

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH of CORN HILL



Pope Francis
Vatican City State



Bishop Joe Vásquez
Diocese of Austin

First Sunday of Lent

March 10, A.D. 2019

Mass Schedule & Intentions

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
Tuesday	Mar 12	6:00 PM	†Doris Nestrsta †Msgr. Emilián Foltyn
Wednesday	Mar 13	7:00 AM	†Paul Chevalier Craig & Krystle
Thursday	Mar 14	7:00 AM	†Albin & Janette Zurovetz †Joe & Geraldine Klepac
Friday	Mar 15	6:00 PM	†Jerome Tobolka †John & Betty Emge
Saturday	Mar 16	7:30 AM	†Calvin Blackman, Jr. †Francisca Luna
Saturday	Mar 16	5:00 PM	Pro Populo
Sunday	Mar 17	8:30 AM	†Frances Nemec
Sunday	Mar 17	10:30 AM	†Henry and Jeff Taylor

Altar Flowers

Reminder: no flowers are needed during the Lenten season.

Last Week's Collection(s)

March 3: Eighth Sunday Ordinary Time: \$4,700.00
February's Online Donations: \$1,411.75

Vocations Crucifix Prayer Campaign

March 10 – 16: Agnes Taylor

March 17 – 23: Jim & Mary Margaret Heuertz

Rosary for Life

March 10 – 16: Keith Youngpeter

March 17 – 23: Lupe & Brandi Bernal

In Memoriam

We extend our sympathies and prayers to the families of:

Ann Bilicek (mother to Kathleen Valenta of our parish family);

Rosemary Waltman, of our parish family
who was buried here this past Thursday;

Rosalie Vrana, of our parish family,
who was buried here this past Friday.

Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual
light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

✠ Fr. Stephen Nestrsta ✠

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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

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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

Stations of the Cross - Wednesday, March 13:

Altar Servers: Caleb & Amy Stefek, Jakob Voigt

Saturday, March 16, 5:00 PM:

Altar Servers: John & Maria Bruce, Preston & Heather Snook

Lector: Leo Bringman

EMHC: Jim & Mary Margaret Heuertz, Keith Youngpeter

Gift Bearers: Johnny & Bernice Hernandez

Head Usher: Howard Mertink

Sunday, March 17, 8:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Caleb & Amy Stefek, John Danek

Lector: Cynthia Edgar

EMHC: James Nemec, Cynthia Edgar, Ray Nemec

Gift Bearers: Tommy & Cindy Sladeczek

Head Usher: AJ Batla

Sunday, March 17, 10:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Thomas C, Samuel Williams, Abby & Isabella H

Lector: Kelly Godfrey

EMHC: Kelly Godfrey

Gift Bearers: Bill & Linda Montreuil

Head Usher: Frank Knapek

EMHC to Shut-ins: Sunday, March 17: James Nemec

This Week at a Glance

****Parish office open only on Mon, Mar 11 & Tues, Mar 12****

Tuesday, March 12: --RCIA Class

Wednesday, March 13: --Stations of the Cross

--NO CCE Classes

--NO Adult Faith Enrichment

Thursday, March 14:

--Pro-Life Adoration



Sts. Cyril & Methodius of Granger invites everyone to their **Parish Mission, entitled "Signed & Sealed with the Cross"**, this Sunday, March 10 – Tuesday, March 12. Each evening will begin with praise and worship at 6:50 p.m., followed by a one-hour presentation by Fr. Albert Hasse, OFM, at 7:00 p.m.

****Parish Office:** will be open on Monday & Tuesday, March 11 & 12, and closed the rest of the week. Bulletin items need to be turned in by Monday at 3:00 p.m.

Our Lenten **Bible Study**, entitled **No Greater Love: a Biblical Walk through Christ's Passion**, begins this Monday, March 11, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg (and will continue each Monday evening thru April 8). 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. All questions can be directed to Pete Zenner (512-863-4038).

RCIA: Class this Tuesday, March 12, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg. Discussion: Catholic Moral Teachings / the Ten Commandments / Moral Living and Decision Making.

Stations of the Cross this Wednesday, March 13, at 6:30 p.m. in the church. Take the time to reflect on the suffering and death of our Lord, Jesus Christ, on the Cross.

Choir practice for the Easter season will begin this Wednesday, March 13, in the church after Stations of the Cross. All those interested in singing with the choir should contact Ronnie Simek at 512-630-5074.

CCE: NO Classes this Wednesday, March 13. Classes will resume on Wednesday, March 20, at 6:15 p.m. We will attend Stations of the Cross at 6:30 p.m. and then continue with class in the RE Bldg as usual.

Adult Faith Enrichment: No Class this Wednesday, March 13. Class will resume on Wednesday, March 20, after Stations of the Cross, in the PAC Bldg. ****Beginning on March 27, our classes will be held in the RE Bldg and will be geared toward the Sacrament of Holy Communion (specifically for the parents & students of our Sacrament 2 – First Holy Communion – class). This will be from March 27 – May 1, and will wrap up this year's Adult Faith classes.**

Pro-Life Adoration this Thursday, March 14, from 3 – 9 p.m. in the church. Celebrate the Season of Lent more fully by spending time with the Lord, present in the Holy Eucharist.

