

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH of CORN HILL



Pope Francis
Vatican City State



Bishop Joe Vásquez
Diocese of Austin

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 16, A.D. 2020

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday	Feb 15	5:00 PM	†Carol Maney †Greg Maney
Sunday	Feb 16	8:30 AM	†Benny Kubacak †Emily Knapek
		10:30 AM	Pro Populo
		5:00 PM	Liv/Dec Benefactors of the Czech Seminarian Fund
Tuesday	Feb 18	NO MASS	
Wednesday	Feb 19	NO MASS	
Thursday	Feb 20	7:00 AM	†Mary (Zurovetz) Tschoerner †Calvin Blackman, Jr.
Friday	Feb 21	7:00 AM	†Annie Janish †LeRoy Tschoerner
Saturday	Feb 22	7:30 AM	†Fr. Francis Agnew, CM †John & Betty Emge
Saturday	Feb 22	5:00 PM	†Gilbert Kalinec Virgil Tonn (for healing)
Sunday	Feb 23	8:30 AM	Pro Populo
		10:30 AM	Leslie Allen †Frank Rodriguez

Altar Flowers

The flowers at the Crucifix and Tabernacle are placed
in loving memory of **Benny Kubacak**
and are donated by Dorothy Kubacak & family.

Last Week's Collection(s)

February 9: Weekly Collection: \$4,902.02
Online Donations: \$ 857.90
Catholic Higher Education: \$1,248.86

Rosary for Life

February 16 – 22: Louis & Louise Straka
February 23 – 29: Janet Havelka

Vocations Crucifix Prayer Campaign

February 16 – 22: Frank & Lucille D'Elia
February 23 – 29: Andrew & Susan Klepac

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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



**St. Peter Damian,
Bishop & Doctor of the Church
– February 21 –**

A reforming Benedictine monk and cardinal in the circle of Pope Leo IX. Pope Benedict XVI described him as "one of the most significant figures of the 11th century ... a lover of solitude and at the same time a fearless man of the Church, committed personally to the task of reform."

† Fr. Stephen Nestrsta †

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Sunday @ 8:30 am & 10:30 am
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& Wed: 5:30-6:10 pm (or by appt.)

Parish Contacts & Resources

Director of Faith Formation: Lucille D'Elia 737-215-1042
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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

Saturday, February 22, 5:00 PM:

Altar Servers: Natalie Mason, Preston & Heather Snook
Lector: Jennifer Klepac
MHC: visiting Czech priests
Gift Bearers: Mark & Debbie Klaus
Head Usher: Stephanie Wright

Sunday, February 23, 8:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Joseph, William & Adelaide Brousseau
Lector: Becky Theisen
MHC: visiting Czech priests
Gift Bearers: Tommy & Cindy Sladeczek
Head Usher: Tommy Sladeczek

Sunday, February 23, 10:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Thomas C, William Fonville, Martin Ortiz
Lector: Monica Sherek
MHC: visiting Czech priests
Gift Bearers: Brandon & Rosie Fonville family
Head Usher: Bill Sherek

EMHC to Shut-ins: February 23: Ken Theisen

We are always in need of more Mass ministers
(Altar Servers, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion – at Mass and to shut-ins, Head Ushers, Gift Bearers). If you would like to volunteer for one or more of these, or would like more information, please contact the parish office.

We appreciate the K.J.Z.T. Family Life Society #15 for preparing the meal and desserts for last weekend's Altar Server Appreciation Dinner. We would also like to thank the anonymous donor who covered the cost of the meal. God bless!

Join us for our annual **Czech Mass** today (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. (This Mass does fulfill your Sunday obligation.)

RCIA: Class this Tuesday, February 18, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg. Discussion: Prayer. For more information, contact Lucille D'Elia.

CCE: Classes this Wednesday, February 19, from 6:15 – 8 pm. No Mass – class only. For questions or information about our program, please contact Lucille D'Elia (737-215-1042).

Pro-Life Adoration: this Thursday, February 20, from 3:00 – 9:00 p.m. Spend some time with the Lord, present in the Holy Eucharist.

