

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH of CORN HILL



Pope Francis
Vatican City State



Bishop Joe Vásquez
Diocese of Austin

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 5, A.D. 2020

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday	Jan 4	5:00 PM	†Jackie Albert †Victor Palousek, Jr.
Sunday	Jan 5	8:30 AM	†Helen Marie Kreitz (incense) †Johnny and Albert Sladeczek
		10:30 AM	Pro Populo
Tuesday	Jan 7	6:00 PM	Craig & Krystle Jose Tobias, Seminarian
Wednesday	Jan 8	6:30 PM	†Clarence Domel Kyle Nestrsta
Thursday	Jan 9	7:00 AM	Jakub Lasak Milan Mastera
Friday	Jan 10	6:00 PM	†Greg Maney †Sharon Parma
Saturday	Jan 11	7:30 AM	Marshall, Brielle & Connor Cooke †Henrietta Gerik
Saturday	Jan 11	5:00 PM	†Norma Klaus †John Obst
Sunday	Jan 12	8:30 AM	Pro Populo (incense)
		10:30 AM	Dr. Ludvik Donner (for healing) †Anita Galvan

Altar Flowers

To donate flowers in memory or honor of loved ones, complete and return an 'Altar Flower Envelope' (from bulletin tables or our website).

Last Week's Collection(s)

December 25:	Christmas:	\$6,574.00
December 29:	Weekly Collection:	\$4,845.00
	Online Donations:	\$ 318.45
	Feast of the Holy Family:	\$1,387.00
January 1:	Solemnity of Mary:	\$1,970.00

Rosary for Life

January 5 – 11: *Stephanie Fojtik*

January 12 – 18: Chris & Judith Stefek family

Vocations Crucifix Prayer Campaign

January 5 – 11: *Keith Youngpeter*

January 12 – 18: Jim & Mary Margaret Heuertz

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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



Wise Men Still Seek Him!

✠ 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

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, January 8, 6:30 PM:

Altar Servers: Jenna Danek, Samuel Williams, Preston Snook

Lector: Lupe Bernal

EMHC: Janine Nemecek

Gift Bearers: Grades 3 & 4

Saturday, January 11, 5:00 PM:

Altar Servers: Nathan Klepac, Preston & Heather Snook

Lector: Lupe Bernal

EMHC: Jennifer Klepac, Brandi Bernal, Patsy Hightower

Gift Bearers: John & Kathleen Valenta

Head Usher: Howard Mertink

Sunday, January 12, 8:30 AM: INCENSE

Altar Servers: Caleb & Amy Stefek, John & Jenna Danek

Lector: Zenner

EMHC: Pete & Nancy Zenner, Ray Nemecek

Gift Bearers: Ray & Teresa Nemecek

Head Usher: Matt Mertink

Sunday, January 12, 10:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Thomas Clawson, William Fonville, Martin Ortiz

Lector: Duane Blakeslee

EMHC: Duane & Gwen Blakeslee, Ken Theisen

Gift Bearers: Clawson family

Head Usher: Frank Knappek

EMHC to Shut-ins: January 12: Ray Nemecek

Parish Administrative Office CLOSED January 14-22.

For immediate attention, contact Lucille D'Elia
in the Faith Formation Office – 737-215-1042.

In Memoriam: We extend our sympathies and prayers to the family of **Dorothy Montreuil** (mother to Bill Montreuil, of our parish family), who passed away. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.

We will have our monthly **Senior Citizens' Supper** this Monday, January 6, at 6:30 p.m. in the PAC Bldg. We appreciate the K.J.Z.T. #15 for preparing the meal.

RCIA: Class this Tuesday, January 7, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg. Discussion: The Eucharist. For more information, contact Lucille D'Elia.

CCE: Classes this Wednesday, January 8, at 6:15 p.m. Mass at 6:30 p.m., which parents are encouraged to stay and attend, with classes to follow in the RE Bldg. For questions or information about our program, please contact Lucille D'Elia (737-215-1042). **Please Note:** due to scheduling conflicts, we will not be having any more Adult Faith Enrichment classes on Wednesday evenings this school year. But...we can always use more parents as volunteers in the program! So if you can stay to help, we would very much appreciate it! You do have to be EIM certified, but that is a very easy process, and you can contact Lucille D'Elia for that information. Thank you for your consideration.