The diocesan **Ashes to Easter Lenten Mission Campaign** began on Ash Wednesday. **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, 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.

Novena Prayer to St. Joseph

(Please pray the following with your family from March 10-18)

O Glorious St. Joseph, faithful follower of Jesus Christ, to you do we raise our hearts and hands to implore your powerful intercession in obtaining from the Merciful Heart of Jesus all the helps and graces necessary for our spiritual and temporal welfare, particularly the grace of a happy death, and the special favors we now implore... (you may add your own petitions here)

O Chaste Guardian of Jesus Christ, The Word Incarnate, we have great confidence that your prayers on our behalf will be graciously heard before the throne of God.

V. Glorious St. Joseph, through the love you bore toward Jesus Christ and for the glory of His name,

P. Hear our prayers and obtain our petitions.

-Let us pray-

O Glorious St. Joseph, Spouse of the Immaculate Virgin Mary, help us to be pure, humble and charitable in body, mind and soul, and to have perfect resignation to the Divine Will. Be our guide, our father and our model through life, that we may merit to die in the arms of Jesus and Mary as you did. **St. Joseph, friend of the Sacred Heart, pray for us!**

(The Confraternity of Christian Mothers invites everyone to a **"St. Joseph's Altar Celebration"** on March 19...details on back of the bulletin.)

NOTE: While we appreciate the helpful gesture, we cordially ask that you let the Altar Servers extinguish the candles on the altars after Mass, as they are aware of the proper method.

**During the Season of Lent, it is important that we reconcile ourselves with one another, and with God!
Please take the time for you and your family to go to Confession ... that your hearts, souls and minds will be ready for
the Sacrifice and Resurrection of our Lord. The following are several opportunities for Confession in our area:**

Sts. Cyril & Methodius in Granger: Sunday, March 17, 6:00 p.m.; St. Mary in Taylor: Monday, March 18, 6:30 p.m.
St. John Vianney in Round Rock: Monday, March 25, 7:00 p.m.; St. Elizabeth in Pflugerville: Tuesday, March 26, 6:30 p.m.
St. Helen in Georgetown: Thursday, March 28, 7:00 p.m.; Our Lady of Guadalupe in Taylor: Wednesday, April 3, 7:00 p.m.
Holy Trinity of Corn Hill: Sunday, April 7, 5:00 p.m.; St. Joseph in Manor: Tuesday, April 9, 7:00 p.m.
St. Patrick in Hutto: Tuesday, April 9, 7:00 p.m.; St. William in Round Rock: Wednesday, April 10, 7:00 p.m.
St. William in Round Rock: Monday, April 15, 1:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Dear friends in Christ,

This past week, we began the holy season of Lent. There are three aspects to the season of Lent and they are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Increased prayer helps us to grow in our relationship with Jesus, fasting helps us to gain a spiritual hunger for our Lord and helps us to gain self-control of our appetites and desires, and almsgiving helps us in our need to live as Jesus did in service to other people. These all help to prepare Christians to celebrate the resurrection of the Lord. Lent helps to remind Christians of their sinfulness and the need to return to their baptismal innocence.

During the Lenten season, we, as Catholics, pray the Stations of the Cross every week, usually on Wednesday or Friday, as we meditate on Jesus being arrested in the Garden, brought before Pilate, scourged, crowned with thorns, carrying His cross, being crucified and then buried. By meditating on these last events of Jesus' life, we come to have a greater appreciation of the Resurrection of our Lord from the dead so that we can truly celebrate Easter with abundant joy. **Please join us every Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm for the Stations of the Cross.**

In today's Gospel, we hear how Jesus took time out of His earthly journey for a little retreat. His retreat lasted for forty days. He knew that, in His humanity, He needed to stay in close touch with His Heavenly Father. So, He goes out into the desert to be alone with Him. He was very much aware of the Father's presence in His life. Do we have such an awareness of the Heavenly Father's presence in our life?

We Christians possess the most valuable treasure in the world, Jesus Christ. Sometimes we are out of touch with this great treasure, this great gift. Why? Maybe it is because we think that we own or possess Jesus, and therefore, we do not let Him possess us. Or, perhaps, we focus only on some of the external things in our life and miss that which really matters. For example, if a man or woman is highly involved in a particular sport, he or she might identify him or herself as a golfer, a football player, a hockey player or a body builder. Or a person might identify themselves with a physical characteristic. Quite often, we identify ourselves with our work. We might work as a doctor, engineer, farmer, rancher, mechanic, or carpenter, nurse, or plumber, but we are infinitely more than that. We are Christians.

