# HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH of CORN HILL







Bishop Joe Vásquez Diocese of Austin

## Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 14, A.D. 2019

#### Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday	July 13	5:00 PM	Liv/Dec Members of Andrew & Mary Klepac family †Greg Maney
Sunday	July 14	8:30 AM	Pro Populo
		10:30 AM	†Annie Janish
Monday	July 15	7:00 AM	Helen Marie Kreitz (for healing)
Tuesday	July 16	12 Noon	†Annie Janish †Rudy Cepak
Wednesday	July 17	7:00 AM	†Rosemary Waltman †Jerry David
		6:30 PM	Raymond & Florence Robichau
Thursday	July 18	7:00 AM	†Jacques Brousseau
Friday	July 19	6:00 PM	Craig & Krystle †Joe & Annie Krejci
Saturday	July 20	7:30 AM	Marshall, Brielle & Conner Cooke †Frances B. Kajs
Saturday	July 20	5:00 PM	†Paul Chevalier †Hubert Klepac
	July 21	8:30 AM	†Rudy Cepak
Sunday			†Peter Janish
		10:30 AM	Pro Populo

#### **Altar Flowers**

To donate flowers for the Altars, in memory or honor of loved ones, complete an "Altar Flower Envelope" (located by bulletins or from website).

## Last Week's Collection(s)

July 7: Weekly Collection: \$5,070.10
Online Donations: \$ 637.75

## **Rosary for Life**

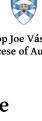
July 14 – 20: Mike & Diana Hovatter July 21 – 27: Gene & Deanna Fojtik

## Vocations Crucifix Prayer Campaign

July 14 – 20: Pinto & Lucille Nemec
July 21 – 27: Josh & Steffani Jacobs family

## **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

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



## 🕆 Fr. Stephen Nesrsta 🕆

**Website:** www.holytrinityofcornhill.org **Hours:** Tuesday – Friday, 9 am – 3 pm

Administrative Assistant: Jennifer Klepac (512-863-3020) 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 Sladecek 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 Nemec 254-527-3615

K.J.Z.T. Society #15: Dorothy Klepac 512-746-2902Catholic Life Insurance #50: Tommy Sladecek 512-635-3496CEF Enrollments: Janine Nemec 512-289-9242

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

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, July 20, 5:00 PM:

Altar Servers: Natalie Mason, Preston & Heather Snook

**Lector:** Lupe Bernal **EMHC:** Czech Deacons

**Gift Bearers:** Mike & Janine Nemec **Head Usher:** Donald Tschoerner

Sunday, July 21, 8:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Carter Marquis, Lucas Beyer, Adelaide B

**Lector:** Pete Zenner **EMHC:** Czech Deacons

**Gift Bearers:** Richard & Lisa Danek **Head Usher:** Tommy Sladecek

Sunday, July 21, 10:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Jakob Voigt, Jarrod & Isabella Hodgson

Lector: Monica Sherek
EMHC: Czech Deacons

Gift Bearers: Susan Schoenbaechler

Head Usher: Bill Sherek

EMHC to Shut-ins: Sunday, July 21: Brandon Danek

We are in great need of Ministers for all weekend Masses.

Please prayerfully consider serving as a

Lector - Altar Server - Head Usher / Usher

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (at Mass and/or to shut-ins) - or Gift Bearer.

For questions, contact the parish office or Fr. Stephen.

**Pro-Life Adoration:** this Thursday, July 18, from 3:00 – 9:00 p.m. in the church. Come spend some time with our Lord, present in the Holy Eucharist.

To serve as a Mass Minister, Catechist or CCE Volunteer, on a parish council, etc, you must be certified in the diocesan Ethics & Integrity in Ministry (EIM) course, but please don't let this stop you from volunteering, as it is an easy process that only takes 2 hours of your time every three years. For more information about becoming/remaining EIM certified, please see below:

We will have an **Ethics & Integrity in Ministry (EIM) Workshop** next Saturday, July 20, from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. in the RE Bldg. **If you want to attend this workshop – YOU MUST CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE TO BE SIGNED UP (call or email)!** 

If you have already taken an EIM course, then you will just have to ask to be signed up for the workshop. If you have NEVER taken an EIM course, then you will have to complete the online application on the diocesan website (go to www.austindiocese.org, Ethics & Integrity in Ministry page and follow all of the directions). Once you've completed the application, you will then need to contact the parish office to be signed up for our workshop. Workshop registration closes 24 hours before the class – so you must call to be registered by July 17 ... and walk-ins CANNOT be admitted on the day of the workshop!! Questions or problems...don't hesitate to call us!

