

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH of CORN HILL



Pope Francis
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Bishop Joe Vásquez
Diocese of Austin

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 19, A.D. 2020

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday	Jan 18	5:00 PM	Ken & Linda Fontenot (50 th Wedding Anniversary) Jack & Carol Seum & family
Sunday	Jan 19	8:30 AM	†August & Louise Batla †Frank & Anastasia Knapek
		10:30 AM	Pro Populo
Tuesday	Jan 21	NO MASS	
Wednesday	Jan 22	NO MASS	
Thursday	Jan 23	6:00 PM	†Benny (& Dorothy) Kubacak (55 th Wedding Anniv)
Friday	Jan 24	6:00 PM	Vojtech Radoch Miroslav Strunc
Saturday	Jan 25	7:30 AM	†Peter Janish †Fr. Francis Agnew, CM
Saturday	Jan 25	5:00 PM	†Edith Cernosek †Hubert Klepac
Sunday	Jan 26	8:30 AM	Pro Populo
		10:30 AM	†Dorothy Montreuil †The Thole Family

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 12: Weekly Collection: (see Jan 26 bulletin)
Online Donations: (see Jan 26 bulletin)

Rosary for Life

January 19 – 25: Bill Parma
January 26 – February 1: Keith Youngpeter

Vocations Crucifix Prayer Campaign

January 19 – 25: James Nemeč
January 26 – February 1: Pinto & Lucille Nemeč

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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



Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children – January 22 –

Let us unite on this day
for an end to abortion!

*Heavenly Father and Mother Mary,
today we storm heaven with our
prayers, fasting, and almsgiving in
the hope that all unborn children will
be protected in law so that they can
grow into the men and women you
planned them to be. Amen.*

† Fr. Stephen Nestrsta †

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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 22****

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 Nemeč 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 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 25, 5:00 PM:

Altar Servers: Natalie Mason, Preston & Heather Snook
Lector: Jennifer Klepac
EMHC: Brandi Bernal, Leo Bringman, Jennifer Klepac
Gift Bearers: Mark & Debbie Klaus
Head Usher: Stephanie Wright

Sunday, January 26, 8:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Joseph, William & Adelaide Brousseau
Lector: Monica Sherek
EMHC: Monica Sherek, James Nemeč, Ray Nemeč
Gift Bearers: Tommy & Cindy Sladeczek
Head Usher: Bill Sherek

Sunday, January 26, 10:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Thomas C, William Fonville, Martin O
Lector: Becky Theisen
EMHC: Duane & Gwen Blakeslee, Ken Theisen
Gift Bearers: Brandon & Rosie Fonville family
Head Usher: Jeff Voigt

EMHC to Shut-ins: January 26: Monica Sherek

The parish administrative office will be
CLOSED January 21-22.
You may contact Lucille D'Elia for
immediate needs at 737-215-1042.

Knights of Columbus (KC) – Holy Trinity Council: There will be a KC meeting this 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 more information, contact Josh Jacobs (612-212-9624 or jacobs817@gmail.com).

RCIA: Class this Tuesday, January 21, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg. Discussion: Marriage. For more information, contact Lucille D'Elia.

There will be **NO RECONCILIATION** this Wednesday, January 22.

CCE: Classes this Wednesday, January 22. 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: this Thursday, January 23, from 3:00 – 9:00 p.m. Spend some time with the Lord, present in the Holy Eucharist.

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 your homes using the preparation book. **Please visit www.TexasToJesusThroughMary.org by January 23 to receive your FREE copy of the Montfort preparation prayer book in the mail.**

We will have our monthly **Faith Formation Collection** next weekend (January 25/26) 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.

The **Confraternity of Christian Mothers will meet** next Sunday, January 26, in the RE Bldg after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Agenda items include February's Senior Citizens' Supper, Host the Deanery DCCW Meeting, and the Lenten Fish Fry. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend. Members will sit in the front pews to lead the Rosary prayed before Mass. **Member Reminder:** Annual dues of \$5 for 2020 are due and can be given or mailed to the treasurer, Louise Straka (212 W Ave I, Jarrell 76537). The Reception Ceremony for 'new members' is planned for the February meeting.

Our January Fundraiser, which benefits the Cemetery Fund, will be held next 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!

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.

Catholic Life Insurance Branch #50 will hold their annual branch social on Sunday, February 2, in the PAC Bldg, starting at 11:30 a.m. All members are invited and asked to **RSVP, by next Sunday, January 26,** to Tommy Sladeczek (512-635-3496 or tjsladeczek@aol.com) or Sharon Lloyd (512-630-5527).

