

# HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH of CORN HILL



Pope Francis  
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Bishop Joe Vásquez  
Diocese of Austin

## The Baptism of the Lord

January 12, A.D. 2020

### Mass Schedule & Intentions

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
Monday	Jan 13	7:00 AM	†Henrietta Gerik †Emily Knappek
Tuesday	Jan 14	NO MASS	
Wednesday	Jan 15	NO MASS	
Thursday	Jan 16	NO MASS	
Friday	Jan 17	NO MASS	
Saturday	Jan 18	NO MASS	
Saturday	Jan 18	5:00 PM	Ken & Linda Fontenot (50 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary) Jack & Carol Seum & family
Sunday	Jan 19	8:30 AM	†August & Louise Batla †Frank & Anastasia Knappek
		10:30 AM	Pro Populo

### Altar Flowers

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

### Last Week's Collection(s)

January 5: Weekly Collection: \$5,059.30  
Online Donations: \$ 894.40

### Rosary for Life

January 12 – 18: *Chris & Judith Stefek family*  
January 19 – 25: Bill Parma

### Vocations Crucifix Prayer Campaign

January 12 – 18: *Jim & Mary Margaret Heuertz*  
January 19 – 25: James Nemeč

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

**\*\*On Thursday, January 16, there will be no Exposition, but you are welcome to come for Adoration at your usual time\*\***



### The Baptism of Jesus

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. John tried to prevent him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?" Jesus said, "Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed him. After Jesus was baptized...the heavens were opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." Matthew 3:13-17

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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.)  
**\*\*No Reconciliation on Wed, Jan 15 and 22\*\***

### 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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K.J.Z.T. Society #15: Dorothy Klepac 512-746-2902  
Catholic Life Insurance #50: Tommy Sladeczek 512-635-3496  
CEF Enrollments: Janine Nemeč 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

#### Saturday, January 18, 5:00 PM:

Altar Servers: John & Maria Bruce

Lector: Janine Nemeč

EMHC: Patsy Hightower, Jim Heuertz, Keith Youngpeter

Gift Bearers: Johnny & Bernice Hernandez

Head Usher: Donald Tschoerner

#### Sunday, January 19, 8:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Carter Marquis, Lucas Beyer, Caleb Stefek

Lector: Chris Stefek

EMHC: Cynthia Edgar, Johnny Martinka, Brandon Danek

Gift Bearers: Billy & Belinda Beyer

Head Usher: A.J. Batla

#### Sunday, January 19, 10:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Jakob Voigt, Samuel Williams, Isabella H

Lector: Kelly Godfrey

EMHC: Kelly Godfrey, Daniel Perez, Ken Theisen

Gift Bearers: Voigt family

Head Usher: Jeff Voigt

**EMHC to Shut-ins: January 19:** Brandon Danek

### In Memoriam

We extend our sympathies and prayers to the family of **Frank Rodriguez** who passed away and was buried here this week. Eternal rest, grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.  
Amen.

**Teen Reminder:** We will be taking down the church's Christmas decorations today (Sunday, January 12) immediately after the 10:30 a.m. Mass, followed by a well-deserved meal for those in attendance!

**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.

There will be **NO RECONCILIATION** on Wednesdays, January 15 and 22.

**RCIA:** Class this Tuesday, January 14, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg. Discussion: Baptism / Confirmation / The Notion of Godparents. For more information, contact Lucille D'Elia.

**CCE:** Classes this Wednesday, January 15. We will not have Mass, so classes will run from 6:15 – 8 pm in the RE Bldg. For questions or information about our program, please contact Lucille D'Elia (737-215-1042). We can always use more volunteers in the program and would very much appreciate any parents who can stay and help! You do have to be EIM certified, but that is a very easy process, and you can contact Lucille D'Elia for information. Thank you for your consideration.

**Pro-Life Adoration:** the church will be open this Thursday, January 16, but there will be no Exposition at 3:00 p.m. You are welcome to come though, at your usual time, for Adoration.

**Knights of Columbus (KC) – Holy Trinity Council:** There will be a KC meeting on Tuesday, January 21, at 6:30 p.m. in the PAC Bldg. All members are invited. All men interested in becoming a member of the KC, or in transferring into the Holy Trinity Council from another, are also invited and encouraged to attend. For questions or more information, contact Josh Jacobs (612-212-9624 or [jacobs817@gmail.com](mailto:jacobs817@gmail.com)).

