HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH of CORN HILL







Bishop Joe Vásquez Diocese of Austin



Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 20, A.D. 2020

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday	Dec 19	5:00 PM	†Calvin Blackman Jr., †Richard Gerik Living/Dec. Members of Bill Klepac Family			
		8:30 AM	Pro Populo			
Sunday	Dec 20	†Greg Maney, †Rosemary Waltman 10:30 AM †Joe & Wilma Zgarba, †Frank Rodriguez				
Tuesday	Dec 22	6:00 PM	†Lavinia Lobit Herr, Jim Hill, Jason Soric			
Wednesday	Dec 23	6:30 PM	†Pete & Eleanora Schwertner, †Theofil Zurovetz †Cyril & Margaret Kohoutek			
Thursday	Dec 24	7:00 AM	Mary Conlee, †Joe & Annie Klepac			
Christmas - the Nativity of the Lord - Holy Day of Obligation						
Thursday	Dec 24	4:00 PM 6:00 PM 12 Midnight	Pro Populo Pro Populo Pro Populo			
Friday	Dec 25	8:30 AM	Pro Populo			
Saturday	Dec 26	7:30 AM	NO MASS			
Saturday	Dec 26	5:00 PM	†Raymond & Florence Robichau †Msgr. Gideon Stram, Spencer Thomas (healing)			
Sunday	Dec 27	8:30 AM	†Jerry David, Robichau Family			
		10:30 AM	Pro Populo			

<u>Last Week's Collection(s)</u>

December 12/13

Weekly Collection: \$ 7,060.00 Online Donations: \$ 663.70 Priest Retirement Fund: \$ 1,544.00

Mass Ministry for December 22 - 27

Tuesday, December 22, 6:00 pm:

Altar Server: Leo Bringman Lector: Leo Bringman

Wednesday, December 23, 6:30 pm:

Altar Server: Carter Marquis Lector: Jennifer Marquis

Thursday, December 24, 7:00 am:

Altar Server: Leo Bringman Lector: Leo Bringman

<u>Christmas</u> The Nativity of the Lord - Holy Day of Obligation

Thursday, December 24,

4:00 pm:

Altar Servers: Heather & Preston S.

Lector: Janine Nemec **EMHC**: Leslie Allen

Head Usher: Stephanie Wright

6:00 pm:

Altar Servers: Jarrod & Bella H.

Samuel W.

Lector: Monica Sherek
EMHC: Jim Heuertz
Head Usher: Bill Sherek

Midnight: (incense)

Altar Servers: Jenna D, Carter M,

Caleb & Amy Stefek

Lector: Chris Stefek
EMHC: Ray Nemec

Head Usher: Tommy Sladecek

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Website: www.holytrinityofcornhill.org
Hours: Tuesday – Friday, 8:30 am – 2:30 pm
Administrative Assistant: Monica Snook 512-863-3020
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
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Cemetery Information: Parish Office

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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)



Christmas Day

Friday, December 25, 8:30 am:

Altar Servers: Jakob V., Brousseaus (3) (Incense)

Lector: Louis Brousseau **EMHC**: Nancy Zenner **Head Usher**: Jeff Voigt

Saturday, December 26, 5:00 pm:

Altar Servers: Preston & Heather S.

Lector: Janine Nemec **EMHC:** Jim Heuertz

Head Usher: Donald Tschoerner

Sunday, December 27, 8:30 am: Altar Servers: Carter M, Jenna D

Caleb & Amy Stefek (Incense)

Lector: Monica Sherek
EMHC: Ray Nemec
Head Usher: Bill Sherek

Sunday, December 27, 10:30 am: Altar Servers: Jakob V., Samuel W.

Lector: Duane Blakeslee EMHC: Gwen Blakeslee Head Usher: Jeff Voigt

EMHC to Shut-Ins: December 27: Monica Sherek

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.

For everyone's good health, the Parish office will be closed this Monday- Wednesday, and for the Christmas holidays. We will be open on January 5. Announcements for both the December 27 and January 3 bulletins must be turned in by this Tuesday, December 22 by 2:30 p.m.

THANK YOU to all who donated for the Angel Tree! Your generosity and corporal works of mercy have brought light and joy into the lives of many this holiday season.

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 this Sunday, December 20. All memorials will be announced in the December 27 bulletin.

