

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

of CORN HILL



Pope Francis
Vatican City State



Bishop Joe Vásquez
Diocese of Austin



come - come - Emmanuel

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 19, A.D. 2021

Mass Schedule & Intentions

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
Tuesday	Dec 21	6:00 PM	†Frank Jiracek, †Dan Saegert, †Pete & Eleanora Schwertner
Wednesday	Dec 22	6:30 PM	†Theresa Miller, †Philip Mariana, †Hubert Klepac
Thursday	Dec 23	7:00 AM	†Sherry Wrzensinski, †Theofil Zurovetz, †Richard Gerik
Friday	Dec 24	7:00 AM	†Frank & Barbara Simek, †Joe & Annie Klepac
Christmas – the Nativity of the Lord – Holy Day of Obligation			
Friday	Dec 24	4:00 PM	Pro Populo
		6:00 PM	Pro Populo
		12 Midnight	Pro Populo
Saturday	Dec 25	8:30 AM	Pro Populo
Saturday	Dec 25	5:00 PM	NO MASS
Sunday	Dec 26	8:30 AM	Liv/Dec Members of John & Annie Valis Family, †Jeff Whitmyer
		10:30 AM	†Rebecca Melos & family (for healing), †Henry Taylor, †Bill & Dorothy Klepac Family

Last Week's Collection(s)

December 11/12

Weekly Collection: \$ 6,004.17
Online Donations: \$ 1,030.50
Priest Retirement Fund: \$ 2,145.00

Mass Ministry for December 21 - 26

Tuesday, December 21, 6:00 pm:

Altar Server: Leo Bringman
Lector: Leo Bringman

Wednesday, December 22, 6:30 pm:

Altar Server: Pinto Nemec
Lector: Kitz Crawford

Thursday, December 23, 7:00 am:

Altar Server: Leo Bringman
Lector: Leo Bringman

Friday, December 24, 7:00 am:

Altar Server: Leo Bringman
Lector: Laura Hill

Christmas

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
Gift Bearers: Jim & Mary Margaret Heuertz
Head Usher: Stephanie Wright

6:00 pm: Altar Servers: Abby & Isabella H.,
Michael & Jonah Swartz

Lector: Kitz Crawford
EMHC: Leo Bringman
Gift Bearers: Matt & Amy Mertink
Head Usher: Matt Mertink

Midnight: Altar Servers: Jenna D, Carter M,
Caleb & Amy Stefek (Incense)

Lector: Chris Stefek
EMHC: Ray Nemec
Gift Bearers: Tommy & Cindy Sladeczek
Head Usher: Tommy Sladeczek

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Hours: Tuesday – Friday, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Administrative Assistant: Monica Snook 512-863-3020
Bulletin Announcement Deadline: Tuesdays @ 2:30 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: Scott Templeton 512-845-0221
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: Laura Hill 512-948-6027
Knights of Columbus: Josh Jacobs 612-212-9624
Conf. of Christian Mothers: Kitz Crawford 512-635-5967
Religious Articles: Louise Straka 512-746-5322
K.J.T. Society #55: John Danek 512-819-4362
KJZT Society #15: Belinda Beyer 254-527-3657
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)



Christmas Day

Friday, December 25, 8:30 am:

Altar Servers: Jakob V., Brousseau (3) (Incense)
Lector: Louis Brousseau
EMHC: Gwen Blakeslee
Gift Bearers: Johnny & Dee Martinka
Head Usher: Frank Knappek

NO 5:00 PM Mass on Saturday evening

Sunday, December 26, 8:30 am:

Altar Servers: Jenna D, Lucas B.
Caleb & Amy Stefek (Incense)
Lector: Monica Sherek
EMHC: Brandon Danek
Gift Bearers: Bill & Monica Sherek
Head Usher: Bill Sherek

Sunday, December 26, 10:30 am:

Altar Servers: Jonah & Michael S.
Lector: Duane Blakeslee
EMHC: Gwen Blakeslee
Gift Bearers: Voigt Family
Head Usher: Jeff Voigt

EMHC to Shut-Ins: December 26: James Nemec

Rosary for Life

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

Dec 19 – Dec 26: Stephanie Wright
Dec 26 – Jan 2: Michael Vrana



Vocations Crucifix Prayer Campaign

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

Dec 19 - Dec 26: Louis & Louise Straka
Dec 26 – Jan 2: Leo & Diane Bringman

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

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.

