

# HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH of CORN HILL



Pope Francis  
Vatican City State



Bishop Joe Vásquez  
Diocese of Austin

## Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 17, A.D. 2019

### Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday	Nov 16	5:00 PM	†Hubert Klepac †Bill Klepac
Sunday	Nov 17	8:30 AM	†Jacques Brousseau A.J. & Dorothy Tschoerner (65 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary)
		10:30 AM	Pro Populo
Tuesday	Nov 19	6:00 PM	†Norma Klaus †Toni Vanderloop
Wednesday	Nov 20	6:30 PM	All Souls
Thursday	Nov 21	7:00 AM	†Judy Jackson †Sharon Parma
Friday	Nov 22	6:00 PM	†Paul Chevalier Virgil Tonn (for healing)
Saturday	Nov 23	7:30 AM	†Albin & Janette Zurovetz †Tommie Rose Martine
Saturday	Nov 23	5:00 PM	†Greg Maney †Joe & Margaret Vrazel
Sunday	Nov 24	8:30 AM	Pro Populo
		10:30 AM	Raymond & Celia Ybarra (50 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary) †Frank & Angeline Hudec

### Altar Flowers

The flowers at the Tabernacle are placed  
in honor of **A.J. & Dorothy Tschoerner**  
in celebration of their **65<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary**.  
Congratulations and blessings to them!

### Last Week's Collection(s)

**November 10:** Weekly Collection: \$4,433.78  
Online Donations: \$ 657.90

### Rosary for Life

**November 17 – 23:** Jeff & Stephanie Wright  
November 24 – 30: Tim & Gwyn Vrabel family

### Vocations Crucifix Prayer Campaign

**November 17 – 23:** Andrew & Susan Klepac  
November 24 – 30: Louis & Louise Straka

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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



### Feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary November 21

Commemorates the presentation of the Blessed Virgin as a child by her parents in the Temple in Jerusalem. Before Mary's birth, they received a heavenly message that they would bear a child. In thanksgiving for God's gift of Mary's birth, they brought her to the Temple to consecrate their daughter to The Lord.

† Fr. Stephen Nesrsta †

Address: 8626 FM 1105, Jarrell, Texas 76537

Phone: 512-863-3020 Email: holytrinitycc@yahoo.com

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: 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

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

K.J.Z.T. Society #15: Dorothy Klepac 512-746-2902

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

#### Wednesday, November 20, 6:30 PM:

Altar Servers: Jakob Voigt, Martin Ortiz, Isabella H

Lector: Adelaide Brousseau

EMHC: Heuertz

Gift Bearers: Grade 3/4

#### Saturday, November 23, 5:00 PM:

Altar Servers: John & Maria Bruce, Preston Snook

Lector: Janine Nemecek

EMHC: Brandi Bernal, Keith Youngpeter, Leo Bringman

Gift Bearers: Billy & Kathy Meissner

Head Usher: Howard Mertink

#### Sunday, November 24, 8:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Carter Marquis, Lucas Bayer, Adelaide B

Lector: Cynthia Edgar

EMHC: Brandon Danek, Pete & Nancy Zenner

Gift Bearers: Johnny & Dee Martinka

Head Usher: A.J. Batla

#### Sunday, November 24, 10:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Jakob Voigt, Samuel Williams, William F

Lector: Jennifer Klepac

EMHC: Jennifer Klepac, Leslie & Linda Allen

Gift Bearers: Daniel & Hilda Perez

Head Usher: Jeff Voigt

**EMHC to Shut-ins: November 24:** Brandon Danek

We will have our monthly **Faith Formation Collection** this 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. Please be generous.

The **Confraternity of Christian Mothers (CCM)** will sponsor a **Bake Sale** after all Masses this 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 and the 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** today (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!

We will celebrate our parish family volunteers today (Sunday, November 17) at our **Volunteer Appreciation Dinner** at 5:00 p.m. in the PAC Bldg with a catered chicken fried steak meal – on us. Your generosity in giving of your time, talent and treasure means all the difference in the operation and spiritual life of our parish and we can't thank you enough!

