

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH of CORN HILL



Pope Francis
Vatican City State



Bishop Joe Vásquez
Diocese of Austin

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 3, A.D. 2019

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday	Nov 2	5:00 PM	†John & Betty Emge †Sr. Delores Ulrich, OSF
Sunday	Nov 3	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Pro Populo †Jackie Albert †LeRoy Tschoner
Tuesday	Nov 5	NO MASS	
Wednesday	Nov 6	NO MASS	
Thursday	Nov 7	NO MASS	
Friday	Nov 8	NO MASS	
Saturday	Nov 9	7:30 AM	Craig & Krystle †Rosemary Waltman
Saturday	Nov 9	5:00 PM	†Calvin Blackman, Jr. †Ed & Doris Nesrsta
Sunday	Nov 10	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Pro Populo †Evelyn Joyce (Hudec) Shatz †Adolph & Louise Valenta

Altar Flowers

To request flowers in honor or memory of loved ones, complete and return an Altar Flower Envelope (by bulletins or from our website).

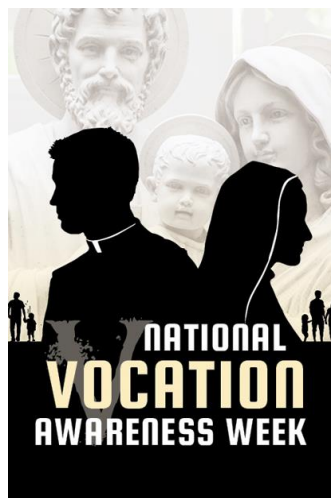
Reminder: no flowers will be needed during the seasons of Advent & Christmas (Nov 30 – Jan 5)

Last Week's Collection(s)

October 27: Weekly Collection: \$3,515.42
Faith Formation: \$ 942.05
Online Donations: \$ 308.15

Rosary for Life

October 27 – November 2: Ron & Cathy Bindas
November 3 – 9: Frankie & Betty Ann Vrabel



Vocations Crucifix Prayer Campaign

Oct 27 – Nov 2: Josh & Steffani Jacobs family
November 3 – 9: Helen Havelka

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

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Weekend Masses: Saturday @ 5:00 pm
Sunday @ 8:30 am & 10:30 am
Reconciliation: Sat: 3:45–4:40 pm; Sun: 7:30–8:10 am;
& Wed: 5:30-6:10 pm (or by appt.)

Parish Contacts & Resources

Director of Faith Formation: Lucille D'Elia 737-215-1042
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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

Saturday, November 9, 5:00 PM:
Altar Servers: John & Maria Bruce
Lector: Leo Bringman
EMHC: Brandi Bernal, Keith Youngpeter, Janine Nemecek
Gift Bearers: Mark & Debbie Klaus
Head Usher: Stephanie Wright

Sunday, November 10, 8:30 AM:
Altar Servers: Joseph, William & Adelaide Brousseau
Lector: Louis Brousseau
EMHC: James Nemecek, Ken Theisen, Cynthia Edgar
Gift Bearers: Pinto & Lucille Nemecek
Head Usher: A.J. Batla

Sunday, November 10, 10:30 AM:
Altar Servers: Jakob Voigt, Samuel Williams, William Fonville
Lector: Monica Sherek
EMHC: Monica Sherek
Gift Bearers: Susan Schoenbaechler
Head Usher: Bill Sherek

EMHC to Shut-ins: Sunday, November 10: James Nemecek

Prayer for Vocations

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults. Amen.

We ask that you pray daily this week (Nov 3-9), in conjunction with National Vocation Awareness Week, for those that are called by God to the task of consecrated Vocations. Please also pray for the current seminarians of our Diocese, which is easily done using the attached prayer calendar. Thank you.

Thank you for promoting the sanctity of LIFE by contributing to your BABY BANK throughout October. Please return your boxes to the designated baskets at the entrances of the church. The money given will benefit Pro-Life efforts in our parish and apostolates within our diocese.

The **annual diocesan Catholic Services Appeal** will be conducted this weekend (November 2/3). Each year, our bishop asks every one of us to make a commitment to support the work of our diocesan programs and ministries. By sharing the gifts God has granted us, we can work together to care for the Church. Please experience the joy of giving and join us as we work to continue Christ's work of spirituality, charity and education.

Join us at our Ministry Fair – this weekend (November 2/3) in the PAC bldg, after your usual weekend Mass, to learn about all of the ministries within our parish – give us ideas of what we might add – and better understand how your participation and involvement in the spiritual life of our parish benefits both you and the Church! A light meal will be served each time and there will be crafts and fun for the kids and even door prizes!