The **Confraternity of Christian Mothers will meet** next Sunday, February 23, in the RE Bldg after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Agenda items: finalize plans for Fish Fray, St. Joseph's Altar celebration and Confirmation dinner reception. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend. Members will sit in the front pews to lead the Rosary prayed before the 8:30 a.m. Mass. **Member Reminder:** Annual dues (\$5) are now due and can be given or mailed to the treasurer, Louise Straka (212 W. Ave I, Jarrell 76537).

Lent begins next Wednesday, February 26. We will have **Ash Wednesday Masses** at 12:00 noon and at 6:30 p.m.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for a **Lenten Fish Fry**, sponsored by the Confraternity of Christian Mothers, on Friday, February 28, in the PAC Bldg. Serving will begin at 5:30 p.m. Both dine-in and to-go available. Adults \$10 / Children \$5.

All ladies are invited to a **Lenten Day of Reflection and Lunch** on Saturday, February 29, at 9:00 a.m. in the St. Mary's School Cafeteria (in Taylor). Event sponsored by Catholic Daughters, Court #739. For more information and to RSVP (by Feb 26), contact Eileen Cmerek (eileen-cmerek@stmarystaylor.org) or Dolly Hyzak (512-859-2921).



Elite Medical Imaging will be here to provide our annual **Preventive Ultrasound Health Screening** offer on Saturday, March 7, in the RE Bldg. Ultrasound screenings are painless, non-invasive and no radiation.

Eight preventive screenings will be offered: carotid artery, abdominal aorta, thyroid, liver, spleen, gallbladder and both kidneys. These screenings are not typically done at physician's visits or at annual check-ups, nor will insurance companies pay for them, unless you are symptomatic.

Screenings will be offered to you for \$49 each or the full preventive package (all 8 areas) for just \$150.00! Flex spending accounts may be used, and all other forms of payment are accepted the day of the screening.

Our radiologist recommends these screenings be considered on an annual basis as a preventive measure. Oftentimes results can change from one year to the next based on age, stress factors and lifestyle.

Representatives will be here for appointment registration, and to answer questions, the weekend of February 29/March 1. However, you may call any time beforehand to schedule your preferred appointment at 713-568-8331. **Appointments are required** and will be offered on a first come, first serve basis.

We welcome all of our visitors and appreciate you being here! 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 current parishioner and have had any address, phone #, etc., changes, please let the office know so that our records are up-to-date.

Catholic Social Teaching Corner – February 15/16 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time: In today's Gospel, Matthew makes it clear that it is not enough for disciples to refrain from murder, adultery or false oaths. We are called to exhibit what Jesus did, the love and holiness of God. However, none of us can do this alone. We are given each other in the Christian community for guidance, strength and support and we are given Christ himself in Word and Eucharist. We are challenged to love beyond measure, and are supported by God's love, poured out to each of us. To whom are we called to be Good News this week?

Dear friends in Christ,

Peace be with you. Today we will celebrate feast of **Sts. Cyril and Methodius, patron saints of the Czech Republic and of all Slavic peoples. We will be having our annual Czech Mass in their honor today at 5:00 pm.** All music, readings and Mass will be in Czech. A collection will be taken up during Mass for the Czech Seminarian Fund. After Mass a meal will be served in the PAC building. Proceeds from the meal will also benefit the Czech Seminarian Fund. Everyone is invited. It is not necessary to speak Czech to attend!

Today's Gospel is taken from the Sermon on the Mount in chapters 5-7 in the Gospel of Matthew. Jesus emphasis that He came not to abolish the law or the prophets but to fulfill them. In this Gospel passage Jesus reemphasizes the need for all of us to be faithful in keeping the Ten Commandments. Jesus goes on to explain the meaning of some of these Commandments and He even puts more requirements on the ways that they should be followed. The Ten Commandments are just as relevant today as they were at the time of Jesus and even as far back as to the time of Moses. We are expected to keep and to live them today. Our first reading from the Book of Sirach states: "If you choose you can keep the commandments, they will save you;"

Those who live according to the Commandments are living according to the way of God. Many people choose to ignore the Commandments and they break most of them. What about us? Are we keeping the Commandments and living according to their teaching as Jesus asks of us? We will be held accountable to God for the way we either choose to live the Commandments and be faithful to them or to the way we have chosen to ignore them and thus break them.

