

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH of CORN HILL



Pope Francis
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Bishop Joe Vásquez
Diocese of Austin

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 22, A.D. 2020

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday	March 21	Private	Pro Populo
Sunday	March 22	Private	Larry Janousek, Jr. (for healing) †Doris Nestrsta †Frank Rodriguez †Emil Sherek
Tuesday	March 24	Private	†Pete & Eleanora Schwertner †Henry & Angelina Dillard
Wednesday	March 25	Private	Family of Julie Emge †Albin & Janette Zurovetz
Thursday	March 26	Private	†Peter Janish †Annie Janish
Friday	March 27	Private	†Jerry David †Bob Howe
Saturday	March 28	Private	†Frank & Anastasia Knapek †Albina Teltow
Saturday	March 28	Private	Pro Populo
Sunday	March 29	Private	†Hubert Klepac †Johnnie Simek †Louis & Agnes Straka †Joe & Annie Danek

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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: Stephanie Wright 512-868-8514

Pro-Life Prayer Group: Chris Garlasco 860-689-3021

Men's Prayer Group: Pete Zenner 512-863-4038

Knights of Columbus: Josh Jacobs 612-212-9624

Conf. of Christian Mothers: Lucille Nemecek 254-527-3615

K.J.T. Society #55: John Danek 512-819-4362

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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)

Last Week's Collection(s)

March 15: Weekly Collection: \$3,044.25

Online Donations: \$ 359.65

As you are aware, the bishop of the Diocese of Austin, Joe Vasquez, has decreed that all public Masses be canceled (at least) thru April 8. Please stay tuned to our website, which we will be updating immediately as new information becomes available to us.

The governor of Texas, Greg Abbott, has now also mandated, for the entire State of Texas, that there are to be no public gatherings with more than 10 in attendance at any given time until further notice. Therefore, [most of] our parish events have either been canceled or delayed. Please see the announcements below for all of those details.

Fr. Stephen will hold [private] Masses throughout the week/weekend and will honor the currently scheduled Mass intentions. See Mass schedule and intention box above. We are also still accepting Mass intentions.

We also now have a Facebook page: *Holy Trinity Catholic Church of Corn Hill* (not the one for New Corn Hill). Fr. Stephen has already posted some videos for your benefit and he is also working on posting videos of Masses for this and the upcoming weekends, so stay tuned and share this information with your friends and family.

There are several opportunities for weekly and/or daily Masses via TV, internet and radio, so if you have a loved one with a Mass intention on our schedule, you may take the initiative to watch or listen to a published Mass that day and pray for that person/people at that time. A list of these Mass resources was sent, by mail, to all registered parishioners. You can also find this list on the Diocese of Austin website (www.austindiocese.org).

The church bldg. will still be open as usual during the week and weekend and you are welcome to come and pray, have a time of adoration, etc, but please be vigilant of the maximum occupancy of 10 people rule so that we can remain open!

Rosary for Life and Vocations Crucifix Prayer campaigns: we ask that those who currently participate in these campaigns continue to follow the schedule in the bulletin. The church is still open on a daily basis, including the weekends, so you will be able to bring back the items on Saturdays and/or pick them up for the week on Sunday as usual. These campaigns are always open for new volunteers who would like to offer their time to pray daily for a week, on a rotating schedule, in petition for the sanctity of life and for more people to answer God's call to vocations. For more information about either and/or to sign-up, please contact the parish office.

- **Rosary for Life: March 22 – 28: Ron & Cathy Bindas** / March 29 – April 4: Helen Havelka
- **Vocations Crucifix Prayer Campaign: March 22 – 28: Bill & Monica Sherek** / March 29 – April 4: Chris & Sora Garlasco

As of right now, we will still have **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** each Thursday from 3 pm – 9 pm. Again, please be vigilant of the maximum occupancy of 10 rule so that we can continue to offer this opportunity.

Please continue to donate to your **Ashes to Easter boxes** and say a prayer daily for the missions. Stay tuned for instructions on when, where and how to return the boxes and we thank you, in advance, for your participation.

The **Sacrament of Confirmation for our youth has been postponed**. Please watch the bulletin for more information on rescheduling.

RCIA will continue to meet per their regular schedule. Class this Tuesday, March 24, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg. Discussion: Catholic Moral Teachings – Part 2 (Ten Commandments, Moral Living & Decision Making). For information, contact Lucille D'Elia.

All CCE classes have been suspended until further notice. Lucille D'Elia, Faith Formation Director, has materials available for parents and students for at-home instruction during this time. You may contact her at 737-215-1042 or htcdre@yahoo.com for more information.

Stations of the Cross has been canceled here in the church, but you can still pray them with your families at home. The Stations can be found on the internet. A suggested site is www.catholic.org/prayers/station.php. (Please always make sure the sites you are looking at for theological information, etc, are reputable, *Catholic* sites.)

In order to keep parish operations at maximum, we ask that you kindly continue your regular weekly collection offering as usual. You can either mail it, drop it off at the parish or in the church (in the donation box in the foyer, which will be monitored daily), or use the Online Giving option (via the link on our website), which is easy to set up and ensures a safe, consistent way to support your parish.