Everyone is invited to Zion Lutheran Church in Walburg for their **48th Annual Wurstbraten**. They will sell sausage by the pound today (Sunday, November 3) from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. and the Wurstbraten meal will be held this Monday, November 4, from 4:30 – 7:30 p.m. Adults \$12 / Children \$6. Dine-in or drive-thru.

Due to the Zion Wurstbraten, our monthly **Senior Citizens' Supper** will be held next Monday, November 11, at 6:30 p.m. in the PAC bldg. We appreciate the KJT #55 for preparing the meal.

PARISH DIRECTORY FAMILY PICTURES – next week – November 5 – 9!! There are still time slots available for photos...and several of our families have yet to schedule a session...so please sign up NOW as our directory wouldn't be complete without you! Visit our website, www.holytrinityofcornhill.org, click on the link provided on the home page and follow the prompts ... or you can contact the parish office during business hours, and we can sign you up as well.

RCIA: Class this Tuesday, November 5, at 7 p.m. in the RE Bldg. Topic of discussion: Our Liturgical Year, Catholic Devotions & Advent. For more information, please contact Lucille D'Elia (737-215-1042 or htcdre@yahoo.com).

CCE: Classes this Wednesday, November 6, from 6:15 – 8:00 p.m. We will not have Mass this Wednesday, so we will be in the classroom for the entire time. For questions or information about our program, please contact Lucille D'Elia (737-215-1042). ****Parent/student classes for First Reconciliation preparation** will continue (in the RE bldg due to parish directory photos) during CCE. At least one parent of each 2nd grade student should attend these classes. Adult Faith Enrichment participants are welcome to attend these classes as well.

KJZT Family Life Society #15 will meet this Wednesday, November 6, at 6:00 p.m. in the home of Janice Tucker. All members are welcome.

Choir practice for the Christmas Season begins this Wednesday, November 6, at 7:00 p.m. in the church. Contact Ronnie Simek (512-630-5074) for information.

Pro-Life Adoration in the church this Thursday, November 7, from 3:00 – 9:00 p.m. Come and spend some time with the Lord, present in the Holy Eucharist.

SIGN UP – by next Sunday, November 10 – for our Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, which will be held on Sunday, November 17, at 5:00 p.m. in the PAC bldg! We want to show our thanks and appreciation to ALL of our VOLUNTEERS, so if you participate in any ministries or activities here at our parish, sign-up you and your family for a catered chicken fried steak dinner – on us! **Sign-up sheets are available in the foyer of the church, or you can contact the parish office.**

Donations for the NEST Empowerment Center, of Georgetown High School, are still being accepted through next Sunday, November 10. Item suggestions include toiletries, food, school supplies, etc, and the NEST's wish list can be found by the bulletins and at the entrances of the church. Donations can be dropped off in the designated box in the church foyer. We appreciate, in advance, your participation and generosity! For questions, contact Lucille D'Elia.

Two birds with one stone ... purchase your Christmas cards and gift bags early, which puts you ahead of the game and also supports our parish youth's attendance of the annual Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference (DCYC)! You can get these items now at the CCE office or after our weekend Masses beginning next weekend (November 9/10). Contact Lucille D'Elia for more information.

The **Knights of Columbus** will be selling assorted nuts, after Masses, on the weekends of November 10, 17 & 24.

The **Georgetown/Round Rock Deanery Council of Catholic Women (DCCW) will meet** on Thursday, November 14, at St. Mary's in Taylor. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. with the business meeting at 10 a.m. All ladies are welcome and encouraged to attend as they share in fellowship and carry out the mission of the National Council of Catholic Women. You may contact Linda Montreuil (512-864-2451) for questions or more information.

The **Confraternity of Christian Mothers (CCM) will sponsor a Bake Sale** after all Masses on the weekend of November 16/17. A portion of the proceeds will be sent to Catholic Relief Services, which is the service project of the Austin DCCW for 2019/20. Remaining proceeds will benefit the CCM funds for the activities they promote. Your generosity of providing and/or purchasing baked goods, and your monetary donations, is very much appreciated!

KJZT Family Life presents **"The Messy Family Project" free workshop for married couples and parents**, designed to strengthen your relationship and inspire you in building a dynamic Catholic culture in your home. It will be held on Sunday, November 17, from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. (Mass included) at The Cathedral Center in Victoria, Texas (3102 N Laurant St). To reserve a spot, call 888-253-2338 or go to www.kjzt.org/event/messyfamilyproject/. Free childcare with advance registration and a meal will be available for purchase (cash only).

For those interested in learning more about the **Natural Family Planning method**, a class will be held on Thursday, November 21, at St. Austin's Church in the Our Lady of Guadalupe Hall from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. In this course, you will learn about four common methods of natural family planning, the effects of contraceptives, listen to a couple's experience using an NFP method, and learn about the meaning of the theology of the body and its relation to natural family planning. Visit www.austinfcc.org or call 512-474-2757.

