

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH of CORN HILL



Pope Francis
Vatican City State



Bishop Joe Vásquez
Diocese of Austin

Sunday of Divine Mercy

April 19, A.D. 2020

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday	April 18	Private (5 PM)	Virgil Tonn (for healing) †Teri Gray †Frank Rodriguez †Rosie Vrana
Sunday	April 19	Private (8:30 AM)	Pro Populo
Tuesday	April 21	Private (7 AM)	†Richard Danek †Dorothy Montreuil
Wednesday	April 22	Private (7 AM)	Larry Janousek, Jr. (for healing) †Johnnie Simek
Thursday	April 23	Private (7 AM)	†Joe & Wilma Zgarba †Herman & Clara Wilde
Friday	April 24	Private (7 AM)	†Jerry David Friends & Family of Virgil & Marla Tonn
Saturday	April 25	Private (7 AM)	†Norman Dobias †Gilbert Martini
Saturday	April 25	Private (5 PM)	†Hubert Klepac †John Obst †Msgr. Emilián Foltyn †Doris Nestrsta
Sunday	April 26	Private (8:30 AM)	Pro Populo

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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

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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)

HAPPY EASTER SEASON!

Last Week's Collection(s): April 12: Good Friday – Holy Land: \$948.00 / Easter: \$6,620.85 / Online: \$1,632.40

We very much appreciate all of you who are continuing your weekly contributions to the parish in order to keep operations at maximum! 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. **God bless you!**

All public Masses are 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), for livestream videos of daily and weekend Masses*. You do not need to have a Facebook account to access this. A link is available on our website for your use. *PLEASE NOTE: see schedule above for livestream times, but know they are subject to change without notice!

Today (Sunday, April 19) is Divine Mercy Sunday and we will also be livestreaming our Divine Mercy Service at 3:00 pm today.

The **church building is 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.

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.

Don't forget to return your Ashes to Easter donations – and thank you to those who already have! 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!

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.

Banns of Marriage are announced for the second time for Brandon Danek & Mariah Tandy, who will celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony (privately) on May 2. (Public celebration at a later date.)

Dear friends in Christ,

He is Risen! He is Truly Risen! Today is the Octave Day of the Easter Season. We continue to focus on and celebrate the resurrection of Jesus.

On Good Friday, we had to call some beekeepers to come and remove a beehive from the church. It was in the wall on the north side of the balcony. They had to cut a hole in the wall to remove them.

We are sorry for the inconvenience of the gates being closed at the cemetery. They started working on the road and prepared it so they could start laying the forms for the concrete, but they can't work now because of the virus. You may still use the walk-through gates to enter the cemetery by foot.

Also, on Good Friday morning, many helping hands came to clean up after the storm of Holy Thursday. We lost one tree and some big limbs off other trees and limbs were thrown everywhere. Some siding came off the rectory, but we were able to put it back where it had blown off. The weatherman said we had between 70 to 100 mph winds. I believe it. Water even came in through the closed windows on the north side of the rectory. Thank you to everyone who came and helped cut up the trees and limbs and clean everything up. With so many people it was cleaned up very quickly.

In today's Gospel, we see that people were pretty much the same almost 2000 years ago. John tells us how Thomas did not believe that Jesus had appeared and visited with the disciples. Because of this passage, Thomas is known as "Doubting Thomas". However, if we take a closer look at the gospels, we will find that Thomas was not the only disciple who had doubts about the resurrection of Jesus. The gospels of Mark and Luke tell us how Jesus appeared to Mary Magdalene and told her to tell the disciples that he was coming to visit them. When she arrived at where the disciples were staying and told them what she had seen and heard, they did not believe her. In Matthew and John, we find that, when Mary told the disciples about the empty tomb, "Peter and the other disciple" ran to the tomb to see for themselves if it was true. Maybe they did not believe what she had said. Jesus had told the Apostles several times that He had to die and that He would rise to life again. After being faithful followers of Jesus and living with him for about three years, the apostles still doubted. So, it was not only Thomas who was unsure about the resurrection of Christ. Yet it is only Thomas who openly expresses this doubt and it is only Thomas who makes the profound statement when he proclaims Jesus to be "My lord and my God!" as soon as he sees Jesus. This was the church's first profession of faith. Thomas professes Jesus as being both Lord and God. He recognizes Jesus in both his human and divine natures. It is Thomas who makes the greatest statement of all the disciples. He doesn't have to see and feel the nail marks in Jesus' hands. As soon as he sees Jesus' face, he knows for sure it is him. At the sight of Jesus, Thomas changed from feeling the anguish, hurt and pain that Jesus' death had caused him, to feeling and experiencing the joy and hope offered to him by Jesus' resurrection. Many of the others did not express their doubts about Christ's resurrection as Thomas did. Thomas did not try to deny what he said about not believing, nor does he try to defend himself. He accepts his mistake in what he said and the embarrassment it causes him. Thomas was a very brave and honest person. He spoke what he thought and did not try to hide anything from anyone. He showed his true colors at all times.