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



As you may have seen or heard, we at Holy Trinity, along with Armor of God Catholic Radio, are sponsoring one of the biggest parish-hosted speaking events in recent memory. The false compassion of the Doctor Assisted Suicide movement, which many thought had ended with the infamous **Dr. Jack Kevorkian's** 1999 prison sentence, was actually just getting started. In a country that has been desensitized by abortion, assisted suicide hasn't been met with the same resistance and is picking up steam around the country. As with abortion, the well-funded assisted suicide movement promotes half-truths and often downright lies. Yet, over the past month, as we have been speaking with parishes around Central Texas, we are often surprised by how little is known about the proliferation of this movement and the threat to society's most vulnerable. Many think that in a state with a lengthy pro-life record like Texas that we have nothing to be concerned about. Think again! The voting demographic in Texas is rapidly changing, the largest assisted suicide lobby group in the US is now here in greater Austin, and the potential of a Supreme Court decision always looms. The Court has already ruled against a challenge to Oregon's assisted suicide law by the Bush administration in 2006. **Please consider joining us next Saturday evening, January 11, at 6:30 p.m. in the PAC Bldg, as we welcome Canadian documentary film maker, and international speaker, Kevin Dunn, in his only Texas appearance. He is joining us just days before he makes his return to the global Catholic television network, EWTN, to discuss this important topic.** See – and share – the enclosed flyer!

Teen Reminder: We will be taking down the church's Christmas decorations on Sunday, January 12, immediately after the 10:30 a.m. Mass, followed by a well-deserved meal for those in attendance ... so mark your calendars now!!

Please note that the parish administrative office will be closed from January 14 -22 and will re-open on January 23. Please turn in bulletin announcements as soon as possible. Lucille D'Elia will be available in the Faith Formation office during that time, and you can contact her for immediate needs.

Our January Fundraiser, which benefits the Cemetery Fund, will be held on Sunday, January 26, in the PAC Bldg. A meal of BBQ Pork with all the trimmings will be served from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Adult to-go plates will be available at the drive-thru from 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Adults \$9 / Children \$5. Desserts will be needed for the meal and are very much appreciated...and can be brought to the PAC the morning of the fundraiser. Invite your family and friends!

The new year has begun and there are still several boxes of 2020 Collection Envelopes that have yet to be picked up! 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.

MARRIED COUPLES: Need a special gift for your spouse? Why not take them away for a weekend that will make a difference in your marriage - MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER. Upcoming weekends are scheduled for February 7-9 at the Wingate Hotel in Round Rock or April 3-5 at Cedarbrake Renewal Center in Belton. To apply online, visit: austinme.org or contact Michael and Shani Cowart: 512-677-WWME (9963) or email wwmeaustin@gmail.com. Call early to ensure a space. Para información en español llamar al 512-844-0785.

Dear friends in Christ,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Today we celebrate this great feast of Epiphany, a day where, in some countries, gifts are exchanged. Today, though, we celebrate the day when Christ was shown to the world. It was a star that stirred the curiosity of the three men, known as astrologers, kings, magi, or wise men, and led them to Bethlehem, to the manger where Jesus lay. However, this was no ordinary star. This star is a signal from heaven to earth. It inspires these three men to make a journey of thousands of miles. This star even frightened King Herod. Why did God choose to use a star to announce the birth of His Son, Jesus?

The ancient cultures believed the stars were gods, and that the fate of men on earth was controlled by those gods. Stars that stayed in formation, or constellation, were considered good omens. Lost travelers could find their way home by the guide of these predictable stars. But when stars moved, such as comets or planets, the gods were restless. And when the gods were restless, men were afraid, for the ancient gods were dangerous. When bad things happened on earth, most people believed one of these moving stars caused the problem. Our word "disaster", which means "bad star" or "evil celestial influence", is a reflection of this old belief. It is a silly old superstition, isn't it? At the time of Jesus' birth, astrology was big business. An astrologer was an expert in the art of mapping stars. This skill made the astrologer a man of great mystery, a wise man, with kingly status, and often brought him great wealth. The Magi in today's gospel reading were such men. When they observed the special sign in the heavens, they assumed it was the sign of the birth of a special child. Their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh were fitting for royalty. Someone once said that only WISE MEN would have brought such gifts. If it had been WISE WOMEN, they would have brought diapers and blankets and baby food! Maybe so. But the wise men brought gold for a king, incense for a priest, and myrrh, which is a balm for suffering and death. All three of these gifts reveal something to us about Jesus. Jesus is the King of the world, He is the Priest for all time, and He did suffer and die for you and me. Did the wise men know all this? Probably not. But they did know this child must be a special child.