This weekend's second collection for **Catholic Relief Services** is still active. As with your regular weekly collection, you can either mail it in, bring it to the office or church, or donate online. Thank you for continuing to donate to help those in need.

Our **Cemetery Committee meeting**, scheduled for Thursday, March 26, has been canceled.

The **Confraternity of Christian Mothers will NOT meet** on Sunday, March 29. Please watch the bulletin for more information on their next meeting date.

Our **Lenten Penance Service**, originally scheduled for Sunday, March 29, has been canceled (as well as all others within the Diocese of Austin). Fr. Stephen will still hear confessions on our regular weekly schedule of Wednesday, Saturday & Sunday (see top of bulletin).

We will have our **5th Sunday collection next weekend, March 28/29, for the benefit of our Social Services fund**, which provides assistance to those in need within our parish boundaries. During this time of crisis and panic, the need for assistance, due to the possible lack of regular pay/work hours, or even a job due to business closures, may be greater than ever. Your donation, no matter the size, could mean the difference between eating or not for a neighbor. Please be generous.



We are still accepting donations for our Easter Flowers, if you would like to help decorate the church in memory or honor of loved ones. Even if we are not able to hold Easter services, we will still have some flowers in the sanctuary in celebration of the risen Christ. Complete and return an **Easter Flower Envelope** (located by the bulletins) **by Sunday, April 5**. Please print all names clearly! You can return the envelopes by mail, in person at the parish office, or in the donation box in the foyer of the church.

Our April **Hospitality Sunday and Senior Citizens' Supper** have both been canceled.

We are still 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, contact the parish office.

Dear Parishioners,

Praised be Jesus Christ! As all of you are aware by now, all Masses, Penance Services, and events have been canceled at least until April 8. Williamson County has also banned all gatherings of 10 people or more until May 11. This could be changed if things get better before then. Things are changing from hour to hour, so please be sure to check our website for the latest information. Please be praying for an end to this pandemic and pray for those who are ill. Pray the rosary daily with your family asking for our Blessed Mother's intercession. Come to adoration on Thursday, or any day of the week, and pray before the Blessed Sacrament asking for God's intervention in this time of pandemic. Be sure to thoroughly wash your hands and use hand sanitizers, if you can still find them at the grocery store or supermarket. Good hygiene is essential in stopping the spread of this virus. So, pray, pray, pray, a good thing to do during this Lenten Season. We have mailed out a letter to all parishioners with information about where to find the celebration of Mass online, TV and radio. Please try to participate through social media and stay in union with us during this time of social distancing.

In today's Gospel, we have the story of Jesus healing the man born blind from birth. This event follows Jesus encounter with the woman caught in adultery and also several other encounters with the Pharisees. This discourse with the Pharisees is rather lengthy and, during this discourse, the jealousy of the Pharisees is made visible and they become angrier and angrier with Jesus. The healing of the blind takes place on the Sabbath day, a day when no one was to do any work. This action of Jesus is seen as him violating the Law concerning the Sabbath. The healing of the blind man also proves that his sins are forgiven, something which only God can do. Yet, Jesus, in His humanity, heals and forgives sins. Jesus continues this today through the actions of the priest in the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick and the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). Maybe you can somewhat imagine the joy that the blind man must have experienced at being able to see for the first time in his life. You can also probably imagine the anger of the Pharisees because all of us have been jealous of others and angry at them at some time in our life. Maybe you still are today! All this anger continues to build each week as we approach Holy Week and the Pharisees begin to make plans to arrest Jesus and to have Him put to death. As we enter into these last weeks of Lent, let us ponder on how our lives reflect that of the lives of the Pharisees and let us ask the Lord to open our eyes so that we can see clearly the things we need to change in our lives so that we can truly be the light of Jesus to one another.

K ZAMYŠLENÍ: Věříš v Syna člověka? Tato otázka je zlomová pro každého, kdo chce být křesťanem. Slepec přišel o jakoukoli podporu oficiálních představitelů víry i společnosti. Ale Pán o něm dobře ví. Na konci postní doby bychom také my měli padnout na kolena a tvář v tvář Kristu na kříži vyznat: „Věřím, v tebe, Ježíši ukřižovaný a vzkříšený, ty jsi Pán nebe i země!“ (Vira.cz)

Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma: Este domingo, invitamos a Dios a curar nuestra ceguera y nuestra tendencia a ver solo la apariencia de las cosas y las personas. El pecado nos ciega y necesitamos ser liberados del pecado para poder ver tal como Dios nos ve a nosotros y vivir como Dios desea que vivamos ¿Hay alguna persona o situación en nuestra vida que necesitamos ver de manera distinta? ¿Qué nueva visión o que nueva perspectiva Dios desea que veamos? ¿Cómo trabaja Dios para curar la ceguera en nosotros?

May all of you continue to have a spiritually renewing Season of Lent as we prepare ourselves for Palm Sunday and Holy Week, and the celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord at Easter.

Fr. Stephen Nesrsta, farář