

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

of CORN HILL



Pope Francis
Vatican City State



Bishop Joe Vásquez
Diocese of Austin

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 10, A.D. 2019

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday	Nov 9	5:00 PM	†Calvin Blackman, Jr. †Ed & Doris Nestrsta
Sunday	Nov 10	8:30 AM	Pro Populo
		10:30 AM	†Evelyn Joyce (Hudec) Shatz †Adolph & Louise Valenta
Monday	Nov 11	6:00 PM	†Gilbert Kalinec Richard Danek (for healing)
Tuesday	Nov 12	6:00 PM	†August & Louise Batla †Leslie K. Shaw
Wednesday	Nov 13	6:30 PM	All Souls
Thursday	Nov 14	7:00 AM	†Pete & Eleanora Schwertner †Annie Janish
Friday	Nov 15	6:00 PM	†Frances Nemeč †Msgr. Emilián Foltyn
Saturday	Nov 16	7:30 AM	Marshall, Brielle & Conner Cooke †Sharon Parma
Saturday	Nov 16	5:00 PM	†Hubert Klepac †Bill Klepac
Sunday	Nov 17	8:30 AM	†Jacques Brousseau A.J. & Dorothy Tschoerner (65 th Wedding Anniversary)
		10:30 AM	Pro Populo

Altar Flowers

The flowers at the Tabernacle are placed
in loving memory of **Adolph & Louise Valenta**,
and are donated by the Havelka family.

Last Week's Collection(s)

November 3: Weekly Collection: \$5,200.00
All Saints: \$1,551.00
Online Donations: \$ 308.15

Rosary for Life

November 10 – 16: Brandon & Rosie Fonville
November 17 – 23: Jeff & Stephanie Wright

Vocations Crucifix Prayer Campaign

November 10 – 16: Frank & Lucille D'Elia
November 17 – 23: Andrew & Susan Klepac

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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



St. Frances Xavier Cabrini
(1850-1917)

Feast Day: November 13

Italian-born founder of the Roman Catholic Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart and became known as "the saint of the immigrants" during nearly 3 decades of service in the United States.

† 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: 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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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

Wednesday, November 13, 6:30 PM:

Altar Servers: Lucas Beyer, Preston Snook, Shelby H

Lector: Lupe Bernal

EMHC: Kelly Godfrey

Gift Bearers: Confirmation 2

Saturday, November 16, 5:00 PM:

Altar Servers: Nathan Klepac & Natalie Mason

Lector: Lupe Bernal

EMHC: Pasty Hightower, Jim & Mary Margaret Heuertz

Gift Bearers: Johnny & Bernice Hernandez

Head Usher: Howard Mertink

Sunday, November 17, 8:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Caleb & Amy Stefek, Shelby Hutchinson

Lector: Duane Blakeslee

EMHC: Duane & Gwen Blakeslee, Brandon Danek

Gift Bearers: Billy & Belinda Beyer

Head Usher: Tommy Sladeczek

Sunday, November 17, 10:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Thomas Clawson, Abby Hodgson, Martin O

Lector: Becky Theisen

EMHC: Ken Theisen, Daniel Perez

Gift Bearers: Clawson family

Head Usher: Frank Knapek

EMHC to Shut-ins: Sunday, November 17: Blakeslee

Thank you for your prayers for the men and women discerning a vocation to the priesthood or religious life during this past week's National Vocation Awareness Week. Please continue to pray for the seminarians from our Austin Diocese. The Vocations Ministry has prepared cards with mailing addresses (located by the bulletins) for these men. Consider writing a seminarian a note of encouragement and support.

Thank you to everyone who participated in having their pictures taken for our new Parish Directory! We are excited to see the results and will give more details in the near future as to when we will be receiving them, etc. Thank you, also, to the volunteers who helped with the photo sessions. Jennifer couldn't have done it without you!!