There is still time to make a good confession before Christmas. The following are opportunities to do so:

St. William – Round Rock – Monday, December 21, 1 – 6 p.m. We will also have Confessions here this Wednesday, December 23, from 5 - 6 p.m. and 7 - 8 p.m.

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 22 at 7 p.m. in the RE Bldg. Topic of discussion: The Sacraments. For more information, please contact Lucille D'Elia (737-215-1042 or htcdre@yahoo.com).



This Sunday, immediately following the 10:30 AM Mass, the Confirmation students will be decorating the church for the Christmas season. At this time, our CCE program is on our Christmas break. All classes are scheduled to resume on January 6. **Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year**. If you have any questions, please contact our Faith Formation Office at 737-215-1042 or htcdre@yahoo.com.

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.

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.

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 \$8,315.00. 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 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.

Cutlivating Eucharist Amazement! The St. Paul Center invites all this Dr. Scott Hahn's event at St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church in Pflugerville on Thursday, January 7, 2021 starting at 7:00 p.m. Cost is \$ 20.00 per person. To reserve your seat and for more information, please visit https://stpaulcenter.com/pflugerville/.

You may have noticed flags and stakes on the north side of the church lawn. These are the marks for the new building which will include restrooms and an all- purpose use room. For information, with drawings, visit our website www.holytrinityofcornhill.org, and click the Master Plan tab at the top of the page.

Dear friends in Christ.

Today is the 4th Sunday of Advent. Christmas is just around the corner. How are your preparations coming along? If you have not made it to the Sacrament of Reconciliation you may still go to St. William in Round Rock. Confessions are this Monday, December 21, 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

Christmas begins the evening of December 24 and continues until Sunday, January 10. Keep your Christmas lights shining brightly all throughout the Christmas Season. Let us celebrate this season in its fullness. During the Christmas Season are several important Feast Days. During the Octave of Christmas we have The Birth of the Lord on December 25, St. Stephen on the December 26, The Holy Family on December 27, and Mary, Mother of God on January 1. In the remainder of the Christmas Season, we have The Epiphany of the Lord on January 3 and The Baptism of the Lord on January 10. Try to attend as many of these Masses as possible. It is good for your soul and for your eternal well-being.

Today's Gospel is the same Gospel we had for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on December 8. It is the account of the angel Gabriel appearing to Mary and telling her that she will conceive and bear a son and that she will name him Jesus. Notice that the angel says that Mary is 'full of grace'. If Mary is full of grace then she does not have any sin on her soul, not even the stain of Original Sin that all of us inherit from Adam and Eve. Mary is sinless. She is prepared to be the mother of the Savior, Jesus Christ. This is a miraculous conception in her womb because she did not have any sexual relations with Joseph, either before or after the birth of Jesus. Her life was totally pure and holy. After our baptism we are also 'full of grace'. We have the same ability to avoid sin. But, we so easily give in to our passions and desires and commit sin. Thanks to God He has given us the Sacrament of Reconciliation so that we may be forgiven of these sins and once again be 'full of grace'. May we always have the courage to say "yes" to God in the example of our Blessed Mother, Mary. And may God's Will come to fulfillment in our lives so that we can be with Him forever in heaven.

Myšlenky: Když vyprávíme pohádku, potom se jaksi samo sebou rozumí, že to, o čem se hovoří, se stalo dávno. To, co bylo dávno, bývá trochu idealizováno a střízlivý člověk ví, že to, v čem žijeme dnes, není ani ideální, ani pohádka.

Jak je to ale s texty Písma, které - ať už starozákonní, nebo novozákonní - leží v minulostí? Jistěže jsme přesvědčeni o jejich pravdivosti a důležitosti - ale podívejme se opravdu do hloubky našeho vědomí. Nejsou to pro nás tak trochu idealizované pohádkové záležitosti? Nebylo by divu, kdyby to tak bylo. Protože člověku není zcela lehkým a samozřejmým vnímat Boží přítomnost v dějinách jako trvalou a stále stejně působící. Řada křesťanů si příliš jasně neuvědomuje, že to, co přináší Písmo, není dějepis, ale dějiny spásy! Což je skutečnost nad všechny dějiny a dějepisy! Dějiny spásy jsou totiž trvajícími dějinami vztahu Boha k lidem. Dějiny spásy se děly, dějí a budou dít. A to znamená, že my jsme jejich účastníky právě tak, jako David, jako Panna Maria, jako všichni, o nichž se v Písmu dočteme. A také to znamená, že jejich účastníkem je Bůh, ten který je stejný dnes jako v době Ježíšova narození, jako v době krále Davida, jako kdykoliv...

