

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH of CORN HILL



Pope Francis
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Bishop Joe Vásquez
Diocese of Austin

Third Sunday of Lent March 15, A.D. 2020

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday	March 14	5:00 PM	†Norma Klaus †Julie Emge
Sunday	March 15	8:30 AM	Pro Populo
		10:30 AM	Chad & Chaney Allen (8 th Wedding Anniversary) †Francisca Luna
Monday	March 16	6:00 PM	†Randy Havelka and †Louis Palousek †Otha Palousek Whitaker
Tuesday	March 17	6:00 PM	†Dorothy Montreuil †Msgr. Emilián Foltyn
Wednesday	March 18	7:00 AM	†Greg Maney †Gary Wood
Thursday	March 19	6:00 PM	Confraternity of Christian Mothers Virgil Tonn (for healing)
Friday	March 20	6:00 PM	†Raymond & Florence Robichau †Mike Conlee
Saturday	March 21	7:30 AM	†Msgr. Gideon Stram †Paul Chevalier
Saturday	March 21	5:00 PM	Pro Populo
Sunday	March 22	8:30 AM	Larry Janousek, Jr. (for healing) †Doris Nesrsta
		10:30 AM	For Our Confirmandi †Frank Rodriguez †Emil Sherek

Altar Flowers

No flowers needed during the Season of Lent
To donate altar flowers in memory or honor of loved ones, complete and return an 'Altar Flower Envelope' (from the bulletin table or from our website).

Last Week's Collection(s)

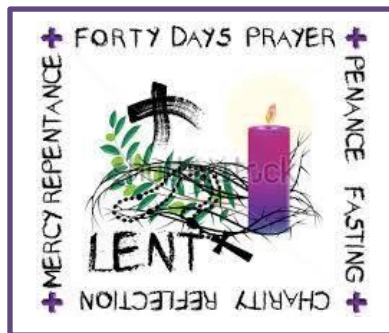
March 8: Weekly Collection: \$4,179.00
Online Donations: \$ 909.40

Rosary for Life

March 15 – 21: Rodney & Gwenda Bruce family
March 22 – 28: Ron & Cathy Bindas

Vocations Crucifix Prayer Campaign

March 15 – 21: Louise Havelka
March 22 – 28: Bill & Monica Sherek



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Thursday in the church from 3:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Adoration on Thursday, March 19, from 3-5 pm

† Fr. Stephen Nesrsta †

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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.)

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

Stations of the Cross: Wednesday, March 18, 6:30 PM:
Altar Servers: Jakob Voigt, Joseph & Adelaide Brousseau

Saturday, March 21, 5:00 PM:

Altar Servers: John & Maria Bruce
Lector: Lupe Bernal
EMHC: Fred Mullenbach
Gift Bearers: Mark & Debbie Klaus
Head Usher: Howard Mertink

Sunday, March 22, 8:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Carter Marquis, Lucas Beyer, Shelby H
Lector: Becky Theisen
EMHC: Ken Theisen
Gift Bearers: Tommy & Cindy Sladeczek
Head Usher: Tommy Sladeczek

Sunday, March 22, 10:30 AM: CONFIRMATION

Altar Servers: John Danek, Amy S, Joseph & Adelaide B
Lector: Chris Stefek
EMHC: N/A
Gift Bearers: Confirmation Candidates
Head Usher: Stephanie Wright

EMHC to Shut-ins: March 22: Ken Theisen

NEEDED: MASS MINISTERS AND MONEY COUNTERS!
Please call parish office for details.

In order to help keep us healthy, the diocese has asked that, during the flu season, we implement the following:

1. Remove holy water from all fonts
2. Receive Holy Communion only in the hand
3. Discontinue offering the Blood of Christ
4. Discontinue the Sign of Peace

We are in need of 2 Money Counters! Duties include counting the weekly collection, once a month on a set weekend, and occasionally for special collections when needed. **We currently need a counter for the 1st Sunday and a counter for the 4th Sunday.** You must be EIM Certified, which is an easy process, so please don't let it discourage you. For more information, please contact the parish office.