Thank you to those who have returned their Pro-Life Baby Banks! If you haven't yet, please do so as soon as possible (to the designated baskets at the entrances of the church) so that the donations can be forwarded to the Pro-Life apostolates of our diocese.

A blessed thank you to everyone who gave a gift this past weekend to the Catholic Services Appeal. Our parish goal is 100% participation. Each and every person's gift is important. For those who have not made a pledge, please join us in supporting the vital programs and services throughout the Diocese of Austin from which you and this parish benefit. Pledge cards are available at the entrances of the church and can be returned in the collection basket or by mail. Thank you for your support.

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

RCIA: Class this Tuesday, November 12, at 7 p.m. in the RE Bldg. Topic of discussion: The Mass – Part 1. For more information, please contact Lucille D'Elia (737-215-1042 or htcdre@yahoo.com).

CCE: Classes this Wednesday, November 13, from 6:15 – 8:00 p.m. For questions or information about our program, please contact Lucille D'Elia (737-215-1042). **Parent/student classes for **First Reconciliation preparation** will be held in the PAC Bldg after Mass. At least one parent of each 2nd grade student should attend these classes. Adult Faith Enrichment participants are also welcome to attend these classes.

The **Georgetown/Round Rock Deanery Council of Catholic Women (DCCW) will meet** this 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.

Pro-Life Adoration in the church this Thursday, November 14, from 3:00 – 9:00 p.m. Come and spend some time with the Lord, present in the Holy Eucharist.

This is your last weekend to SIGN UP for our Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, which will be held next 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, you and your family are invited 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.

We will have our monthly **Faith Formation Collection** next weekend (November 16/17) 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 (CCM) will sponsor a Bake Sale** after all Masses next weekend, 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!

St. Stephen Church in Salado invites everyone for **Turkey Bingo Sunday** next weekend (Sunday, November 17) at the SPJST Hall in Holland (12141 FM 2268). Doors will open at 12:30 p.m. and bingo begins at 2:00 p.m. Hamburgers, chips and drinks available. Join them for fellowship in the spirit of Thanksgiving and try your luck at winning at turkey for your holiday dinner!

Our Pro-Life Group will be sponsoring a talk on the **Catholic approach to end of life issues** on Thursday, November 21, at 6:30 p.m. in the PAC. This is an area that presents a lot of confusion for Catholics. Is it ever OK to stop medical treatment? Are Catholics required to exhaust every and all available treatments? What is the Church's position on having a living will? Fr Joseph Daheim, of St Helen in Georgetown, will be here to answer these questions and many others.

Catholic Life Insurance Branch #50 in Corn Hill is sponsoring a **Children's Book Drive** again this year. The books collected will be donated to the Jarrell Food Pantry to be distributed to families that visit the food pantry. The books donated last year were a big hit with the families and were gone in a matter of weeks. We are asking for slightly used or new children's books. Cash donations, which will be used to purchase new books, are also accepted and appreciated. Books can be placed in the marked container through November 29 and will then be taken to the pantry in time for Christmas. For questions, contact Tommy Sladeczek at 512-635-3496 or Sharon Lloyd at 512-630-5527.

Purchase your Christmas cards and gift bags from our parish youth in support of their attendance of the annual Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference (DCYC)! You can get these items at the CCE office (call or come in during business hours). Contact Lucille D'Elia for more information.

Dear friends in Christ,

May the peace and love of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Monday is Veteran's Day. Please pray for all veterans who have served our country by serving in the Armed Forces.

Please send your Catholic Services Appeal pledge to the Diocese of Austin if you have not already done so. If, for some reason, you are not able to pledge anything monetarily this year, please mark the pledge as "\$0" and pledge that you will *pray* for our Diocese and send the form in to the Diocese of Austin in the envelope provided. This also counts as a pledge from our parish and you will not receive any more mailings asking you to give money this year. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity to the Diocese of Austin.

