

# HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH of CORN HILL



Pope Francis  
Vatican City State



Bishop Joe Vásquez  
Diocese of Austin



Third Sunday of Advent  
December 13, A.D. 2020



## Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday	Dec 12	5:00 PM	†Annie Janish Patricia Graham
Sunday	Dec 13	8:30 AM	†Paul Chevalier †Janie Sue Blackwell
		10:30 AM	Pro Populo
Tuesday	Dec 15	6:00 PM	Weiss children †Frank Rodriguez
Wednesday	Dec 16	6:30 PM	Virgil Tonn (healing) †Johnnie Simek †Joe & Mary Simek
Thursday	Dec 17	7:00 AM	Darlene Lesley Jim Hill
Friday	Dec 18	6:00 PM	Richard Buchhorn (healing) †Ed Bauer †Wanda Pustejousky
Saturday	Dec 19	7:30 AM	†Annie Mae Janish †Frank Valis
Saturday	Dec 19	5:00 PM	†Calvin Blackman Jr. †Richard Gerik Living/Dec. Members of Bill Klepac Family
Sunday	Dec 20	8:30 AM	Pro Populo
		10:30 AM	†Greg Maney †Rosemary Waltman †Joe & Wilma Zgarba †Frank Rodriguez

## Mass Ministry Schedule for December 15-20

### Tuesday, December 15, 6:00 pm:

**Altar Servers:** Brousseau's  
**Lector:** Louis Brousseau

### Wednesday, December 16, 6:30 pm:

**Altar Servers:** Preston & Heather S  
**Lector:** Kelly Godfrey

### Thursday, December 17, 7:00 am:

**Altar Server:** Leo Bringman  
**Lector:** Kitzu Crawford

### Friday, December 18, 6:00 pm:

**Altar Server:** Pinto Nemec  
**Lector:** Pinto Nemec

### Saturday, December 19, 7:30 am:

**Altar Server:** Leo Bringman  
**Lector:** Leo Bringman

### Saturday, December 19, 5:00 pm:

**Altar Servers:** Preston & Heather Snook  
**Lector:** Monica Sherek  
**EMHC:** Brandon Danek  
**Head Usher:** Donald Tschosner

### Sunday, December 20, 8:30 am:

**Altar Servers:** Carter M, Jenna D  
**Lector:** Kitzu Crawford  
**EMHC:** Ray Nemec  
**Head Usher:** Matt Mertink

### Sunday, December 20, 10:30 am:

**Altar Servers:** Samuel W, Abby & Jarrod H.  
**Lector:** Kelly Godfrey  
**EMHC:** Jim Heuert  
**Head Usher:** Frank Knapek

**EMHC to Shut-Ins:** December 20: Brandon Danek

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**Bulletin Announcement Deadline:** Tuesdays @ 2:00 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 512-470-5204  
**Pro-Life Prayer Group:** Chris Garlasco 860-689-3021  
**Knights of Columbus:** Josh Jacobs 612-212-9624  
**Conf. of Christian Mothers:** Lucille Nemec 254-527-3615  
**Religious Articles:** Louise Straka 512-746-5322  
**K.J.T. Society #55:** John Danek 512-819-4362  
**K.J.Z.T. Society #15:** Dorothy Klepac 512-746-2902  
**Catholic Life Insurance #50:** Tommy Sladeczek 512-635-3496  
**CEF Enrollments:** Janine Nemec 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)

**December 5/6:** Weekly Collection: \$ 6,854.00  
Online Donations: \$ 1,304.05  
**December 8:** Immaculate Conception: \$ 1,526.00

## Altar Flowers

**Reminder:** No flowers are needed during the Advent or Christmas Seasons (thru Jan 10)

## In Memoriam

We extend our sympathies and prayers to the family of **Paul Straka** who passed away this week. He is son to Louis & Louise Straka and sister to Cynthia Clawson of our parish family. Rosary at Gabriels Sunday, December 13 at 2:00 pm with funeral here Monday, December 14 at 10:00 am. Eternal rest, grant unto him O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.



The parish office holiday schedule is as follows:

**CLOSED** December 24 – January 1  
and re-opens on January 5.

Announcements for both the December 27 and January 3 bulletins must be turned in by this Tuesday, December 22, 2:30 p.m.

**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 a **second collection** this weekend (December 12/13) for the **Priest & Religious Retirement Fund**. This collection allows the opportunity to "give to those who have given a lifetime". This annual appeal benefits 32,000 elderly Catholic priests, sisters and brothers whose religious congregations lack adequate retirement funding.

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 weekend of 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.

