

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH of CORN HILL



Pope Francis
Vatican City State



Bishop Joe Vásquez
Diocese of Austin

Fourth Sunday of Advent December 22, A.D. 2019

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday	Dec 21	5:00 PM	Virgil Tonn (for healing) †Lavinia Anne Lobit Herr
Sunday	Dec 22	8:30 AM	†Frances Nemec †Joe & Wilma Zgarba
		10:30 AM	Pro Populo
Tuesday	Dec 24	7:00 AM	†Frances B. Kajs & family †Richard Danek
Christmas – the Nativity of the Lord – Holy Day of Obligation			
Tuesday	Dec 24	5:00 PM	Pro Populo
		12 Midnight	Pro Populo
Wednesday	Dec 25	8:30 AM	Pro Populo
Thursday	Dec 26	NO MASS	
Friday	Dec 27	6:00 PM	†Richard P. Emge and †Baby Emge Dec Members of Joseph & Annie Straka family
Saturday	Dec 28	7:30 AM	†Peter Janish †Ryan Beseda
Saturday	Dec 28	5:00 PM	Lauren Buchhorn (for healing) †Jerry David
Sunday	Dec 29	8:30 AM	Pro Populo
		10:30 AM	†Kenneth Owen †William Harding

Altar Flowers

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

Last Week's Collection(s)

December 15: Weekly Collection: \$7,169.60
Online Donations: \$ 308.15

Rosary for Life

December 22 – 28: Michael & Diana Hovatter
December 29 – January 4: Gene & Deanna Fojtik

Vocations Crucifix Prayer Campaign

December 22 – 28: Chris & Sora Garlasco
December 29 – January 4: Kathy Windhauser

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Thursday in the church from 3:00 – 9:00 p.m.
****None this Thurs, Dec 26, due to the holiday****



The parish office holiday
schedule is as follows:

CLOSED December 24 – January 1
and re-opens on January 2.

May you have a very
Merry Christmas
and a safe and happy
New Year!!

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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

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

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Music Ministry / Choir: Ronnie Simek 512-630-5074

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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

Tuesday, December 24, 5:00 PM:

Altar Servers: Nathan Klepac, Lucas Beyer, Maria Bruce

Lector: Michael Vrabel

EMHC: Jim Heuertz, Leslie & Linda Allen

Gift Bearers: Snook family **Head Usher:** Stephanie W

& Midnight: Altar Servers: Daneks & Stefeks (incense)

Lector: Chris S **EMHC:** Ray N, Leo Bringman, Brandon D

Gift Bearers: Ray & Teresa N **Head Usher:** Tommy S

Wednesday, December 25, 8:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Jakob Voigt & 3 Brousseaus (incense)

Lector: Louis B **EMHC:** Pete & Nancy Z, Monica Sherek

Gift Bearers: Voigt family **Head Usher:** Bill Sherek

Saturday, December 28, 5:00 PM:

Altar Servers: Nathan Klepac, Preston & Heather Snook

Lector: Leo Bringman

EMHC: Jennifer Klepac, Patsy Hightower, Jim Heuertz

Gift Bearers: Mike & Janine N **Head Usher:** Howard M

Sunday, December 29, 8:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Caleb & Amy S, Joseph & William B (incense)

Lector: Cynthia Edgar

EMHC: Pete & Nancy Zenner, Brandon Danek

Gift Bearers: Tommy & Cindy S **Head Usher:** A.J. Batla

Sunday, December 29, 10:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Thomas C, Martin Ortiz, Isabella Hodgson

Lector: Becky Theisen

EMHC: Ken Theisen, Daniel Perez (& 1 volunteer)

Gift Bearers: Montreuil **Head Usher:** Frank Knapck

EMHC to Shut-ins: December 29: Brandon Danek

The K.J.T. would like to thank everyone who donated food and money for their Food Drive. You have certainly made a difference in the lives of those in need in our area. God bless you!