Thank you, in advance, for participating in the **Lenten Ashes to Easter box campaign**, which helps to support missionary efforts in and outside of the Diocese of Austin. If you haven't already, pick up a box from the bulletin tables and place it in a prominent place in your home where you will remember to pray daily for the missions and drop in your spare change. You will then return your boxes at Easter.

We will have our monthly **Faith Formation Collection** this weekend (March 14/15) 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.

Reminder for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: we will have training and re-certification this Monday, March 16, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg. If you can't attend, you must contact the office to schedule another time for it **before the end of March!**

Knights of Columbus (KC) – Holy Trinity Council: There will be a KC meeting this Tuesday, March 17, 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 skjosh.jacobs@gmail.com).

RCIA: Class this Tuesday, March 17, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg. Discussion: Catholic Moral Teachings – Part 1 (Ten Commandments, Moral Living & Decision Making). For information, contact Lucille D'Elia.

CCE: Due to Spring Break, we will not have classes on Wednesday, March 18. Families are encouraged to attend Stations of the Cross together. Classes will resume on Wednesday, March 25, at 6:15 p.m. For information about our program, contact Lucille D'Elia (737-215-1042).

Join us this Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. for **Stations of the Cross** to reflect on the suffering and death of our Lord, Jesus Christ, on the Cross.

Choir practice for "Holy Week" will begin this Wednesday, March 18, at 7:00 pm, after Stations of the Cross. For more information, please contact Ronnie Simek at 512-630-5074.

Pro-Life Adoration: this Thursday, March 19, from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. **Please note the time change** due to our St. Joseph's Altar celebration (see details below). Adoration on Thursday, March 26, will be at the normal time of 3-9 p.m.

In observance of St. Joseph's feast day, the Confraternity of Christian Mothers will host a **St. Joseph's Altar**, to which all are invited, on Thursday, March 19, in the PAC Bldg, immediately after the 6:00 p.m. Mass. The altar is a reflection of a deep devotion to St. Joseph, the patron saint of those in need. Fr. Stephen will bless the altar and then all participants can partake of the meatless foods on the altar. In keeping with the tradition of a St. Joseph's Altar, a basket will be available for donations to be given to the Caring Place in Georgetown.

We will have a **second collection** next weekend, March 21/22, for **Catholic Relief Services**, which helps children, women and families around the world. The six worldwide organizations supported by the collection provide immediate humanitarian aid, pastoral support and disaster relief to our suffering brothers and sisters around the globe. Please be generous.

The **Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated next** Sunday, March 22, with Fr. James Misko, Vicar General, at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Please pray that the Confirmandi will fully embrace, and be strengthened by, the Gift of Grace that they will receive from the Holy Spirit. *****Attn: Confirmation Students: Reminder that practice for Confirmation will be held on Saturday, March 21, at 1:00 p.m.**

The **Confraternity of Christian Mothers will meet** on Sunday, March 29, in the RE Bldg after the 8:30 a.m. Mass with the Reception Ceremony of new members (**members note the date change from the usual 4th Sunday due to Confirmation**). Members will sit in the front pews for the 8:30 a.m. Mass to lead the Rosary prayed beforehand. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.



If you would like to help decorate the church for the Easter season with Easter Lilies & Flowers, in memory or honor of loved ones, you may do so by completing and returning an **Easter Flower Envelope** (located by the bulletins). Please print all names clearly! Envelopes should be turned in by Sunday, April 5, as the memorials will be listed in the Easter bulletin.

Our **Rosary for Life** and **Vocations Crucifix Prayer campaigns** are always open for new volunteers who would like to participate. For more information about either and/or to sign-up, please contact the parish office.