Dear friends in Christ,

Well here we are in the month of November. A month dedicated to giving thanks to God for all the many ways He blesses our lives. It is also a month to remember those who have died in service to our country. May we always be thankful for those who sacrifice their life so that we can live in freedom. Let us also keep all the souls in Purgatory in our prayers during this month dedicated to all the faithful departed.

This weekend, we have our annual Catholic Services Appeal. Most of you have, or will, receive your pledge cards in the mail. Please complete the form making your pledge to the Diocese of Austin for this coming year and return the form by mail to the Diocese in the envelope that is provided in the mailing. If you have not made a pledge and would like to do so, we have extra pledge forms available in the church. Please be good stewards and do your part in supporting the many ministries of the Diocese of Austin.

Also, don't forget to sign up for our Volunteer Appreciation Meal that will be on Sunday, November 17. This meal is for anyone and their family who volunteers for any ministry or fundraiser. Please sign up by November 10 as we need an accurate total for the caterer.

In this week's Gospel, we have the famous story of Zacchaeus, who was the chief tax collector, and whom Jesus told that He would stay at his house. As soon as Zacchaeus heard Jesus' invitation, he came down the tree and, in humility, tells Jesus: "Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over." Wow, what an act of complete self-giving to the will of God. When we have done wrong, do we say "I will make up for my wrongdoing four times over"? Zacchaeus was going way above and beyond what would have been required of him. I think we can all learn a lesson from the attitude and humility of Zacchaeus. May we be able to live what he learned and what he put into practice after his encounter with Jesus.

K úvaze: Ježíš s lidskou tváří neboli Bůh s lidskou tváří: právě takový se nám ukazuje v dnešním evangeliu. Kristus, který se zajímá především o člověka, chce „přebývat“ s ním: nezajímá ho především jeho morální profil, ale jeho „tvář“, jeho jméno. A tato touha „přebývat“ s ním je tak velká, že Ježíš nejen navazuje kontakt s ním jako první, oslovuje ho jménem, ale dokonce sebe sama „zve“ na návštěvu. Tak velká je jeho touha! Kristus nepřijde k ztroskotanému Zacheovi s výtka, s odsouzením, s pranýřováním. Nepřijde s karabáčem či bičem odsouzení, ale s jemností a taktem. Začíná velmi prostě a lidsky: chce přijít k němu na návštěvu, prostě být s ním. A tímto krokem vyvolá reptání kolemstojících: on se však nebojí kritiky, ztráty popularity, odsuzování ze strany nechápajících a úzkoprsých. Tito se obávali, že se Ježíš tímto způsobem staví na stranu hříchu, když se zkompromituje se zkompromitovaným. Ježíš však ukáže, že jeho snížení se k hříšníkovi přináší ovoce: hříšník přijímá spásu, mění svůj život. Ježíšův kreativní přístup k hříšníkovi, a ne strnulý přístup „spravedlivého“ zástupu, má moc proměnit lidský úděl. Je to zkrátka přístup kreativní, tvůrčí, protože tvoří něco nového, nový lidský život, novou tvář.

Zacheus „pochopil“ a zareagoval správně: přijal Krista. My často nemáme jeho odvahu, ale spíš zdrženlivý postoj davu: Kristus přece nemůže přijít k hříšníkovi! Nemůže přijít ke mně, nemohu ho pustit do svého „nepořádku“, do svého harampádí. Tyto námítky možná neformulujeme tak výslovně, ale ve skutečnosti jsou v nás a nedovolují pustit Krista „k tělu“, k srdci. A kromě toho pustit Krista do svého domu je nebezpečné: mohlo by se stát něco nepředvídatelného, netušený zvrat, jako v Zacheově případě. A toho se bojíme: opustit svoje jistoty, svůj majetek, svůj zaběhaný a „fungující“ životní styl. Je přece lepší stát na straně většiny, na straně anonymního davu: je lepší zůstat stranou a „uchovat“ si své jistoty. Anebo? (Pastorace.cz)

Trigésimo Primero Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario: Hoy escuchamos la historia de Zaqueo, un hombre tan interesado en ver a Jesús que renuncia a su dignidad y se sube a un árbol. La gente de su pueblo ve a Zaqueo como un traidor y un tramposo, pero Jesús ve en él a un hombre desesperado por amor y misericordia. Zaqueo vio en Jesús a alguien que no lo juzgaba y veía sólo lo mejor y verdadero de su ser. ¿Vemos como Dios ve? ¿Vemos la dignidad completa de cada persona como amada de Dios y tratamos a todos con tal dignidad? ¿Qué podemos hacer esta semana para ver a la gente de manera diferente?

May all of you have a blessed month of November.

