

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH of CORN HILL



Pope Francis
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Bishop Joe Vásquez
Diocese of Austin



Third Sunday of Advent

December 12, A.D. 2021



Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday	Dec 11	5:00 PM	†Ed Kerry, †Pete & Eleanora Schwertner, †Audrey R. Schultz
Sunday	Dec 12	8:30 AM	Kathy Whitmyer, †Louren Karkoska, †Sherry Wrzensinski
		10:30 AM	Pro Populo
Monday	Dec 13	7:00 AM	†Fr. Bob Kincl, †Johnny Gerik
Tuesday	Dec 14	7:00 AM	Larry Janousek Jr.(healing), †Joan Schwertner, †Virgil Tonn
Wednesday	Dec 15	6:30 PM	The Samuel Cleaver Family, †Annie Janish, †Henry Kaht
Thursday	Dec 16	7:00 AM	Kitzi Crawford, †Johnnie Simek, †Kenneth Bringman
Friday	Dec 17	6:00 PM	†Greg Maney, †Bill Klepac, †Jerry & Patricia Viktorin
Saturday	Dec 18	7:30 AM	Marshall, Brielle & Connor, †Msgr. Emilián Foltyn, †Norman Dobias
Saturday	Dec 18	5:00 PM	Robichau Family, †Frank & Clara Jansing, †Jerry White
Sunday	Dec 19	8:30 AM	Pro Populo
		10:30 AM	†Rose Mary Rivera, †Johnny Gerik, †Ed Bauer

Ministry Schedule for December 13 - 19

Monday, December 13, 7:00 AM:

Altar Server: Deacons
Lector: Pinto Nemeč

Tuesday, December 14, 7:00 AM:

Altar Server: Deacons
Lector: Pinto Nemeč

Wednesday, December 15, 6:30 PM:

Altar Servers: Amy S., Heather S., Martin O.
Lector: Laura Hill
EHMC: Deacon
Gift Bearers: CCE students

Thursday, December 16, 7:00 AM:

Altar Server: Deacons
Lector: Kitzi Crawford

Friday, December 17, 6:00 PM:

Altar Server: Pinto Nemeč
Lector: Pinto Nemeč

Saturday, December 18, 7:30 AM:

Altar Server: Leo Bringman
Lector: Leo Bringman

Saturday, December 18, 5:00 PM:

Altar Servers: Jonah & Michael Swartz
Lector: Monica Sherek
EMHC: Brandon Danek
Gift Bearers: Mark & Debbie Klaus
Head Usher: Donald Tschoerner

Sunday, December 19, 8:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Brousseau (2), Michael & Alyssa B.
Lector: Louis Brousseau
EMHC: Ray Nemeč
Gift Bearers: Ray & Teresa Nemeč
Head Usher: Matt Mertink

Sunday, December 19, 10:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Preston & Heather S.
Lector: Kitzi Crawford
EMHC: Daniel Perez
Gift Bearers: Bill & Linda Montreuil
Head Usher: Frank Knappek

EMHC to Shut-Ins: Dec 19: 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

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Cemetery Information: Parish Office

Cemetery Director: Johnny Martinka 512-966-4301

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Music Ministry / Choir: Ronnie Simek 512-630-5074

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Pro-Life Prayer Group: Laura Hill 512-948-6027

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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)

December 4/5

Weekly Collection: \$ 9,516.80

Online Donations: \$ 1,729.94

Immaculate Conception: \$ 2,210.00

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Thursday in the church from 3:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Holy Hour of Reparation

Every Monday in the church starting 10:00 a.m.

Rosary for Life

Open to all parishioners. To sign-up,
call the parish office.

Dec 12 – Dec 19: Brandon & Rosie Fonville

Dec 19 – Dec 26: Stephanie Wright

Vocations Crucifix Prayer Campaign

Open to all parishioners. To sign-up,
call the parish office.

Dec 12 - Dec 19: Andrew & Susan Klepac

Dec 19 - Dec 26: Louis & Louise Straka

We will have a **second collection** this weekend (December 11/12) 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.