I wish I could be like Thomas. There are many times in my life when I have said something and then later wished that I had not said it. Then later, when I was confronted about it, I denied I had said it, fearing what would be thought of me or what the consequences might be if I acknowledged what I had said. Then I felt very badly about what I had done. I am sure that all of you have had similar experiences in your lives.

Many people today have doubts about their Catholic faith and about God. This may not necessarily be bad because it can cause them to ask questions about their faith and, in the process, learn more about it, coming to a better understanding about their relationship with God resulting in a stronger, more concrete faith. However, harm comes when we just let that doubt linger on without trying to find the answers to the questions we have. Some even go so far as denying that they have these doubts and, because of this, live in a state of struggle and mental turmoil. The same is true in this time of the coronavirus pandemic. Some people are doubting God's existence and love. However, the Scriptures tell us time and time again that such things will happen and when people finally turn back to God and believe in Him, then things will change. Sometimes because of the death of a loved one or because of something else that happens to us, we may also be in a state of grief and confusion and we may have doubts about God. If you have any doubts or questions, please follow the example of Thomas and vocalize it to someone who can help you find the answers that you are looking for. Don't go on living a life that feels half empty, waiting for something to fill it up. The sooner you find the answers the quicker you will be at ease with yourself and with God. Once you find those answers I hope that you can be like Thomas and be able to cry out to Jesus with conviction "My Lord and my God."

Today's readings also give us some idea of how we who believe in Christ are supposed to live out what we believe. In the first and second readings it says that those who believed shared what they had with one another, they went to the Temple daily to pray, they ate together and that they rejoiced with inexpressible joy. We as Christians come together to share our faith in Christ and to also share the material things which God has blessed us with. We also show our belief in Christ by giving in the collection each week just as the early disciples of Christ did. We come together to pray and to worship God and we come together to share in the Eucharist, in the body and blood of Christ which we receive at Holy Communion. As we receive Christ in the host at Holy Communion, we should express our belief just as Thomas did when he saw Jesus. We should say 'Amen' loud enough for the priest and the people near us to hear. In saying 'Amen' we are proclaiming our faith and saying to Christ, "Yes, I believe that you, Jesus, are truly present in this host which I am receiving. And I declare you to be 'My Lord and my God.'"

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. May we all be open to receiving the love and mercy of God. We will be livestreaming, via Facebook, our Divine Mercy Service at 3:00 pm today.

K ZAMYŠLENÍ: Svatý Jan ve svém evangeliu klade zvláštní důraz na Ducha svatého. Zmíněn byl mnohokrát při poslední večeři, přímo na kříži se mluví o tom, že Ježíš odevzdal (lze také přeložit „předal, svěřil“) Ducha. A nyní velmi obrazně jako první dar po vzkříšení dává Ducha učedníkům. Dechnutí je nejen odkaz na hebrejské slovo „ruach“, které označuje ducha stejně jako dech, ale je také obrazem života. Když dýcháme, žijeme. Ježíš vzkříšený, živý nám svěřuje ducha. On je dárcem a tvůrcem pokoje a milosrdenství, které klade meze zlu. Duch zmocňuje k odpouštění v autoritě Boha. To se netýká jen apoštolů. Všimněme si poslední věty úryvku. Máme život v jeho jménu. Jde o jasné označení duchovní autority, která boří smrt jako protiklad života, resp. vše, co smrt způsobuje. (Vira.cz)

Domingo de la Divina Misericordia (Segundo Domingo de Pascua): Tomás cree que Jesús se ha levantado de entre los muertos únicamente después de que lo ve y pone sus dedos en sus heridas. Puede que nosotros no podamos poner nuestras manos físicamente en Jesús todos los días, pero podemos ver su presencia en aquellos alrededor de nosotros ¿Cómo estamos ayudando a otros a ver a Jesús hoy?

May all of you continue to experience the joy of the resurrected Lord in this Easter Season.

Fr. Stephen Nestrta, farář