Our prayer to God should be what we find in today's Responsorial Psalm 119: "Instruct me, O Lord, in the way of your statutes, that I may exactly observe them. Give me discernment, that I may observe your law and keep it with all my heart." May God give you all you need to live a life of faithfulness to His commandments and to all of His teachings that He has given us through His Catholic Church.

Myšlenky: Hloupost opravdu není něčím, čím by se mohl kdokoliv chlubit. Ani křesťan nemůže být svatý proto, že je hloupý (může být samozřejmě svatý i přesto, že důvtipem a znalostmi nevyčníká). Ale začneme-li se poměřovat s nejrůznějšími odborníky na znalosti a poznání ve světě a zjišťovat, jestli je jako křesťané předběhneme nebo ne, jsme určitě na špatné cestě, podobně, jako se mýlili ti Korinťané, na které se v našem úryvku svatý Pavel obrací. V jejich městě totiž byli zřejmě jacísi specialisté ne vyšší duchovní poznání. Lidé, kteří o sobě tvrdili, že se naučili víc než ostatní a že ovládají jakousi tajemnou moudrost, která je ostatním křesťanům skryta. A právě od těchto lidí se Pavel distancuje. Říká, že on vlastně není žádný učitel moudrosti, že není člověkem, který by uváděl lidi do jakéhosi speciálního poznání. Moudrost tohoto světa a moudrost vládců tohoto světa Pavla nezajímá, ani se jí neobává. To je pro něj "zlomená moc", tedy odbytá záležitost. On sám staví na jiné věci - na tom, co mu Bůh zjevil skrze svého Ducha. A tady se může člověk pozastavit. Jde to jen tak říci, že někdo má poznání od Ducha svatého? Nebylo by to nakonec vychloubání? Mohlo by to opravdu tak být. Ale podívejme se na celou historii Pavlova života. Co tam vidíme? Především Pavel neříká, že by se byl v nějaké speciální škole, u nějakého speciálního učitele domohl moudrosti Ducha. A také neříká, že by jen on sám měl poznání, které není jiným dáno. Pavel se především hlásí k tomu, že dříve pronásledoval církev Boží. Dále k tomu, že Ježíš Kristus mu sám pomohl k nalezení nové cesty, Pavel se obrátil po setkání s ním. Dále - a to nepřehlédněme - že se sice nenaučil evangelium u žádného učitele, ale že se vypravil za apoštoly do Jeruzaléma a po srovnání jeho učení s učením apoštolů bylo zjištěno, že se shodují. A hlavně Ducha svatého důsledně vidí jako dar, který je dán těm, kdo se obrátí a v Krista uvěří. Není to tedy lidský výmysl ani nějaká všeobecná duchovní zkušenost, ale je to účast na životě Trojice, na životě živého Boha.

Odtud tedy můžeme přejít do našeho života. I dnes jsou lidé, kteří ovládají moc tohoto světa a kteří ovládají moudrost tohoto světa. Těch zřejmě není třeba se bát; Pavel jasně říká "jejich moc už je zlomena". To ale také znamená, že by bylo velkým omylem se jim přizpůsobovat. A také jsou dnes lidé, kteří tvrdí, že nemají nic proti evangelium, ale že oni mají jakousi další moudrost, jakési vyšší duchovní poznání, které je opravňuje jak k předávání tohoto poznání druhým, tak k sebevědomí, že oni vědí něco, co je druhým skryté. Zde je třeba velké opatrnosti a střízlivost, abychom ani nezahášli Ducha, ani nevěřili hned každému duchu. Vzpomeňme si tedy na Pavlovu cestu do Jeruzaléma. Zjistil tam, že se jeho učení shoduje s tím, co věří ostatní apoštolové. Ani my se bez takového zjišťování neobejdeme. Věříme-li to, co věřili křesťané odedávna (ne jen od loňska či od minulého století), shoduje-li se naše duchovní poznání s vírou, jak ji žije a žila církev, potom zřejmě nebloudíme. Bez Ducha svatého se opravdu neobejdeme, ale musíme ho rozeznat od duchů mylných nebo prostě jen a jen lidských.

