

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

of CORN HILL



Pope Francis
Vatican City State



Bishop Joe Vásquez
Diocese of Austin

Second Sunday of Advent

December 8, A.D. 2019

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday	Dec 7	5:00 PM	†Pete & Eleanora Schwertner †Rosemary Waltman
Sunday	Dec 8	8:30 AM	Pro Populo
		10:30 AM	†Calvin Blackman, Jr. †Toni Vanderloop
Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Holy Day			
Monday	Dec 9	12 Noon	†John & Betty Emge †Roberta Christensen
		7:00 PM	†Greg Maney †Robert & Leona Brenek
Tuesday	Dec 10	7:00 AM	†Fr. Oliver Johnson Dr. Ludvik Donner (for healing)
Wednesday	Dec 11	6:30 PM	Confraternity of Christian Mothers Liv/Dec Mbrs of Raymond & Florence Robichau fmyl
Thursday	Dec 12	7:00 AM	Marshall, Brielle & Conner Cooke †John Obst
Friday	Dec 13	6:00 PM	†Paul Chevalier †Tommie Rose Martine
Saturday	Dec 14	7:30 AM	†Ryan Beseda †Gilbert Kalinec
Saturday	Dec 14	5:00 PM	†Stan Lange †Norma Klaus
Sunday	Dec 15	8:30 AM	Pro Populo
		10:30 AM	†Otha (Palousek) Whitaker †Jackie Albert

Altar Flowers

Reminder: No flowers are needed during the Advent or Christmas Seasons (thru Jan 12)

Last Week's Collection(s)

November 28: Thanksgiving: \$1,364.10
December 1: Weekly Collection: \$4,397.00
Online Donations: \$ 308.15

Rosary for Life

December 8 – 14: Michael Vrana
December 15 – 21: Frank & Lucille D'Elia

Vocations Crucifix Prayer Campaign

December 8 – 14: Louise Havelka
December 15 – 21: Bill & Monica Sherek

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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



Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Holy Day

Monday, December 9, 12 Noon:

Altar Servers: (volunteers)
Lector: Zenner
EMHC: P & N Zenner, Cynthia E
Gift Bearers: (volunteers)
Head Usher: Frank Knapek

and 7:00 PM: (incense)

Altar Servers: Jakob, Brousseaus
Lector: Louis Brousseau
EMHC: J & MM Heuert, Kelly G
Gift Bearers: Voigt family
Head Usher: Jeff Voigt

† Fr. Stephen Nesrsta †

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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)
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Pastoral Council: Pete Zenner 512-863-4038
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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, December 11, 6:30 PM:

Altar Servers: Lucas Beyer, Preston Snook, Shelby H
Lector: Lupe Bernal
EMHC: Kelly Godfrey
Gift Bearers: Confirmation 2

Saturday, December 14, 5:00 PM:

Altar Servers: Natalie Mason, Preston & Heather Snook
Lector: Lupe Bernal
EMHC: Brandi Bernal, Janine Nemecek, Keith Youngpeter
Gift Bearers: Mark & Debbie Klaus
Head Usher: Howard Mertink

Sunday, December 15, 8:30 AM:

Altar Servers: John Danek, Lucas Beyer (& 1 volunteer)
Lector: Duane Blakeslee
EMHC: Johnny Martinka, Duane & Gwen Blakeslee
Gift Bearers: Pinto & Lucille Nemecek
Head Usher: Tommy Sladeczek

Sunday, December 15, 10:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Thomas Clawson, Jarrod Hodgson, Martin O
Lector: Kelly Godfrey
EMHC: Kelly Godfrey, Daniel Perez (& 1 volunteer)
Gift Bearers: Clawson family
Head Usher: Frank Knapek

EMHC to Shut-ins: December 15: D & G Blakeslee

To volunteer for a Mass Ministry, please contact the parish office. All types are very much needed and appreciated.

The family of Richard Danek would like to offer their sincere thanks to everyone for their love, prayers and condolences in their time of loss. They would like to especially thank the kitchen crew for the meal and their friends and family who so generously brought food and desserts for the meal.

Catholic Life Insurance Branch 50 would like to thank everyone for their donation of children's books, and cash to purchase books, for the Jarrell Community Food Pantry. A collection of over 350 books will be delivered to the food pantry in time for Christmas. God bless!

We will have a **second collection** this weekend (December 7/8) for the **Priest & Religious Retirement Fund**. This collection allows the opportunity to "give to those who have given a lifetime". This annual appeal benefits 32,000 elderly Catholic priests, sisters and brothers whose religious congregations lack adequate retirement funding.

