

# HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH of CORN HILL



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Bishop Joe Vásquez  
Diocese of Austin

## Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

April 5, A.D. 2020

### Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday	April 4	Private	Pro Populo
Sunday	April 5	Private	†John Obst †Teri Gray †Angela Danek †James & Mary Ziegler †Francisco Rodriguez
Tuesday	April 7	Private	Marshall, Brielle & Connor Cooke †Mary Zurovetz Tschoerner
Wednesday	April 8	Private	†Rosemary Waltman †Joe Janosec
Holy Thursday	April 9	Private	For all Priests
Good Friday	April 10	Private	Good Friday Service
Holy Saturday	April 11	Private	Pro Populo
Easter Sunday	April 12	Private	Pro Populo

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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)

**Each year, as Catholics, we look forward to the celebration of Holy Week. The same is true this year, even though it will be a somber Holy Week, one like none other. How can we still mark Holy Week with faith and devotion during such a troubling and difficult time? Here's a few suggestions.**

We begin Holy Week on Palm Sunday, listening to the readings and the Passion narrative to place our hearts in the mindset of the meaning of Easter. We also usually receive blessed palm branches to have in our homes. If there are blessed palm branches in your church, get one, and, if not, find any branch outside and use it as a substitute for the time being. The palm branch reminds us of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem as a King. On Palm Sunday, give Jesus permission to be the king of your family and home.

Holy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper and Jesus' celebration of the first Mass with his apostles, when he took bread and wine, and gave it to them saying "this is my body," "this is my blood." This year as a family, live the Holy Thursday gospel to the best of your ability. Prepare a nice meal together, sit down as a family, share what you are grateful for, because the word Eucharist means thanksgiving.

At the liturgy of Good Friday, we participate in the veneration of the cross. As a family, gather together and have one member of the family hold a crucifix out, allowing for the family to venerate it.

Holy Saturday recalls the day that Jesus was in the tomb. On that Good Friday, he was taken down from the cross and placed in the tomb. If you are looking for something to do on Holy Saturday, visit a cemetery, maybe the grave of a loved one. Such an action recalls the visits of Mary of Nazareth, Mary Magdalene, and others who must have visited Jesus' grave in those hours after he died. It also serves as a reminder to us that all the dead will rise from their graves. After sunset, the Church celebrates the Easter Vigil, and the Mass begins with the lighting and blessing of the Easter candle.

Remember that you can watch the all of these services, including Easter Sunday, livestream via our Facebook page.

This Holy Week will be one for the books because we will be unable to gather together as a Christian community for prayer and worship. This year we have an opportunity to celebrate Holy Week in a more real way as the domestic church, in our homes. Let us continue to live the paschal mystery of Jesus, his dying and rising, during these days of quarantine.

**Last Week's Collection(s): March 29:** Weekly Collection: \$3,437.00 / Online Donations: \$841.35 / 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday–Social Ministry: \$340.00

**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. **We appreciate all of you who are doing this! God bless you!**

**All public Masses are still canceled until further notice. Please stay tuned to our website, which we are updating as new information becomes available to us from the Diocese of Austin.**

**Please visit our Facebook page (Holy Trinity Catholic Church of Corn Hill), where Fr. Stephen is posting live videos of daily (at 7 am\*) and weekend (Saturday at 6 pm\*) Masses. You do not need to have a Facebook account to access this. A link is available on our website for your use.**

**We will also have our Easter Triduum services live on our Facebook page. As of right now, the schedule\* will be as follows: Holy Thursday, April 9 – 7 pm; Good Friday, April 10 – 7 pm; Holy Saturday, April 11 – 8:15 pm; Easter Sunday, April 12 – 8:30 am. Stations of the Cross on Good Friday at 3 pm.**

**\*PLEASE NOTE: the weekday and weekend Mass times, as well as the Easter Triduum times, are all subject to change without notice!**

**As you know, the State of Texas still has a mandate in place of no more than 10 in attendance at any given time until further notice...and the counties of Williamson, Travis & Bell, as well as many others, have a “shelter in place” mandate, currently until May 4.**

**The church building is currently still open** 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!

The **parish office** is only open right now on Tuesdays & Fridays, but we are still answering the phone and emails the rest of the time, so don't hesitate to contact us if needed. **\*\*For Holy Week, the office will be open on Tuesday & Thursday.**

**It's time to return your Ashes to Easter donations!** Considering the current situation, there are a couple of different ways in which you can do this. You can either drop the boxes off in the marked baskets in the church like usual, or you can count what's in your box and mail a check or cash to the parish office. We appreciate your participation and generosity!

All **Lenten Penance Services** within the Diocese of Austin have been canceled, but Fr. Stephen is still hearing confessions in the church by appointment. Please contact the parish office to schedule a time.