On behalf of Holy Trinity, the families in need and the Annunciation Maternity Home, we would like to say THANK YOU to all who donated for the Angel Tree! Your generosity and corporal works of mercy have brought light and joy into the lives of many this holiday season. We also thank Debbie Klaus for doing such a good job in coordinating and implementing the project, as well as anyone else who helped make it all possible.

A very generous donation of \$500 was also given for the Angel Tree by the American Legion, Post 317, Jarrell, and we would like to thank them for their thoughtfulness. The American Legion is celebrating 100 years of service to the Veterans of America and wanted to share their good fortune with those in the community. They invite all veterans to be a part of their organization and you can contact their chaplain, and our fellow parishioner, Mary Simek, for more information at 512-775-2599.

We will have our monthly **Faith Formation Collection** this weekend (December 21/22) 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.

RCIA: NO Class on December 24 & 31, due to the holidays. Class will reconvene on Tuesday, January 7, at 7 p.m. in the RE Bldg. Discussion: The Eucharist. For more information, contact Lucille D'Elia.

CCE: NO Classes on December 25 & January 1, due to the holidays. Classes will reconvene on Wednesday, January 8, at 6:15 p.m. For questions or information about our program, please contact Lucille D'Elia (737-215-1042).

NO Pro-Life Adoration this Thursday, December 26, due to the holiday. Adoration will reconvene on Thursday, January 2, from 3:00 – 9:00 p.m. Come and spend time with the Lord, present in the Holy Eucharist.

The **Pro-Life Group will meet** on Thursday, January 2. They will begin in the church at 6:30 p.m. with a Rosary for Life and then continue their meeting in the RE Bldg. Everyone is invited for both the Rosary and the meeting.

The catastrophic legalization of Doctor Assisted Suicide and Euthanasia, which has spread to many areas of the world, **now includes a growing number of states here in the USA!** The threat posed by doctor assisted suicide is a Pro-Life issue that many of us may have heard of but may not know much about. So-called "death with dignity" laws actually *destroy* human dignity in what Pope Francis called "false compassion". While most of us are fully aware of the well-known atrocity of abortion, death will touch all of us personally and these laws present a growing threat to the elderly, the disabled, and even those dealing with depression. The need to educate ourselves on the more little-known issue of doctor assisted suicide, and the extreme need to pray for an end to yet another demonic version of destroying the life that God has given us, has never been greater. This is especially true now that the lobby effort has begun here in our own state of Texas. To learn about doctor assisted suicide and how to become, as children of God, 'prophets of hope' in the lives of those around us, **mark your calendars 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 euthanasia. Join us in the PAC Bldg on Saturday, January 11, at 6:30 p.m., and invite your family and friends! Admission is free, due to the generosity of our co-sponsor, Armor of God Catholic Radio Station 106.9 FM, and all of our other donors and advertisers, who have given so generously in order to promote the sanctity of LIFE!

We still have Christmas Cards and Gift Bags available for purchase, which will support our youth and their attendance of the annual Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference (DCYC)! You can get them at the CCE office during business hours or contact Lucille D'Elia.

We will have a **second collection** next weekend, December 28/29, for the **Feast of the Holy Family**, which supports the maternity homes of our diocese and the diocesan office of Pro-Life Activities. Please be generous.

All visitors and parishioners are invited for our **Christmas Parish Potluck** – a wonderful way to celebrate the Christmas season and New Year as a parish family – on Saturday, January 4, in the PAC Bldg after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Bring your favorite dish and/or dessert to share, which you can drop off at the PAC before Mass. We appreciate K.J.T. #55 for hosting the evening.

There are still several boxes of **2020 Collection Envelopes** that have yet to be picked up in the church. If you do not have a box in there and want one, please put your name on the list provided – then check back the next weekend for your box. If you are now making your donations online and no longer want 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.

