

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH of CORN HILL



Pope Francis
Vatican City State



Bishop Joe Vásquez
Diocese of Austin



First Sunday of Advent
November 29, A.D. 2020



Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday	Nov 28	5:00 PM	†Leslie K. Shaw †Johnnie Simek †Theofil Zurovetz
Sunday	Nov 29	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Pro Populo †Msgr. Emilián Foltyn †Henry & Angeline Dillard Paul Straka (healing)
Tuesday	Dec 1	6:00 PM	†Tony & Deloros Sladeczek Aki Weathers
Wednesday	Dec 2	6:30 PM	†Jeffrey Waltman-Gomez Robichau Family
Thursday	Dec 3	7:00 AM	†Paul & Ella Knappek †Joe Janosec
First Friday	Dec 4	6:00 PM	†Virginia & William McMaster †Audrey Mitchell Tufts
First Saturday	Dec 5	7:30 AM	†Doris Nestrsta †George Zook Craig & Krystle
Saturday	Dec 5	5:00 PM	†Rev. Alois Pavelka †Audrey Mitchell Tufts †Jacob & Marcella Lefner
Sunday	Dec 6	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Pro Populo †Fr. Robert Becker Czech Catholic Foundation of Texas Linda Allen

Mass Ministry Schedule for December 1 - 6

Tuesday, December 1, 6:00 pm:

Altar Servers: Brousseaus'
Lector: Adelaide Brousseau

Wednesday, December 2, 6:30 pm:

Altar Servers: Samuel W, Isabela H, Lucas B
Lector: Adelaide Brousseau

Thursday, December 3, 7:00 am:

Altar Server: Leo Bringman
Lector: Leo Bringman

First Friday, December 4, 6:00 pm:

Altar Server: Pinto Nemecek
Lector: Pinto Nemecek

First Saturday, December 5, 7:30 am:

Altar Server: James Nemecek
Lector: Leo Bringman

Saturday, December 5, 5:00 pm:

Altar Servers: Nathan & Lucas Klepac
Lector: Monica Sherek
EMHC: Jim Heuert
Head Usher: Bill Sherek

Sunday, December 6, 8:30 am:

Altar Servers: Caleb & Amy Stefek, Lucas B
Lector: Chris Stefek
EMHC: Linda Allen
Head Usher: Tommy Sladeczek

Sunday, December 6, 10:30 am:

Altar Servers: Jakob Voigt, Samuel Williams
Lector: Pete Zenner
EMHC: Nancy Zenner
Head Usher: Frank Knappek

EMHC to Shut-Ins: December 6: James Nemecek

✠ Fr. Stephen Nestrsta ✠

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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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Cemetery Director: Johnny Martinka 512-966-4301
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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)

Last Week's Collection(s)

Weekly: \$ 3932.00 / Online: \$ 1329.75
CCHD: \$ 1068.00

Altar Flowers

To request Altar Flowers, in memory or honor of loved ones, complete and return an 'Altar Flower Envelope' (located by bulletins or from our website).

Reminder: No flowers are needed during the Advent or Christmas Seasons (Nov 29 – Jan 10).

We will celebrate the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary** on Tuesday, December 8. Masses will be held at 7:00 a.m., 12 Noon and at 7:00 p.m. **In preparation, please pray the following prayer, daily, this week (November 30-December 8):**

Novena Prayer to Our Lady, the Immaculate Conception

*Most Holy Virgin, who was pleasing to the Lord and became His Mother, Immaculate in body and spirit, in faith and in love, look kindly on us who implore thy powerful patronage. The wicked serpent, against whom the primal curse was hurled, continues fiercely to attack and ensnare the unhappy children of Eve. Do thou, Mary our Blessed Mother, our Queen and Advocate, who from the first instant of thy conception did crush the head of our enemy, receive these special prayers (**mention your requests here**) that we unite single-heartedly to thine and beg thee to offer at the throne of God. Help us, that we may never fall into the snares that are laid for us, and may all arrive at the port of salvation; and in the midst of so many dangers, may holy Church and the fellowship of Christians everywhere sing once more the hymn of deliverance, victory and peace.*

WE ASK THAT ALL WHO ATTEND MASS WEAR A MASK / FACE COVERING FOR THE HEALTH & SAFETY OF ALL PRESENT!
And we thank you, while our seating is limited, for moving, if possible, to make room for larger families that come in for Mass.

