

# HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH of CORN HILL



Pope Francis  
Vatican City State



Bishop Joe Vásquez  
Diocese of Austin

## Second Sunday of Lent

March 17, A.D. 2019

### Mass Schedule & Intentions

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
Monday	Mar 18	7:00 AM	†Frank Lockwood
Tuesday	Mar 19	6:00 PM	Confraternity of Christian Mothers †Adolph & Louise Valenta
Wednesday	Mar 20	7:00 AM	†Albina Sladeczek †Ann Thompson
Thursday	Mar 21	7:00 AM	†Joe Tschoerner, Jr. Virgil Tonn (for healing)
Friday	Mar 22	NO MASS	
Saturday	Mar 23	NO MASS	
Saturday	Mar 23	5:00 PM	†Johnnie Simek †Greg Maney
Sunday	Mar 24	8:30 AM	Pro Populo
Sunday	Mar 24	10:30 AM	†Bill Klepac

### Altar Flowers

To donate altar flowers in memory or honor of loved ones, complete an 'Altar Flower Envelope' (by bulletins or from website).

**Reminder:** no flowers needed during Lent (thru April 21).

### Last Week's Collection(s)

**March 6:** World & Home Missions: \$1,716.71

**March 10:** First Sunday of Lent: \$4,421.69

### Vocations Crucifix Prayer Campaign

**March 17 – 23:** Jim & Mary Margaret Heuertz

March 24 – 30: James Nemec

### Rosary for Life

**March 17 – 23:** Lupe & Brandi Bernal

March 24 – 30: James & Renee Gragg

### Prayer for Lent

Jesus, teach me to see with your eyes, to live life as you lived, to understand life as you understand it. Give me a new perception of others, close and far, seen always as brothers and sisters in you to be respected and loved. 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 20, 6:30 PM:**

**Altar Servers:** Joseph, William & Adelaide Brousseau

**Saturday, March 23, 5:00 PM:**

**Altar Servers:** Matthew & Nathan Klepac, Natalie Mason

**Lector:** Jennifer Klepac

**EMHC:** Brandi Bernal, Irene Cavanaugh & Patsy Hightower

**Gift Bearers:** Jim & Mary Margaret Heuertz

**Head Usher:** Stephanie Wright

**Sunday, March 24, 8:30 AM:**

**Altar Servers:** Carter Marquis, Lucas Beyer, William Brousseau

**Lector:** Chris Stefek

**EMHC:** Johnny Martinka, Ray Nemec, Brandon Danek

**Gift Bearers:** Johnny & Dee Martinka

**Head Usher:** A.J. Batla

**Sunday, March 24, 10:30 AM:**

**Altar Servers:** John Danek, William & Emma Fonville, Martin Ortiz

**Lector:** Kelly Godfrey

**EMHC:** Kelly Godfrey

**Gift Bearers:** Susan Schoenbaechler

**Head Usher:** Frank Knapek

**EMHC to Shut-ins: Sunday, March 24:** Ray Nemec

### This Week at a Glance

Tuesday, March 19:

--RCIA Class

Wednesday, March 20:

--Stations of the Cross

--CCE Classes

--Adult Faith Enrichment

Thursday, March 21:

--Pro-Life Adoration



The family of Rosie Vrana wishes to thank everyone for the prayers, comfort and encouragement during their time of loss. Thanks to Fr. Stephen and the music ministers for a beautiful Mass and to everyone that helped with the funeral meal and who brought food and desserts.

Our Lenten **Bible Study**, entitled **No Greater Love: a Biblical Walk through Christ's Passion**, has begun, and will continue each Monday evening, thru April 8, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg. Questions can be directed to Lucille D'Elia.

In observance of St. Joseph's feast day, the Confraternity of Christian Mothers will host a **St. Joseph's Altar**, to which all are invited, this Tuesday, March 19, in the PAC Bldg, immediately after the 6:00 p.m. Mass. The altar is a reflection of a deep devotion to St. Joseph, the patron saint of those in need. Fr. Stephen will bless the altar and then all participants can partake of the meatless foods on the altar. In keeping with the tradition of a St. Joseph's Altar, a basket will be available for donations to be given to the Caring Place in Georgetown.

**RCIA:** Class this Tuesday, March 19. RCIA students will attend the St. Joseph's Altar Celebration.

**Stations of the Cross** this Wednesday, March 20, 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.

**CCE:** Classes this Wednesday, March 20, at 6:15 p.m. in the RE Bldg. 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:** Class this Wednesday, March 20, in the PAC Bldg, after Stations of the Cross. \*\*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 21, 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 **Confraternity of Christian Mothers will meet** next Sunday, March 24, in the RE Bldg after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Agenda items include Confirmation and First Holy Communion dinners and the Austin DCCW Convention. Members will gather in the front pews to lead the Rosary prayed before Mass. All ladies are invited to attend.