We are well into the fall of the year and in most places the leaves are changing into brilliant colors, but not so much here in Texas. We know that those beautiful colors will eventually change into a dark, dead looking grayish color which reminds us of the winter season. As we approach the feast of Christ the King, two weeks from today, our readings remind us of the grayness of a human reality called death. But, we as a Catholic people, look beyond the reality of death to another, better, reality called heaven and the glory of God's eternal Kingdom.

Often times, when we read the Bible or study history, we think that the people in the past thought about things the same way we do today. However, they did not. We must understand that the Judaism of Jesus' day was a divided Judaism and understood death in different ways. Two of the biggest divisions of Judaism were the Pharisees and the Sadducees.

The Pharisees believed in life after death, while the Sadducees did not. Today's Gospel reading illustrates this reality as they confront Jesus over His belief in life after death. Jesus gives them a brilliant answer, as only He can do. But it should make us think about our own beliefs of life after death and make us ask the question, "Does our belief in life after death have any meaning for us?"

The Old Testament books of the Maccabees record for us a rebellion led by Judas Maccabeus, and his brothers, against the rulers of Syria who had taken control of Palestine. Antiochus IV, the king of Syria, had forbade the practice of the Jewish religion under penalty of death. Antiochus even went so far as to offer sacrifices to his God, Zeus, on the Altar in the Temple. This caused an outrage among the people, which brought about a holy war.

Today we heard about a mother and her seven sons and how they were tortured to try to get them to renounce their Jewish faith. We can learn a lesson from the death of these sons. The first brother tells us that faithfulness to God's law is the basis of their resistance to the Syrian king. The second son states a belief in life after death. The third tells us of their belief in the resurrection of the body. The fourth tells us that the sin of the persecutors will make them forfeit their right to life in the Kingdom. For the rest of the story ... you will need to look it up in the Bible.

The recording of the belief of life after death in Maccabees is one of the oldest statements of this belief in the Bible, though the event we heard today occurs only approximately 150 years before Jesus. The Pharisees came to believe in life after death, but not the Sadducees. What about us?

When we celebrate the feast of Christ the King in two weeks, will it have any meaning for us? Does it have any impact on our behavior? Our faith is not put to the test as it was for the family in Maccabees. Living our faith is rather an easy thing to do in this country. It is difficult for us to comprehend that dying for our faith is still a requirement and may one day be required of us. However, the worst for us is that many leave the faith, not out of fear of death, but simply because they do not care. This again raises the question of the Sadducees: Is there life after death? Many of us live as if we do not believe it, or we take life after death so much for granted that we might as well not believe it. Given our ease in living our faith, we might ask ourselves whether we deserve to live in God's Kingdom after death. Are we as loyal to the Catholic faith as the seven brothers were to their faith?

We live in a society that has geared itself to believing that everything should be easy. We live in a very convenient society. We do not seem to worry about our personal sinfulness as much as our preceding generations. Many people feel very comfortable skipping Mass on Sunday. Perhaps we need to stop and reconsider our lives of faith. If we really have a concern about our future with God, about life after death, we might become concerned about our sinfulness, about our lifestyles and about our responsibility for the lives of others. Like Paul suggests in today's second reading, perhaps we should pray that we "may be delivered from confused and evil men." Can we, like the first brother, say we are concerned about our faithfulness to God and His law? Can we continue to live in sin and say we are concerned about life after death? Think about it.