**RCIA:** Class this Tuesday, November 19, at 7 p.m. in the RE Bldg. Topic of discussion: The Mass – Part 2. For more information, please contact Lucille D'Elia (737-215-1042 or [htcdre@yahoo.com](mailto:htcdre@yahoo.com)).

**CCE:** Classes this Wednesday, November 20, 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 church after Mass. At least one parent of each 2<sup>nd</sup> grade student should attend.**

**Pro-Life Adoration** in the church this Thursday, November 21, from 3:00 – 9:00 p.m. Come and spend some time with the Lord, present in the Holy Eucharist.

Our Pro-Life Group will be sponsoring a talk on the **Catholic approach to end of life issues** this 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.

We will have a **second collection** next weekend, November 23/24, for the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**, which is dedicated to breaking the cycle of poverty by funding community programs that encourage independence. You are essential to its success. Your generous donations will give those in poverty the support they need to make lasting changes. Together, we can make a difference in families and communities across the United States. Please donate prayerfully and generously.

The **Confraternity of Christian Mothers will meet** next Sunday, November 24, in the RE Bldg immediately after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. The First Penance reception and Christmas plans will be on the agenda. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend. Members will gather in the front pews for the 8:30 a.m. Mass to lead the Rosary prayed before Mass.

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.

**Food Drive:** It is time for our annual food drive to help those less fortunate families in our area. During the next 4 weeks, the Catholic Union of Texas (KJT Society 55) of Corn Hill is collecting food for The Caring Place, which assists needy residents of Jarrell and Georgetown. The drive begins Thanksgiving Day (Thursday, November 28) and ends on Sunday, December 15. A list of non-perishable food items can be found near the collection boxes in the foyer and south entrance of the church. Monetary donations are also accepted. For questions, please contact Kathleen Valenta at 281-507-5636.

**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.**

**A "Come and See" retreat, with the Sisters of the Divine Providence,** will be held this week, 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/](http://www.cdptexas.org/events/) or call 210-854-0517.

**If you would like to help decorate the church for the Christmas Season** with beautiful poinsettias --- in memory or honor of loved ones --- you may do so by completing and returning a "Christmas Flower Envelope" (located by the bulletins). Please turn in your envelope by Sunday, December 15. All memorials will be announced in the December 22 bulletin.

**Marriage Anniversaries:** If, in 2019, you celebrated your 10, 15, 20, 25, etc., 50<sup>th</sup> or more, wedding anniversary, the Austin DCCW, together with our Bishop, Joe Vásquez, will honor these couples with a certificate. Please sign-up by Sunday, December 15, on the (blue) sheets provided in the foyer of the church and please **print clearly** so that we don't misspell your names! The certificates will be presented on the weekend of the Feast of the Holy Family (December 28/29).

### AROUND THE DIOCESE

The Catholic Daughters of St. William will host the **37th annual Art and Craft Show** this Saturday, November 16, from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at St. William Parish in Round Rock. Vendors will have a variety of homemade and handmade items for purchase. There will also be door prizes and breakfast and lunch items for sale. Entrance is free, but non-perishable food items will be accepted for the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry at St. William Parish. For more details, email: [maryjrcda@gmail.com](mailto:maryjrcda@gmail.com).

The **Parent Bereavement Retreat** will be held at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton next 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](http://www.cedarbrake.org).

Three "**Silence with the Sacraments**" **Retreats** will be held on December 5, 12 and 19, at the Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton. Spend a day entering into the Advent Season. A private bedroom will be available and lunch will be provided. Mass and the sacrament of reconciliation will be offered. Arrive between 9 and 10 a.m. and depart by 4 p.m. on the date that is convenient for you. The cost is \$40 and you can register at [www.cedarbrake.org](http://www.cedarbrake.org) or call (254) 780-2436.