We will have our **Advent Penance Service** this Sunday, December 13, at 5:00 p.m. (4 priests will be available for hearing confessions). **Examination of Conscience** pamphlets are available on the bulletin tables for your use in preparing.

**Marriage Anniversaries:** If, in 2020, you celebrated your 10, 15, 20, 25, etc., 50<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Food Drive:** This is the last weekend of the food drive. Every can, box and bag of food makes a difference. The food collection boxes will be out until Wednesday. Monetary donations are also accepted. The KJT would like to thank everyone who donated food and money. You have certainly made an impact on the lives of those in need in our area. God bless you all.

The **2021 Collection Envelopes** are available in the church sanctuary. If you do not have a box in there and want one, please put your name on the list provided. If you are now making your donations online and no longer need a box of envelopes, please let the office know.

If you would like a **2020 Donation Report** for tax, or other, purposes, please let the office know. If you received one this past year, you will automatically receive one again. Reports will be mailed out by January 31.

**RCIA:** Next class will be held this Tuesday, December 15 at 7 p.m. in the RE Bldg. Topic of discussion: History of the Church. For more information, please contact Lucille D'Elia (737-215-1042 or htcdre@yahoo.com).



This Wednesday, December 16, we will have our last class before the Christmas break. We will begin our class time with Mass at 6:30 PM. Please have your child(ren) at the RE building and with their class by 6:20 at the latest. We do ask that all children please sit with their class during Mass. Please remind your child(ren) to wear a mask and bring their books and water bottles. If have any questions, please contact our office at 737-215-1042 or htcdre@yahoo.com. **Just a reminder that on December 20, immediately after the 10:30 AM Mass, our Confirmation students will be decorating the church for the Christmas season.**

**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.

**NO Pro-Life Adoration** Thursday, December 24 or December 31, due to the holidays. Adoration will reconvene on Thursday, January 7, from 3:00 – 9:00 p.m. Come and spend time with the Lord, present in the Holy Eucharist.

**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 CZECH CATHOLIC FOUNDATION OF TEXAS (CCFT)** will hold its Annual Membership Meeting, virtually, on Saturday, January 9, 2021 at 10 a.m. The mission of CCFT is "to document, study, preserve, celebrate and perpetuate all elements of the Czech Catholic faith transplanted to Texas by immigrants from the Czech lands, and to strengthen ties with the Czech Catholics of the ancestral homeland evangelized by Saints Cyril and Methodius." To participate in the Zoom (virtual) meeting please send your email address to marek1212@gmail.com.

**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 \$ 7,290.00. 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!

**Preparation for Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary** - In Fatima, Our Lady said, "My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the way that will lead you to God." Please join thousands of Faithful throughout our Diocese for 33 days of preparation prayer for Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary. Each day of prayer represents one year in the life of Christ. The prayers begin on February 20th and are done privately in our home using the preparation book. Please visit [www.TexasToJesusThroughMary.org](http://www.TexasToJesusThroughMary.org) by January 17th to receive your FREE copy of the Montfort preparation prayer book. Your book will be mailed to you. Following, all are invited to collectively make or renew our consecration at a special Holy Mass on March 25th.

*The Season of Advent – our time of preparation for the birth of our Lord & Savior, Jesus Christ*

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,**

Here we are already on the Third Sunday of Advent. “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say rejoice! The Lord is near!” (Philippians 4:4,5) This verse, taken from today's entrance antiphon, expresses the theme of this Sunday's readings and the reason we call this Sunday “Gaudete Sunday”.

Listed in this bulletin are the Penance Services of the parishes in our deanery. Please plan on going to Confession sometime before Christmas, either here or at one of the other parishes listed in this bulletin. It is one of the best ways that you can prepare your soul to celebrate the birth of the Savior. In doing so, you are giving our Lord a great gift, the gift of yourself. **Our Penance Service will be this Sunday, December 13, at 5:00 pm.** I would like to encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to bring your whole family to confession. We will have four priests here to hear confessions so you will not have to wait in line very long.

In today's Gospel the theme continues to focus upon St. John the Baptizer and how he was called to prepare the way of the Lord. John tells them the Messiah is near, the Messiah is already among them. Paul, in the Second Reading, reminds the people that they should always be joyful because this is what the follower of Jesus should be. We too should always have a joyful spirit about us, because the Lord is near, He is always in our midst, especially as we receive Him at Mass in Holy Communion. We should also be joyful because we have been washed in the waters of Baptism and cleansed of all our sins. We also have the opportunity to renew our Baptism by going to Confession on a regular basis so that we can remain washed and cleansed so that no stain of sin is upon us. Wow, this something to certainly be joyful about. We, like John, should point to Jesus as the means of our salvation. We should tell others about Him and explain the great gifts that He gives to those who are willing to receive Him. May we always give witness to His presence with us by always having a joyful attitude about us. As today's Responsorial Psalm says, “My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,…” These words are the words of our Blessed Mother Mary as found in Luke 1:46-47. May your soul rejoice in the Lord always, especially as you experience His love and forgiveness.