Kúvaze: Naše terminologie i představy o vzkříšení, nebo lépe o budoucnosti člověka po smrti, jsou zatíženy mnohým nevhodným balastem a jsou prosty řady podstatných věcí. V Evropě se dost nešťastně asimiloval názor v podstatě platónský, že totiž tělo je vězením, z něhož duše smrtí konečně unikne. A křesťan pak řekl: duše přijde na soud, a bude-li hodná, čeká ji nebe, byla-li zlá, pak peklo. Nesmrtelnost byla tak odvozována z řádu bytí samotného, ale nebyla vztahována příliš k Bohu. S pokračujícím vývojem představ o člověku představa duše silně zanikla za masivní představou hmatatelného zkoumaného těla. A tak mnoho křesťanů „na žádný posmrtný život nevěří“, protože si samostatnou existenci duše nemohou představit. Písmo ale staví i v Novém zákoně vzkříšení na základ personální - člověk má před sebou šťastnou, očekávanou hodnou budoucnost jen proto a potud, pokud je Boží. Na síle a realitě Boží lásky vše stojí. Věčnost, vzkříšení, budoucnost neznámá nějaký obskurní „záhrobní život“, ale bytí s Bohem bez stínů, v plnosti. K tomu v našem textu vede Ježíšův (pro nás těžko pochopitelný) rabínský „důkaz“ z Písma - poslední verše naší perikopy. Protože Bohu všichni žijí, proto je naděje. Živý Bůh je Bohem a tedy zdrojem života mým jako mých předků, a proto mám naději, že se s nimi setkám. Ne proto, že patříme k sobě navzájem, ale proto, že patříme Bohu. Kontinuita mezi životem zde a životem „tam“ může vést jedině přes samotný fakt Boží lásky, ne přes naše představy o životě.

Můžeme si tu také všimnout souvislosti s „neženěním se“ pro Boží království, s celibátem evangelijně motivovaným. Jestliže zde na zemi je zajištění rodu dosahováno láskou a plazením (tedy ženěním a vdáváním), pak v Božím království toho třeba nebude - život tam závisí jen a pouze na podílu na životě Božím. Proto Písmo říká, že budou jako andělé, tedy žijící z Boha. A kdo už tady plně uvěřil v realitu království, může se vzdát úkolu rodiny ne ze sobectví, ale z nezištné lásky k druhým a také proto, aby plněji spolupůsobil na „rození dětí pro nebeské království“, tedy na službě evangeliu.

Trigésimo Segundo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario: La primera lectura de hoy es una historia conmovedora sobre los Judíos mártires dispuestos a morir antes que romper la dieta impuesta por las leyes de su fe. ¿Qué estamos dispuestos a sacrificar por otros? Los principios de la Enseñanza Social Católica cubren todo, desde la vida humana hasta el medio ambiente. Ellos nos enseñan sobre cuidar a los pobres y vulnerables, la importancia de la familia; la importancia de la solidaridad ¿Estamos dispuestos a darnos a nosotros mismos, a entender estos principios hasta que moldeen nuestras vidas y sean tan importantes para nosotros como la ley de Moisés fue para aquellos de la primera lectura?

May you have a most blessed week.

In Christ, Fr. Stephen Nersta, farář

Catholic Corner: November 9/10 - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary time: The first reading today is the moving story of Jewish martyrs willing to die for their faith rather than break the dietary laws of their faith. What are we willing to sacrifice for others? The principles of Catholic Social Teaching cover everything from human life to the environment. They teach us about care for the poor and vulnerable, the importance of family, the importance of solidarity. Are we willing to give of ourselves, to understand these principles until they shape our lives and are as important to us as the law of Moses was to those in the first reading?

Webinar – Families Talking about Relationships, Sex, and Safety - this Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at 1:00 p.m., presented by Dr. Kathie Amidei and Sister Kieran Sawyer, moderated by Jane Angha. Parents want to have meaningful conversations about important topics, but they don't always know how to do that. By harnessing the power of parental love, we can encourage them to guide their children in matters of life, faith, and morals. This webinar will help parents to have these critical conversations in healthy and effective ways and help them to start early, building the small steps of trust children need so that they will discuss important issues when they reach their teens? Join them in exploring "how to get families talking!" *Sister Kieran Sawyer is nationally known for her creative work in youth ministry, adolescent catechesis, and chastity education. Over the years she has taught religion at all levels of grade and high school, in Catholic schools and in Religious Education Programs, and has presented numerous workshops and programs for religion teachers, catechists, and youth ministers across the country. Sister Kieran is a member of the School Sisters of Notre Dame, Central Pacific Province. Dr. Kathie Amidei is parish pastoral associate, a catechetical consultant for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and a national speaker for Our Sunday Visitor. She writes a regular column for the Catholic Herald, Milwaukee newspaper.* The webinar is free and open to everyone. To view this, past and upcoming webinars, please visit www.nfcym.org.