We will celebrate the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary** this Monday, December 9. Masses will be held at 12 Noon and at 7:00 p.m.

The **Clerical Endowment Fund (CEF)** has special '**Christmas**' Enrollment cards (**English & Spanish**) for **Spiritual Bouquet Gifts** for the Christmas season. Our parish CEF Chairperson will be available for these enrollments, with the usual \$2 offering, after the Masses this weekend (December 7/8) in the foyer of the church. For Christmas, or other, enrollments thereafter, contact Janine Nemecek (512-289-9242).

RCIA: Class this Tuesday, December 10, at 7 p.m. in the RE Bldg. Discussion: History of the Church. For more information, contact Lucille D'Elia.

CCE: Classes this Wednesday, December 11, from 6:15 – 8:00 p.m. Parents are encouraged to stay for the 6:30 p.m. Mass. For questions or information about our program, please contact Lucille D'Elia (737-215-1042).

Pro-Life Adoration this Thursday, December 12, from 3:00 – 9:00 p.m. Come and spend time with the Lord, present in the Holy Eucharist.

We will have our **Advent Penance Service** next Sunday, December 15, at 5:00 p.m. (5 priests will be available for hearing confessions). **Examination of Conscience** pamphlets are available on the bulletin tables for your use in preparing.

The K.J.T. Food Drive ends next Sunday, December 15. You can help area families have a hunger-free Christmas by placing a non-perishable item in the food drive boxes located in the foyer and at the south entrance of the church. Every can, box or bag of food makes a difference! Monetary donations are also accepted. For questions, please contact Kathleen Valenta at 281-507-5636. *"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink..." Matthew 24:35.*

Help those in need this Christmas by visiting our Angel Tree in the church foyer. To participate, get a tag from the tree – purchase the item(s) listed – and then bring them to the church or the parish office – UNWRAPPED & with the tag - by the due-date of NEXT Sunday, December 15. If giving a gift card, please write the \$ amount on it. For questions, contact Debbie Klaus (512-940-1557). Donations will benefit the Annunciation Maternity Home residents and 4 area families.

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 NEXT 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., 50th or more, wedding anniversary, the Austin DCCW, together with our Bishop, Joe Vásquez, will honor these couples with a certificate. **Please sign-up by NEXT 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.

The **Pastoral Council will meet** on Thursday, December 18, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg. All parishioners are invited to attend. The meeting agenda is posted on the church bulletin board for your information and preparation.

ATTN: Members of the Confraternity of Christian Mothers: There will be no monthly business meeting in December, but you will gather for 'Confraternity Prayers' and to prepare Christmas goody bags on Friday, December 20, at 6:30 p.m. in the RE Bldg. All members are encouraged to come and assist.

Mark your calendars now – for January 11 – to hear Kevin Dunn, international (pro-life) filmmaker and speaker, here at Holy Trinity! Kevin's award-winning films and testimonies have touched thousands throughout the world, opening people's eyes to, and educating them about, the atrocity of assisted death, or euthanasia, which is becoming all too common in our world. Learn also how to become a 'prophet of hope' in the lives of those around you. See the flyer on the back of this bulletin for more information.

We still have Christmas Cards and Gift Bags available, which you can purchase 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.

The **2020 Collection Envelopes** are available in the church sanctuary. If you do not have a box in there and want one, please put your name on the list provided. If you are now making your donations online and no longer need a box of envelopes, please let the office know.

If you would like a **2019 Donation Report** for tax, or other, purposes, please let the office know. If you received one this past year, you will automatically receive one again. Reports will be mailed out by January 31.

The Season of Advent – our time of preparation for the birth of our Lord & Savior, Jesus Christ – begins next weekend. Below are opportunities to cleanse your heart, mind and soul, through the mercy of God in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

St. Mary – Taylor – Monday, December 9, 6:30 PM; Holy Trinity – Corn Hill – Sunday, December 15, 5 PM;

St. William – Round Rock – Monday, December 16, 7 PM; St. Elizabeth – Pflugerville – Tuesday, December 17, 7 PM;

St. Patrick – Hutto – Wednesday, December 18, 7 PM; St. William – Round Rock – Wednesday, December 18, 1 PM – 6 PM;

Our Lady of Guadalupe – Taylor – Thursday, December 19, 7 PM; St. Helen – Georgetown – Friday, December 20, 7 PM

Dear friends in Christ,

Here we are at the Second Sunday of Advent. Advent is a time of preparation for the celebration of the Birth of Jesus and also for the Second Coming of Jesus. "Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand!" These are the words of St. John in today's Gospel. He is the one sent to prepare the way of the Lord. His message was one of advice of what we need to do to prepare ourselves to meet our Lord. Have we followed his advice? In this bulletin you will find the list of Penance Services for our Deanery. Please take the advice of St. John and make a good confession before we celebrate Christmas.

