

# HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH of CORN HILL



Pope Francis  
Vatican City State



Bishop Joe Vásquez  
Diocese of Austin

## Third Sunday of Lent

March 24, A.D. 2019

### Mass Schedule & Intentions

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
Tuesday	Mar 26	12:00 Noon	†Bea Baron †Rosemary Waltman
Wednesday	Mar 27	7:00 AM	†Edith Hejl †Frank & Anastasia Knapke
Thursday	Mar 28	7:00 AM	†Yolanda Gonzales Castro & family
Friday	Mar 29	6:00 PM	Jeff & Therese Hall P.R. (for healing)
Saturday	Mar 30	7:30 AM	†Rosalie Vrana
Saturday	Mar 30	5:00 PM	Pro Populo
Sunday	Mar 31	8:30 AM	†Louis & Agnes Straka
Sunday	Mar 31	10:30 AM	For Our Confirmandi

### Last Week's Collection(s)

March 17: Second Sunday of Lent: \$4,152.00

### Vocations Crucifix Prayer Campaign

March 24 – 30: James Nemeč

March 31 – April 6: Pinto & Lucille Nemeč

### Rosary for Life

March 24 – 30: James & Renee Gragg

March 31 – April 6: Josh & Steffani Jacobs

### This Week at a Glance

Sat/Sun, March 23/24:	--Faith Formation Collection
Tuesday, March 26:	--RCIA Class
Wednesday, March 27:	--Stations of the Cross --CCE / Adult Faith Classes
Thursday, March 28:	--Pro-Life Adoration
Sat/Sun, March 30/31:	--Second Collection
Sunday, March 31:	--Confirmation



### Prayer for Lent

**Loving Father**, I invite you into my life and make myself available to you. Help me to be the-best-version-of-myself by seeking your will and becoming a living example of your love in the world. Open my heart to the areas of my life that need to change in order for me to carry out the mission and experience the joy you have imagined for my life.

Inspire me to live the Catholic faith in ways that are dynamic and engaging. Show me how to best get involved in the life of my parish. Make our community hungry for best practices and continuous learning. Give me courage when I am afraid, hope when I am discouraged, and clarity in times of decision. Teach me to enjoy uncertainty and lead your Church to become all you imagined it would be for the people of our times. **Amen.**

† Fr. Stephen Nersisyan †

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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

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Cemetery Information: Parish Office

Cemetery Director: Johnny Martinka 512-966-4301

Cemetery Maintenance: (Position Vacant)

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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 27, 6:30 PM:**

Altar Servers: Jenna Danek, Preston Snook, Samuel Williams

**Saturday, March 30, 5:00 PM:**

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

Lector: Lupe Bernal

EMHC: Janine Nemeč, Jim & Mary Margaret Heuertz

Gift Bearers: Mark & Debbie Klaus

Head Usher: Donald Tschoerner

**Sunday, March 31, 8:30 AM:**

Altar Servers: John & Jenna Danek, Martin Ortiz

Lector: Pete Zenner

EMHC: Pete & Nancy Zenner, Brandon Danek

Gift Bearers: Richard & Lisa Danek

Head Usher: Tommy Sladeczek

**Sunday, March 31, 10:30 AM: (Confirmation)**

Altar Servers: Caleb & Amy S, Shelby H, William Brousseau

Lector: Louis Brousseau

EMHC: Johnny Martinka, Monica Sherek

Gift Bearers: Confirmands

Head Usher: Bill Sherek

**EMHC to Shut-ins: Sunday, March 31:** Brandon Danek

We congratulate and welcome **Justin Robert Barker** (infant grandson of Robert & Carolyn Barker) into the Catholic Church and the parish family through the Sacrament of Baptism.

We will have our monthly **Faith Formation Program collection** this weekend (March 23/24) which allows us to provide necessary resources for the education of children in our CCE program, participants in the RCIA program, the continued education of adults, etc.

The **Confraternity of Christian Mothers** will meet today (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.

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

**RCIA:** Class this Tuesday, March 26, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg. Discussion: Catholic Moral Teachings (cont'd).

**Stations of the Cross** this Wednesday, March 27, 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 27, 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.

**Adult Faith Enrichment:** Class this Wednesday, March 27, in the RE Bldg, after Stations of the Cross. From now until May 1, these classes will be held in the RE Bldg and will cover the Sacrament of Holy Communion, specifically for the parents & students of our Sacrament 2 – First Holy Communion – class, though all adults are welcome.

**Pro-Life Adoration** this Thursday, March 28, 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.

We will have a **second collection** next weekend, March 30/31, for **Catholic Relief Services**, which helps children, women and families around the world. The six worldwide organizations supported by the collection provide immediate humanitarian aid, pastoral support and disaster relief to our suffering brothers and sisters around the globe.

Several of our parishioners will celebrate the **Sacrament of Confirmation** next Sunday, March 31, at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Please pray that they will fully embrace, and be strengthened by, the Gift of Grace that they will receive from the Holy Spirit.