In Christ, Fr. Stephen Nesrsta, farář

Charity in Praying for the Dead

BR. CHRIS BRANNAN, O.P.

This Saturday, November 2, we celebrated the feast of All Souls, that special feast in the church calendar in which we commemorate and pray for all of the holy souls in Purgatory. This Catholic feast and the beliefs which undergird it can be repugnant to many non-Catholics, and even ignored or denied by modern day Catholics. (I once heard a Catholic parish catechist claim, “Oh, Purgatory? Well...we just don’t really talk about that any more...”).

I suppose the idea of Purgatory strikes many contemporary people as some rather quaint, if not terribly misguided, idea that generally does more harm than good: a belief that induces fear and an obsession with working hard, following all the rules. After all, isn’t an idea couched in language about law and punishment, about sin and pain, only a symptom of a rather morbid mind? And didn’t Martin Luther and the whole Protestant Reformation rather expose this medieval farce and break the shackles of such a terrifying and toxic mentality? Isn’t the church just so old and slow that it has not yet caught up with the times and realized the foolishness of such legalistic preoccupations as “purgatory”?

Perhaps very few have not had one or more of the above objections to Purgatory. I, for one, used to think them all. And yet the Catholic Church continues to affirm, notwithstanding some of her naïve and misguided catechists, that Purgatory is real, and that we must concern ourselves with it; that is why she celebrates the Solemnity of All Souls every November 2.

So what is this feast, which can so confuse or upset others, all about? It might be best to quote from one Scripture reading—one that is sometimes read at Mass on this feast—which is actually Jewish, not Christian, in origin:

Judas [Maccabeus] and his men went to take up the bodies of the fallen...under the tunic of every one of the dead they found sacred tokens of the idols of Jamnia, which the law forbids the Jews to wear...and they turned to prayer, beseeching that the sin which had been committed might be wholly blotted out...[Judas] also took up a collection... And sent it to Jerusalem to provide for a sin offering. In doing this he acted very well and honorably, taking account of the resurrection. ... [Since] he was looking to the splendid reward that is laid up for those who follow godliness, it was a holy and pious thought. Therefore, he made atonement for the dead, that they might be delivered from their sin (2 Maccabees 12:39-45).

In this Jewish text, which is revered by Catholics as inspired Scripture, we see a Jewish belief and practice, narrated and extolled by a Jewish writer, claiming that it is “a holy and pious thought” to pray and offer sacrifice for the dead, that their sins might be forgiven. It is this basic thought and practice which is picked up later by the Christian church, and continues today in various Apostolic Churches, who continue to offer prayers, above all the sacrifice of the Eucharist, for their beloved dead. While the text from second Maccabees may not give a full-blown and well-developed Catholic doctrine of Purgatory, it does highlight something that is central to the Catholic position: that we can stand in need of further purification and forgiveness even after our own death, and that those left on earth can aid us in this “purgation.” And, furthermore, this text and the Catholic belief in purgatory are rooted in a strong sense of hope: that in spite of our imperfections, God is quite capable of preparing and perfecting us for heaven, even if He needs to do this after we die.

C.S. Lewis (who believed in a form of purgatory), in his classic, *Mere Christianity*, says the same, when he puts the following words on the lips of Jesus Christ:

“Make no mistake...if you let me, I will make you perfect. The moment you put yourself in my hands, that is what you are in for. Nothing less, or other, than that.... If you do not push me away, understand that I’m going to see this job through. Whatever suffering it may cost you in your earthly life, whatever inconceivable purification it may cost you after death, whatever it costs me, I will never rest, nor let you rest, until you are literally perfect... This I can do and will do. But I will not do anything less.”

Purgatory, indeed, testifies to this conviction: God wants nothing else for us, but to unite us with Him in Heaven, and He will do what it takes, provided we do not obstinately resist His grace while on earth. It may involve painful forms of purification in this life, and it may, and often does, involve some form of purification after death. And it can offer us comfort when we see, today, our own weaknesses and sinful tendencies: “Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me His own” (Phil 3:12). That is, our perfection in Christ takes time, and just because we have not yet “arrived” does not mean we never will. Provided we are in His grace, even if we die “unfinished,” God is not done with us: He can still work on our souls—a sort of spiritual surgery, if you will, without much anesthetic.

And much like Judas Maccabeus, today we too can assist those undergoing such purification, by our prayers and sacrifices—especially by offering ourselves to God in the one sacrifice of Christ present in every Eucharistic celebration. To do so, paradoxically, may also end up helping us in our purification and growth in holiness on earth: offering such prayer moves us outward, beyond ourselves toward the good of another, and away from vain and fleeting distractions—away from the very sorts of attachments which necessitate Purgatory. To pray and offer sacrifice for the dead, then, truly is “a holy and pious thought.”