Dear friends in Christ,

Today is the 4th Sunday of Advent. Christmas is just around the corner. We will be decorating the church this weekend as we prepare for the Christmas Season. Christmas begins the evening of December 24 and continues until Sunday, January 12. Keep your Christmas lights shining brightly all throughout the Christmas Season. Let us celebrate this season in its fullness. During the Christmas Season, we have several important Feast Days. During the Octave of Christmas, we have The Nativity of the Lord on December 25, St. Stephen on December 26, St. John on December 27, The Holy Innocents on December 28, The Holy Family on December 29, St. Sylvester on December 31, and Mary, the Holy Mother of God on January 1. In the remainder of the Christmas Season, we have The Epiphany of the Lord on January 5 and The Baptism of the Lord on January 12. Some of these days, we will not be having a Mass here at Holy Trinity, but try to attend as many of these scheduled Masses as possible. The Lord has given us so much and so many ways in which we can truly experience His love and presence in our life and in the life of our family. Let us accept all He gives us and be united with Him and with one another.

Our Gospel reading today answers the question, "Who needs Joseph?" Mary needed Joseph. Jesus needed Joseph. God needed Joseph. His role was not the usual role of a father and husband. But Joseph played a crucial role in the Christmas event and in the following days, months and years as well.

Joseph, we can say, is a model of obedient faith. The Bible says that he was a righteous man. He knew Scripture. When he heard Mary was pregnant, he knew what the punishment would be. He knew he had the right to divorce her according to Jewish Law and Scripture. He decided to handle the matter with gracious privacy. As he considered his response, an angel appears in a dream to him. He must have been confused by the message of the angel. Mary conceived by the Holy Spirit? Take her as my wife? The child to be born will be a Savior? It was a lot to hear in one dream.

But the amazing thing is that Joseph woke up the next morning and actually did what the angel commanded him to do! Most of us probably would have rubbed our eyes in the morning and would not have given the dream anymore thought and returned to our world of logical thinking. If Joseph would have followed his plan to divorce Mary, he would have retained his standing in the community as an honorable man. He would have been surrounded by support for his obedience to the Scriptures. He would have been supported as the innocent victim, of what seemed to be Mary's unfaithfulness. However, the angel was calling Joseph to an extraordinary faith. God needed a man whose faith and obedience would be stronger than his bruised ego, stronger than his need to be right and stronger than his need to be respected by the community. Joseph was a man whose faith was stronger than and went beyond his trust in what seemed logical. Such a man was hard to find, but God found such a man in Joseph.

Joseph is also a model of courage. Who knows what people said about him since he took Mary into his home. Some would have probably called him a fool. The Bible does not say how Joseph responded, but his response must have been in silence, just as Jesus response was when He was ridiculed as he hung upon the cross. It is difficult enough to suffer criticism. It is even more difficult to suffer unjust criticism. But it is most difficult of all to suffer unjust criticism in silence. Joseph received the courage to face the angry crowd from the quiet place of his heart where he listened to God.

Joseph is also a model of fatherhood, fatherhood for his family. He was a provider. He worked as a carpenter and taught Jesus about the trade. Joseph was a protector, taking his family to Egypt to avoid slaughter by Herod. And probably most important of all, Joseph was present to Jesus. He did not run from his family. It is in the person of Joseph that Jesus learned the true love of a father. I am sure Jesus called Joseph "Abba", daddy, just like he called his heavenly Father Abba. It must have been Joseph's finest hour when he heard these words from Jesus. Who needed Joseph? Mary and Jesus needed Joseph. And so do you and I, especially you who are fathers.

Included in this bulletin is my annual Christmas message to all of you. Please read it and reflect upon as you make final preparations for your Christmas celebrations.