Holy Hour of Reparation every MONDAY in the church, at 10:00 a.m. 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.

RCIA: Class this Tuesday, December 21, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE bldg. Discussion: *Baptism*. For more information, please contact Lucille D'Elia (737-215-1042 or htcdre@yahoo.com).

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Our CCE classes are now on Christmas Break until January 5th. In the meantime, our program is ever growing and we need help in our program. Please prayerfully consider joining our program as a catechist or helper. If you have any questions or just want to know more about this very enjoyable childrens' ministry, please contact Lucille D'Elia at 737-215-1042 or htcdre@yahoo.com.

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

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

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 a **second collection** next weekend, December 25/26, for the **Feast of the Holy Family**, which supports the maternity homes of our diocese and the diocesan office of Pro-Life Activities. Please be generous.

Food Drive: This is the last weekend of the food drive for the Jarrell Community Food Pantry. The KJT would like to thank everyone who donated food and money. Every can, box and bag of food makes a difference. God bless you all!

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.



ST. DOMINIC SAVIO
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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.



May you have a blessed and Merry Christmas!



The Parish Office will be closed for the holidays the week of December 27 – 31, and will reopen on Tuesday, January 4. Announcements for both the December 26 & January 2 bulletins must be turned in by this *Tuesday, Dec. 21 by 2:30 p.m.*



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**



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,

Today is the 4th Sunday of Advent. Today's Gospel is the visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth who is with child. When Mary and Elizabeth see one another John leaps for joy in the womb of Elizabeth, so close is his salvation, Jesus, in the womb of Mary. This probably happened about 12 days after the angel had visited Mary and she conceived of Jesus in her womb. Mary, Elizabeth, John and Jesus, an encounter of great joy and love. May we experience the same as we come to receive Jesus in Holy Communion and as we encounter Him in each other.

Christmas is just around the corner. Christmas begins the evening of December 24 and continues until Sunday, January 9. 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, The Holy Family, on the December 26, The Holy Innocents on December 28, and Mary, Mother of God on January 1. In the remainder of the Christmas Season, we have The Epiphany of the Lord on January 2 and The Baptism of the Lord on January 9. Try to attend as many of these Masses as possible. Of course, December 25, December 26, January 1, January 2 and January 9 are all Holy Days of Obligation, so I will definitely see you at Mass on those days, unless you are traveling out of town. The Lord has given us so much and so many ways in which we can truly experience His love and presence in our life and in the life of our family. Let us accept all He gives us and be united with Him and with one another. Below are a few thoughts about this season:

The Christmas feast is a festival full of joy. The Eternal Word has become Man and dwells among us. The longings of the patriarchs and prophets are fulfilled. With the shepherds we hurry to the manger and adore the Incarnate Son of God, who for us and for our salvation descended upon earth. The purpose of the Christmas feast is beautifully expressed in the Preface of the Nativity: "For in the mystery of the Word made flesh a new light of your glory has shone upon the eyes of our mind; so that as we recognize in Him a God made visible, we may be caught up through Him in love of things invisible."

During the Christmas season there is an extensive exchange of greetings and good wishes among friends. These greetings are a reminder of those "good tidings of great joy that shall be to all the people, for this day is born to you a Savior Who is Christ the Lord" (Lk. 2:11). They are a reminder, too, that all blessings and graces come to us from Christ: "Has He not also with Him given us all things?" (Rom. 8:32).