Thanks to all who helped make our St. Nicholas Celebration a big success. I would like to thank especially the Marquis family for serving two breakfasts that morning and also for transforming the Holy Family Room into a winter wonderland. Thanks also go to all of the helpers in our St. Nicholas room, including those who helped with the crafts and the games. We were also blessed this year with two St. Nicholas' and they were amazing. It looked like all of the children (and even some of the grown ups) had a great time celebrating this wonderful Saint.

The **Clerical Endowment Fund (CEF)** has special Christmas Enrollment cards for Spiritual Bouquet Gifts for the Christmas season. These will be available in the foyer of the church this weekend of December 11/12 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. You may also contact Janine Nemecek at (512)289-9242.

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

St. Elizabeth – Pflugerville – Wednesday, December 15, 7 PM

St. William – Round Rock – Wednesday, December 15, 7 - 9 PM; **St. Helen - Georgetown** – Thursday, December 16, 9:30 - 11:30 AM

St. Helen - Georgetown – Thursday, December 16, 7 - 9 PM; **Sts. Cyril & Methodius – Granger** – Thursday, December 16, 7 PM

St. William – Round Rock – Wednesday, December 22, 1 - 6 PM

RCIA: Class this Tuesday, December 14, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE bldg. Discussion: *The Sacraments*. For more information, please contact Lucille D'Elia (737-215-1042 or htcdre@yahoo.com).



Classes this Wednesday, December 15, 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 Bldg. If you have any questions, please contact Lucille D'Elia at our Faith Formation Office at 737-215-1042 or htcdre@yahoo.com.

Heart of Jesus is a discernment retreat for men. Brothers, might God be calling you to the priesthood? Take this opportunity to consider this question, listen to various talks by priests and seminarians, and socialize with brothers who are discerning the same questions as yourself. We'll also celebrate Mass and spend time in prayer and adoration. Heart of Jesus will take place at Cedarbrake Retreat Center in Belton from Wednesday, December 15th at 6 p.m. to Friday, December 17th at 1:00 p.m. The cost to attend is \$35. Meals and lodging are included in this cost. This event is open to men 18 to 40 years old. RSVP at godiscalling.me

The **Pastoral Council will meet** this Thursday, December 16, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg. All parishioners are invited to attend. The meeting agenda is posted on the church bulletin board for your information and preparation.

We will have our monthly **Building Fund Collection** next weekend (December 18/19). Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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 19th**. All memorials will be announced in the December 26th bulletin.

Our **Confraternity of Christian Mothers** will meet on **Monday, Dec 20th at 5:00 pm** (in the Religious Education Building) to work on our **Nativity project**. All members are encouraged to *invite a friend* to enjoy our final preparations for the Christmas season. Yummy snacks & holiday cheer are on the agenda!! For questions & more information, contact Kitz Crawford 512.635.5967 or kkginc@aol.com.

EIM REMINDER: The online EIM training will remain available to update EIM compliance until January 2, 2022 for those who have an EIM account that has a previous EIM Workshop recorded in it. After January 2, everyone who needs to update compliance must attend an in-person workshop to do so. Please contact the parish office for information or questions.

Food Drive: You can make an impact on the lives of those in need in our immediate area. The KJT is collecting food for the Jarrell Community Food Pantry. Drop your food items in the boxes located in the foyer or south entrance of church. Monetary donations are also accepted and will be split between the food pantry and The Caring Place unless specified. The food drive ends next weekend. Please contact Helen Havelka (512-869-8715) if you have any questions.

The **2022 Collection Envelopes** are available in the church. 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 **2021 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.



Information Sessions: December 8th (6 - 8 pm Virtual only) † January 21st (8:30 – 10:30 am)
Prospective parents are invited to attend one of our monthly information sessions. These sessions expose parents to the school community, with a tour of the beautiful campus, presentations from administration and students, and a review of the admission process.

Experience Savio Parent Breakfast: January 6, 2022 (8:30 - 10:00 am) Interested parents are invited to join our parents, faculty, and students for breakfast and conversation as our Savio community share their experiences. *Register at our website:* saviochs.org > Admissions > Visit St. Dominic Savio or by contacting Holly Bologna, Director of Admissions at 512-388-8846 ext. 5504.