**The annual Advent Dinner** at the Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton will be on Thursday, December 5, from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Join in an evening of wine and cheese, a delicious dinner and a reflection on the season of Advent by Cedarbrake chaplain, Franciscan Father Albert Haase. The cost is \$25 and you can register at [www.cedarbrake.org](http://www.cedarbrake.org) or call (254) 780-2436.

**The Silent Advent Retreat** will be held December 6-8 at the Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton. This is a great way to slow down and enter into the Advent Season. Mass, eucharistic adoration and reconciliation will be offered. Cost is \$225 for a private room and \$190 for a shared room. To register, visit [www.cedarbrake.org](http://www.cedarbrake.org) or call (254) 780-2436.

Dolores Parish in Austin will host its annual **Christmas Bazaar** on December 7 & 8 from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. in their parish hall. There will be more than 65 vendors selling handmade Christmas items, jewelry, crocheted shawls, caps, baked goods and much more. Santa Claus will be available for photos at noon on both days. Admission is free.

St. Mary's in Temple will host a **Holiday Bazaar** on Saturday, December 7, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. in the St. Mary school gym. Prospective vendors may contact Cynthia Baylor for more information at [craftbazaar100@gmail.com](mailto:craftbazaar100@gmail.com).

**33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time:** The closing of the liturgical year reminds us that being a disciple of Jesus is not easy. Faithfulness to Christ brings opposition and ridicule. We are privileged to be disciples, but the journey will involve the cross.

## Dear friends in Christ,

Praised be Jesus Christ! If you have not yet made your pledge to the Catholic Services Appeal of the Diocese of Austin, please do so as soon as possible. If you are not able to make a monetary donation at this time, please check on the pledge card that you will pray for the diocese and mail in your pledge card. You will receive a "thank you" for your prayers and the diocese will not send you a follow-up letter asking for money. Let us all do our part to support the Diocese of Austin by pledging either monetarily or through prayer.

The Gospel reading today is taken from a section which the Church entitles the 'Eschatological Discourse' of Jesus, that is, a discussion between Jesus and his apostles in the Temple about the end times, the end of the world. When will this happen? Jesus tells us in the Gospel of Matthew, "As for the exact day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven nor the Son, but the Father only." However, Jesus did say that the Temple and Jerusalem would be destroyed, and this event happened in the year 70 A.D., about 40 years after the death of Jesus. So, about the time that the gospels were being written, between 65 and 110 A.D., the people believed the end of the world was very near. This belief is very much reflected in the New Testament writings. The words of Jesus, which we read in today's Gospel, however, suggest that there will be a long period between the destruction of the Temple and the end of the world. We are now living in that period. No one can say when the end of the world will take place. Jesus tells us that the Church will be persecuted before the end comes. This has happened throughout the Church's history. Today there are many people who speak out against the Catholic Church and especially against the Pope. I believe that the number of people who speak out against the Church will continue to increase. The Church must remain faithful to Christ even if the people do not remain faithful. All of us make up Christ's Church, and we must remain faithful to Him even if it means dying for Christ and for His Church.

Jesus also advises his disciples to be patient, to pray and to be watchful. This is what Jesus advises us to do each day of our lives also. We do not know when our earthly existence will come to an end. The question is, 'Will we be ready to die when it is our time?' I hope that all of us will be able to say that we have done what we can do to prepare ourselves for our death. You teenagers and young adults, are you prepared to die? When I was much younger, I would party with my friends. We never thought about the possibility of our lives ending that night or sometime in the near future. We all believed we had a long life to live. We were not prepared to meet our God. Are all of you ready to meet God in heaven or are you walking the fence and could fall either into heaven or into hell? Is the only service you offer to God lip service? There are many who say that as long as you declare Jesus as your personal Lord and Savior you will be saved. Jesus becomes our personal Lord and Savior at our Baptism. However, just saying that He is your Lord and Savior is not enough. In Matthew 7:21, Jesus tells us, "Not everyone who cries out 'Lord, Lord' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father in heaven." Only if we try to live our lives as Jesus asks us to, will we be able to enter into heaven. Hearing this should be enough for us to want and to try to do God's will. If we cannot admit our need for God now, how are we going to admit our need for God and accept Him when we die. That is the question each one of us needs to ask ourselves today.