We will have our **5th Sunday second collection this weekend (November 28/29) for the benefit of our Social Ministry fund**, which provides assistance to those in need within our parish boundaries, including the Jarrell Food Pantry. The need for assistance during this time of crisis is greater than ever. Your donation, no matter the size, could mean the difference between eating or not for a neighbor. Please be generous.

The Confraternity of Christian Mothers will meet this **Sunday, November 29**, in the RE Bldg. immediately after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. (**Members, note the date change from the usual 4th Sunday**). Christmas plans are on the agenda. All ladies of the parish are invited and all are asked to wear face masks.

Food Drive: You can help area families have a hunger-free Christmas. The KJT Society #55 is collecting food and monetary donations until December 16. The list of needed items for the Jarrell Community Food Pantry can be found on the bulletin tables. Boxes for the food are in the foyer and near the south entrance door. Monetary donations can be made by dropping an envelope in the collection basket with Food Drive written on it. If you have any questions, please contact Helen Havelka (512-869-8715).

Help those in need by visiting our Angel Tree in the church foyer. Due to the current situation, we have had to change things up a bit. To participate, pick up an "Angel Tree" envelope. You can either donate cash, a check or purchase a gift card from any retailer (such as HEB, Walmart, Target, etc.) Place your gift in the "Angel Tree" envelope and return it by December 6th by putting it in the collection basket, placing it in the Donation box in the church foyer, or by bringing it to the parish office. If giving a gift card, please write the \$ amount on it. For questions, contact Debbie Klaus (512-940-1557). Donations will benefit local families and children.

RCIA: Next class will be held this Tuesday, December 1 at 7 p.m in the RE Bldg. Topic of discussion: Prayer. For more information, please contact Lucille D'Elia (737-215-1042 or htcdre@yahoo.com).

Choir practice for the upcoming Christmas season will begin Wednesday, December 2, at 7:00 p.m., and will then be held every Wednesday after the 6:30 p.m. Mass. For questions, please contact Ken Fontenot (512-240-5414) or parish office (512-863-3020).

Holy Hour of Reparation every Thursday at 7:30 a.m. (after the 7 a.m. Mass), in the presence of the Lord, inside the church. We follow a beautiful, timeless, relevant Catholic Church approved booklet that will be provided for you each week. This is a good opportunity to pray for the world and for our families. Give the Lord your time and spend an hour in His presence to pray to His Heart.

Pro-Life Eucharistic Adoration every Thursday from 3–9 p.m. in the church. Come and spend some time with the Lord, present in the Blessed Sacrament.

First Friday & Saturday of the month – December 4 & 5: Friday's Mass is at 6:00 p.m. with a time of Adoration, our devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and Benediction. Saturday's Mass is at 7:30 a.m. and will conclude with our devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

St. Dominic Savio Catholic High School invites interested families to visit us from a distance! **December 4, 2020 and January 15, 2021 (9:00-10:30 am)** attend via zoom one of our Virtual Parent Information Sessions to learn more about our school, take a virtual tour of our beautiful campus, and hear about our admission process. Reserve a spot for this virtual information session by visiting our website: savichs.org>Admissions>. Visit St. Dominic Savio or by contacting Holly Bologna, Director of Admissions at (512)388-8846 ext. 5504. Zoom meeting link will be sent once you have registered for a session.

Holy Trinity Painting Restoration Update: The restoration is being done by Brown Mountain Art and Antique Restoration in Dallas. It should take about 12 weeks to complete the work. Cost is \$12,100.00. As of today, we have received a total of \$ 6,190.00. Thank you for your generosity! If you would like to donate, please put your donation in an envelope and mark on it "Holy Trinity Painting Restoration" and either mail it to us, put it in the collection basket or bring it to the office. Thank you!

The **Clerical Endowment Fund (CEF) has special 'Christmas' Enrollment cards (English & Spanish) for Spiritual Bouquet Gifts** for the Christmas season. These will be available in the foyer of the church the weekends of December 5/6 and December 12/13 for the usual \$2 offering per card (per person enrolled). All offerings go to the CEF and benefit the education of our Austin Diocesan seminarians.

Marriage Anniversaries: If, in 2020, you celebrated your 10, 15, 20, 25, etc., 50th or more, wedding anniversary, the Austin DCCW, together with our Bishop, Joe Vásquez, will honor these couples with a certificate. Please sign-up by Sunday, December 13, on the (blue) sheets provided in the foyer of the church and please **print clearly** so that we don't misspell your names! The certificates will be presented on the weekend of the Feast of the Holy Family.

