

# HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

## of CORN HILL



Pope Francis  
Vatican City State



Bishop Joe Vásquez  
Diocese of Austin

### Sunday of Divine Mercy (Second Sunday of Easter)

April 11, A.D. 2021

#### Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday	April 10	7:30 AM	†Msgr. Emilián Foltyn, †Albina Teltow Louise Dean (healing)
Saturday	April 10	5:00 PM	†Annie Janish Friends & Family of Marla & Virgil Tonn
Sunday	April 11	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Pro Populo (incense) †Norman Dobias, †Dolores Viktorin Robichau Family
Tuesday	April 13	6:00 PM	†LeRoy Tschoerner †Richard Pavlásek †William & Virginia McMaster
Wednesday	April 14	6:30 PM	Maria Joseph, †Martha Scallon †Pete & Eleanora Schwertner
Thursday	April 15	7:00 AM	†Jerry B. David, †John & Frances Nemeč †Albin & Janette Zurovetz
Friday	April 16	6:00 PM	†Greg Maney, †Richard Danek †John Cortez
Saturday	April 17	7:30 AM	Craig & Krystle, Kevin Carr (spiritual healing) †Calvin Blackman, Jr.
Saturday	April 17	5:00 PM	Char & Rich Smith, †Paul Straka †John & Betty Emge
Sunday	April 18	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Annie Simek & Matthew Marak Jr. Family †Eileen Rosipal, †Norman Dobias Pro Populo

#### Mass Ministry Schedule for April 13 - 18

##### Tuesday, April 13, 6:00 PM:

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

##### Wednesday, April 14, 6:30 PM:

**Altar Servers:** Preston & Heather S.,  
Martin O., Alyssa Bartkovak  
**Lector:** Lupe Bernal  
**EMHC:** Jim Heuertz

##### Thursday, April 15, 7:00 AM:

**Altar Server:** Pinto Nemeč  
**Lector:** Kitz Crawford

##### Friday, April 16, 6:00 PM:

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

##### Saturday, April 17, 7:30 AM

**Altar Server:** James Nemeč  
**Lector:** Janine Nemeč

##### Saturday, April 17, 5:00 PM:

**Altar Servers:** Nathan & Lucas K.,  
William Wood

**Lectors:** Janine Nemeč

**EMHC:** Jim Heuertz

**Gift Bearers:** Jim & Mary Margaret Heuertz

**Head Usher:** Tommy Sladeczek

##### Sunday, April 18, 8:30 AM:

**Altar Servers:** Carter M., Jenna D.,  
Michael Bartkovak

**Lector:** Jennifer Marquis

**EMHC:** James Nemeč

**Gift Bearers:** Pinto & Lucille Nemeč

**Head Usher:** Frank Knapek

##### Sunday, April 18, 10:30 AM:

**Altar Servers:** Jakob V., Samuel W.

**Lector:** Kitz Crawford

**EMHC:** Kelly Godfrey

**Gift Bearers:** Voigt Family

**Head Usher:** Jeff Voigt

**EMHC to Shut-Ins: April 18: Ray Nemeč**

✠ Fr. Stephen Nesrsta ✠

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**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

**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)

**April 3/4**

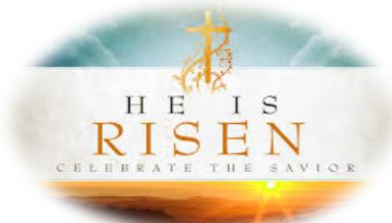
Weekly Collection: \$ 9,894.93

Online Donations: \$ 1,386.95

Good Friday: \$ 1,562.00

#### Altar Flowers

To donate altar flowers in memory or honor of loved ones, complete and return an 'Altar Flower Envelope'.



#### In Memoriam

We extend our sympathies and prayers to the family of  
**Virgil Tonn** (husband of Marla Tonn of our parish)  
and

**Christopher Bigan** (son of Marsell & Constance Craig)  
who died this past week. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.  
Amen.

**WE ASK THAT ALL WHO ATTEND MASS WEAR A MASK / FACE COVERING FOR THE HEALTH & SAFETY OF ALL PRESENT!**  
**Please try to maintain social distancing between family groups!**

Last week's Easter Egg Hunt was a hit – with lots of kids, eggs and fun! We would like to sincerely thank the 'Easter Bunny Crew' for providing all of the eggs and candy and to all who helped. Happy Easter season to everyone!