**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!

**Preparation for Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary:** In Fatima, Our Lady said, "My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the way that will lead you to God." Please join thousands of Faithful throughout our Diocese for 33 days of preparation prayer for Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary. Each day of prayer represents one year in the life of Christ. The prayers begin on February 20 and are done privately in our homes using the preparation book. Please visit [www.TexasToJesusThroughMary.org](http://www.TexasToJesusThroughMary.org) by January 23 to receive your FREE copy of the Montfort preparation prayer book in the mail.

**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 parish on Monday, January 27, at 6:30 p.m. in the PAC Bldg.** 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.

**The new year has begun and there are still 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.

We have many new faces at our weekend Masses and we welcome you all! If you are interested in joining our parish family, we invite you to complete and return a **Parish Registration Form** (yellow forms located by the bulletins or from our website).

Mark your calendars now for our annual **Czech Mass** on Sunday, February 16, at 5:00 p.m., as we celebrate the Feast Day of Sts. Cyril and Methodius, patron saints of the Czech Republic and patron saint of Slavic peoples. All prayers, readings and hymns will be in the Czech language. After Mass, a dinner will be served in the PAC Bldg for those who attend the Mass. Everyone is welcome to come and celebrate this special feast day of Sts. Cyril and Methodius.

**Dear friends in Christ,**

May the peace and love of our Lord Jesus be with each of you. I hope everyone is well rested from all of the Christmas and New Year celebrations. This weekend, the Season of Christmas comes to an end as we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Our Christmas lights and decorations will be taken down and stored away for another year. Tomorrow, the Season of Ordinary Time begins, and will continue until the beginning of Lent on February 26. During Ordinary Time, we reflect on the daily life and ministry of Jesus Christ. Though, as we all know, His life and ministry was not so ordinary. Therefore, our life and ministry should not be so ordinary either. As Christians, we are called to be different. Everything we say and do should reflect our Christian faith, whether it be in the area of family life, business, recreation and relaxation, finances, sexuality, or the way we relate to one another day-to-day.

As we celebrate this Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord and begin Ordinary Time, let us take time to reflect upon how our lives give witness to what we say we believe. Gregory of Nazianzus, a fourth century Church father, tells us: "Let us be buried with Christ by Baptism to rise with him; let us go down with him to be raised with him; and let us rise with him to be glorified with him." In other words, let us live our lives complete in Christ so that we can be Christ to one another.

Jesus' baptism really has several important meanings. First, Jesus is giving His approval to John and to what John is preaching and doing. Secondly, this is another epiphany moment when the voice from the heavens says, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." These words give Jesus His identity as to who He really is. This is truly a manifestation of the presence of God to those who are there. Thirdly, Jesus shows His solidarity with the people who are coming to John to publicly show that they want a new beginning in their life. Fourthly, Jesus' public ministry will begin after this event. His popularity will increase with each passing day.

We celebrate the Feast Day of Jesus' baptism at the beginning of the New Year because it signifies a new beginning in our life just as the new year signifies the beginning of a new time in history. Also, this event of Jesus' baptism is an epiphany moment, a manifestation of God's presence to the people, and so it fits in well with the celebration of Christmas and Epiphany. May every day of your life be an epiphany moment in which you become aware of God's presence in your life.

**Myšlenky:** Svátek Křtu Páně zakončuje vánoční dobu jako důležitá připomínka toho, kdo je vlastně tento Ježíš, jehož narození jsme slavili a stojí na začátku doby "během roku", která postupně rozvíjí vhlad do Ježíšova učení. Ostatně zařazení textu o Ježíšově křtu u synoptiků na začátek Ježíšovy veřejné činnosti není pouhý historický záměr, nemá nám jen připomenout, jak věci byly, ale je to jakési prvé a hlavní "představení" hlavní postavy evangelií, v zásadě důležitější a obsažnější, než texty o Ježíšově dětství u Lukáše a Matouše. Ukazují Ježíše v prvé řadě jako člověka, který se ještě ke všemu staví do řady s hříšníky, což je opravdu pohoršlivé i pro Jana Křtitele. Ale tento Ježíš se nestaví s hříšníky do řady jen tak pro nic za nic. Jde mu totiž o naplnění "veškeré spravedlnosti". A slovo "spravedlnost" má v Bibli jiný význam, než v právu. Nejde zde o to, "dát každému, co jeho jest", ale jde o bezpodmínečné podřízení se Boží lásce, o naplnění vůle Otcovy. A toto naplnění vůle Otcovy je hlavním motivem Ježíšovy solidarity s hříšníky a celé jeho činnosti. Je to milovaný Syn, jenž se přirazuje ke kajícím hříšníkům. A je to Syn, jednající nadále jen a pouze v síle Ducha. Ten, který je zcela Boží (svou vůlí i Duchem) - a ten, který je blízko ztraceným, totiž hříšníkům - Spasitel. Blízký zřejmě těm, kteří nejen, že jsou na dně či blízko dna, ale hledajícím cestu z tohoto dna. Takový je Ježíš - tehdy i nyní. A taková má být zřejmě církev, nositelka Ježíšova poslání v této době. Ne vnucující se, ne hrající si na společenství ztroskotanců, ani na společnost elitní - ale co nejvíc Boží, plná Ducha a jako taková blízka těm, kdo hledají cestu, z bída hříchu z bída svého poničeného lidství. (Pastorace.cz)

