

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH of CORN HILL



Pope Francis
Vatican City State



Bishop Joe Vásquez
Diocese of Austin

The Ascension of the Lord

June 2, A.D. 2019

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday	June 1	5:00 PM	Pro Populo
Sunday	June 2	8:30 AM	†Frank & Anastasia Knapek (incense)
		10:30 AM	†Victor Palousek, Jr. Baby Theodore Kazme (for healing)
Monday	June 3	7:00 AM	Liv/Dec Benefactors of the Czech Seminarian Fund
Tuesday	June 4	6:00 PM	†Jo Gray †Bernice Huf
Wednesday	June 5	6:30 PM	Leo Bringman (for healing)
Thursday	June 6	7:00 AM	George Maney
Friday	June 7	6:00 PM	†Annie Janish †Parents of H&M Koch
Saturday	June 8	7:30 AM	†Virginia McMaster Virgil Tonn (for healing)
Saturday	June 8	5:00 PM	Liv/Dec Members of the Joseph & Marie Valenta family †Rosemary Waltman
Sunday	June 9	8:30 AM	Pro Populo (incense)
		10:30 AM	Liv/Dec Members of the John & Annie Valis family †Earl & Oma Fonville

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers are placed in honor of
Taylor Lindholm & Rachael Piatt
for their wedding celebration.

Last Week's Collection(s)

May 26: Weekly Collection: \$4,110.00
Online Donations: \$ 303.00
Faith Formation: \$1,299.00

Vocations Crucifix Prayer Campaign

June 2 – 8: **Chris & Sora Garlasco**
June 9 – 15: Keith Youngpeter

Rosary for Life

June 2 – 8: **Brandon & Rosie Fonville**
June 9 – 15: Jeff & Stephanie Wright

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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



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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: Steffani Jacobs 512-863-3020

Parish Activity Center (PAC) Rentals: Parish Office

Cemetery Information: Parish Office

Cemetery Director: Johnny Martinka 512-966-4301

Cemetery Maintenance: (Position Vacant)

Music Ministry / Choir: Ronnie Simek 512-630-5074

Finance Council: Tommy Sladeczek 512-635-3496

Pastoral Council: Pete Zenner 512-863-4038

Pro-Life Prayer Group: Chris Garlasco 860-689-3021

Men's Prayer Group: Pete Zenner 512-863-4038

Conf. of Christian Mothers: Lucille Nemecek 254-527-3615

K.J.T. Society #55: John Danek 512-746-4168

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Catholic Life Insurance #50: Tommy Sladeczek 512-635-3496

CEF Enrollments: Janine Nemecek 512-289-9242

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

Saturday, June 8, 5:00 PM:

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

Lector: Janine Nemecek

EMHC: Jennifer Klepac, Patsy Hightower, Irene Cavanaugh

Gift Bearers: John & Kathleen Valenta

Head Usher: Howard Mertink

Sunday, June 9, 8:30 AM: (INCENSE)

Altar Servers: John & Jenna Danek, Caleb & Amy Stefek

Lector: Chris Stefek

EMHC: Johnny Martinka, Cynthia Edgar, Ray Nemecek

Gift Bearers: Pinto & Lucille Nemecek

Head Usher: Tommy Sladeczek

Sunday, June 9, 10:30 AM: (INCENSE)

Altar Servers: Jakob Voigt, William & Emma F, Abby Hodgson

Lector: Monica Sherek

EMHC: Monica Sherek, Daniel Perez

Gift Bearers: Voigt family

Head Usher: Bill Sherek

EMHC to Shut-ins: Sunday, June 9: Ray Nemecek

In Memoriam

We extend our sympathies and prayers to the families of **Jerry David** (died 5/24/19) and **John Obst** (died 5/27/19) both of whom were members of our parish family.

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

Thank you to all who enrolled their loved ones in the Mother's Day CEF Drive. A total of \$579.00 was donated and forwarded to the Diocesan Clerical Endowment Fund (CEF), which supports the education of our diocesan seminarians.