**Thank you to those who have returned their Lenten Ashes to Easter boxes!** If you have not, please do so soon so that we can forward the donations, which will benefit the missions of our diocese. Thank you for your sacrificial Lenten almsgiving!

We celebrate **Divine Mercy Sunday** this weekend. Join us for a **Divine Mercy Holy Hour** today (Sunday, April 11) at 3:00 p.m. in the church.

We are bringing back the Gift Bearers to the weekend Masses. If you have done this in the past, we have you on the list and will schedule accordingly. If you are new to the parish, or any family who would like to participate in this, please contact Monica Snook at the parish office 512-863-3020 or email [holytrinitycc@yahoo.com](mailto:holytrinitycc@yahoo.com).



For questions regarding Baptisms and to schedule a class, please contact Lucille D'Elia at 737-215-1042 or [htcdre@yahoo.com](mailto:htcdre@yahoo.com).

**RCIA: Class** this Tuesday, April 13, 7:00 p.m. in the RE/ Parish Office Bldg. Discussion: Prayer and The Holy Spirit in our Lives. For more information, please contact Lucille D'Elia (737-215-1042 or [htcdre@yahoo.com](mailto:htcdre@yahoo.com)).

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Classes this Wednesday, April 14, at 6:15 p.m. Mass at 6:30 p.m., which parents are encouraged to stay and attend, with classes to follow in the RE/Parish Office Bldg. If you have any questions, please contact Lucille D'Elia at our Faith Formation Office at 737-215-1042 or [htcdre@yahoo.com](mailto: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.

**Pro-Life Adoration** every Thursday in the church from 3:00 – 9:00 p.m. Come and spend time with the Lord, present in the Holy Eucharist.

We will have our monthly **Building Fund Collection** next weekend (April 17/18). Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**We will have fresh beautiful flowers to celebrate all mothers on Mother's Day weekend (May 8/9). If you would like to donate toward the cost, please pick up and return a "Mother's Day Mass Remembrance" envelope (by the bulletins).** You may honor your mother, grandmother, aunt, etc, both living and deceased, but please make sure you check living or deceased on the envelope so that we will know if it's in memory or honor of the person. Please turn in envelopes by Sunday, May 2. The memorials will be listed in the May 9<sup>th</sup> bulletin.

**Catholic Social Teaching Corner: April 10&11 – Sunday of Divine Mercy:** In reading from the Acts of the Apostles we hear about the early Christian community which, "was of one mind and heart", they "held everything in common," and "there was no needy person among them." Does that describe our parishes or are we like the disciples hiding in fear in the upper room? Jesus speaks to us as he did to them, sending them out to bring peace, healing, justice mercy and love to a world in need of these virtues and in need of a community able to live them. What can we do to live more truly as that community of sharing and love?



The fundamental question of what every parent should ask when choosing a school, is not first and foremost what is my child learning, but who I want my child to be. We believe every parent can say they want a wise, virtuous, child who is centered on the strength of the truth of what God created them to be. At St. Mary's Catholic School in Taylor, through our Catholic Classical curriculum, we develop children to their full potential from PK3 to 12th grade. As a member of the internationally esteemed Chesterton Network of Schools, St. Mary's High School provides a joyfully Catholic, classical education. Come experience the difference at St. Mary's Catholic School in Taylor! Open enrollment for the 2021-22 school year has begun. Visit [stmarystaylor.org](http://stmarystaylor.org) to learn more or email Kim Bohac at [admissions@stmarystaylor.org](mailto:admissions@stmarystaylor.org).

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**Cedarbrake Retreat! The Upper Room, a weekend retreat,** will be presented April 23-25 at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Temple. The Upper Room in the Old City of Jerusalem marks the site where Jesus gave his final marching orders to his apostles. On Holy Thursday night the Lord had one last chance to tell this band of men what he wanted them to do. His words called the apostles to change the world and for most of them it would require their life. The words of Jesus continue to call his followers even today to do their part to change their world. It is a forever-mission that is challenging Christians everywhere to love one another and fight for the good. The battle is raging. We have work to do. Chuck Neff was a talk show host for Relevant Radio for 16 years and is the Executive Producer for The Salt River Production Group. Chuck is a very gifted speaker and retreat leader. Register by calling (254) 780-2436 or at [www.cedarbrake.org](http://www.cedarbrake.org).