Their journey to Bethlehem had some unexpected turns. The wise men assumed a kingly child would be found in a castle, in a capital city, born to a family of royal lineage. When the star moved them toward Bethlehem, they turned aside instead to Jerusalem, the home of King Herod. It was difficult for them to imagine a royal child born in a tiny shepherd village, to a poor couple, in a stable for animals. Jesus is born among the poor and the outcast and it is the wealthy astrologers who are first to recognize and worship Jesus in Matthew's Gospel. Sometimes in our life, God calls us to follow Him to unexpected places in unexpected ways. So always expect the unexpected in your life.

The star came to rest over Jesus. For us, Jesus is the Star of the world. To know Christ, and to worship Him, is the destination of every life's quest. And notice that, after having worshipped Jesus, the wise men left for home by a different way. I am sure that this experience must have had some impact on their lives. And so it is with us. When a person has met Jesus, and truly worshipped Him, and offered to Him the treasures of their heart, they too, live their life in this world in a different way. You cannot go home the same way again.

It is the tradition that on the Feast of the Epiphany that we bless our homes by marking them with blessed chalk with the current year and the initials of the Three Wise Men -- Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar -- and these letters also stand for the Latin phrase "Christus Mansionem Benedicat", which means "May Christ bless this dwelling". The initials of the Wise Men in Czech are KMB. Mark your home above the front door so that all may know that your home is a Christian home. With this bulletin you will find the blessing prayer and instructions on how to mark your homes.

Are your Christmas lights still shining? The Christmas Season continues until Sunday, January 12, 2020. Keeps those lights on until the end of the Christmas Season to give witness to the true Light of the world, Jesus Christ. Let your lights be an Epiphany of the Lord to those who see them.

K úvaze: Aktualizace je zde choulostivá věc. Základní téma výpovědi je třeba respektovat. A skutečnosti také. Prvá dvě čtení hlásají Krista jako světlo světa, jako světlo pohanů. Naše skutečnost ukazuje, že mnozí mají křesťanství za tmou a jakožto po světle po něm jinak netouží. A tak jsme blízko biblické situace. Matoušovo líčení: Ježíš je světlem, které poznávají a respektují jen moudří. Ale skutečně moudří, ne jen moudří podle zdání světa, nebo podle zdání vlastního. Moudrost mimo jiné znamená, že se člověk nechává oslovit Bohem, že si to "nechává líbit" a zařídí se podle toho. Moudrost tak úzce souvisí s pokorou.

La Epifanía de Nuestro Señor: En el Evangelio de este Domingo, encontramos a los magos siguiendo la estrella para encontrar a Jesús ¿Cómo podemos guiar a otros hacia Cristo tal como la estrella lo hizo para los magos?

Long-Range Plan for Holy Trinity Parish: At our June 14, 2018, Pastoral Council Meeting, the idea that we needed a Long-Range Plan for our parish was discussed. With all the new homes being built in our area, we know that our parish is going to grow. A Long-Range Plan Committee was formed, and, in August of 2018, we sought guidance from the Diocese of Austin. They recommended a few architect firms for us to contact to help us with the planning. RBDR Architects from Waco was chosen by the Committee and the Pastoral Council. For the past 10 months, they have been gathering information from parishioners, statistics for future growth in Williamson County, Jarrell ISD, Georgetown ISD, Jarrell, Texas, and also from our weekend Mass attendance count. After many meetings and discussion, a Long-Range Plan is now in existence for our Parish. **This plan will be presented to the parishioners of our parish on Monday, January 27, at 6:30 p.m. in the PAC.** All parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend. May we move forward, in unity, continuing to meet the needs of our parish and continuing to build the kingdom of God in Corn Hill and the surrounding area.

May all of you have a very blessed, healthy and holy New Year.

Fr. Stephen Nesrsta, farář

Epiphany House Blessing

Using blessed chalk,
mark the current year and the initials of the
Magi above the outside doorways to your home.
Place a cross in between each of the letters.
It should look something like this.

20+C+M+B+20

After completing the above markings,
pray the following prayer:

May all who come to our home this year
rejoice to find Christ living among us;
and may we seek and serve,
in everyone we meet,
that same Jesus who is Lord of all
people forever and ever. Amen.

The legendary names of the three Magi are:

Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar.

(KMB in Czech)

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The markings over the doors should be left all year round
as a sign that yours is a Christian home.