**Bazaar: ATTN: All Parish Families:** Stop by a Raffle table after Mass this weekend to pick up your **Bazaar envelope**, which contains your Bazaar information letters and (2) raffle ticket books, which you can purchase or sell to someone else. You can also turn in ticket stubs & money at the Raffle table, as well as pick up extra raffle books to sell. Tickets can also be obtained from the parish office or from Janet Havelka (512-517-8895) during the week. Stubs and money can also be returned in the collection, by mail, at the office or to Janet.



**IT'S TIME TO SIGN UP FOR GOD'S TEAM!** Our 2019-20 CCE Classes will begin in September, so registration for students in grades Pre-K through High School is now open and we are looking forward to a new year of faith and fun.

**Registration forms** can be found on our website and in the back of the church. If you are registering a new student, or would like more information, contact Lucille D'Elia at 737-215-1042 or htcdre@yahoo.com.

**Our RCIA Classes will begin in September.** RCIA is the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults -- a process for welcoming new members into the Roman Catholic Church. It is a community journey that leads to a transformation of mind and spirit.

- --The RCIA is mainly for non-Catholics who want to become Catholic, but adult Catholics who have not received all of the Sacraments (Communion, Confession, Confirmation) may also come into full communion with the Church through the RCIA process. Also, anyone who is already Catholic and would like to learn more about their faith is welcome to attend as well.
- --Our classes will begin on Tuesday, September 10, and are held every Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm. in the RE building. We will have an **RCIA information meeting on Tuesday, July 30,** at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg, where you will receive detailed information on our program, be able to ask questions and register for classes.
- --In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact Lucille D'Elia in the Faith Formation Office at 737-215-1042 or htcdre@yahoo.com. We look forward to speaking with you and helping you on your faith journey.



On the heels of the NEA's recent support for "the fundamental right to abortion under Roe v. Wade" one has to ask how the most influential teachers' union in the United States, with an office in Austin, and more than three million members countrywide, arrived a such a place? An examination of the "Progressive Stages of Sin" may hold some answers. Msgr. Charles Pope, based on the writing of St. Alphonsus Loquori, described the stages in this way:

**Stage 1: Impairment -** The first effect of habitual sin is that it blinds the understanding. "Every sin produces blindness and the more that sins are multiplied, the greater blindness they produce! Their own malice blinded them." (Wisdom 2:21).

**Stage 2: Indifference -** After an evil habit is contracted, the sins, that previously excited sorrow, are now viewed with increasing indifference. The sins that once caused shame, or the thought of which caused sorrow and aversion, either go unnoticed or seem normal - even attractive.

**Stage 3: Incapacity -** As sin deepens its hold, the willingness and even the capacity to repent decreases! St. Augustine answers this well when he says, "when lust was served, it became habit, and when habit was not resisted, it became necessity" (Confessions, 8.5.10).

**Stage 4: Incorrigibility -** As Scripture says, "The wicked man, when he has come to the depths of sins, has contempt" (Proverbs 18:13). Then instead of regretting his sins, the sinner rejoices in them, even laughing and boasting of them. We can see this in today's "Shout Your Abortion" movement and various celebrities and feminists joyfully boasting of their abortions.

**Stage 5: Indisposition -** When the understanding is deprived of light and the heart is hardened, the sinner ordinarily dies obstinate in his sin. *Ultimately, unchecked sin becomes a progressive disease.* 

Examining the history of the pro-abortion movement indicates a moment from "safe, legal, and rare" (Bill Clinton) to "shout your abortion". Many presidential candidates are supporting abortion up to the moment of birth, and now, America's largest teachers' union declaring their support for abortion shouldn't come as a surprise after more than four decades of legalized, serious sin. St. Alphonsus Loguori saw the progression of sin in the eighteenth century.

#### Dear friends in Christ,

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. I hope everyone's summer is going well.

This week we will welcome four transitional deacons from the Czech Republic: Jakub Lasák (Diocese of Ostrava-Opava), Milan Maštera (Archdiocese of Olomouc), Vojtěch Radoch (Archdiocese of Olomouc), and Miroslav Štrunc (Diocese of České Budějovice). The purpose of their visit is to help them improve their English, to learn how the Church functions in the USA, to learn about the Czech settlements in Texas, and to attend various events and gatherings of people of Czech/Moravians heritage. For the next 5 weeks, this will be rather time consuming for me, so I ask for your patience and understanding. Let us give them a good Texas welcome.