Our Annual June Fundraiser is today (Sunday, June 2)! Our Fried Chicken & Sausage meal will be served from 11 am – 1 pm in the PAC Bldg. Adults \$10 / Children \$5. To-go plates available at the drive-thru (11 am – 12:30 pm). Dance from 1 – 5 pm to music by the Jodie Mikula Orchestra. Good food, fun & fellowship! **Sweets for the dessert table** are appreciated and can be brought to the PAC Sunday morning. **If you would like to make a donation to help with the expenses**, envelopes are available by the bulletins and we thank you, in advance, for your generosity.

Pro-Life Adoration: this Thursday, June 6, from 3 – 9 p.m. Come spend some time with the Lord, present in the Holy Eucharist.

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

First Friday of the month – June 7: Mass is at 6:00 p.m. with a time of Adoration, our devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and Benediction.

If you would like to donate toward our Father's Day Altar Flowers, in honor or memory of your Father (or other loved ones), you may do so by completing and returning a "Father's Day Mass Remembrance" envelope (by the bulletins). Please make sure you mark living or deceased and print clearly! **Envelopes should be turned in by next Sunday, June 9** (as memorials will be announced in the June 16 bulletin).

Our annual **Father's Day CEF Enrollment Drive** will be held the weekends of June 8/9 and 15/16 for anyone wishing to enroll their fathers, grandfathers, sons, etc. Enrollments for other occasions/persons can also be made. The usual offering is \$2 per person, per card, and benefits the education of our diocesan seminarians.

Our monthly **Senior Citizens' Supper** will be held on Monday, June 10, at 6:30 p.m. in the PAC Bldg. We appreciate Jennifer Klepac & Crew for preparing the meal.

We are in much need of more parishioners to serve as ministers at Mass! Please prayerfully consider participating more fully in the Mass as a Lector, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Altar Server, Head Usher, and/or Gift Bearer. All of these ministries serve an integral purpose in our celebration of the Liturgies of the Mass and participation as a minister brings much spiritual joy and fulfillment. For questions, or to volunteer, please contact the parish office or speak with Fr. Stephen.

Virgil Tonn is doing better and is now back home, but Marla will no longer be able to leave him alone as before. If you would like to volunteer your time to sit with Virgil for short periods, to allow Marla to get groceries, run errands, etc, she would very much appreciate the help. You may contact her at 512-863-0755 for more details. Thank you for your consideration.

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord - June 1/2 - As we await Pentecost, the Scriptures this week invite us to ponder these questions: Are we a community who lives the love and unity for which Jesus prayed? Are we courageous witnesses of the risen Jesus and the Holy Spirit? Do we live as people reborn and refreshed by the life-giving waters of baptism? How will our baptism make us people of justice and charity?

This summer, the diocesan Office of Evangelization and Catechesis is offering a variety of courses to serve the needs of Catholic school religious educators, parish catechists, youth ministers and anyone who wants to learn more about their faith. Courses feature instruction by experienced trainers and include printed materials and books for students. For a complete list of the courses, dates and times, visit www.austindiocese.org/2019-summer-certification-program or call their office at (512) 949-2492.

HAVE YOU, OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW, EXPERIENCED ABUSE? Bishop Joe S. Vásquez and the Diocese of Austin are committed to providing compassionate care to persons who have experienced abuse, particularly if committed by clergy or a church representative. If you, or someone you know, have experienced such abuse, contact the diocesan Coordinator of Victim Assistance and Pastoral Support at ileana-hinojosa@austindiocese.org or (512) 949-2400. **REPORT ABUSE!** You can and should, report abuse of a minor, elderly and/or disabled adults, to local law enforcement or to the Texas Abuse Hotline at www.txabusehotline.org or (800) 252-5400 and to the diocese at www.austindiocese.org/report-abuse or (512) 949-2447.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has either paid their Encountering Christ Capital Campaign pledge in full or is faithfully continuing to make payments toward their pledge. Your stewardship and accountability are very much commended and appreciated! See our progress below:



Our Parish

Original Goal:	\$260,000.00
Pledge Total:	\$341,200.00
Collected to Date:	\$105,261.00
Percent Collected:	31%
Parish's Share to Date:	\$27,539.40

Dear friends in Christ,

Praised be Jesus Christ! We welcome all of our visitors who are here with us today for our June Fundraiser Meal and Dance. Thank you for coming to Holy Trinity Parish and for your support. We hope you have a most delightful day with us.