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.

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). And, if you are a parishioner and have had any address, phone #, etc, changes, please let the parish office know so that our records remain up-to-date.

Dear friends in Christ,

Peace be with you. Next Sunday, January 26, is our fundraiser for the Cemetery Fund. Please invite family and friends to come to Holy Trinity for a wonderful BBQ Pork meal to help support improvements to the cemetery and to help us with monthly maintenance costs. This money will also be used to install a new concrete road through the cemetery which will cost about \$95,000. This money is coming from the Cemetery Account, but, if you would like to make a donation to help with the cost of this road you may do so by making your check out to Holy Trinity Catholic Church and write "Cemetery" in the memo section. All donations are greatly appreciated.

Wednesday, January 22, is the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. We all need to pray that babies in the wombs of their mothers will be protected from being killed. This is one of the most horrendous atrocities of our time, yet many people think it is ok. We live in a crazy and confused world. Please come to the church anytime on Wednesday, January 22, to spend some time in prayer.

Today's gospel reading continues the theme of the Baptism of the Lord, which we celebrated last Sunday. The story of Jesus has been building since the First Sunday of Advent. First, we anticipated Jesus' coming; then, at Christmas, we celebrated His presence among us. Just last week, we celebrated the great feast of the Epiphany. We saw the Magi among the first to recognize the Savior. This past week, we saw another epiphany at Jesus' baptism -- with the voice from the clouds saying, "This is my beloved Son" and thus we found out more about who Jesus is. Today, by the witness of John the Baptizer, we learn even more about who Jesus really is. He is the "Lamb of God."

The Gospel of John captures our human experience of Jesus. John the Baptizer says, "I did not know Him." John was Jesus' cousin. Sure, he could recognize Jesus. But John is saying that he did not recognize who Jesus really was. After some time, after seeing Jesus in action, John says: "Now I have seen for myself and I have testified. He's not just my cousin, He is the Lamb of God."

Just when we think we know someone, they surprise us. They do things, sometimes good and sometimes bad, that give us new insight into a person's true identity. It is not the rare moment that a spouse, after many years of marriage will say, "After all these years, you still surprise me!" The truth is that we can never completely exhaust our discovery of another person.

Last week the Magi set out to discover an unknown king. Last week at the Baptism of the Lord, Jesus was identified as the Son of God. This week, in the Gospel of John's retelling of the baptism event, Jesus is identified as the "Lamb of God," presenting us with an ever-deepening understanding of who Jesus is.

At the beginning and ending of each day, priests in the Temple would sacrifice a lamb for the sins of the people. The prophet Jeremiah speaks of being "like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter." From Isaiah last week and this week, we read of the Servant. Eventually, he will refer to the Servant being "like a lamb led to the slaughter."

The emphasis in the Gospel of John is that Jesus is not just another sacrifice for us. He is **the** Lamb of God. This time, it is not we who offer sacrifice, it is God who offers the sacrifice for us.

Each of us must continually enter into the mystery of Jesus. Just as John the Baptizer was a witness to the early life of Jesus and reached an understanding of who He was, we too must be listening and watching. We are to continually dive into the Scriptures and approach our daily lives with their lessons in mind so that, like John, we too might come to recognize the Lord in our midst. After all of this though we should be able to say of our God, "After all of these years, you still surprise me!" We will never come to know God in His fullness until we are with Him forever in heaven, but we do need to try to come to know who God really is.

Please be sure to pick up your **Collection Envelopes** if you have not already done so. Every husband and wife should have one set of envelopes. Also, any adult children, over the age of 18, who are living at home or living alone and are working should have a set of envelopes. If there is not a set with your name on it just sign up on the paper provided to get a box. All of us should be doing our part to provide for the needs of the parish by giving in our weekly collection.

K úvaze: Evangelium této neděle navazuje na událost Křtu Páně, kterou jsme slavili před týdnem. Společným tématem je opět Kristovo "zjevení", tentokrát ne skrze Otcův hlas, ale skrze svědectví člověka, Jana Křtitele. Na rozdíl od předešlé neděle, toto "zjevení" není už centrem pozornosti samo o sobě, ale "soteriologicky" čili v jeho spásném významu: Kristus přijímá Ducha, aby jej mohl dávat nám. Ježíš je tedy představen jako nositel a dárce Ducha. Zároveň je označen jako Beránek Boží, který snímá hříchy světa. Nemusíme vidět tyto dvě "funkce" odděleně: on snímá hřích světa právě tím, že dává Ducha. To první jde ruku v ruce s druhým. Duch je tou očišťující vodou, která odplavuje nečistotu hříchu. Duch je tím ohněm spalujícím plevu "prázdného způsobu života" (1 Pt 1,18).