**La Festividad del Bautismo del Señor:** Hoy celebramos el bautismo de Jesús en el Jordán. Recordemos nuestro propio bautismo, el que une a los Cristianos como hermanos y hermanas de Cristo. Porque es a través de nuestro bautismo que nuestras vidas están íntimamente unidas con Cristo.

May all of you have a very blessed week as you live out your baptismal commitment to our Lord.

**Fr. Stephen Nestrsta, farář**

**The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord – January 11/12:** Today we celebrate the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan. Let us also remember our own baptism, which unites Christians as brothers and sisters of Christ. For it is through our baptism that our lives are intimately united with Christ.

**Holy Trinity Catholic Church**  
**Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, December 19, 2019**

**Call to Order** with opening prayer and scripture reading

**Members Present** – Leo Bringman, Jacqueline Danek, Sora Garlasco, Kelly Godfrey, Mike Hovatter, Ken Loudermilk, Stephanie Wright and Helen Havelka.

**Members Absent** – Mary Margaret Heuertz

**Ex-officio Members Present** – Fr. Stephen, Lucille D'Elia

**Guests Present:** 2

**Election of Officers**

Stephanie Wright, chair; Ken Loudermilk, vice-chair; Helen Havelka, recorder.

**Old Business**

**Encountering Christ Capital Campaign** – There is \$38,153.45 in the parish account.

**Long-Range Plan** – A draft version of the plan has been completed. The 5-phase plan will be presented during a parish meeting, 6:30 p.m., Monday, Jan. 27, in the parish activity center.

**Ministry Fair** – There were a few new parishioners who signed up. Thanks to all who helped.

**Volunteer Appreciation Dinner** – The Nov. 17 dinner was nice and enjoyed by all.

**Fr. Stephen's Ordination Anniversary** – We will celebrate his 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a dinner after the 10:30 a.m. Mass on May 31. More information will follow.

**New Business**

**Parish Christmas Potluck (Jan. 4)** – Father encouraged all council members to attend.

**Saturday Potluck Dinners** – There has been a steady decrease in attendance. It was voted to discontinue the dinners with the exception of the Christmas Potluck to be held the first Saturday in January. Hospitality Sundays will be on all other first Sundays, unless another event is scheduled.

**Pro-Life speaker – Kevin Dunn (6:30 p.m., Jan. 11)** – Holy Trinity is hosting this international film maker in the parish activity center. More information is available in the bulletin. All are encouraged to attend.

**January Fundraiser (11 a.m., Jan. 26)** – The Pork BBQ dinner will be prepared with the proceeds used to offset cemetery expenses.

**Czech Mass (5 p.m., Feb. 16)** – We are expecting 3 priests from the Czech Republic.

**2020 Parish Mission** – The Parish Mission is Nov. 8-12. Save the Date!

**Ministry/Committee Reports**

**Social Ministry** – The Angel Tree was a success. The families were thankful for the gifts they received. The Food Drive hosted by the KJT netted about 500 pounds of food given to The Caring Place to help area families.

**Faith Formation Program** – First Reconciliation for CCE students was completed.

**Cemetery** – Johnny Martinka - The committee is working on the January fundraiser. Scotty Templeton is now in charge of cemetery maintenance. The Cremation Garden stone is expected to be set in January. We are getting bids to reconstruct the road inside the cemetery.

**Finance Council Report** - No report

**Other Business Presented**

Active shooter training is being considered.

**Next Meeting:** 7 p.m., Thursday, March 12, 2020