carter Marquis, Shelby Hutchinson, Lucas Beyer  
**Lector:** Chris Stefek  
**EMHC:** Johnny Martinka, Monica Sherek, Ray Nemeč  
**Gift Bearers:** Pinto & Lucille Nemeč  
**Head Usher:** Tommy Sladeczek

#### Sunday, March 10, 10:30 AM:

**Altar Servers:** Jakob Voigt, William & Emma Fonville, Martin Ortiz  
**Lector:** Nancy Zenner  
**EMHC:** Pete & Nancy Zenner  
**Gift Bearers:** Voigt family  
**Head Usher:** Jeff Voigt

**EMHC to Shut-ins: Sunday, March 10:** Monica Sherek

**We congratulate and welcome James Allen Weber, Jr. and Sophia Leann Weber** (infant son and daughter of James & Stacey Weber) into the Catholic Church, and the parish family, through the Sacrament of Baptism.

We will have our monthly **Senior Citizens' Supper** this Monday, March 4, at 6:30 p.m. in the PAC Bldg. We appreciate Catholic Life Insurance, Branch 50, for preparing the meal.

**RCIA:** Class this Tuesday, March 5, at 7:00 p.m. in the church. Discussion: Evening of Reflection – the Forty Days of Lent.

**CCE: NO Classes** this Wednesday, March 6, due to Ash Wednesday. All families are encouraged to attend one of our 3 Masses.

**Adult Faith Enrichment: No Class** this Wednesday, March 6, due to Ash Wednesday.

Our Lenten journey begins this **Ash Wednesday – March 6** – with Masses celebrated at 7:00 a.m., 12 Noon and 6:30 p.m. We also invite you to pick up and use the Lenten issue of *The Word Among Us*, which is located by the bulletins.

We will have the **World & Home Missions collection** on Ash Wednesday, March 6, at all Masses. Please be generous and also remember to pray daily for all Catholic Missions, at home and abroad, as they share the Word of God with many.

**Fast and Abstinence During Lent:** Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence and Fridays are obligatory days of abstinence. The norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may also be taken, but not to equal a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding from age 14 onwards. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the “paschal fast” to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus and to prepare ourselves to share more fully, and to celebrate more readily, His Resurrection.

The diocesan **Ashes to Easter Lenten Mission Campaign** begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6. **We invite each family to take a mission box home in support of the missionary works of the Diocese of Austin.** Put the box in a central location in your home and remember, daily, to put in some coins and say a prayer for the missionaries and their work...then return the box at Easter.

**Season of Lent = Corporal Works of Mercy = Feed the Hungry!** During this Lenten season, beginning on Ash Wednesday, March 6, we will have a **Food Drive** for the Caring Place (in Georgetown), which supports our, and the surrounding, community. Non-perishable food items (a list of items needed is available by the bulletins) can be put in the marked boxes in the church. Monetary donations are also accepted. For all questions or information, please contact Lucille D’Elia.

**Pro-Life Adoration** this Thursday, March 7, from 3 – 9 p.m. in the church. Begin the Season of Lent by spending time with the Lord, present in the Holy Eucharist.

**Our Ethics & Integrity in Ministry (EIM) Workshop will be held next Saturday, March 9, from 10:00 – 12:00 p.m. in the PAC Bldg. If you plan to attend this – or any other workshop – you need to do some things prior to the class!** You will register for the workshop on the diocesan website. If you don’t have access to the internet, you may contact the parish office and we will help you out. But, for those of you who do, please go online ([www.austindiocese.org](http://www.austindiocese.org)) and follow all of the directions on the Ethics & Integrity in Ministry page. If you have already taken an EIM course, then you will just have to sign up for a workshop. If you have NEVER taken an EIM course, then you will have to complete the online application and sign up for the workshop at the same time. **It is very important that you do all of the above before attending the workshop! And...as new diocesan policy, workshop registration must be done within 24 hours of the class and walk-ins CANNOT be admitted on the day of the workshop!!** Questions or problems? Please don’t hesitate to call the parish office.

**Daylight Savings Time begins** next Sunday, March 10, so remember to move your clocks forward one hour on that Saturday evening.

Enhance your time of preparation during the Season of Lent by attending our upcoming **Bible Study** entitled **No Greater Love: a Biblical Walk through Christ’s Passion**. Learn, more fully, the mystery of Christ’s suffering and death and come to a deeper understanding and appreciation of God’s immeasurable and unconditional love - drawing closer to Jesus than you ever have before. The Study will be held each Monday evening, from March 11 – April 8, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg. A sign-up sheet is available in the foyer of the church and questions can be directed to Pete Zenner (512-863-4038).

Join us each Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. during Lent for **Stations of the Cross**, beginning on March 13, to reflect on the suffering and death of our Lord, Jesus Christ, on the Cross. (Our weekday Wednesday Masses will be at 7:00 a.m. during Lent.)

**Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Update for our parish:** We had a CSA pledge goal this year of \$23,500. We have now reached 83% of that goal, with 74 pledges totaling \$19,570...which is more than last week’s totals! We very much appreciate all who have given and ask that, if you have not, please prayerfully consider doing so. Pledge cards/envelopes are located by the bulletins if needed. Thank you.