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.

Today is **Divine Mercy Sunday**. May we all be open to receiving the love and mercy of God. We will have a Divine Mercy Service at 3:00 pm today. Everyone is invited to attend.

Warmer weather is approaching. Usually when summer approaches we are tempted to dress rather lightly or skimpy for Mass. We need to remember that as we come to Mass we come to worship God and to receive His Son in Holy Communion. We should dress in a way that shows respect for God. The general rule that I believe is appropriate is that anyone over 6 years of age should not wear shorts to Mass. Also, girls and ladies should wear blouses or dresses that are appropriate for Mass, nothing strapless or no spaghetti straps. Some say that God doesn't care what you wear to Mass. Well, that may be so. But the question should be "do you love God enough that you care what you wear to Mass and are you willing to do something special for Him?" Do you stand in honor in His presence? Also, if you dress appropriately for Mass you will not be cold in church from the air conditioning. If the air is blowing on you and you are cold, try to move to another part of the church.

This Second Sunday of Easter is often known as Doubting Thomas Sunday. St. Thomas doubted the resurrection of our Lord but the moment he saw Jesus he believed. Many people have many doubts in today's world. Where is their faith? Faith is believing in that which cannot be completely seen or understood. We all need to pray for an increase in faith.

Also in today's Gospel Jesus tells the apostles, "*Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.*" We as individuals can forgive everyone who does something bad to us. But we do not have the power to retain their sins, to keep another person in the condition of sin. So what is Jesus talking about here? He is referring to the Sacrament of Reconciliation or Confession. He is giving the apostles the same authority that He has in forgiving the sins of another person or retaining their sins, leaving them in a sinful condition. Why would Jesus retain the sins of anyone? Well, usually Jesus told people after He had forgiven them to "go and sin no more." When a person is not sorry for their sins and/or freely decides not to try to change their life, then the sin is retained. This authority was given by Jesus to His apostles by their consecration as His first bishops. This authority is passed along from the bishops through the rite of ordination to other bishops and also to priests. This has been the teaching of the Church since the time of the apostles. Nothing has changed. Yet, so many people refuse to accept this teaching. Many people just want to make everything easy for themselves so they just say that they do not have to go to a priest for confession. In doing so they are ignoring what Jesus has himself established. A person can fool themselves all day every day, but one day they will have to answer to our Lord face to face and then what will they tell Jesus when He asks them why they did not accept what He had given them? The only thing they will be able to say is that because they were filled with pride and made themselves their own authority instead of allowing Jesus to be the authority in their life. It is sad. Jesus wants them to receive His love and mercy and they turn away from Him thinking that they do not need it. May all people have eyes that are opened to the reality of the Truth that has been given to them. Living in one's own fantasy world will not get you to heaven. Wake up before it is too late!

**K ZAMYŠLENÍ:** Svätý otec Jan Pavel II. si přál, aby tato neděle byla slavena jako slavnost Božího milosrdenství: ve slovu "milosrdenství" spatřoval shrnuté a pro naši dobu nově interpretované celé tajemství Vykoupení. Žil pod dvěma diktátorskými režimy a byl ve styku s chudobou, nouzí a násilím, zakusil moc temnot, jimiž je sváděn svět i v této naší době. Zakusil však také, a to neméně silně, přítomnost Boha, který proti těmto silám staví svou naprosto odlišnou a božskou moc: moc milosrdenství. **Milosrdenství klade meze zlu.** Milosrdenstvím se vyjadřuje celá specifická přirozenost Boha, jeho svatost, moc pravdy a lásky. Stávejte se den po dni muži a ženami Božího milosrdenství! Milosrdenství je šatem světla, které nám Pán daroval křtem. Nesmíme dopustit, aby toto světlo zhaslo; naopak, musí v nás růst každým dnem a tak přinášet světu radostné poselství Boha.