Když si toto všechno uvědomíme, bude nám snad jasnější, že slova evangelia nevedou jen do minulosti, ale stejně vedou i do přítomnosti. Že ten skvělý Bůh, který posílá svého anděla k Panně Marii, který si ji vyvolil za matku svého Syna, přichází ke mně a říká nějakým způsobem i mně slovo vyvolení, i když k jinému úkolu, než byl úkol Mariin. A na mně je, abych tomuto Bohu věřil podobně, jako mu věřila Maria. (Pastorace.cz)

Cuarto Domingo de Adviento: Nuestro Adviento casi se termina. Hemos esperado la venida de Cristo al final de los tiempos. Hemos visto la presencia de Cristo y del Reino de Dios entre nosotros donde sea que la justicia y la paz triunfan sobre la violencia y la separación. Ahora nos enfocamos en María y la intimidad del nacimiento. Llevar a cualquier niño en el vientre requiere de valor, fe y confianza. Cada madre se pregunta sobre el futuro de su hijo. Dios transforma toda la historia humana al convertirse en humano a través del ¡Sí! De María. Como ella, ¿permitiremos que la totalidad del amor de Dios nos llene a nosotros y a nuestro mundo este año? ¿Tenemos su fe, su valor y su confianza?

Williamson County has assigned building numbers to each of our buildings. These are for 911 purposes only. Whenever we have an emergency here at the parish, we must give the correct number of the building to which they are to come. The assigned numbers are as follows: Church - 8626, Rectory - 8630, PAC - 8640, RE/Office - 8600, Storage/Kitchen/Pits - 8650. All numbers are on the blue signs on each building. Notice, this does not change our mailing address.

I had my annual medical examination about 2 weeks ago. My bloodwork showed that I have Covid-19 antibodies in my blood. So, I must have had this virus sometime during the past year. I tested negative for the virus, which is wonderful. So now I should be immune and am not an exposure risk to anyone. Thanks be to God.

I am sure that you have noticed that some people do not wear a mask at Mass. This may be for various reasons. Some have already had the Covid-19 virus and do not really need to wear one, or, some cannot wear one for health reasons such as asthma, or, some have a phobia, which is a form of claustrophobia or panic attack syndrome, or others may not wear it because they believe that the mask are not of any help, or, they believe this is all some sort of conspiracy. Whatever the reason is, I ask that you not judge them and that you try to understand them better. Just a reminder that we should all wear a mask if possible. I also ask those who do not wear mask to be equally understanding of those who do. They are only wearing them for the protection of their health and yours. In either case, Christian charity must be practiced!

May God's blessings be with you as each of you make final preparations to celebrate the Birth of the Lord this week. Please read my Christmas letter that is inserted in this bulletin. May you have a most blessed and joyful week and may you have a most joyful Christmas Season.