If you would like to help decorate the church for the Christmas Season with beautiful poinsettias --- in memory or honor of loved ones --- you may do so by completing and returning a "Christmas Flower Envelope" (located by the bulletins). Please turn in your envelope by Sunday, December 20. All memorials will be announced in the December 27 bulletin.

The Season of Advent – our time of preparation for the birth of our Lord & Savior, Jesus Christ – begins next weekend.

Corn Hill – Sunday, December 13, 5 PM; St. Patrick – Hutto – Monday, December 14, 6 PM

St. Mary's – Taylor – Monday, December 14, 7 PM; St. Elizabeth – Pflugerville – Wednesday, December 16, 6 PM

St. William – Round Rock – Wednesday, December 16, 7 PM; St. Helen - Georgetown – Thursday, December 17, 7 PM

St. William – Round Rock – Monday, December 21, 1-6 PM

Dear friends in Christ,

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the unity of the Holy Spirit be with you all. This weekend we begin the Season of Advent. The Advent Season is from Sunday, November 29, through the beginning of the Vigil Mass of Christmas on December 24. The Advent Season is a time of watching and waiting for the Birth of the Lord. It is a time of preparation. How are you going to prepare yourself during this time of Advent? **Our Advent Penance Service will be on Sunday, December 13.** Be sure to plan to make a good confession before you celebrate the Birth of the Lord at Christmas. The Christmas Season begins on the evening of December 24 and continues until Sunday, January 10, when we will celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. So, after Christmas Day on December 25, please do not say that Christmas is over, because, it has actually just begun. Too many Catholics and other Christians have given into the secular celebration of Christmas, a celebration that is completely absent of the presence of Jesus Christ, whose birthday we celebrate. Celebrate Advent as a time of preparation, make a good confession and spend extra time in prayer with your family.

During the Season of Advent, we usually begin decorating our homes for Christmas. I always recommend that you wait until the Third Sunday of Advent, *Gaudete Sunday*, before you turn on your Christmas lights. Also, I encourage you to leave your tree and decorations up and your Christmas lights shining until the end of the Christmas Season on January 10. Let us truly celebrate Christmas during the entire Christmas Season. I also encourage parish organizations to have their Christmas parties during the Christmas Season and not during Advent. In the USA Santa Claus has only become an advertising gimmick. Instead of Santa coming to our parties, we should live the truth of our faith and have St. Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, come to our celebrations. His feast day is next Sunday, December 6. He is the one who brought gifts to the poor and needy of his day. Our faith is filled with wonderful traditions that have been handed down to us during the past 2000 years. The more we present our faith in the spirit and truth it is meant to teach, the more people will have a conversion of heart and think about the faith they have received. Try to celebrate the feast of St. Nicholas in your home. You may want to exchange a small gift on that day or maybe put a stocking up the night before and put a gift in it for your children before morning. You could put fruit in it and maybe a gold coin. Think of various ways you can celebrate this feast day. You can find a lot of ideas on the internet also. I know that you may be getting tired of my repeating this every year, but I feel that this is something that needs to be said and needs to be thought about.

In today's Gospel Jesus says: "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come." Jesus is telling us that we must always be prepared for His Second Coming into the world and also for the day when we will leave this earth by our bodily death to stand before Him in judgment. As we all know, either one of these two events can happen at any second, any hour or any day. Are you ready? Are you watchful? Are you alert? Our Opening Prayer, the Collect, for this Mass says: "*Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom.*" We all need a greater resolve to run forth to meet Jesus. We all need a greater resolve to be faithful to Him and to all His teachings. Many things in this world distract us from the Truths Jesus proclaimed. May we have the courage to accept His Truth and try to live it day-by-day. To be watchful and ready, and, to avoid the dangers of our distractions, we must pray daily, from our hearts, seeking a closer relationship with our Lord. Only then will we be ready to meet Him when he comes again.

Please check this bulletin for the **Penance Services** that have been scheduled at various parishes in our deanery. Try to attend with your family together to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation sometime during the Advent Season.