The Church teaches that, when we die, we will go either to Hell, to Purgatory, or straight to Heaven. We may ask 'What is Hell and for what reasons would a person go there? A person goes to Hell by totally rejecting God and the life which he has called us to live. Hell is total separation from God. It is a place in which our desires are never satisfied. I believe that in Hell a person is so engulfed in their own desires, whether they be sexual, or desires for power and control, or popularity, or whatever they may be, that they burn away at the person's soul and the person exists in total agony. For only in God do we experience complete satisfaction and happiness.

Many of us try to do the will of God but still fall into sin from time to time. What will happen to us? At the time of our death we will probably go to Purgatory where we will be cleansed from our sins, our impurities and imperfections, so that we may be able to enter into God's presence. We must endure this purification process because anything that is impure or imperfect cannot become part of that which is all perfect and all pure, that which is God. Once perfected, we then enter the kingdom of God.

Many people have probably gone through their purgation process here on earth. Those who have given their life for God through martyrdom, who have died for the kingdom of God, have already been cleansed and have entered into God's Kingdom. Once a person is in God's presence, they never want or desire anything else. They experience complete happiness and satisfaction through the glory of God.

Living the life Jesus asks us to live will not be easy, but He will give us the strength and courage to do it if we only ask Him to and also if we try to live our lives according to His teachings. How can we know that we are not being misled by the many who claim to be preaching in the name of Jesus? Jesus promised that He would be with His Church until the end of the world and that the powers of Hell would not prevail against it. We are the Church founded by Christ and He continues to guide us through the guidance of the Pope. Many people say that there isn't any difference between the Catholic Church and other Christian Churches. That is not so. Anyone who studies Church History can clearly see that Christ established one Church which came to be called the Catholic Church by the year 100 A.D. Because He promised it the guidance of the Holy Spirit, it is the only Church that can say that it teaches the truth as given to us by Jesus Christ Himself. May we always remain faithful to the teachings of Christ, the teachings of His Church. If we do this then we will have nothing to fear and it will make no difference when the end of the world comes, for we will be ready to die and to be with God, to fully abide in His love and share in eternal life.

**K ZAMYŠLENÍ:** Apokalyptický obraz konce věků jistě čtenáře evangelia po staletí spíše děsil. Možná měl autor před očima scénu vypálení a zboření Jeruzaléma v roce 70 po Kr., když Římané město znovu obsadili, zničili chrám a všechny Izraelity vyhnali. Jak se to týká nás dnes? Vnímat svět, ve kterém žijeme, jako jistotu, která trvá navěky, je iluzí. Náš svět je křehký, plný zvrátů a bohužel také mnoha útoků zla. Bůh nás však přeci povolal, abychom uprostřed této křehké reality nezradili své základní rozhodnutí pro Boha, pro lásku Boží a pro dobro. A to navzdory všem hrozcím nebezpečím. Dnes jsme pozváni modlit se za odvahu a pevně se rozhodnout pro Boha a jeho království. (Vira.cz)

**Trigésimo Tercero Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario:** El año litúrgico se comienza a cerrar recordándonos que ser un discípulo de Jesús no es fácil. La fidelidad a Cristo nos traerá oposición y ridículo. Podemos levantarnos contra el aborto, o la tortura, o la pena de muerte. Puede que hablemos por los inmigrantes, refugiados y pobres. Estas posiciones pueden causar que otros nos rechacen. Somos privilegiados de ser discípulos – hermanos y hermanas de Jesús, pero al igual que su camino, el nuestro también implicará la cruz.

Please continue to pray for the Souls in Purgatory during this month of November as we remember those who have died. May they rest in peace.

In Christ,  
Fr. Stephen Nestrta, farář