**This weekend is your final opportunity** to turn in an **Easter Flower Envelope** (located by the bulletins). Please print all names clearly! Return the envelopes by mail, in person at the parish office, or in the donation box in the foyer of the church. The memorials will be listed in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

**The Easter edition of the *Word Among Us*** is available in the church (by the bulletins) for your use during the Easter Season. It contains daily devotionals and other resources for your spiritual journey during Easter.

**Keep washing your hands!** We've all heard the trick of singing the happy birthday song for a good, lengthy hand washing, but have you thought of replacing that with a couple of Hail Mary's?? Now, while washing your hands, or even brushing your teeth, pray two Hail Mary's and say an extra prayer for relief from this pandemic and for those who are being affected by it!

**Our new parish pictorial directory is in!** For those who had a picture taken (or submitted a photo), your complimentary directory is available in the parish office. If you do not have a photo in there, but would like one, you can purchase one for \$10.



**Dear Parishioners,**

As of the writing of this note for today's bulletin, we are still under the Stay-At-Home order. Please keep watch of our website and Facebook page for any changes to this week's schedule.

Today we celebrate Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, the beginning of Holy Week. Thursday through Saturday of Holy Week are the most solemn days of our Church Liturgical Year. This is a very sacred time and we should set aside all other activities so that we are able to attend all of the Holy Week celebrations by **watching them and participating in them in your homes. All the celebrations of this week will be broadcast live stream on our Facebook page.** In order to really experience the fullness of these days, a person needs to participate every day as the theme of the Redemption begins at the beginning of The Sacred Paschal Triduum, Holy Thursday evening, which is actually the beginning of Good Friday, and ends with the triumphant conclusion upon the celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord on Easter Sunday. Our full attention should be given to celebrate these most sacred rites. **Watching and participating** in all of these special Services should take priority over any other event because celebrating Holy Week is what we are all about as a Catholic People. Let us do our best to show our love for our Savior by our faithfulness to these days.

We will also have Stations of the Cross this Friday, April 10, at 3:00 pm. via livestream on our Facebook page. Please try to **watch and participate** so that your experience of Holy Week can be all that it can be under these circumstances.

**If you haven't already, please plan on making a good confession before Easter. I will be available for confessions by appointment, so call the parish office to schedule if needed. If you want to make a perfect act of contrition at home and spend some extra time in prayer and reflection at home instead of coming to confession, that is also ok under these circumstances. Mortal sins should be confessed to the priest.**

In today's gospel, we recall the event of Jesus' triumphal entrance into Jerusalem. Then, as we read the Passion, we hear about the arrest, suffering, crucifixion and death of Jesus. I would encourage you to spend some time today reflecting on these events and what meaning they have for you as you live your Christian faith.

[Jesus rides on a lowly donkey: In those days, kings used to travel in such processions on horseback during wartime but preferred to ride a donkey in times of peace. Since the sign of a king was humility, the customary mount for a king in procession in Israel was a donkey. I Kings 1:38-41 describes how Prince Solomon used his father David's royal donkey for the ceremonial procession on the day of his coronation. Jesus entered the Holy City as a King of peace, fulfilling the prophecy of Zechariah. The Gospel specifically mentions that the colt Jesus selected for the procession was one that had not been ridden before, reminding us of a stipulation given in I Samuel 6:7 concerning the animal that was to carry the Ark of the Covenant.

Jesus was given the royal reception usually reserved for a King or military commander. I Maccabees 13:51ff describes such a reception given to the Jewish military leader Simon Maccabaeus in 171 BC. II Maccabees 10:6-8 refers to a similar reception given to another military general, Judas Maccabaeus, who led the struggle against the three Greek armies sent by Antiochus IV Epiphanes and liberated the Temple from the Greeks (163 BC).

The participants sang the "Hallel" Psalm (Psalm 118) and shouted the words of Psalms 25 and 26. The Greek word "hosiana" originally meant "save us now" (II Samuel 14:4). The people sang the entire Psalm 118 on the Feast of the Tabernacles when they marched seven times around the Altar of the Burnt Offering. On Palm Sunday, however, the people used the prayer "Hosanna" as a slogan of greeting. It meant "God save the King of Israel."

For the Feast of Passover, the lamb which was to be sacrificed by the High Priest was taken to the Temple in a procession four days before the main feast day. On Palm Sunday, Jesus, the true Paschal Lamb, was also taken to the Temple in a large procession. A reminder that Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.] (From Fr. Tony Kadavil)

Just a reminder: Sunday, April 19, Divine Mercy Celebration - 3:00 pm - Adoration, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Litany of Divine Mercy and Benediction will be broadcast live on our Facebook page if we are still under the Stay-At-Home Order. The Novena of Divine Mercy begins this week on Good Friday. Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet every day with your family until Divine Mercy Sunday.