**During the Season of Lent, it is important that we reconcile ourselves with one another and with God!
Please take the time for Confession ... that your hearts, souls and minds will be ready for the Sacrifice and Resurrection of our Lord.**

St. Mary, Taylor: Mon, March 23, 7 PM; **St. John Vianney, RR:** Tues, March 24, 7 PM;

St. Elizabeth, Pflugerville: Wed, March 25, 7 PM; **Our Lady of Guadalupe, Taylor:** Thurs, March 26, 7 PM;

Holy Trinity, Corn Hill: Sun, March 29, 5 PM; **St. Patrick, Hutto:** Tues, March 31, 6 PM; **St. William, RR:** Wed, April 1, 7 PM;

St. Helen, Georgetown: Thurs, April 2, 7 PM; **St. William, RR:** Mon, April 6, 1 – 6 PM

Dear friends in Christ,

Praised be Jesus Christ! How is your season of Lent coming along? What are you doing different during this time of year to help you to live this season and prepare yourself for the celebrations of Holy Week and Easter? Are you attending Stations of the Cross every week? Are you preparing yourself to make a good confession sometime during this Lenten Season? Let us do all we can to make this time a special time of year and so that we may become better Christians.

On Thursday, March 19, we will have Mass at 6:00 pm to celebrate the Feast Day of St. Joseph. Please come and join us for Mass and then go to the PAC for the blessing of the St. Joseph Altar and enjoy a wonderful meal. Spend time in fellowship with one another and reflect upon the life of St. Joseph and his witness of faith and trust in God.

Next Sunday at the 10:30 Mass we will celebrate the **Sacrament of Confirmation with Fr. James Misko, Vicar General of the Diocese of Austin.** Please pray for our confirmandi as they make final preparation for this Sacrament and try to come to the Confirmation Mass to support our youth as they receive the gift of the Holy Spirit and make a commitment to profess their faith to all they meet.

In today's gospel, Jesus goes up to the woman at the well and speaks to her, a Samaritan, someone who is alienated and despised by the Jews. On top of this, the woman was probably rejected by her own people because of the life of adultery which she had been living. This can be seen by the time of day in which she went to get the water. Usually women would get water in the early morning hours before it was hot. Those who were outcasts had to go later in the day, usually around noon. Yet, despite what other people would have thought, Jesus speaks to her. Jesus shows His apostles that His message is for all people, not just for the Jews. The woman accepts Jesus as the Messiah and has faith in Him and begins to proclaim Jesus' name to all the people of Shechem. Once they hear Jesus, they too have a conversion experience and have faith in Him.

When we hear the message of Jesus and receive Him in Holy Communion, do we undergo a conversion experience? Do we grow closer to Him and is our faith strengthened? Maybe first we need to know what faith is. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that: "Faith is the theological virtue by which we believe in God and believe all that he has said and revealed to us, and that [we believe all His] Holy Church proposes for our belief, because he is truth itself. By faith 'man freely commits his entire self to God.' For this reason, the believer seeks to know and do God's will. Living faith works through charity." It also says that Christian faith "is to confess that Jesus is Lord." What does all this mean? For a person to have faith they must commit themselves to doing the will of God in their life and they must proclaim the message of Jesus Christ to others, by word and by example, and they must do good works as an expression of that faith. If we have true faith in Jesus Christ, then we will believe all that He has revealed to us and we will believe all that the Church teaches in regard to faith and morals. This is what it means to be filled with faith in Jesus Christ. All of us, including myself, can always grow in faith. We are not a perfect people. And that is what this season of Lent is all about: reflecting on our lives and our relationship with Jesus Christ and asking ourselves how we can grow closer to Him and how we can grow in faith. Like the woman at the well we first need to admit our sinfulness, the things which we have done wrong in our life and then seek out the ways in which the Lord is calling us to change. The best way to do this is by receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation, by going to confession. The dates and times of Penance Services in our parish and the surrounding parishes is in the bulletin. Please take advantage of this opportunity and attend one of these services and receive the love and forgiveness of God through His Son Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

In today's gospel we heard how Jesus gave the woman living waters, He gave her Himself. Today, Jesus wants to give us this living water, He wants to give us His own body and blood. As we receive Him into our lives let us ask Him to increase our faith, to give us the courage and strength to proclaim His message to other people and to express this faith through the good works that we do.