**Upcoming at Cedarbrake Retreat Center in Belton** ([www.austindiocese.org/cedarbrake](http://www.austindiocese.org/cedarbrake) or call 254-780-2436)

--Ash Wednesday Retreat – held on Wednesday, March 6, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Lent is a time to follow Christ even more interiorly as he shows us the way to live his Father's will. The retreat will include Mass and the distribution of ashes. The cost is \$40 and includes lunch.

--A Silent Lenten Retreat will be held March 8-10. Mass will be celebrated that Saturday and Sunday. Spiritual direction will also be available. This is a wonderful opportunity to take advantage of the quiet as you enter into the Lenten season of preparation. Cost is \$210 and all rooms are private.

**Alan Ames – Catholic Evangelist with the Gift of Healing** – has traveled extensively over the last 23 years visiting 50 countries and 6 continents giving witness to his conversion from a man of sin to one who is very close to God and the Catholic Church. He will be at St. Vincent de Paul Church (9500 Neenah Ave, Austin) on Friday, March 22, at 7:30 p.m. and at St. Mary Our Lady of the Lake Church (6100 Lohman Ford Rd, Lago Vista) on Saturday, March 23, at 4:00 p.m. Each evening includes Mass, his talk and individual prayer and healing. Approved by the Diocese of Austin – visit his website, [www.alanames.org](http://www.alanames.org).

Open enrollment for the school year of 2019-2020, for **St. Mary's Catholic School in Taylor**, has begun. They have classes for PK3 – 8<sup>th</sup> grade, as well as an after school enrichment program, competitive athletics for 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades, and much more! *“Educating for wisdom and virtue – centered on Christ in the classical Catholic tradition – to further God's kingdom through faith, academics and service.”* Flyers are available in the foyer of the church and you can visit their website, [www.stmarystaylor.org](http://www.stmarystaylor.org), or call 512-352-2313.

**Dear friends in Christ,**

Peace be with you. Thank you to all of you for your cards and prayers that you sent me for my birthday. It is truly a blessing to be here at Holy Trinity. I appreciate your kindness to me.

Ash Wednesday is this Wednesday, March 6, and the Season of Lent will begin. During this week, it would be good to prayerfully consider what you are going to do during Lent. Many people give up something, such as sweets, sodas, beer, or smoking. This is a good practice as you make a little sacrifice to remind you of the big sacrifice Jesus made for you on the cross. It is also good to do something extra, like attending the Stations of the Cross which we will have every Wednesday beginning on March 13. Also it is good to read more from the Bible or begin attending Mass during the weekdays when possible and, of course, being faithful to going to Mass every week on the weekend. You may also consider visiting the homebound more often or doing more acts of charity for others.

All of these help you to grow in your spiritual life and in your relationship to God and to one another. Also, don't forget not to eat meat on Fridays during Lent and also on Ash Wednesday. Mass on Ash Wednesday will be at 7:00 am, 12 Noon and 6:30 pm. For more helpful hints for this Lenten Season, visit our website.

How many times have we given someone the wrong advice? Are you willing to admit that you did so? As Jesus says in today's Gospel, sometimes we are like the blind leading the blind. We send people down the wrong path in life. St. Paul tells us in the second reading, “Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain” (1 Cor 15:58). If we do not fully devote ourselves to the work of the Lord as he says, then we are laboring in vain. All we do must be done for the Lord. If we approach everything with this attitude, then we will be doing our best to lead others where God wants them to go. We will then be as Jesus tells us in today's Gospel, we will be producing good fruit.

As Jesus tells us, “A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks” (Lk 6.45). We always want to produce that which is good. We have to remember that the good or evil we do has lasting effects for many, many years. Our words and actions can be good, wise and creative, as mentioned below, or they can be very destructive. What has been the result of your words and actions? What do you want the result to be? As we begin the Season of Lent this week, we want to do all we can to improve our lives so that they produce that which is good. We need to take time to weed out all that is bad. We need to get rid of any rotten fruit that we are holding on to. Take time this Lenten Season to purify your thoughts, words, and actions. By doing this you will become “firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.”

Something to reflect upon: Slova evangelia jsou velkou výzvou: Dobrý člověk vynáší ze svého srdce dobro, ale zlý vydává zlo. Dobro je často mylně zaměňováno za hloupost, prostoduchost a naivitu, zatímco zlo se prezentuje jako lišácká chytrost. Ve skutečnosti to, co buduje svět, není zlo, ale hodnoty. Tak jako křišťálová váza ve srovnání se střepy skla budí nejen respekt, ale přináší i vzácnou hodnotu, tak dobro vytváří skvělé momenty, zatímco zlo pouze boří. Často zlo jen napodobí dobro, ve skutečnosti ho však není schopné. Existuje úsloví: Páchat dobro. Označuje snahu dělat dobro, která ale v důsledcích přinese škody, které je třeba napravit. Skutečné dobro je moudré, tvořivé, vytváří hodnoty, které jsou trvalé a krásné bez vedlejších destruktivních účinků. Co vystupuje z našeho srdce? (From Vira.cz)

May all of you have a wonderful week and a very spiritually renewing Season of Lent.