MARRIED COUPLES: Want to give each other something really special this Christmas? What could be a better gift for your spouse than the gift of yourself? The next Marriage Encounter weekend will be held on January 7-9 at the Wingate Hotel in Round Rock. See www.austinme.org for more information and to apply. At the bottom of the Home Page you can even download a special gift card to tuck in your spouse's Christmas stocking. For the upcoming January Weekend only, use this code when applying: **GIFT20** for \$20 off the application fee. Or you can email wwmeaustin@gmail.com or call 512-677-WWME (9963). Apply early to ensure a space.



We are excited to be able to offer our parishioners this revolutionary tool to help you understand, live and share our Catholic faith. Free to our parishioners, you will have access to award-winning Catholic content, children's programming, audio talks, e-books and more. To sign up, visit FORMED.org, click Sign Up, Select "Sign Up As A Parishioner", Find Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Jarrell, TX by parish name, address or zip code, Enter your email address – and you're in! You can contact the parish office for assistance or questions.

If you haven't already, take advantage of the ability to **"Give Online"** - conveniently and easily - through our website or the Give+ app. Whether it's a one-time donation, or a recurring 'weekly collection' donation, you can set your own preferences and change, or add to it, at any time. Your online donations are kept track of in the parish office and will be listed on your annual donation report.

- Simply follow these easy steps:
- 1) Visit our church website at www.holytrinityofcornhill.org
 - 2) Click on the 'Give Online' button (on home page – approx half-way down)
 - 3) Click on the Create Profile button and then follow the instructions

You can make almost any donation you want online: --Cemetery --In Memoriam --CCE Registrations --Social Ministry --Fundraisers --& More!

We do ask that you give sufficient information in the text box available to you when giving an 'Other Donation' (examples: in memoriam of John Doe to (cemetery or church); or CCE Reg Fees for Jane and Jimmy Doe; or cemetery dues for John Doe)

And, as the saying goes: "There's an APP for that!" You can also make a contribution to our church through the mobile app: **VancoMobile**

Download the VancoMobile app for free from the App Store or Google Play to donate directly from your smart phone!



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

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| December 2020 The Domestic Church | June 2021 The Gift of Young People |
| January 2021 Vocations | July 2021 We are God's Children |
| February 2021 Prayer at Home | August 2021 Eucharistic People |
| March 2021 Lent in the Domestic Church | September 2021 Family of Families |
| April 2021 Love Your Neighbors | October 2021 The Witness of Marriage |
| May 2021 Celebrating Parents | 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.

Prayer to Saint Joseph

To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our tribulation, and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also. Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities. O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ; O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence; O our most mighty protector, be kind to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness. As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. **Amen.**

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 is taken from today's entrance antiphon and from today's second reading. It expresses the theme of this Sunday's readings and the reason we call this Sunday "Gaudete Sunday."

"Rejoice in the Lord always! I say it again. Rejoice!" Today's readings ring out with thoughts of joy and rejoicing. These should be our thoughts as we come to the middle of this Season of Advent. But you may be asking yourself "How can I be filled with joy and happiness when there is so much trouble in the world, when every few months a new mutation of the coronavirus is found, there is conflict within my family, when people are homeless, starving, out of work, unable to keep their families fed, when people are unable to buy Christmas presents for their family? Or maybe someone in your family is ill or has died recently? How can I find joy and happiness in my life in times like these?" As you ask yourself these questions, I ask that you keep in mind today's second reading which is taken from St. Paul's letter to the Phillipians. St. Paul wrote this letter while he was in prison, while he was being persecuted. The reason that he is able to find joy in his situation, as he explains, is that "The Lord is near." This is the same reason for our joy in this Advent Season that the Lord is near. We should be filled with joy knowing that the Lord is near, that he is walking with us in our moments of difficulty, just as a shepherd guides and protects his sheep. Just knowing that the Lord is with us, that he is close to us, in those times of difficulty is reason enough to rejoice.

St. Paul reminds us in today's second reading that being close to God requires that we start thinking about Christ, without whom our lives are really meaningless. If we start thinking about Christ, who is our Savior, we will stop thinking about ourselves. All we have to do is to rely on God by presenting our needs to Him, as St. Paul writes. It is not necessary for us to agonize and worry over our problems. All we have to do is to rely on the Lord in the firm belief *that He does provide*. We should not let anxiety and worry overpower us. The only way to rid ourselves of anxiety and worry is by way of Christian joy, Christmas joy. Just as the angels announced to the shepherds with the words "Fear not," so too does the Lord announce to each of us "Fear not, for I am with you." This is what we celebrate on Christmas Day, God coming among us as a man in the person of Jesus Christ. God made Himself known to us in a way that He had never done before. He came to live among us in order to show us His love for us. This is why we are able to proclaim with great excitement "Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and holy one of Israel." as we heard in today's Responsorial Psalm. However, we can only rejoice and be glad if we keep Jesus Christ at the center of our Christmas celebration.