K úvaze: My jsme tak zvyklí na evangelní texty o Ježíšově početí, že si trochu představujeme, že Josef a Maria přijali Boží nabídku jako samozřejmost. Neuvědomujeme si, že Josef a Maria to neměli tak snadné. Vždyť Maria měla své otázky (jak se to stane?), Josef chtěl dokonce propustit svou ženu ... Bůh musel oslovit mimořádným způsobem skrze anděla, aby přivedl jak Marii, tak Josefa k přijetí "tohoto bláznivého plánu". Bláznivého, protože nikdy předtím se nestalo, aby žena otěhotněla tak výjimečným způsobem. A nestalo se to ani potom. Byl to případ bez precedentu, jediný v historii. A není divu, že Maria i Josef měli "své lidské výhrady". O to obdivuhodnější je jejich otevřenost vůči Bohu: přijali Boží slovo skrze anděla, i když to bylo bláznivé. A přijali nejen vnitřně, ale i vnějším jednáním: Josef pak skutečně přijal Marii jako manželku, jakoby "se nic nestalo divného". Prostě "skousl" všechna svá "ale" a ve víře přijal Boží plán s jeho životem. Josef se skutečně prokázal jako spravedlivý, jako člověk poslušný Božího slova, tentokrát zjeveného ne Mojžíšovým zákonem, ale andělem. Tak se ukázalo, že jeho poslušnost zřejmě ani předtím nebyla "zkostnatělá" a zákonická, ale živá, projevená Bohu, a ne tolik liteře zákona. (Pastorace.cz)

Cuarto Domingo de Adviento: El misterio de la Encarnación ocurrió a través de María, y a través del Espíritu Santo que nos es dado durante el Bautismo y la Confirmación, también estamos llamados a personificar la presencia de Dios ¿Hemos nosotros, como María, dicho que sí a Dios? ¿Somos como José, alimento y protección de la vida dentro de nosotros? Mientras celebramos esta temporada santa de nacimiento ¿estamos dando a luz en nuestras vidas los frutos del amor de Dios: justicia, paz, amabilidad, humildad y gozo?

Please check this bulletin closely for our Mass schedule for this week. And just a reminder that we will not have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament this Thursday, December 26. May all of you have a most blessed week and Christmas Season.

Fr. Stephen Nesrsta, farář

Thank you to all who made a donation for poinsettias in memory or honor of the following loved ones.



Merry Christmas!