During the Christmas season there is also an exchange of gifts. This custom should recall to us that on this day God Himself gave to us the greatest of all gifts, His beloved Son: "God so loved the world as to give His only begotten Son" (John 3: 16).

The Christmas tree, of which the first-known mention was made in 1605 at Strasbourg, was introduced into France and England in 1840. It symbolizes the great family tree of Christ which through David and Jesse has its roots in Abraham, the father of the chosen race. It is often laden with gifts to remind us that Christmas brought us the priceless gifts of grace and of eternal life. It is frequently adorned with lights that recall to us that Christ is the Light of the world enlightening those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.

Though not entirely unknown before, the custom of the Christmas Crib was adopted by St. Francis of Assisi at Greccio, Italy, on Christmas 1225. It is a concrete and vivid way of representing to ourselves the Incarnation and birth of Christ. It depicts in a striking manner the virtues of the newborn Savior, especially His humility, poverty, and charity.

K úvaze: Obyčejné setkání dvou obyčejných žen? Ano i ne! Ano, protože se toto setkání odehrává "obyčejně", na prostém místě (v domě někde na horách), ne v chrámu (anebo aspoň v synagóze). A že to byly dvě obyčejné ženy, o tom není pochyb – Maria patřila k chudým, Alžběta byla už pokročilého věku. A přesto... a přesto. Bůh sestupuje... do obyčejnosti, sklání se k všednosti... A proto ten jástot, proto ten "hlas prostoupený radostí" ("jak jsem si zasloužila... hle, dítě se živě a radostně pohnulo"). Bůh sestupuje k člověku, a tak se šed' stává jasem, spektrem duhových barev. A člověk tančí.

Správně poznamenává sv. Augustin, že Maria počala nejprve v duši a pak v těle. Proč nejprve v duši? Protože ve svém nitru přijala Boží Slovo (zvěstované andělem) – a toto Slovo pomalu "roste" (tak jako v lůně její dítě-Vtělené Slovo), "přetéká" navenek – a hle, toto se právě děje při setkání s Alžbětou! Mariin pozdrav není pouhým slovem, ale slovem "prosyceným" a naplněným tím Slovem přijatým v nitru! A proto její obyčejný pozdrav... přináší dotek Ducha, radost evangelia – toho evangelia, Slova jástotu, už přítomného ve fyzickém nitru, ale také v duchovním nitru Matky Kristovy.

I obyčejný pozdrav se stává neobyčejným. I obyčejné věci se stávají neobyčejnými. Duch Boží nečiní nové věci, ale činí věci novými, prozářenými Božím jasem. A člověk tančí. (Pastorace.cz)

Cuarto Domingo de Adviento: Es especialmente apropiado para estos días de sufrimiento en nuestro país, el salmo responsorial del Cuarto Domingo de Adviento "Señor, muéstranos tu favor y sálvanos" (cf. Salmo 80). En un mundo que se está convirtiendo incrementalmente secular, no solo debemos invocar los recuerdos de las buenas obras de Dios mientras imploramos su intervención para salvar el mundo, sino que también debemos de recordar llevar a cabo el plan de salvación a través del trabajo de nuestras propias manos. Seamos Cristo unos para otros.

Some of you have been asking me when they are going to begin the work on the new porte-cochere and the restrooms and all purpose room. The Fire Marshall has finally given his approval for it to begin so I should find out this week about when that will be. More than likely work will begin after Christmas. I would like to remind everyone that this work was approved by the Pastoral Council and Finance Council almost two years ago. Much prayer and thought has gone into our long-range plan. We thank everyone for their input and support of this project. Thank you also for your contributions to the Building Fund. Your generosity is appreciated and needed.

May your Christmas be filled with the meaning and love it is meant to bring to each of you so that you may experience God's love in its fullness.

Fr. Stephen Nestrsta, farář