**K ZAMYŠLENÍ:** Pán vstupuje do Jeruzaléma, města spojeného s mesiášem, místa, kde stojí jediný chrám, místa oběti. Bude zde slavit Velikonoce, svátek záchrany z otroctví. A v této atmosféře bude zatčen, vyškrtnut ze společenství Izraelitů, ponížen pohany a zmučen. Jako poslední z odsouzenců umučen až za hradbami města. Ale právě toto zavržení všemi se stane nástrojem Božího vítězství nad temnotami, takže křesťané mohou vyznat: Ježíš je Pán!

**Domingo de Ramos:** Nuestro viaje cuaresmal encuentra su clímax en la celebración de la Semana Santa. Nuestra liturgia comienza con la entrada triunfal de Jesús en Jerusalén, pero la lectura de la Pasión nos invita a caminar con Jesús a través del sufrimiento y la muerte también. La promesa de Dios es la plenitud de la vida, pero con frecuencia en su lugar nos aferramos a las promesas vacías de la vida que el mundo ofrece: poder, fama y riqueza material ¿A qué debemos morir para vivir más completamente con Cristo y compartir su vida?

May all of you have a spiritually renewing Holy Week and a joyful celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord on Easter Sunday.

**Fr. Stephen Nerssta, farář**

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# HOLY TRINITY FAITH FORMATION

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## Spring 2020

When Lent began we had no idea what was to come for all of us. Our students did get at least one lesson in the classrooms on the season of Lent. But just because we are not meeting in person on Wednesday evenings, doesn't mean the learning has stopped, on the contrary. Our current program, Pflaum Gospel Weeklies works absolutely wonderfully for parents who are teaching their children at home. Since the lesson focuses on that Sunday's gospel, every grade level is on the same topic. The Teacher's Guides and the worksheets are being sent home via email and the parents have the opportunity to work with their children. We are also preparing packets of material to help families and these can be picked up in the church. To receive those materials, just send a request to the CCE office and one will be prepared specifically for your family. The bags can contain the worksheets, books, coloring books, crafts and many other supplies to help continue our faith journey.

During this time I have had wonderful emails from parents telling me how they are working together as the domestic church. One family gathers in the backyard on their trampoline (sitting of course) and prays the Rosary together, another gathers on their patio every evening to pray the Rosary with Relevant Radio. Others are making sure they bring their children to the church and pray the Stations of the Cross together. One mother told me how excited her two little ones were to get to see the statues being covered. It gave her a chance to teach another Lent lesson

Our catechists have been terrific as they prepare lessons for their classes. Our second grade catechist, Tonya Sulak, had just begun her lessons with the Resurrection Eggs so she has continued by taping them and they are sent out to the students' parents. What an amazing job she has done with that. Father Stephen's Masses online are another way that families have been continuing to practice their faith. Since the children all know Father Stephen they enjoy seeing him on their TV. I have even heard that some children listen to the homilies more closely than they do when at church. I must confess that I think I do (less distractions).

Our Confirmation students are still waiting to receive that most important Sacrament of Initiation and the Bishop's office has advised that as soon as it is safe to do so, we will be able to re-schedule the Confirmation Mass. Meanwhile our RCIA catechumen are waiting patiently to be able to receive the Sacraments for the first time. Please keep all of these candidates and their families in your prayers.

At this point all schools are closed through the beginning of May and when and if they re-open we will let all parents know about our CCE classes. Meanwhile, I have asked all families to go outside at 7 PM on Wednesday evenings and pray out loud together before they begin their weekly lessons. It is my way of keeping all of us together, especially in prayer.

May God bless you all and I am counting the days until we can all be together again at Holy Trinity.



Although we won't be able to celebrate the Triduum in church this year, we can still walk with Jesus on His journey to the cross.

This **Palm Sunday**, we can do the following:

Place palm leaves or green clippings from the yard, tied with a ribbon (preferably a red ribbon) on the front door of your house. This will symbolize that we are Catholic and that we welcome Jesus into our home, by allowing him to enter our hearts in preparation for His passion, death, and Resurrection.



**Easter Sunday** –After we celebrate Mass online with our family, let's use our family Easter Egg hunt to continue to celebrate our faith. Fill some of those Easter eggs with Bible verses or even some of the symbols that we used in our Resurrection Eggs.



Put seeds in a few of the eggs. Then go outside as a family and plant those seeds to help remember the joy of the Resurrection and eternal life.

Resources for parents: I will continue to send out the lessons for each week and ask that you work with your child(ren) as much as you can. If you need additional material, please just contact me.

You can also find additional resources on the Pflaum Gospel Weeklies website:

<https://www.pflaumweeklies.com>

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