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." The lawyer in today's gospel knew the Jewish Law inside and out, from top to bottom. He knew according to the Law what needed to be done to inherit eternal life. Well...he thought he knew anyway. The lawyer placed the Law above the commandment of love. He thought that this commandment only pertained to those who were like he was. At the time of Jesus, the concept of 'neighbor' referred to someone who showed likeness to yourself and the person who lived next to you who is just like yourself. Here, Jesus changes the concept of neighbor. Jesus is saying through this parable that everyone is your neighbor, even those whom society says that we are to ignore or cast aside. The priest and the Levite were being faithful to the Law. Stopping to help the man who had been robbed and beaten would have made them ritually unclean according to the Law and they could not have participated in the Jewish sacrifice. However, Jesus is telling the lawyer that the law of love is above any of the Jewish Laws. By giving the example of the Samaritan, Jesus tells us what true love is all about. The Samaritan helped the man who had been beaten, took him to an Inn, and gave 2 denarii to the Inn Keeper. The Samaritan acted in excess of what any other person would have acted. Two denarii was two days' worth of wages. Imagine giving two days' wages to someone who comes to you in need. Would we be willing to give someone two days' worth of your wages if they were truly in need of it?

In today's parable, Jesus is placing the law of Love above all other laws. Throughout Scripture, Jesus tells us that the reward of eternal life is given to those who do good, it is given to those who show the love and compassion of God to other people. We are to love all people, no matter what race they may be, or what religion they may follow, or no matter how they may treat us. All of us are called to love God and to love one another.

St. John Vianney says that our happiness is dependent on our love of God. If we do not love God we will never be truly happy. We may have all the material possessions the world has to offer, the best house, the best car, the best job, the best computer, the best TV, the best boat, but, if we do not love God and other people then we will not be happy in this life. We may try to fool everyone and pretend we are happy, but actually we will only be fooling ourselves. No one can be truly happy without loving both God and neighbor. Jesus challenged the people of His day to change from being prejudice toward the Samaritans and the other Gentiles. He challenges each of us today to put aside our hatred and prejudices of others. Jesus challenges each of us to Love God and neighbor. But how can we love our neighbor? We can begin by taking a look at the Works of Mercy that we as Catholics, as Christians, as followers of Jesus Christ, are obligated to do. The Church gives us 14 Works of Mercy, 7 Spiritual and 7 Corporal. I think it is a good idea to review these from time to time to see how well we are loving God and loving others.

#### **Spiritual Works of Mercy**

- 1. To convert the sinner.
- 2. To instruct the ignorant.
- 3. To forgive injuries (forgive those who sin against us)
- 4. To pray for the living and the dead.
- 5. To counsel the doubtful.
- 6. To comfort the sorrowful.
- 7. To bear wrongs patiently.

## **Corporal Works of Mercy**

- 1. To feed the hungry.
- 2. To give drink to the thirsty.
- 3. To clothe the naked.
- 4. To shelter the homeless.
- 5. To visit the sick.
- 6. To visit the imprisoned.
- 7. To bury the dead.

How well are we doing in loving our neighbor? Each of us must answer that question for ourselves. "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind: and your neighbor as yourself." "Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the man who fell in with the robbers?" The answer came, "The one who treated him with compassion." Jesus said to him, "Then go and do the same."

K úvaze: Není zrovna nejšťastnější zůstat u nejjednoduššího pohledu "ten Samaritán byl hodný, buďte tedy hodní taky tak!" Je to sice pravda, ale text je bohatší. Především mluví o chápání Božího slova (ve spojení s l. čtením dost jasně a naléhavě) - toto slovo není určeno ani k teoretizování, ani k povrchnímu přijímání, ale má skrze porozumění a víru vést člověka k takovému způsobu existence, který před Bohem obstojí a který tedy, jinými slovy, vede k věčnému životu.

Pro křesťany bývá často těžké najít správně chápané spojení pravdy a milosrdenství. Je možné a nutné se učit u Ježíše - z pravdy neslevuje, (Samaritán je pro něj Samaritánem, celník celníkem, hřích hříchem), ale nemilosrdný není. Zřejmě proto, že sám distanci k hříchu má (proto se ho panicky nebojí) a jistotu nehledá ve vlastní spravedlnosti, ale v lásce Otcově. Nepřistoupit na laciné rozdělení lidí na ty, pro které udělám všechno a na ty, pro které neudělám nic, je náročné, ale nutné. Láska a milosrdenství vždy něco stojí a vždy nesou také nějaké riziko. Kdo se mu chce za každou cenu vyhnout, má srdce úzké. Tito lidé si mnohdy hledají autority, které by jim řekly, kdy ještě milovat, být milosrdnými, doplácet na druhé musí, a kdy už nemusí, kdy jsou omluveni, kdy si mohou ponechat své sobectví. Ideálem je pochopit, že nemusím, ale s Ježíšem chci. (Pastorace.cz)