SSCM Church in Granger invites everyone to their **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Fried Chicken Dinner** next Sunday, March 31, in their Parish Hall. Serving begins at 11:00 a.m. (adult plate drive-thru available). Adults \$10 / Children \$5.

Our monthly **Senior Citizens' Supper** will be held on Monday, April 1, at 6:30 p.m. in the PAC Bldg. We appreciate Catholic Life Insurance, Branch #50, for preparing the meal.

Our **Pro-Life Prayer & Awareness Group** will meet next Thursday, April 4. They will begin with a Pro-Life Rosary at 6:30 p.m. in the church and then continue with their meeting in the RE Bldg. Everyone is invited to both the Rosary and the meeting.



If you would like to help decorate the church for the Easter season with Easter Lilies & Flowers, in memory or honor of loved ones, you may do so by completing and returning an **Easter Flower Envelope** (located by the bulletins). Please turn in envelopes by Sunday, April 14, as the memorials will be listed in the Easter bulletin.

Support the diocesan **Ashes to Easter Lenten Mission Campaign**. Each family is invited to take a mission box home in support of the missionary works of the Diocese of Austin (boxes can be found by the bulletins). 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.

**The practice of Almsgiving** (defined as: the giving of money or food to those in need) during the Lenten season, is a work of mercy that brings us, and God, closer to our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. By contributing to our **Lenten Food Drive**, for the Caring Place in Georgetown, you are helping to provide the basic necessities for those in your 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.

**Lent Fish Fries:** The Knights of Columbus of St. Helen Church in Georgetown is sponsoring fish fries each Friday night for Lent (remaining dates of March 29, April 5 & 12, from 5-7 p.m. in the St. Rita bldg). Adults \$10 / Children \$5. Fried catfish, tilapia, coconut & regular shrimp.

You are invited to embark on the **pilgrimage of a lifetime – to the Holy Land**, under the spiritual direction of Fr. Stephen and Fr. Justin Nguyen, January 13-22, 2020, at the price of \$2699 roundtrip from Austin. Information and registration packets can be found near the entrances of the church. Availability is on a first-come, first-serve basis, and all inquiries or questions should be directed to Fr. Justin at 254-562-3619. (Note: if you do register, remember to send a photocopy of your passport with the registration form, and keep a copy of the registration form for your files. You will also need to contact Fr. Justin to let him know that you are signing up.)

**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:**

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,**

Peace be with you. Please pray for those of our parish who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation next Sunday, March 31. May the anointing of the Holy Spirit truly strengthen and reinforce the gift of grace that they received at Baptism.

The message in today's Gospel is one that many people do not want to think about, so they tend to ignore it. Jesus speaks about some recent tragedies of which the people were well aware. It seems that some Galileans had protested the Roman's building an aqueduct. Pilate had his soldiers mix in with the Jews during a synagogue service and then attack the protesters, killing them, and thus "mingled with the blood of their sacrifices." Another all too common but sad experience is related regarding a tower that was being constructed. It caved in killing a number of the workers. Certainly, the Lord could have included the many of the tragedies we hear of every week: natural tragedies like earthquakes and fires, man-made tragedies like famine and war, horrible tragedies of our society, like children killing children, the internet used to hurt people, particularly children, the devastation of drugs, etc.

Most of the people of Jesus' time believed that the people who died in the synagogue, and in the collapse of the tower, were killed because of their sins. This reminds me of when the hurricane hit New Orleans. Many fundamentalist Christians said God was punishing them because of their sins. This, of course, is not what we believe.

When Jesus spoke about the events of His day, He said that in all these situations the people who died were not being punished by God. They, like all of us, suffered from the effects of evil and death in the world. What happened was horrible. Death is horrible and, most of the time, comes much sooner than it is expected. Our time on this earth is limited. We must make the best use of it as we can. The reading goes on to present the parable of the fig tree which is going to be cut down if it doesn't produce fruit. In the second reading, St. Paul tells the Corinthians, "Whoever thinks he is standing secure, should take care not to fall."

These are not pleasant messages. We come to Church seeking union with God, praying for our needs. We hope to leave with good feelings. All of us like a warm fuzzy feeling inside ourselves. But religion is a lot more than warm fuzzies. Religion is being tied to a God who said "Follow me," and then was crucified. Nothing warm and fuzzy about that. This Sunday we are warned, "Whoever thinks he is standing secure, should take care not to fall." There is nothing warm or fuzzy about that, but there is a deep reality being invoked.

Jesus Christ was not only Son of God and Messiah, He was also a prophet. And, as a true prophet, He did not evade the message that people needed to hear. He loves us too much to keep the truth from us, even if it is painful. And the truth is simple: we must fight evil and do good, repent and bear fruit as the gospel says, or we will suffer eternal death.

A brief meditation: Obrát se právě dnes... Na takovou výzvu bys mohl namítnout: „Raději zítra, teď nemám čas. Raději jindy, musím se připravit“. Jenže... ta nejjednodušší cesta je: obrát se dnes. Ne zítra. Ne jindy. Sami ze své zkušenosti víme, že odložená záležitost se postupem času stává stále větším břemenem.