Fullness of Truth: Catholic Evangelization Ministries presents: **O Sacrament Most Holy: Eucharistic Miracles Yesterday and Today!** This convention will be held March 29-30, at Prince of Peace Catholic Church in San Antonio. All information can be found at [www.fullnessoftruth.org](http://www.fullnessoftruth.org), or by calling 877-218-7884. Flyers are also located in the foyer of the church.

The diocesan **Ashes to Easter Lenten Mission Campaign** has begun. If you haven't yet, 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 are having a **Food Drive** for the Caring Place (in Georgetown). 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.

**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.

### **Prayer for an End to Infanticide**

The U.S. Senate recently failed to pass the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection act – legislation that prohibits infanticide by ensuring that a child born alive following an attempted abortion would receive the same degree of care to preserve his or her life and health as would be given to any other child born alive at the same gestational age. Please pray for an end to infanticide:

***“Jesus, Lord of Life, transform the hearts of our elected leaders to recognize that infanticide is wrong and must not be tolerated. Open hearts and minds to recognize and defend the precious gift of every human life.” AMEN!***

## Dear friends in Christ,

Today we celebrate the Second Sunday of Lent. What have you done to make this Lent more meaningful to you? Did you attend Stations of the Cross this week? It is important that we reflect upon the suffering of Jesus if we are to really enter into this Lenten Season. The Season of Lent is meant to help us to prepare ourselves for the celebration of the Paschal Triduum: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Resurrection of the Lord, 72 hours from Holy Thursday evening until the evening of Easter Sunday, equaling the time of three days. So many people tell me that they do not experience God's love in their life or the life of their family. When I ask them if they attend Mass every week, pray every day, read the Bible daily, pray the rosary daily, attend special devotions such as the Stations of the Cross, First Friday and First Saturday devotions, they say "no". Well, it does not surprise me then if you are not experiencing Jesus in your life. You are not giving Him the opportunity to be present in your life. We need to do our part in our relationship with Jesus. It is like a marriage relationship, both must give 100% of themselves to the relationship if it is going to be meaningful and if it is going to be what it is meant to be.

In last Sunday's gospel, we heard how Jesus spent forty days in the desert and also how the devil tempted Him and how Jesus resisted those temptations. Jesus spent this time in the desert in order to prepare Himself for His mission in life. In today's gospel, Jesus takes Peter, James, and John on the mountain with Him in order to help prepare them for His upcoming passion, death, and resurrection. Jesus wanted them to see His transfigured body, that is, His glorified body, and he also wanted them to see Moses and Elijah so that Peter, James, and John would be strengthened in faith and know that he is truly sent by God. I believe that for Peter, James, and John this moment in their life is what we would call a Kodak moment. I am sure that all of us have had times and experiences in our life that we wish would never end, like your wedding day, or maybe a birthday party, a trip to a special place, the baptism of your son or daughter, or maybe just spending an evening or day with your friends, and you wanted to capture this experience on your camera or video recorder so that you could enjoy that experience again later on in life. This is what Peter tried to do in today's gospel. He wanted to build three booths because he wanted the experience to last forever. The booth or tent was seen as a special place where God dwelt and Peter wanted to capture this moment so that it would not end or go away. However, God reminds Peter that this is a heavenly experience and that he is still on earth and, therefore, it must come to an end. This experience is meant to encourage the apostles to continue their journey with Jesus through His death and on to His resurrection. This encounter will also fill them with hope as they experience a small portion of the Father's love for the Son. It helps these three apostles to realize that life on earth is not the end or the goal for which they strive, but that their ultimate goal is to live a glorified life in heaven.

In the First Reading, we heard how God made a covenant with Abram. Abram was Abraham's name before God changed it to Abraham. Here God promises Abram many descendants and a new land in which he will live. With the making of this covenant, Abram begins his journey to a land flowing with milk and honey, a land where Abram's people will grow and prosper. In the Second Reading, St. Paul reminds us that our life here on earth is only temporary and that "we have our citizenship in heaven." In heaven, we will be given new bodies, bodies that are glorified as the body of Christ; bodies which will not experience any pain or suffering. We are reminded that our goal is to live with God in heaven.