The **Grandparents Day of Reflection** will be held this Thursday, November 14, at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton from 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Pope Francis said, "Very often it is grandparents who ensure that the most important values are passed down to their grandchildren, and many people can testify that they owe their initiation into the Christian life to their grandparents." Whether you live near or far from your grandchildren, grandparents have the unique opportunity and responsibility to be holy role models of Catholic faith. Join Cheryl Maxwell as she explores the many ways in which grandparents can make a positive difference in the faith life of their grandchildren. The cost is \$40 and includes lunch. For more information and to register, call Cedarbrake at 254-780-2436 or visit www.cedarbrake.org.

The **Parent Bereavement Retreat** will be held at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton on Saturday, November 23, from 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. This retreat is for parents, grandparents or guardians/foster parents who have lost a child or grandchild. Siblings who have lost a sister or brother are also welcome. Whether the child died "in the womb," during childhood or as an adult, the loss of a child or grandchild is significant at any age. Louis A. Gamino and Franciscan Father Albert Haase will help lead this retreat. Gamino is an author, speaker and licensed psychologist at Baylor Scott & White Health. Father Haase is a gifted speaker, author and the chaplain at Cedarbrake. The cost is \$40 and includes lunch. For more information or to register, call Cedarbrake at 254-780-2436 or visit www.cedarbrake.org.

A **"Come and See" retreat, with the Sisters of the Divine Providence**, will be held on November 22-24, at Our Lady of the Lake Convent in San Antonio. The Sisters invite single women, ages 18-40, to explore what the life of a Sister is all about. For information or to register, go to www.cdptexas.org/events/. You can also email vocationministry@cdptexas.org or call 210-854-0517.

Catholic Charities of Central Texas respects and upholds the dignity of every human person, beginning at the moment of conception. Their Gabriel Project Life Center offers free education, case management and material assistance to new or expectant mothers and fathers so they can give their children the best possible start to life. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (512) 651-6100 (Austin) or (979) 822-9340 (Brazos Valley).

The John Paul II Life Center will host its **9th annual Life is Beautiful Gala** on Thursday, November 21, at 7 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Austin. Abby Johnson will be the guest speaker. For more information, email the St. John Paul II Life Center at info@jpiilifecenter.org.

Encounter a **Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage Experience** on Thursday, November 21, at 7 p.m. at St. Luke Parish in Temple. Witness the message of Lourdes given by Our Lady to St. Bernadette; touch the Grotto Rock; experience the healing grace of Lourdes water; receive a Eucharistic blessing and pray the rosary by candlelight.

Ethics & Integrity in Ministry (EIM): Are you aware of sexual or physical abuse or neglect of a child or vulnerable adult? The Diocese of Austin is committed to preventing harm from happening to any of our children or vulnerable adults. If you are aware of sexual or physical abuse and/or neglect of a child or vulnerable adult, state law requires you to report that information to local law enforcement or to the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services at (800) 252-5400 or www.dfps.state.tx.us. Additionally, if the suspected abuse is by clergy or an employee or volunteer of any diocesan parish, school or agency, a Confidential Notice of Concern should be submitted to the diocesan Ethics and Integrity in Ministry Office at (512) 949-2400. The Confidential Notice of Concern can be found at www.austindiocese.org (click on the link HOW TO REPORT ABUSE). Reports may be made anonymously.

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