**Segundo Domingo de Pascua:** En la lectura de los Hechos de los Apóstoles, escuchamos sobre la comunidad Cristiana temprana, en la cual "vivían todos unidos", ellos "lo poseían todo en común," y "no había personas necesitadas entre ellos". ¿Describe esto a nuestras parroquias o somos como los discípulos que nos escondemos con miedo de lo que sucede en el cuarto de arriba? Jesús nos habla a nosotros como les habló a ellos, enviándonos a llevar la paz, la sanación, la justicia, la misericordia y el amor a un mundo necesitado de esas virtudes y de una comunidad capaz de vivirlas. ¿Qué podemos hacer para vivir más verdaderamente como una comunidad que comparte y ama?

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

Fr. Stephen Nestrta, farář



The theme for each month of this **Year of the Domestic Church** is:

**December 2020** The Domestic Church

**January 2021** Vocations

**February 2021** Prayer at Home

**March 2021** Lent in the Domestic Church

**April 2021** Love Your Neighbors

**May 2021** Celebrating Parents

**June 2021** The Gift of Young People

**July 2021** We are God's Children

**August 2021** Eucharistic People

**September 2021** Family of Families

**October 2021** The Witness of Marriage

**November 2021** Season of Stewardship

**December 2021** Hail Mary, Full of Grace

Prayer for the Diocese of Austin Year of the Domestic Church

*O God, creator of all, you ordered the earth to bring forth life and crowned its goodness by creating the human family. In history's moment when all was ready, you sent your Son to dwell in time, "practicing the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity." Teach us the sanctity of human love; show us the value of the Domestic Church; and help us to live in peace with all people, that we may share in your life forever. With the intercession of St. Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church, we ask this through Christ the Lord. Amen.*

The love of one's neighbor is an important part of our life of faith. When asked what the greatest commandment is, Jesus replied: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength." The second is this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these (Mark 12: 30-31)." To love one's neighbor is to love as God loves. Within the Domestic Church, parents demonstrate this by loving their children and spouses. Family members also express this love through the mercy and forgiveness that they extend to one another. However, this love is not limited to those within your household. We must love our neighbor by going out. We must meet our neighbors where they are at. In his address "*The Parish is a Family of Families*," Pope John Paul II encouraged the faithful to reach out to their neighbor. He says: "I wish to encourage all families and parishes not to be inward-looking, not to dwell on themselves. Jesus commands us to serve our neighbor, to reach out to those in need." This encouragement allows us to reflect on how we answer this call. How does your family or household show love to each other? Who is someone in need that your family can serve? What is something small that your family can do for those in need?



**April 11, 2021**

## **Divine Mercy Sunday**

"I shall sing forever the Lord's mercy." (Ps 89 [88]) This Sunday is popularly known as Mercy of God Sunday. Between 1930 and 1938 Christ appeared to Sister Faustina, a Sister of Mercy in Poland who initiated the Divine Mercy devotion. She was canonized on April 30, 2000, the Sunday after Easter, the Feast of Divine Mercy. On Good Friday, 1937, Jesus requested that Blessed Faustina make a special novena before the Feast of Mercy, from Good Friday through the following Saturday. Jesus also asked that a picture be painted according to the vision of Himself as the fountain of mercy. He gave her a chaplet to be recited and said that it was appropriate to pray the chaplet at three o'clock each afternoon (the Hour of Great Mercy).

### **Jesus to Sr. Faustina**

On one occasion, I heard these words: My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy.



[Let] the greatest sinners place their trust in My mercy. They have the right before others to trust in the abyss of My mercy. My daughter, write about My mercy towards tormented souls. Souls that make an appeal to My mercy delight Me. To such souls I grant even more graces than they ask. I cannot punish even the greatest sinner if he makes an appeal to My compassion, but on the contrary, I justify him in My unfathomable and inscrutable mercy. Write: before I come as a just Judge, I first open wide the door of My mercy. He who refuses to pass through the door of My mercy must pass through the door of My justice.

From all My wounds, like from streams, mercy flows for souls, but the wound in My Heart is the fountain of unfathomable mercy. From this fountain spring all graces for souls. The flames of compassion burn Me. I desire greatly to pour them out upon souls. Speak to the whole world about My mercy.

Excerpted from *Diary of Sr. M. Faustina Kowalska*