One of the reasons that many people do not find joy in Christmas is that Christ is not at the center of their Christmas holiday. Those who only see Christmas as a day off from work or a day to give and receive presents, they are going to be very disappointed in Christmas and will probably end up feeling sad, lonely or depressed, as if Christmas was just another day in their life. This is the kind of Christmas that television presents to us. Television, especially the commercials, tell us that we must buy a lot of gifts for people and also receive a lot of gifts if we are going to have a happy Christmas. But, we must move beyond this vision of Christmas and celebrate it because of the special gift given to us by God, that is, the birth of His only Son, Jesus Christ.

How can we acquire a true perspective of Christmas and come to the knowledge and conviction that Christmas means peace and security and freedom from fear in the certainty that the Lord provides? How can we come to realize this when we are faced with struggles, difficulties, loneliness, the need to pay bills, family worries, and other feelings of uncertainty? In order to do this we must recall today's second reading and the gospel reading. The message here is that we will find peace and joy within ourselves by reaching out to others. When we do this we come to realize that the Lord does provide for all our needs. At Christmas do we give gifts to others only so that we will get a gift in return or just because someone is giving us a gift and we would feel guilty if we did not give them something? When we give freely and reach out and help those in need and by living as the Lord commands us to live, it is only then that we experience that Christmas joy. This joy can then be felt all throughout the year by the way we give of ourselves to the service of others. It is at those times that we truly feel the presence of the Lord in our life. In the Gospel reading the crowd asks John "What should we do?" John answers their question by saying: Give your coat and food to those who have none. To the tax collector John says, "Stop collecting more than what is prescribed." And to the soldiers John replies, "Do not practice extortion, do not falsely accuse anyone, and be satisfied with your wages." These words are not only meant for those to whom John was speaking, they are also meant for each of us. John is asking each of us to be honest, to help others, and to do all of our work for the service of God, no matter what kind of work we do. If we do these things, then we will truly experience Christmas joy and be living in the presence of the Lord.

Living in the presence of the Lord means living in the state of grace. There is no joy and there can be no inner happiness unless our conscience is clear with the Lord. This means that a good Advent confession is essential to our rejoicing in the Lord. This is the way to assure ourselves of a real and lasting Christmas happiness. The source of true joy and happiness is Christ the Lord; this is our faith. Our joy is secured in the Manger of Bethlehem, where the angel said to the shepherds: "I bring you good tidings of great joy..." (Luke 2:10). So, this Christmas let us "Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel," Jesus Christ our Lord.

K ZAMYŠLENÍ: Svatý Pavel píše Filipánům: Předkládejte Bohu své potřeby v modlitbě a prosbě s děkováním. To lze? Jestliže člověk objevil Boha a jeho krásu, pak zjistil, že Bůh je dobrý. Najednou vidí, co všechno díky Bohu máme. Bůh žehná životu. Tato radost z Boha je nadějí a motivem v další modlitbě. Tak Pánu svěřujeme své starosti, obavy, bolest. Není snadné nemít starosti a nebýt současně nezodpovědnými. Svatý Pavel nás nezve k nezodpovědnosti, ale k důvěře v Boha. Zdá se, že Jan Křtitel a lidé okolo něj takový postoj ještě neznali, proto s chvěním čekali, jak Mesiáše poznají a co asi bude požadovat. A přišel ten, který obětoval svůj život. (Vira.cz)

Tercer domingo de Adviento: En este Domingo Gaudete, esperamos con gran gozo y esperanza el nacimiento de Nuestro Salvador ¿Cómo viene Jesús a usted hoy, en el susurro del viento o en el llanto de un niño? ¿Cómo está preparando su corazón para cuando Él venga de nuevo? ¿Ha asistido a la confesión últimamente?

May you have a blessed Third Week of Advent.

Fr. Stephen Nestrta, farář