K úvaze: "Kdy přijdeš?" Tato otázka není převzata ze spisu nějakého mystika, ale z našich běžných hovorů. "Kdy se ukážeš? Kdy se uvidíme?" Jsou to otázky, které prozrazují touhu, očekávání. Někdy je to touha "zjistná" (očekáváme od druhého nějakou službu), jindy je však zcela "nejistná": určitěho člověka chceme vidět, protože ho máme rádi. A pokud je to člověk vzácný, nám velmi blízký, pak se tato touha může proměnit v nedočkavost.

"Kdy přijdeš?" Otázka tak běžná v našich každodenních rozhovorech, možná méně běžná v našich rozhovorech s Kristem. Bývalo však tomu jinak. První křesťané uchovávali živou touhu po Kristově příchodu, proto volali "Maranatha", "Přijď, Pane Ježíši".

"Kdy přijdeš?" Takovou otázkou prostoupenou hlubokou touhou (a ne strachem či lhostejností) dokážu vyslovit jen v rozhovoru s přítelem. A pokud v těchto dnech objevím přátelskou tvář Krista, tak stejná otázka se vynoří i v mém nitru. A nejen otázka, ale i touha. A nejen touha, ale i radostné těšení se na setkání s Ním. Radostné těšení sobotního večera, večera před nedělí vzkříšení, večera před nedělí Setkání. (Pastorace.cz)

Primer Domingo de Adviento: El Adviento nos invita a esperar la llegada del Señor: a estar despiertos y vigilantes. El Señor llega a nuestro mundo y a nuestras vidas de maneras inesperadas, tal como lo hizo en Belén. Hoy, Él puede estar llegando a través del rostro, la voz, la necesidad de un extraño o un niño, de los pobres, o de nuestra propia familia. Nos ponemos en este día y durante esta temporada, en actitud de silencio y quietud, en expectativa llena de esperanza y en oración, para que en medio del ruido acelerado de la vida, no nos perdamos la llegada del Maestro ¿Qué puede usted hacer esta semana para estar despierto y vigilante esperando por el Señor?

May all of you have a very blessed Advent Season.

In Christ,
Fr. Stephen Nyrsta, farář



HOLY TRINITY FAITH FORMATION

ADVENT 2020

We are truly blessed here at our parish that almost all of our students have been attending in-person CCE classes. Our Sacrament I and II classes have a total of 20 students and our Confirmation programs have 14 teens. That is absolutely wonderful! Meanwhile, many of our students in grades 3 through 7 are also attending in-person classes on Wednesday evenings. What a terrific job our families have been doing in keeping these children and teens on their faith formation journey, despite what is going on in the world.

We have had to change up the way things are done on Wednesday evenings, but everyone has met all of the challenges. Masks for all are mandatory and we are practicing social distancing in the classrooms, the hallways and of course, at Mass.

Our new program "Sophia Institute for Teacher" has gotten great reviews from both catechists and students. This program focuses on the basics of our faith in new and interesting ways. The lessons are informative but truly age appropriate. The textbooks are sent home with the students and parents can review any of the lessons. This year we are also sending home packets of materials to the families so that they can reinforce the lessons learned in the classrooms. As we all know, true faith formation takes place in the home so equipping parents with resources is an important goal of our program.

During the next month we will be having lessons on Liturgical Seasons, Advent, St. Nicholas and of course Christmas. It will be a busy but exciting time. In keeping with one of our very special Holy Trinity traditions, after the last Sunday Mass in Advent our Confirmation students will once again be decorating the church for Christmas. That is always a special time and although we may handle it a little differently, I am sure it will be as memorable as ever.

May God bless all of you and always remember to truly celebrate Christmas you must truly celebrate Advent.

CCE CALENDAR

Wed. Dec. 2nd

Mass 6:30 PM

Class 7:00 PM

Lesson on Liturgical Calendar & Advent



Wed. Dec. 9th

Mass 6:30 PM

Class 7:00 PM

Lesson on St. Nicholas



Wed. Dec. 16th

Mass 6:30 PM

Class 7:00 PM

Lesson on the Christmas Season



CHRISTMAS BREAK

NO CCE CLASSES UNTIL

JAN. 6TH

RCIA CALENDAR

Tues., Dec. 1st - Prayer

Tues. - Dec. 8th - Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Holy Day of Obligation - attend Mass



Tues. Dec. 15th - History of the church

Tues. Dec. 22nd - The Sacraments

Christmas Break No Class until
January 5th

DCYC - SATURDAY JANUARY 30TH

DELL DIAMOND - ROUND ROCK

CONTACT OUR FAITH FORMATION OFFICE TO REGISTER

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