15to Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario: En este Evangelio, el abogado, que desea justificarse a si mismo, hace a Jesús la pregunta crucial: ¿Quién es mi prójimo? Jesús le responde con la historia de la buena Samaritana, que nuestro vecino es el necesitado ante nosotros. Los sacerdotes y Levitas de la historia no podían ir más allá de la leyes de pureza para ver que el hombre necesitado era el vecino, pero la Samaritana sí pudo ¿Hay alguien en nuestras vidas que nos impide poder ver a un vecino necesitado y responder a los deseos de Jesús?

May God bless all of you with a beautiful week.

Fr. Stephen Nesrsta, farář



On Sunday, September 15, we will host our annual BBQ & Fried Chicken Dinner from 11 am – 1 pm in the PAC Bldg. Adults \$10 / Children \$5 (adult plate drive-thru from 11 am – 12:30 pm). We will have a full day of eats, treats and family fun, including homemade kolaches for sale, live polka music during the meal, cake walk, children's games, bingo, silent & live auctions and a raffle drawing! BBQ by the Pound at the Pit from 8 am – noon. Hamburgers in the PAC at 2:30 p.m. Invite your friends & family!

We have several fun events in the afternoon and items / prizes are needed. Please see the donation suggestions below:

Live Auction – NEW & Unused items – valued at \$25 or more. Contact Jacqueline Danek for all Live Auction information (512-423-2598).

Silent Auction – NEW & Unused items – religious articles, homemade goods, crafts, candles, plants, small tool & garden sets, lotion/bath sets, etc.

Bingo Prizes - NEW & Unused items - valued at \$5 or more - coffee, sugar, snacks, candy, laundry and/or dish detergents, etc.

Toy Walk Prizes – NEW & Unused items - valued at \$5 or more – stuffed animals, Barbies/dolls, tractors, trucks, crafts, Legos, board games, etc.

Ring Toss Game – 2 liter sodas (any brand / any flavor)

**Cake Walk** – cakes ONLY (bring to PAC the morning of the Bazaar)

All donated items can be brought to the PAC, which will be open after Mass each weekend (beginning in August) until the event.

If you need to bring them during the week, they can be dropped off at the office during regular hours (Tuesday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.). They may also be brought to the PAC on Saturday, September 14, during the set-up time of 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. THANK YOU!

The Bazaar is a full day and a lot of fun – worship, good food and fellowship between family & friends – but it's a lot of work as well!

Many people are needed to work in the various areas of the bazaar – so please see the list below and call to volunteer!

### PLEASE VOLUNTEER! All parishioners – new and seasoned – are welcome and encouraged to share their time & talents!

<u>Leader</u>	Bazaar Function	<u>Phone</u>
Jennifer Klepac	Cashiers & Game Ticket Sales	512-863-3020 or 254-760-4436
Pinto & Lucille Nemec	Kitchen	254-527-3615
Richard Danek	BBQ	254-527-3700
Matthew Martinka	Meat Cutters	254-931-2967
James Nemec	Chicken Fry	512-746-5923
Marla Tonn	Desserts	512-863-0755
Cynthia Edgar	To-Go Line	512-731-4652
John Danek	Hamburgers	512-819-4362
A.J. Batla	Soda/Water/SnoCones	512-869-2528
Ed Brosch	Soda/Water/SnoCones	512-818-2320
John Weber	Beer	254-527-3998
Kevin Sukup	Meal Clean-Up	512-863-4753
Jacqueline Danek	Live Auction	512-423-2598
Dianne Peace	Silent Auction	512-630-6069
Becky Mertink	Silent Auction	512-639-9091
Janet Havelka	Raffle	512-517-8895
Nichola Hansen	Bingo	512-801-1231
Kelly Godfrey	Bingo	405-826-0651
(vacant)	Cake Walk	
Monica Snook	Children's Games	512-791-6938
Joseph Weber	Parking	254-493-8441
Dorothy Klepac	Kolaches	512-746-2902
Charles Marquis	Chair	512-818-6765
Helen Havelka	Vice-Chair	512-869-8715 or 512-925-8371
Scott Schubert	Set-Up & Clean-Up	512-576-3408