K ZAMYŠLENÍ: Bůh říká i dnes: „Dej mi napít!“ Jak fascinující obraz dialogu Stvořitele a stvoření. Žena netuší, s kým mluví... Jak to, že stvoření netuší, že mluví se svým Tvůrcem? A je myslitelný takový dialog Boha a člověka? Ale ano, Bůh nás pozval, abychom odpověděli na jeho volání, zřekli se zla, a tak „utišil“ i žízeň lásky, se kterou nám vtiskl život. (Vira.cz)

Tercero Domingo de Cuaresma: Experimentamos en la profundidad de nuestro ser un hambre profunda y una sed por el Dios viviente. Estamos invitados a conocer esa necesidad pero a no desesperar como nuestros ancestros lo hicieron en el desierto. Dios nos alimenta y nos nutre. Dios satisface nuestra sed si nos abrimos al amor transformante de Dios. Como la Samaritana, estamos llamado a estar abiertos a las aguas de vida que nos da Cristo. Como ella, estamos llamados a ser agentes del amor transformante de Dios en nuestro mundo ¿Quiénes en nuestras vidas necesitan que seamos agentes del amor de Dios para ellos? ¿Qué en nuestro mundo necesita la acción y transformación de Dios?

Don't forget to attend Stations of the Cross every week during Lent with your family. Come and pray the Way of the Cross and walk with our Lord in His suffering so that you can experience the resurrection with Him. Also, be sure to check the Penance Service schedule for the parishes in our deanery, which is included in this bulletin, and attend one of them this Lent and make a good confession before Easter.

May all of you have a most blessed week in this Lenten Season.

Fr. Stephen Nestrta, farář



Celebrate the Feast of Saint Joseph

on Thursday, March 19, with Mass at 6:00 p.m.,

followed by a *St. Joseph's Altar Celebration* in the PAC

sponsored by the *Confraternity of Christian Mothers*

The Altar will be blessed by Fr. Stephen and then participants will be able to enjoy the meatless foods provided on the altar.

In keeping with tradition, donations for those in need will be appreciated for the benefit of the Caring Place in Georgetown.

The farmers looked out across their barren fields, sweat beading down their faces from the hot sun and a cloudless sky. Dried-out crops popped beneath their feet. As they walked across fields that should be spotted with the bright colors of life, dust kicked up around their legs. They looked to the sky, searching for a cloud, but none were in sight. It was the 1600s and a great famine had set in for the great agricultural island of Sicily.

With no rain, no crops, and barely a single hope left, the people of Sicily began to pray. They turned to St. Joseph, their patron saint, and pleaded for rain. In return, they vowed to honor St. Joseph with a large and plentiful feast. After what seemed like an eternity of unanswered prayers, the heavens finally burst open like an overfilled wine cask and the rain poured down upon dusty fields and withered crops.

To honor their promise, the Sicilian farmers prepared a grand feast. The grand feast became a tradition throughout Sicily and Italy, and is now known as the St. Joseph's Altar. On March 19, St. Joseph's feast day, Italians carried on the tradition and, when many immigrated to America, they brought the tradition with them. Today, many parishes still celebrate St. Joseph's Altar on March 19.

Regardless of heritage or nationality, Catholics across the world have embraced the tradition as a very real reminder of the blessings bestowed upon us by God through the intercession of His saints. It's a day to celebrate and share those blessings, yet it is also a day to celebrate the family. It was the family that God chose for His Son to begin the work of salvation, and He chose St. Joseph as the patriarch of this family. This is why St. Joseph was chosen as the patron saint of families. In the Holy Family of St. Joseph, Mary, and Jesus, we find the perfect example for all Christian families to reflect.

**Join us in celebrating the family
on the Feast Day of the
Patron Saint of Families, Fathers,
and the Universal Church,
St. Joseph!**