Sexto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario: En el Evangelio de hoy, Mateo deja claro que no es suficiente para los discípulos abstenerse del asesinato, el adulterio y el falso testimonio. Estamos llamados a exhibir el comportamiento que Jesús exhibió, el amor y la santidad de Dios. De cualquier modo, ninguno de nosotros puede hacer esto solo. Nos tenemos unos a otros en la comunidad Cristiana para encontrar dirección, fuerza y apoyo y se nos ha dado a Cristo mismo en la Palabra y la Eucaristía. Tenemos el reto de amar sin medida, pero contando con el apoyo del amor de Dios derramado sobre cada uno de nosotros ¿Para quién estamos llamados a ser Buena Nueva esta semana?

May all of you have a most blessed week.

Fr. Stephen Nestrta, farář

What would happen if you lived the forty days of Lent intensely for Christ? Lent is an important time and planning it out well is worth a shot.

--Fr. Nicholas Sheehy

Look back at the last forty days of your life. You can whip out your phone and check out your calendar, or you can take a few moments to think back and see your life over the course of the last forty days.

What have you done? How much have you lived for Jesus and how much have you lived for yourself?

Lent commemorates the forty days Jesus was fasting and praying in the desert. Who else was in the desert? The Devil was there. So this means that we can think of our living of Lent as basically time that we are accompanying Jesus or the Devil. We have to pick sides. Who are you going to choose?

Look back at the last forty days once again. How often have you picked Jesus and how often have you picked the Devil? Be honest, straightforward, even brutal with yourself. It's okay. You probably have to admit that you have not been so perfect. Even if you like to identify yourself as a Christ-follower, you have probably had quite a few bumps on the road.

How do we know when we have chosen the Devil? This happens when we get our own way. It can be hard for us to take this head-on, as we have been trained by the culture to always try to get our own way. But this is precisely what the Devil is looking for. There are no chapels for adoration of the Devil, but what he really wants is for us to choose our own will over God's will. For in this, we imitate his own mistaken decision.

If we look carefully at the past, we will see that it is often riddled by these bad and selfish decisions. We have often cut short our prayer time in order to mindlessly scroll through social media. We hit buttons to "like" posts on social media, but perhaps in our prayer there was no moment when we spiritually gave a "like" to the message God was leaving to us at that precise moment.

Do you know something awesome about the past? It does not have to determine the future. And our God is a god who is really good about living "today". He does not get hung up on our past failings. He wants our future success stories.

So, if you have to look back and recognize some rough stuff from the past, don't worry. God is not keeping tabs on you constantly, saving up negative things he can use to accuse you and destroy you. Your life is more than your mistakes, and God knows this. God wants to restore you.

Jesus went to the desert, and following the prophet Joel, we look at Lent as time for prayer, sacrifice and giving. God wants to lead us through our own desert during the next forty days. He wants us to say "no" to the distractions, mistakes, and sins that have turned our gaze away from him in our recent past.

So when you are choosing your Lenten sacrifice, it is important to ask God, "what desert do you want for me?" This is because what we know for sure is that God is waiting at the other side of the desert if we are willing to cross it faithfully and in a determined manner.

What would you have to do in order to live intensely for Christ? It might not be as difficult as it sounds. You will definitely want to be looking for prayer and sacraments. Something that always amazes me when I listen to Protestant preachers (one of my secret pleasures) is that they are always exhorting the flock to look for a quiet place where they can be alone with God. The same thought always pops into my head: "Blessed Sacrament Chapel." It is something we have built into our Catholic culture, thanks be to God.

So, if you really want to live forty days intensely for God, I would suggest to go visit an adoration chapel. This is a great place to look to build an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ.

Take some time, listen to God, and ask Him what He wants for Lent. He wants the next forty days to be a lot better than the last forty days. This is made possible by your good choices each and every day.

You basically have a choice between Jesus Christ and the Devil. They are both looking to spend time with you. Where are you going to end up? Forty days lived intensely for Christ can make all the difference.