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of our Lord into Heaven. Only Jesus has the ability to raise Himself into the skies, into the heavens, and touch the Face of God. However, this is something we look forward to doing after our own resurrection after the Second Coming of Jesus. Every Sunday and Holy Day, we recite the Nicene Creed, in which we profess our belief in today's celebration. We say, "He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father." The Apostles and disciples of Jesus watched as He went up to join His Father in Heaven. I am sure that they were sad to see Jesus leave them, but they probably remembered Jesus's words as He told them that He would send them the Paraclete, the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, to be with them, to guide and protect them from the devil. But yet, as we hear in the Acts of the Apostles, they asked Jesus, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" The Apostles were still thinking in earthly terms and not spiritually.

However, as we read on, the Apostles and other disciples come to realize the fullness of the truth which Jesus spoke after they received the gift of the Holy Spirit on the feast of Pentecost, which we will celebrate next weekend. So the Solemnity of the Ascension not only expresses the divinity of Jesus, but the Ascension also fills us with hope of what is to come, the coming of the Holy Spirit and our eternal life with our Lord.

On this Ascension weekend, let us open our hearts to receive the Spirit as we receive the Body and Blood of Jesus at this Mass and then we will truly be a superhuman being, one filled with the grace and power of God.

As we prepare to celebrate Pentecost next Sunday, I encourage you to say the Prayer to the Holy Spirit each day this week:

***Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Thy faithful and enkindle in them the fire of Thy love.
Send forth Thy Spirit and they shall be created. And Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.
O God, Who by the light of the Holy Spirit, didst instruct the hearts of the faithful,
grant us in the same Spirit to be truly wise and ever to rejoice in His consolation.
Through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.***

Also, in the spirit of Pentecost, I would recommend that you wear something of the color red to Mass next weekend. Red is the liturgical color that we wear during Mass on the feast of Pentecost. May it be a sign of our unity and of our seeking the Spirit to come upon us so that we can proclaim Jesus and *be* Jesus to everyone we meet.

K úvaze: Something to think about: Kristus se nevrátil prostě zpět do nebe. Prošel pozemským životem, skutečným utrpením a skutečnou smrtí a je u Otce jako vtělený a ukřižovaný, jako náš kněz a náš přímlovce. Naše lidství je včleněno do velkého životního toku trojjediného Boha: od Otce k Synu, od Syna k Otci, v žáru Ducha svatého.

Kristus neodešel prostě ze země pryč. Zůstává přítomný ve své církvi a skrze ni ve světě a pro svět. Společenství křesťanů ví, že je přítomen v jeho středu: On, Pán, Kyrios. (Pastorace.cz)

Solemnidad de la Ascensión del Señor: Mientras esperamos la llegada de Pentecostés, esta semana se nos invita a hacernos estas preguntas: ¿Somos una comunidad que vive el amor y la unidad por la que Jesús oró? ¿Vivimos como gente renacida y renovada por las aguas dadoras de vida del bautismo? ¿Cómo nos hará nuestro bautismo gente de justicia y caridad?

Next Saturday, June 8, Henry Finch will be ordained a priest for the Diocese of Austin. Please pray for him that he may be filled with the Spirit and truly be a faithful and holy priest of Jesus Christ.

On Sunday, June 16, we will have Altar Server practice after the 8:30 Mass, for the annual Corpus Christi Procession that will be on June 23, following the 8:30 am Mass. All Altar Servers who are scheduled to serve on June 23 at the 8:30 am Mass are asked to be at this short practice.