**K ZAMYŠLENÍ:** Prorok Jan Křtitel strhával zřejmě pozornost mnoha lidí. Mohl zneužít situace a vyvolat revoluci, postavit se do čela hnutí odporu... Ale on ukazuje na Krista, protože to byl jeho úkol od Boha. A Ježíš, mocný Boží Syn, pokorně stojí někde uprostřed lidu, lidé ho nevidí, protože ho ještě neznají. Právě tak i dnes Pán stojí pokorně uprostřed nás. Čas naší záchrany se však blíží! (Vira.cz)

**Tercer Domingo de Adviento:** Puede que usted note que Juan no usa el nombre de Jesús en el Evangelio, sino que solo se refiere a Él como “el que ustedes no reconocen”. A pesar de que conocían el texto de Isaías, los Fariseos no estaban realmente preparados para encontrar al Mesías prometido entre los rotos de corazón, los solitarios, los cautivos o aquellos que no tenían justicia y paz ¿Sabemos nosotros dónde buscar a Jesús? ¿Lo reconoceremos entre aquellos los más ignorados y olvidados en el mundo?

You may have noticed the sticks on the north side of the church. We are moving forward with Phase I and II of our Long Range Plan. As soon as we get the final costs down and the timetable for the construction work, I will share this information with you. Let us all pray that we will always do the will of God and what is best for our parish. Information and drawings may be found on our website under the “Master Plan” link at the top of the page.

**May the joy of this season be in your heart and soul.**

**In Christ,  
Fr. Stephen Nerssta, farář**



# The Holy Season of Advent

The Advent Season began Sunday, November 29. The Church has her own special liturgical year and calendar in which she presents again the history and unchanging mysteries of our salvation, from Creation to the Second Coming, together with the entire life of the Savior. The mysteries do not change, but we do. A little older and wiser, we have the opportunity to review and renew these mysteries. When the familiar feasts come around we grasp something more about them because we have lived another year and apply them more deeply to our lives. This is a year of formation, like a school in which we, like pupils, learn faith, hope and charity. We learn God's will and to do God's will. Each Sunday and feast will present a special lesson to us for our daily living.

Advent is an especially lovely season and we can make great use of it. With the beginning of the season of Advent, we began a new liturgical year. The First Sunday of Advent is therefore the Church's "New Year's Day". In the Judeo-Christian tradition, Sunday begins at sundown of the day before when the faithful celebrate First Vespers. Advent begins the Christmas cycle.

Advent comes from the Latin word for an "arrival" or a "coming". Advent means that the Lord is coming. Jesus Christ, our brother in our humanity and our God in His divinity is about to arrive. But He is comes to us in different ways. First, Jesus came to us at a specific point in history at Bethlehem about 2000 years ago. But in the Church's great feast of Christmas He mystically comes again. Second, the Lord, Alpha and Omega, will come to judge the living and the dead in the Second Coming. Third, the Redeemer comes to us in grace. He speaks to us in our conscience, he comes to us in the Eucharist and in the Word of God proclaimed. He arrives in the person of the beggar, the needy, the suffering, the oppressed. We must be ready to receive and welcome Him when He comes, however He comes.

Advent is a time of joy tinged with penance. Joy, because we can imagine nothing more sweet than the Christ Child and His Mother Mary's bliss at His coming to light. Penance, because we must strive to be properly disposed to receive so great a gift of His presence. In the millennial tradition of the Church, we, the faithful, have done penance before great feasts. Christmas and Easter each have their penitential seasons in anticipation, Advent and Lent. The liturgical color used in the Latin Church for the liturgy during both Advent and Lent is purple, violet, a sign of penance. The Latin Church also emphasizes the penitential dimension of the season by directing the use of sparse ornaments in church and by legislating that instrumental music should not be used, except to sustain congregational singing. This is a kind of liturgical fast, which makes the joy and celebration of Christmas all that much more powerful by the contrast of the lean and muted season of Advent. Advent is a time of great joy, because we look forward to the beautiful feast of the Nativity, but it is joy stitched through with somber and focused spiritual preparation by doing penance.