Dnešní perikopa nám tedy ukazuje dvojedinou Ježíšovu spásitelnou úlohu: negativní (čili "co odnímá" - hřích) a pozitivní (čili "co dává" - Ducha neboli božský život). Ježíš neodnímá hřích tak, že by zanechal volné místo, prázdné: on vkládá do očištěné nádoby srdce nový obsah, nový život. Kristus je ten, který uklízí a vyčišťuje náš dům: nenechává jej však zet prázdnou, ale zdobí okrasnými předměty. (Pastorace.cz)

Segundo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario: En el salmo de hoy, respondemos "Aquí estoy Señor, para hacer tu voluntad". ¿Cómo está el Señor llamándonos a responderle esta semana? Que el Espíritu Santo guíe nuestros pensamientos y acciones mientras escuchamos al Señor.

May all of you have a blessed and not-so-ordinary week.

Fr. Stephen Nesrsta, farář

Be Victorious in the New Year with a Spiritual Plan

Fr. Ed Broom, OMV

One of the concrete manifestations of growing in good will towards God is by formulating and writing out, in a clear and practical way, a “Plan of Life”. The variety of ways to hammer out a Plan of Life are limitless; the one proposed in this article focuses on the various areas in life and on how we can improve and make our life a fragrance pleasing to God. Let us make the Psalmist’s prayer our prayer: “O Lord give success to the work of our hands.” A Plan of Life ought to bring order to whatever is disordered in our lives. Due to sin, our lives are marked by upheaval, confusion, and disorder. Opposing this is the Holy Spirit, who brings about good order. From this order comes peace of heart, mind and soul. The Augustinian definition of peace is “tranquility of order.”

What Order Will You Bring? Before writing out your specific Plan of Life, why not give the spiritual project a specific theme, motto, or emphasis for the year? Here are some suggestions: Choose a corporal or spiritual work of mercy that you feel God is challenging you to embrace and live out this year. Maybe you prefer to take one of the Stations of the Cross, and that can be your motif. Or else you can choose one of the 8 Beatitudes found in Matthew 5:1-12 and strive to live that out with the help of your Plan of Life. Perhaps you would like to have a Marian theme; choose one of the Mysteries of the Holy Rosary as your guiding star for the New Year. You might prefer choosing a Biblical verse or scene that captivates your attention: Jesus walking on the water, or one of his words from the cross, “I thirst...” or, “Lord strengthen my faith...” It could even be the heart of Divine Mercy: “Jesus I trust in you.”

Consider These in Your Plan of Life

Now we will proceed into the Plan of Life and give various specific areas that we want to examine honestly, we will then make a short, practical proposal so as to improve in these areas. It’s much better to formulate proposals that are practical rather than idealistic ones that go away the first week of January! Remember the words of Jesus: “He who is faithful in the small will be faithful in the greater.” And we see this in the saints as the essence of the spirituality of St Therese is to undertake the ordinary things of one’s daily life with extraordinary love. Here we have the secret key to holiness!

Specific Areas to Include in a Plan of Life

1. Prayer Life: Examine seriously the tenor, tone, and present status of your prayer life. Then pray about how you can make improvements. One suggestion: Why not decide to give just five minutes of prayer every day?

2. Confession & Reconciliation: By birth, we are all sinners. Until our dying day, we must fight fiercely—trusting more in God’s grace, to overcome sin in our lives. Sin is mortal enemy number one. One of the most efficacious means to conquer sin is through the reception of the Sacrament of Confession. God’s healing touch and grace manifests itself most abundantly through this Sacrament. My suggestion: Go to confession more frequently (you can decide). Also, it’s best to prepare yourself the night before you confess and, after, learn to trust more in God’s mercy.