All of today's readings remind us that we are all on a journey, a journey which began in our mother's womb and will end, not with our death, but with our resurrection in heaven when we will be united with our glorified bodies of which St. Paul speaks, which is similar to the glorified body of Jesus Christ after his resurrection from the dead. This season of Lent helps us to reflect upon our journey in life. These forty days of Lent remind us of the forty years which the Israelites spent in the desert before entering the Promised Land in Canaan. They spent forty years preparing themselves for their new home. These forty days of Lent remind us of the forty days in which Jesus spent in the desert while being tempted by the devil. These forty days remind us of our own need to prepare ourselves for our new home in heaven. Just as Jesus was tempted in the desert, so too are we tempted all throughout our life by the devil to turn away from God. We have, however, been given a great gift so that we may be able to resist any temptation to sin and turn to God in our time of need, in our moment of temptation. This is the gift of faith, a faith in God, a faith in His Son, Jesus Christ, and a faith of the working of the Holy Spirit in each of our lives, every day of our life. Today's gospel reminds us of that gift of faith and also of the gift of hope, hope of eternal life with God. It is a powerful reminder that we and the world are already being transfigured as we journey along in life. Here and now, each of us is growing closer to Christ by listening to His word and by receiving Him in Holy Communion. Just as Christ was transfigured in today's gospel reading, so will we be transfigured when we are fully united with God in Heaven. In order for this change to take place, we must undergo some suffering. All of you know how difficult change is in life, whether it be a change which takes place within the family, such as a son or daughter leaving home, or having a new baby in the home, or a change in employment, or even just having to deal with our changing bodies during puberty around the age of ten to sixteen, and all the changes that take place in our bodies and daily lives while we are in high school, or the changes during mid-life crises, and then facing those changes in us as we enter our elder years in life. All these times of change, and there are many others, are opportunities for us to grow, to become better human beings, and to grow closer to God. During this season of Lent, let us look at our lives to see what we can do to make these times of change easier both for ourselves and for our families. Let us keep our eyes focused on the resurrected Christ to be strengthened in faith and hope as we strive to reach our final goal which is eternal life with God -- a life of eternal glory, eternal happiness, eternal joy, eternal peace, eternal good health, which we find in the eternal love of God.

Something to think about: Postní doba je často vnímána jako nepřijemný čas, kdy si musíme odříkat a kdy všechno milé je tak trochu nerado viděno. To je ovšem velmi nešikovný pohled. Je to podobné jako vyčítat zamilovaným, že chtějí být často spolu a zřikají se společnosti jiných... Jestliže člověk Boha pozve, aby vstoupil do jeho života, začnou se dít podivuhodné věci. Někdy nejsou snadné, někdy jde o zkoušku, možná v ní neobstojíme, ale důležité je postřehnout, že se něco děje. Bůh začal jednat. Je to zvláštní čas milosti. Položme si otázku, v jakého Boha věříme. Je to milosrdný, podporující Pán, který nás provází? Či je to přísný učitel s rákoskou či bezduchý stařec na obláčku? Postní doba je časem oživení víry v pravého Boha. (Vira.cz)

May all of you have a blessed week and be sure to attend Stations of the Cross on Wednesday.

**Fr. Stephen Nesrsta, farář**

**Holy Trinity Catholic Church**  
**Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, February 28, 2019**

**Call to Order**

- opening prayer
- scripture reading

**Members Present** – Pete Zenner, John A. Valenta, Gina Vrabel, Mike Hovatter, Sora Garlasco, Kelly Godfrey, Stephanie Wright, Mary Margaret Heuertz and Helen Havelka.

**Members Absent:** none

**Ex-officio Members Present** - Lucille D'Elia, Fr. Stephen

**Guests Present:** 1

**Old Business**

1. Parish Mission – The dates for the 2019 Parish Mission are October 20-24.
2. January Fundraiser – The pork dinner raised \$4,868.85 for the Cemetery Fund.
3. *Encountering Christ* Capital Campaign – In January, we received our first installment of \$10,110.
4. Long-Range Plan – The preliminary work by the architect is under way.
5. Drive on North Side of Church – Work on this project has been put on hold while the long-range plan is being developed.

**New Business**

1. Propane – As was mentioned in the bulletin, we have changed providers in order to save money.
2. Lent & Holy Week – The Lenten Season begins March 6 with Ash Wednesday. Stations of the Cross are on Wednesdays and Holy Week's schedule is the same as last year and is on the website.

**Ministry/Committee Reports**

1. Social Ministry – During Lent, Social Ministry will host a food drive for the Caring Place.
2. Faith Formation Program – Confirmation will be Sunday, March 31, at 10:30 a.m. There are 10 candidates in this year's class. Adult Faith Formation will begin a bible study on Christ's Passion on Monday, March 11 in the RE building.
3. Cemetery & Finance Council – no reports

**Other Business Presented**

1. 2019 Bazaar – The raffle tickets will be printed in May, so organizations and individuals wanting to donate an item should begin thinking about it.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, April 25, 2019 – 6:30 p.m.