The first reading at Mass during these weeks is taken from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah. In his book he describes the coming of the Messiah, what the Messiah will be like, what the Messiah will do. Reflect upon his words and upon Jesus and allow them to speak to your heart so that the Messiah, Jesus, will transform you into His image and likeness.

In this bulletin you will find the list of **Penance Services** for our Deanery. Our Penance Service will be next Sunday, December 15, at 5:00 pm. Please take the advice of St. John and make a good confession before we celebrate Christmas.

This Monday, December 9, we celebrate a Holy Day as we honor the Blessed Virgin Mary and her Immaculate Conception in the womb of her mother St. Anne. All Catholics should attend Mass on this Holy Day. Let us gather together to reflect upon how Mary was prepared from the time of her conception in the womb of her mother to be the mother of the Savior. Mary, under the title of the Immaculate Conception, is the patroness of the United States. Our Masses will be on Monday, December 9, at 12:00 noon and at 7:00 pm.

Thursday, December 12, is the **Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**. Let us come together to honor our Lady through whose intercession over 9 million people learned about Jesus, her Son, and were converted to the faith in what is today Mexico. Mass will be at the usual time of 7:00 am.

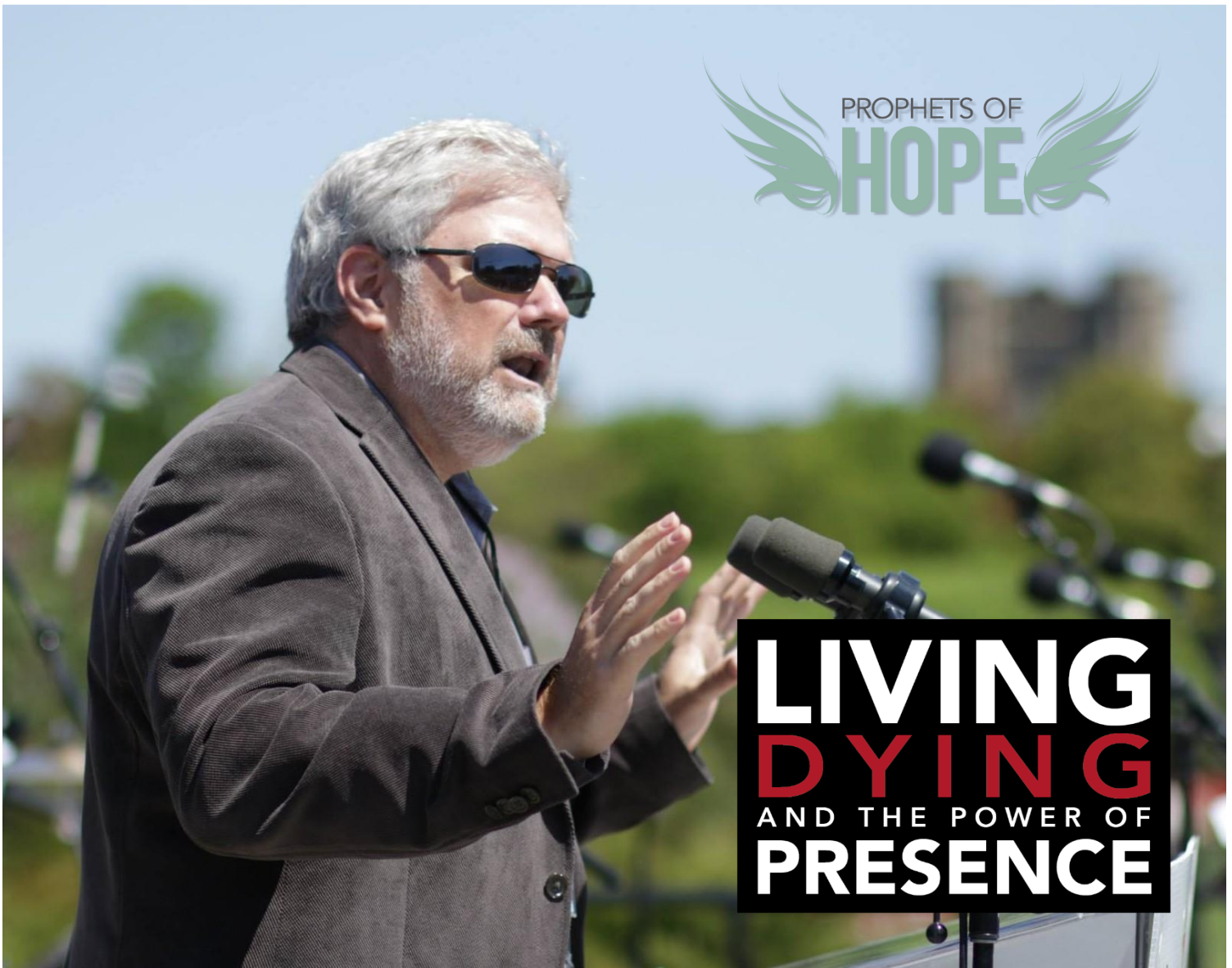
K úvaze: Sekera je přiložena ke stromu? mohou tato slova vzbudit radostné očekávání ?přicházejícího?? Nevyvolají spíš odpor, strach, útek? Jan Křtitel se těmito slovy snažil vyburcovat lid k obrácení, k přípravě cesty pro Mesiáše. Ačkoli to byl prorok, ba dokonce víc než prorok, jeho slova byla také odrazem tehdejších představ: Pán přijde a hned se vypořádá se vším, nastolí okamžitý pořádek, vymytí zlé, přinese slávu Izraeli. Jan Křtitel, ačkoli byl největší mezi narozenými ze ženy, neměl ?plný vhled? do Božích plánů spásy, které se ukázaly teprve Ježíšovým příchodem. Kristus nakonec ukázal evangelium v jiném světle, a tak zároveň poopravil jeho ?zkreslené? představy. On totiž svým příchodem přinesl veškerou novost, novost tak radikální, že ani Jan Křtitel, největší prorok, nemohl mít odpovídající představu: mohl o ní mít jen matné tušení, promíchané navíc s falešnými představami. A nad tím bychom uvažovat i dále: mnohá slova proroků o mesiánské době jsou jen stínem skutečnosti, kterou přinesl Kristus. On je převyšuje, i když se nám to ještě ?nejeví?, protože dosud čekáme na jasné vyzáření jeho slávy. Jeho dary převyšují ?přislíbená mesiánská dobra?, i když se nám někdy zdá pravý opak. Ale jeho cesty jsou jiné než naše, jsou to cesty božské.