In Christ, Fr. Stephen Nesrsta, farář

Pray the Scriptures with us during the month of

January 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Every Sunday is a Solemnity. Weekdays with bold print are either a Solemnity or a Feast Day. All other weekdays are either Memorials or Optional Memorials or without a specific memorial. Optional Memorials are in italics.	Note: January 1 is the 8 th day in the Octave of Christmas. The Christmas Season ends on January 10. January 11 begins the First Week in Ordinary Time.	Monthly Devotion The Holy Childhood of Jesus. Meditate on our Lord's years as a child and teenager and pray for our children and teenagers of today.	Some other saints: 3rd - The Most Holy Name of Jesus 10th - St. Anthony 18th - Panna Maria, Matka jednoty křesťanů 24th - St. Francis de Sales 31st - St. John Bosco	Tip for Spirit Well-being Review your life and make the necessary changes so that your life truly conforms to the life of Jesus Christ. Strive for holiness.	First Friday Holy Day of Obligation Nm 6:22-27 Ps 67:2-3,5,6,8 Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21 Mary, The Holy Mother of God The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord	2 First Saturday 1 Jn 2:22-28 Ps 98:1-4 Jn 1:19-28 St. Basil the Great, bishop, doctor of the Church St. Gregory Nazianzen, bishop, doctor of the Church Immaculate Heart of Mary Devotion
3 Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:1-2,7-8,10-13 Eph 3:2-3a,5-6 Mt 2:1-12 The Epiphany of the Lord	4 1 Jn 3:22 - 4:6 Ps 2:7-8,10-12a Mt 4:12-17,23-25 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, religious	5 1 Jn 4:7-10 Ps 72:1-4,7-8 Mk 6:34-44 St. John Neumann, bishop	6 1 Jn 4:11-18 Ps 72:1-2,10-13 Mk 6:45-52 St. André Bessette, religious	7 1 Jn 4:19 - 5:4 Ps 72:1-2,14,15bc,17 Lk 4:14-22a St. Raymond of Penyafort, priest	8 † 1 Jn 5:5-13 Ps 147:12-15,19-20 Lk 5:12-16	9 1 Jn 5:14-21 Ps 149:1-6a,9b Jn 3:22-30
10 End of the Christmas Season Is 55:1-11 (Ps) Is 12:2-6 1 Jn 5:1-9 Mk 1:7-11 The Baptism of the Lord	Heb 1:1-6 Ps 97:1,2b,6,7c,9 Mk 1:14-20 Beginning of the Season of Ordinary Time	12 Heb 2:5-12 Ps 8:2ab,5-9 Mk 1:21-28	13 Heb 2:14-18 Ps 105:1-4,6-9 Mk 1:29-39 St. Hilary, bishop, doctor of the Church	14 Heb 3:7-14 Ps 95:6-11 Mk 1:40-45	15 † Heb 4:1-5,11 Ps 78:3,4bc,6c-8 Mk 2:1-12	16 Heb 4:12-16 Ps 19:8-10,15 Mk 2:13-17
17 1 Sm 3:3b-10,19 Ps 40:2,4,7-10 1 Cor 6:13c-15a,17-20 Jn 1:35-42 2 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	18 Heb 5:1-10 Ps 110:1-4 Mk 2:18-22	19 Heb 6:10-20 Ps 111:1-2,4-5,9,10c Mk 2:23-28	20 Heb 7:1-3,15-17 Ps 110:1-4 Mk 3:1-6 St. Fabian, pope, martyr St. Sebastian, martyr	21 Heb 7:25 - 8:6 Ps 40:7-10,17 Mk 3:7-12 St. Agnes, virgin, martyr	Heb 8:6-13 Ps 85:8,10,11-14 Mk 3:13-19 Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children	23 2 Sm 1:1-4,11-12,19,23-27 Ps 80:2-3,5-7 Mk 3:20-21 St. Vincent, deacon, martyr St. Marianne Cope, virgin
24 Jon 3:1-5,10 Ps 25:4-9 1 Cor 7:29-31 Mk 1:14-20 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	25 Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22 Ps 117:1-2 Mk 16:15-18 The Conversion of Saint Paul, the Apostle	26 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5 Ps 96:1-3,7-8,10 Mk 3:31-35 or Lk 10:1-9 Sts. Timothy and Titus, bishops	27 Heb 10:11-18 Ps 110:1-4 Mk 4:1-20 St. Angela Merici, virgin	28 Heb 10:19-25 Ps 24:1-4b,5-6 Mk 4:21-25 St. Thomas Aquinas, priest, doctor of the Church	29 † Heb 10:32-39 Ps 37:3-6,23-24,39-40 Mk 4:26-34	30 Heb 11:1-2,6-9 1 Cor 7:32-35 Mk 4:35-41
31 Dt 18:15-20 Ps 95:1-2,6-9 1 Cor 7:32-35 Mk 1:21-28 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time	The Ten Commandments	1. I am the Lord your God. You shall not have strange gods before me. 2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.	 Remember to keep holy the Sabbath Day. Honor your father and your mother. You shall not kill. 	6. You shall not commit adultery.7. You shall not steal.8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.	9. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.10. You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.	† The Bishops of the United States have asked that we observe Fasting and Abstinence on every Friday for the intentions of Life, Marriage, and Religious Freedom.