Obrácení (právě dnes) je „výhodné“ především pro tebe samotného! Je to jako bys využíval lukrativní nabídky, která se ti nabízí jen určitou dobu. Tím, že neotálíš a „vezmeš“, získáš především ty sám. A opačně: zdráháním se o něco ukrátíš ty sám. Ve stejném duchu hovoří i Ježíš: neobrácení znamená ztrátu, zmar. Jak napovídá pozorné čtení evangelia, Ježíšova slova nejsou varováním, že neochota k obrácení přivodí „tragickou smrt“ (v podobě určitého nenadálého neštěstí či nehody). A kromě toho by nebylo správné pochopit Ježíšova slova „ve stejném smyslu“ pro všechny posluchače. Vždyť samotné evangelium nám prozrazuje, že s nejvyšší naléhavostí je Ježíšova výzva určena těm, kdo dosud nepřijali evangelium. Pro ty však, kdo přijali Krista do svého života, už není smrt a odsouzení (Ř 8,1).

Dnešní věta „neobráte-li se, podobně zahynete“ je pro nás tedy zbytečná? Ne. I nám připomíná, že odchýlení se od Boží cesty, vykroucení se, od-vrácení od Boží tváře je „k naší škodě“. Platí totiž jasný axiom, že bez Boha není život – a čím víc se před Bohem bráním, tak tím víc sám trpím a ubližuji si. A tak výzva „obráť se právě dnes“ se dá v tomto duchu chápat jako „buď sám k sobě dobrý“. (Pastorace.cz)

Don't forget to attend **Stations of the Cross** every week during Lent with your family. Stations are on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. Come and pray the Way of the Cross and walk with our Lord in His suffering so that you can experience the resurrection with Him.

**Fr. Stephen Nestrta, farář**

## The Parents' Role After Confirmation

As parents, it's easy to know our roles in our children's life when they are still in childhood. We know as babies they get baptized and then, after two years of formal religious education, they receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. When our children get to junior high and start preparing for Confirmation they are preparing for graduation into adulthood in the Catholic faith.

In a way, Confirmation is a step into adulthood in the Faith, as it completes the Sacraments of Christian Initiation. At this point, it's tempting to think that this means there is no work left to be done; that, as parents, we must now step aside and allow our child to make their own decisions in how they grow in the faith. Unfortunately, this can result in teenagers skipping Sunday Mass and not continuing to grow in their faith. Because of this, many see the irony in what happens after Confirmation, even referring to it as the Sacrament of Exodus.

Yet, this couldn't be further from the truth. In fact, in many ways, it's just the beginning of the road, both for you and your newly confirmed child.

## The Parent's Role Does Not Change After Confirmation

Many may be surprised to hear this, but your role as a guide in your child's faith journey does not cease once they receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. You are still the primary educator of your child. In fact, you as the parents are the first evangelizers to your children! The Church teaches us that, as parents, we have the first responsibility for the education of our children; that we must educate them to fulfill God's law, putting the state of our soul above the material world (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #2222-2223). What a beautiful and awesome responsibility! Yet, it is often the most difficult of responsibilities and the home can be one of the toughest places to evangelize.

As children grow older, they become more involved in life outside the home. School, sports, friends, a job, and social media can sometimes create an environment of isolation for each individual. It makes it difficult to remain the primary guide and teacher of faith in the home.

## Supporting the Christian Life

So, how do we continue to help our children know their faith to encourage them to a deeper, more mature relationship with God? How can we be an evangelizer to our children? Here is what it looks like:

1. **Be a good example yourself.** Show them what it means to be obedient to the will of the Father in Heaven. Go to Mass as much as possible. Pray.
2. **Know your Faith!** As members of the Church, we have the responsibility to continue to educate ourselves in our faith and what it means to be Catholic.
3. **Be present to your children.** This means, in particular, being available to answer their questions and to discuss matters of the Faith at home.
4. **Pray with and for your children.** It's a simple action, yet extremely important, especially as your child grows into adulthood.
5. **Remind them to frequently receive Confession and the Eucharist.** It is these sacraments that strengthen the graces we received at Baptism and Confirmation.
6. **Have them continue to attend CCE on Wednesday evenings in the high school class here at Holy Trinity.**
7. **Have them be part of our parish Youth Group and spend time with other Catholic youth.**

## Sealed with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit

You never cease being a parent to your child, even though your role develops over time. Still, as a parent, you have the beautiful and awesome responsibility to continue to support their life in the Church. At no point in their lives does this support end. Through Confirmation, the Holy Spirit seals gifts within us called the Gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, understanding, knowledge, fortitude, piety, counsel, and fear of the Lord. We're given these tools to face the challenges of daily life with a heart united to Christ instead of united to the world.

It's these gifts that give us the strength to live out the Faith and deepen our relationship with the Lord. These gifts also help us fulfill our responsibility as Christian parents. So, let us remember as parents and guardians of the souls that God has entrusted to our care, that, while our children decide to become fully initiated into the loving arms of the Church, we must always remain vigilant – sometimes through action and always through prayer – that they continue to be an active member of the Body of Christ.