Přece jen Jan Křtitel měl pravdu: Kristus odděluje zrna od plev, očišťuje ohněm, přináší ?slávu?, avšak jiným způsobem, než si on představoval. Kristus sice očišťuje ohněm, ale nespaluje hříšníky, ale hřích. Slovem a činem očišťuje od hříchu a ode všech jeho důsledků: od nemoci, od spoutanosti, od smrti. A opět: ne hned, jak si představoval ?předchůdce Páně?, ale postupně. A v tom bychom i my mohli pocítit určitou obtíž: rádi bychom ?měli hned?, podle svých představ. Ale Kristus jedná jinak: nevyplnil představy Křtitele, nevyplní ani naše. Ale zato se můžeme spolehnout, že vyplní ?naše představy? mnohem skvělejším způsobem, než bychom očekávali. Skvělejším způsobem, ba dokonce božským. Na naší představě o Kristu závisí i naše očekávání, naše ?obrácení?, naše motivace: strach či radost? Uzavřenost či otevřenost? Spěchání vstříc nebo útek? (Pastorace.cz)

Segundo Domingo de Adviento: El Salmo de Hoy es "Florecerá en sus días la justicia, y la plenitud de la paz para siempre".
¿Cómo estamos trabajando para la justicia y la paz hoy?

May the peace and love of our Lord be with you in this holy season.

Fr. Stephen Nestrta, farář



LIVING DYING AND THE POWER OF PRESENCE

**INTERNATIONAL
FILMMAKER & SPEAKER**

KEVIN DUNN

Saturday, January 11
6:30 PM

No Admission Fee

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Dunn's award-winning films on the dignity of the human person have touched the lives of thousands throughout the world.

He's been lauded by the medical profession for exposing the dangers of assisted dying laws, especially to the elderly, those who live with disabilities and people with mental illness.

He's interviewed patients, doctors, lawyers, caregivers, philosophers and journalists who have seen the inherent danger in giving physicians – or anyone for that matter – the legal right to end the life of another human being.

More importantly, Kevin's work underscores the need for each of us to become a *'prophet of hope'* in the lives of those around us.

Kevin's talk features his personal testimony as filmmaker and father of six, along with powerful clips from his films:

- [*Fatal Flaws: Legalizing Assisted Death*](#)
- [*The Euthanasia Deception*](#)
- [*The Vanier Way, featuring Jean Vanier*](#)