May all of you have a most blessed week.

Fr. Stephen Nestrta, farář

The Ascension and Our Journey Home

Constance T. Hull

The Solemnity of the Ascension of Our Lord oftentimes is an understated event in the Church's liturgical year. We profess the reality of this historical and supernatural event each Sunday as we profess the Creed. It is a significant event, in fact, it is the climax before He sends the Paraclete. In returning to the Father, Jesus leads us into the Father's presence and forever tears the veil dividing mankind from God. It is through the Ascension in light of the Paschal Mystery that we are able to go home. Our Lord, now sitting at the right hand of the Father, in His Glorified Incarnate form, brings us to the Father. We are now able to enter into the Heavenly sanctuary and behold the Beatific Vision at the end of our holy lives.

The Ascension reminds us this is not our home.

In the glory, awe, mystery, and joy of the Resurrection we celebrate the gift of our salvation. We have been redeemed in Christ. The Lord's Ascension reminds us that earth is our temporary home. We are sojourners with our gaze fixed on the faraway land. We seek the white shores, the place of peace, eternity with our Beloved. Christ has paved the way for us and He calls each one of us to follow Him back to the Father, so that we may truly rest in the love of the Most Holy Trinity. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states:

Left to its own natural powers humanity does not have access to the "Father's house," to God's life and happiness. Only Christ can open to man such access that we, his members, might have confidence that we too shall go where he, our Head and our Source, has preceded us. CCC 661

We are now able to follow Christ back to our permanent home in Heaven. We too are called to return to the Father.

Christ intercedes for us through our joys and sorrows.

The path home is an arduous journey. In our struggle to become holy through God's grace, we will constantly stumble and begin again. The spiritual life is a constant beginning again. St. Francis de Sales reminds us: "It is right that we should begin again every day. There is no better way to complete the spiritual life than to be ever beginning it over again." In the seemingly mundane experiences of daily life, we can become overburdened and frustrated with our failures in the spiritual life. In reality, Our Lord now sits at the right hand of the Father interceding on our behalf constantly. Through His grace, we are able to make progress. This progress may not even be obvious to us each day, but bit by bit we continue on the journey home. The point is to begin again and keep our eyes fixed on Christ and His desire to draw us to Him.

Jesus Christ, having entered the sanctuary of heaven once and for all, intercedes constantly for us as the mediator who assures us of the permanent outpouring of the Holy Spirit. CCC 667

We always live in hope.

The Ascension is cause of great joy and hope. The Ascension points to Christ's kingship and the renewal of the world. We now wait in joyful hope for His glorious return. In a world marred by sin, pain, and suffering we are able to look in hope to our Heavenly home and the end of time. When we read the news, and see violence, pain, suffering, or when we ourselves experience sorrow and suffering, we can look in hope as the Apostles did when Our Lord returned to the Father at the Ascension. It is because Christ now reigns at the right hand of the Father that we can stand firmly in hope, faith, peace, and charity as the storms of this life rage on around us. The battle is won!

Since the Ascension God's plan has entered into its fulfillment. We are already at "the last hour." "Already the final stage of the world is with us, and the renewal of the world is irrevocably under way; it is even now anticipated in a certain real way, for the Church on earth is endowed already with a sanctity that is real but imperfect." Christ's kingdom already manifests its presence through the miraculous signs that attend its proclamation by the Church. CCC 670

This hope does not take us away from our duty to bring the world into conformation with the Most Holy Trinity. It is precisely because we are redeemed and live in the hope of Christ that we must make "disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19) and bring others to the Eucharistic banquet. We live in an age when many people live in despair and loneliness. They do not know they are made for Heaven. They do not know the joy of Christ and the hope of the Paschal Mystery. It is on this great Solemnity that we once more look to Heaven in hope, pray for the strength to persevere on the journey home, and bring others along the pilgrim way.