**Fr. Stephen Nesrsta, farář**

# The Story of Ash Wednesday

FR. WILLIAM SAUNDERS

**Q: A Protestant friend asked me why Catholics use ashes on Ash Wednesday. What are the origins of Ash Wednesday and the use of ashes?**

The liturgical use of ashes originates in Old Testament times. Ashes symbolized mourning, mortality and penance. For instance, in the Book of Esther, Mordecai put on sackcloth and ashes when he heard of the decree of King Ahasuerus (or Xerxes, 485-464BC) of Persia to kill all of the Jewish people in the Persian Empire (Est 4:1). Job (whose story was written between 7th and 5th centuries BC) repented in sackcloth and ashes (Jb 42:6).

Prophesying the Babylonian captivity of Jerusalem, Daniel (c. 550BC) wrote, "I turned to the Lord God, pleading in earnest prayer, with fasting, sackcloth and ashes" (Dn 9:3). In the 5th century BC, after Jonah's preaching of conversion and repentance, the town of Nineveh proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, and the king covered himself with sackcloth and sat in the ashes (Jon 3:5-6). These Old Testament examples evidence both a recognized practice of using ashes and a common understanding of their symbolism.

Jesus Himself also made reference to ashes: Referring to towns that refused to repent of sin although they had witnessed the miracles and heard the good news, our Lord said, "If the miracles worked in you had taken place in Tyre and Sidon, they would have reformed in sackcloth and ashes long ago" (Mt 11:21).

The early Church continued the usage of ashes for the same symbolic reasons. In his book, *De Paenitentia*, Tertullian (c. 160-220) prescribed that the penitent must "live without joy in the roughness of sackcloth and the squalor of ashes." Eusebius (260-340), the famous early Church historian, recounted in his *The History of the Church* how an apostate named Natalis came to Pope Zephyrinus clothed in sackcloth and ashes begging forgiveness. Also during this time, for those who were required to do public penance, the priest sprinkled ashes on the head of the person leaving confession.

In the Middle Ages (at least by the time of the 8th century), those who were about to die were laid on the ground on top of sackcloth sprinkled with ashes. The priest would bless the dying person with holy water, saying, "Remember that thou art dust and to dust thou shalt return." After the sprinkling, the priest asked, "Art thou content with sackcloth and ashes in testimony of thy penance before the Lord in the day of judgment?" To which the dying person replied, "I am content." In all of these examples, the symbolism of mourning, mortality and penance is clear.

Eventually, the use of ashes was adapted to mark the beginning of Lent, the 40-day preparation period (not including Sundays) for Easter. The ritual for the "Day of Ashes" is found in the earliest editions of the Gregorian Sacramentary, which dates at least to the 8th century. About the year 1000, an Anglo-Saxon priest named Aelfric preached, "We read in the books both in the Old Law and in the New that the men who repented of their sins bestrewed themselves with ashes and clothed their bodies with sackcloth. Now let us do this little at the beginning of our Lent that we strew ashes upon our heads to signify that we ought to repent of our sins during the Lenten fast." As an aside, Aelfric reinforced his point by then telling of a man who refused to go to Church on Ash Wednesday and receive ashes; the man was killed a few days later in a boar hunt. Since the Middle Ages at least, the Church has used ashes to mark the beginning of the penitential season of Lent, when we remember our mortality and mourn for our sins.

In our present Ash Wednesday liturgy, we use ashes made from burned palm branches distributed on the Palm Sunday of the previous year. The priest blesses the ashes and imposes them on the foreheads of the faithful, making the sign of the cross and saying, "Remember, man, you are dust and to dust you shall return," or "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel."

As we begin this holy season of Lent in preparation for Easter, we must remember the significance of the ashes we have received: We mourn and do penance for our sins. We again convert our hearts to the Lord, who suffered, died and rose for our salvation. We renew the promises made at our baptism, when we died to an old life and rose to a new life with Christ. Finally, mindful that the kingdom of this world passes away, we strive to live the kingdom of God now and look forward to its fulfillment in heaven. In essence, we die to ourselves, and rise to a new life in Christ.

As we remember the significance of these ashes and strive to live it during this time of Lent, we must allow the Holy Spirit to move us to charity toward our neighbors. Our Holy Father, St. Pope John the Paul II, in his Message for Lent, 2003, said, "It is my fervent hope that believers will find Lent a favorable time for bearing witness to the Gospel of charity in every place, since the vocation to charity is the heart of all true evangelization."

He also lamented that our "age, regrettably is particularly susceptible to the temptation toward selfishness which always lurks within the human heart.... An excessive desire for possessions prevents human beings from being open to their Creator and to their brothers and sisters." This Lent, acts of self-giving love shown to those in need must be part of our penance, conversion and renewal, for such acts constitute the solidarity and justice essential for building up the kingdom of God in this world.