- †Gene & Noreen Hirt and Marie Houck, by Phil & Jean Houck
- †Angela Gail Danek, Joe & Annie Danek and James & Mary Ziegler, by Raymond & Jane Danek
- †Charles Michalec, David Michalec and Jack & Lillie Edgar, by John & Cynthia Edgar
- †Raymond & Henrietta Hoes and Bob & Louise Carnes, by Burt & Susan Carnes
- †Carmen A. & Francisca Luna, by Rosa Luna
- †Curtis & Ann Congdon and Joseph & Edna Ribsam, by John & Betty Ribsam
- †R.V. & Shirley Barker and William & Bernadette Schwerter, by Robert & Carolyn Barker
- †Hubert Klepac, by Jennifer, Matthew, Nathan, Lucas & Katie Klepac
- †Richard Danek and Joe & Annie Danek, by Lisa Danek
- †Louis & Lillian Vrabel and Lilly Westbrook, by Frankie & Betty Ann Vrabel
- †John & Mary Havelka and Emil, John & Jerry Havelka, by Ted Havelka
- †Joe & Viola Sevcik and Ernest & Ludmila Margurger, by the John & Jacqueline Danek family
- †Alvin & Anita Schoenfeld, by Linda Tunner
- †Albert Kalinec family and the Herbert Lange family, by Floyd & Juanita Lange
- †Hank and Jeff Taylor, by Agnes Taylor
- †Travis & Gladys Blakeslee, by Duane & Gwen Blakeslee
- †Willie & Albina Beyer, Herbert & Ethel Luning, Laddie & Sharon Danek, by Billy & Belinda Beyer
- †Carmon & Ramon Razo and Robert & Crecencia Hernandez, by Alex & Virginia Hernandez
- †Margaret Nelson, by Kathy Windhauser
- †Louis & Albina Sladeczek and Johnny and Albert Sladeczek, by Tommy & Cindy Sladeczek
- †Cyril C. Rosipal and Willie, Mary Jo and Robert Sladeczek, by Eileen Rosipal
- †Joe A. & Mary Simek and Emil & Antonie Malish, by Hubert & Dorothy Tomasek
- †Joe & Angeline Havelka and John & Mary Cathryn Matthews, by Richard & Margie Matthews
- †Mike & Augustine Kohoutek and Robert & Crecencia Hernandez, by Johnny & Bernice Hernandez
- †Norbert & Milady Tonn, Evalyn Guzman, Leslie K. Shaw, Merlene Turman and Ted & Lena Drake, by Virgil & Marla Tonn
- †Jack Robichau and Raymond & Florence Robichau, by Linda Allen
- †Louis & Agnes Straka, Robert & Leona Brenek, Al Clawson, Rudy Cepak and Carmen Clawson, by Louis & Louise Straka
- †Milton & Rita Zenner, Gordon & Verena McMillan, Carol Beth Zenner, Tom Welch, Msgr. Emilián Foltyn and Mendy Mahnken, by Pete & Nancy Zenner
- †August & Louise Batla, by A.J. & Jennifer Batla
- †Anita Galvan, Adolph & Louise Valenta and Joe & Angeline Havelka, by Helen and Janet Havelka
- †Louis & Mary Stojanik and Albert & Frieda Tschoerner, by Kevin & Sharon Lloyd
- †2019 Parish Deceased, by Jim & Mary Margaret Heuertz
- †Benny Kubacak, Anton & Mary Kubacak and Werner & Hulda Marburger, by Dorothy Kubacak
- †Johnnie Simek, Jacob & Marcella Lefner and Joe & Mary Simek, by Alice Simek
- †Carmen A. Luna, Francisca C. Luna and Obaldo Perez, Jr, by Daniel & Hilda Perez
- †Rafael & Mercedes Rivera, by Yolanda Rodriguez
- †Albin Krejci, Oldrich Krejci and Frank & Julie Krejci by Martha Raley
- †James & Edith Brown and Jacques Brousseau, by Louis & Agnes Brousseau
- †Greg Maney, Carol Higdon Maney & Toni Vanderloop, by John & Betty Maney
- †Stanley Havelka, by Louise Havelka
- †Walter John Sinnwell and Mario O. Sanchez, by Walter & Ceci Sinnwell
- †Louis & Mary Stojanik and Albert & Frieda Tschoerner, by A.J. & Dorothy Tschoerner
- †John & Frances Nemeck, by James Nemeck
- †Ed & Doris Nesrsta, by Fr. Stephen Nesrsta
- †Frank & Marcella Viktorin and Joe & Annie Klepac, by Ed & Patricia Ziegler
- †Ruby Sykora, by Harry Sykora
- †John & Ann Stublar, by Marcell & Connie Craig
- †Olaf Allen, by Leslie Allen
- †Oscar & Minnie Erickson, by Mike & Diana Hovatter
- †John & Frances Nemeck, by Rachael Nemeck
- †Our deceased family members, by Laddie & Joyce Vrazel
- †Sally Rosipal Fletcher, by Dennis & Carolyn Lazek
- †Anna Fama and the Henry family, by Alfio & Anne Bertino
- †Leonard & Lorraine Voigt, by the Jeff Voigt family
- †Perez & Luna families, by Carmen & Sylvia Luna
- †Klaus, Krenek & William families, by Mark & Debbie Klaus
- †Stanley Havelka and Bill Klepac, by Andrew & Susan Klepac
- †Veronica Schunuk, by D & K Porteous
- †Robert & Crecencia Hernandez, by Angelita Hernandez
- †Fran & Florence Von Der Vellen and Albert & Emma Khalar, by Jim & Emma Von Der Vellen
- †Beth Gandia, by Allison Moczygemba
- †Fr. Dan Morales, by Iris Bailey
- †Carmen Marie Clawson and Forrest Allen Clawson, by the Troy Clawson family
- †Frank, Sr., & Anastasia Knappek and Joe & Wilma Zgarba, by Frank Knappek, Jr.
- †Theofil Zurovetz, by James & Jennifer Zurovetz
- †Dennis Martinka, by Todd, Liz, Archie & Clyde Steglich
- †Anthony & Pauline Ragnelli and Wifred and Roy Montreuil, by Bill & Linda Montreuil
- †Doris Nesrsta and Helen Marie Kreitz, by Anonymous
- In Thanksgiving for Fr. Stephen Nesrsta, by Anonymous