3. Holy Mass and Holy Communion: Our eternal salvation depends on allowing Jesus to save us. The name “Jesus” means Savior. Jesus outlines a clear and concrete plan of action to be saved in His “Bread of Life Discourse” (Jn. 6:22-71). Read it and meditate upon this Word of life. To sum up Jesus’ message in a few words, the salvation of our immortal souls depends upon eating and drinking. Adam and Eve ate and they brought death to the world. Jesus promises us eternal life through eating and drinking His Body and Blood through reception of Holy Communion. He states clearly without stammer or stutter: “I am the Bread of Life, whoever eats my Body and drinks my Blood will have everlasting life and I will raise Him up on the last day.” Action point: aim for daily Mass and Holy Communion! If this is already your practice, come ten minutes early before Mass and offer your own intentions, depositing them on the altar. The graces that flow into your heart are in direct proportion to your preparation and disposition. One Holy Communion could transform us into saints! Fantastic!

4. Apostolic Life: To be a follower of Christ is to be a missionary. The last words of Jesus before ascending into heaven were, “Go out to all the world and teach them all that I taught you and behold I will be with you always even until the end of time”(Mt 28). In this year of faith we are challenged to grow in our faith, but also to share our faith with others. Indeed one of the best ways to fortify one’s own faith is to share it with others! Try it! What might be a concrete way? In the family, suggest the daily recitation of the Rosary. Outside, invite a fallen away Catholic back home to the Catholic Church. If we love God we should love what God loves—the salvation of souls!

5. Penance: To take flight a bird needs two wings. So as to soar high in the spiritual atmosphere the soul needs to apply itself seriously to two practices: prayer and penance. Our Lady of Fatima who appeared to the three little shepherd children insisted that they pray— especially the most Holy Rosary—but also that they offer up sacrifices for the conversion of poor sinners. Jesus expressed this bluntly: “Unless we do penance we will perish.” Here is a suggestion: since Friday is the day that we are obliged to do penance, why not choose one of the following: no meat, give up sweets for the day, fast from watching television, eat less, make the Way of the cross, do not complain the whole day!

6. Work: All of us are called to work. God said to Adam that he would earn his bread by the sweat of his brow. St. Paul exhorts us to work out our salvation with fear and trembling. We also all know probably from personal experience that idleness is the workshop of the devil. Examine carefully your daily work and see areas for improvement. Proposal: be punctual in starting, hard in working, and honest in the hour you leave. Remember that you are working for the Lord. As St. Paul reminds us, “Whether you eat or drink do all for the Lord!”

7. Vocational Call: Most are called to the life of marriage; some are called to the priesthood and religious life and others are called to the single life. If one is called to the married life then a clear examination of conscience and concrete proposals can be made with respect to one’s plan of life? Examine and respond to these questions: How can I be a better wife/husband/ son/daughter? How can I improve as father/mother? Pray over this and the Holy Spirit will inspire you with a concrete proposal.

8. Spiritual Direction: In addition to frequent confession, spiritual reading, and serious theological studies, those who are pursuing the path of perfection should have some form of periodic Spiritual Direction. St. John of the Cross put it bluntly: “He who has himself as spiritual director has an idiot for a disciple.” In other words, we all have blind spots and need someone other than ourselves to help us on the demanding and rigorous path to becoming a saint. Advice: pray that God will help you to find this guide. If you have already discovered one be thankful humble, docile and obedient!

9. Mary: Our Life, Our Sweetness, and Our Hope: A successful plan of life would be incomplete if Mary were neglected. As St. Louis de Montfort asserts with the utmost conviction: “The quickest, easiest and most efficacious path to holiness is through True Devotion to Mary.” In other words, she is the shortcut to God! Pray the Rosary daily, add the Litany of Mary to your prayer regime, ask Mary for intercession to her beloved Son, in your times of need.

Let us conclude with the words of wisdom taken from Adolphe Tanquerey in his classic, *The Spiritual Life*: “The man who holds to a well-defined rule of life saves considerable time: 1) He wastes no time in hesitation. He knows exactly what he is to do, and when he is to do it. Even if his schedule is not mathematically detailed, at least it sets off time-periods and lays down principles with regard to religious exercises, recreation, work, etc...2) There is little or nothing unforeseen, for even should the unusual occur, he has already provided for it by determining beforehand exercises that may be shortened and the manner of making up for them. At all events, as soon as these exceptional circumstances cease to exist, he immediately comes back to his rule. 3) Inconstancy likewise vanishes. The rule urges him to do always what is prescribed, and that every day and at every hour of the day. Thus the habits are formed that, give continuity to his life and assure perseverance; his days are full days, teeming with good works and merits.” (# 560)