We are tempted to identify with a physical quality, a social role, a significant experience or a personality trait. But, in doing so, we miss something. We miss that which is the most significant aspect of our existence. We miss a dimension that remains hidden. We are not just physical beings. We are also spiritual beings ... every one of us. At the level of our deepest being, our deepest selves, we are sons and daughters of the Most High God. We are brothers and sisters of the Lord Jesus Christ. He is within us. We have the capacity to be Jesus in the world.

The journey with the Lord during Lent is a journey of spiritual self-discovery. All of the practices we embrace during Lent, the additional times for prayers, daily Mass, Stations of the Cross, the fasting we do to remember the suffering of the Lord, the seeking forgiveness for our sins by going to confession, all of these practices are wonderful ways of strengthening our spiritual lives. They remind us that we each have the capability of making the Lord present in the world. God can and will use each of us to transform the world if we just allow Him to do so.

All of us are on a journey in life. Now, in this season of Lent, we are on a journey, from Ash Wednesday to Easter, that travels through Good Friday. We are on a forty day retreat with our God. We are called to a deeper understanding of our personal passions, the suffering we willingly embrace because others deserve to be loved with a sacrificial love. For our young families, this suffering might mean being tired all the time because the baby and little children take so much out of you. For those with older children, the suffering might be the continual battle against the forces of immorality attacking the children. For those who are retired, the suffering might mean not having the time to do the things you dreamed of doing in retirement because it is far more important to care for your sick spouse. We are called to unite our acts of sacrificial love with Jesus on the cross.

Jesus journeyed to Jerusalem to radically transform the world. He invites us to join Him on the journey during Lent. May our Lent be, for each of us, a journey of discovery, or maybe one of rediscovery...the rediscovery of the Life of Christ. Living the Life of Christ is the valuable gift we so often ignore. From the outside, it may seem to be an antique. But, when we really open it up and look inside, we find that it is a life that is new each and every day. Live that life and journey through this life with our Lord. Stay in close touch with Him.

Here is a brief reflection on this Lenten Journey: Postní putování se může stát vysilujícím asketickým cvičením (pouhým odříkáním vyprazdňujícím náš život), namáhavou cestou pouště daleko od zabydleného domova zvyků (pokud se snažíme „vykořenit“ nějaké špatné zvyky), pomalým klopýtáním a „upadnutím“ kvůli celkovému oslabení (a tím upadnutím miníme např. podléhání netrpělivosti a zlobě vůči bližním, třeba kvůli maličkostem) – nechceš-li podlehnout, nechceš-li padnout vysílený, znechucený (s pochybovačnou otázkou „je toto pravé prožívání postní doby?“), pak... se posiluj Božím pokrmem, Božím slovem. To je ta výbava na cestu, „proviant“, který ti umožní dojít až do Jeruzaléma, místa smrti a vzkříšení.

May the Lord bless you all with a spiritually renewing Season of Lent.

Fr. Stephen Nestrta, farář



Celebrate the Feast of Saint Joseph

on Tuesday, March 19, with Mass at 6:00 p.m.,

followed by a *St. Joseph's Altar Celebration* in the PAC

sponsored by the *Confraternity of Christian Mothers*

The Altar will be blessed by Fr. Stephen and then participants will be able to enjoy the meatless foods provided on the altar.

In keeping with tradition, donations for those in need will be appreciated for the benefit of the Caring Place in Georgetown.

The farmers looked out across their barren fields, sweat beading down their faces from the hot sun and a cloudless sky. Dried-out crops popped beneath their feet. As they walked across fields that should be spotted with the bright colors of life, dust kicked up around their legs. They looked to the sky, searching for a cloud, but none were in sight. It was the 1600s and a great famine had set in for the great agricultural island of Sicily.

With no rain, no crops, and barely a single hope left, the people of Sicily began to pray. They turned to St. Joseph, their patron saint, and pleaded for rain. In return, they vowed to honor St. Joseph with a large and plentiful feast. After what seemed like an eternity of unanswered prayers, the heavens finally burst open like an overfilled wine cask and the rain poured down upon dusty fields and withered crops.

To honor their promise, the Sicilian farmers prepared a grand feast. The grand feast became a tradition throughout Sicily and Italy, and is now known as the St. Joseph's Altar. On March 19, St. Joseph's feast day, Italians carried on the tradition and, when many immigrated to America, they brought the tradition with them. Today, many parishes still celebrate St. Joseph's Altar on March 19.

Regardless of heritage or nationality, Catholics across the world have embraced the tradition as a very real reminder of the blessings bestowed upon us by God through the intercession of His saints. It's a day to celebrate and share those blessings, yet it is also a day to celebrate the family. It was the family that God chose for His Son to begin the work of salvation, and He chose St. Joseph as the patriarch of this family. This is why St. Joseph was chosen as the patron saint of families. In the Holy Family of St. Joseph, Mary, and Jesus, we find the perfect example for all Christian families to reflect.

A Novena to St. Joseph begins this Sunday, March 10, and the prayer can be found in this bulletin.

**Join us in celebrating the family
on the Feast Day of the
Patron Saint of Families, Fathers,
and the Universal Church,
St. Joseph!**

