# HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH of CORN HILL



Pope Francis Vatican City State





Bishop Joe Vásquez Diocese of Austin

### The Epiphany of the Lord

January 2, A.D. 2022

### Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday	Jan 1	5:00 PM	Pro Populo
Sunday	Jan 2	8:30 AM	Janice L. Sis (health & well-being), †Greg Maney †Frank & Barbara Simek
		10:30 AM	†Joan Viktorin, †W.D. Jr. & Martha Scallon
Monday	Jan 3	6:00 PM	For the Intention of the Dec/Liv Benefactors of the Czech Seminarian Fund
Tuesday	Jan 4	6:00 PM	Paul Rosipal (healing), †Barbara Bezdek, †Virginia & William McMaster
Wednesday	Jan 5	6:30 PM	Craig & Krystle, †Members and Mission of the Czech Catholic Foundation of Texas
Thursday	Jan 6	7:00 AM	Patricia Graham, †Henry Kaht,
First Friday	Jan 7	6:00 PM	†Tommie Rose Martine, †Jerry B. David, †Virgil Tonn
Saturday	Jan 8	7:30 AM	Mike & Karen Hansen (spiritual & physical healing), Marshall, Brielle & Connor, †Jerry J. Bilicek Sr.
Saturday	Jan 8	5:00 PM	John & Mary Ann Valenta (60 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary), †Hubert Klepac, †Paul Jose
		8:30 AM	Pro Populo
Sunday	Jan 9	10:30 AM	Isabella Noelle Casey (spiritual health), †Dan Saegert, †Frank & Anastasia Knapek

### Mass Ministry Schedule for January 3 - 9

Monday, January 3, 6:00 pm: Altar Server: Leo Bringman Lector: Leo Bringman

Tuesday, January 4, 6:00 pm: Altar Server: Leo Bringman Lector: Leo Bringman

Wednesday, January 5, 6:30 pm: Altar Server: Amy S., Michael B., Martin O. Lector: Laura Hill EMHC: Leo Bringman Gift Bearers: CCE students

Thursday, January 6, 7:00 am: Altar Server: Leo Bringman Lector: Leo Bringman

First Friday, January 7, 6:00 pm: Altar Server: Pinto Nemec Lector: Pinto Nemec

Saturday, January 8, 7:30 am: Altar Server: James Nemec Lector: Kitzi Crawford Saturday, January 8, 5:00 PM

Altar Servers: Preston & Heather S., William W Lector: Janine Nemec EMHC: Jim Heuertz Gift Bearers: Tommy & Cindy Sladecek Head Usher: Tommy Sladecek

<u>Sunday, January 9, 8:30 AM:</u> (incense) Altar Servers: Lucas B., Jenna D. Michael & Alyssa B. Lector: Kelly Godfrey

EMHC: James Nemec Gift Bearers: Ray & Teresa Nemec Head Usher: AJ Batla

Sunday, January 9, 10:30 AM: Altar Servers: Jonah & Michael Swartz Lector: Kitzi Crawford EMHC: Leslie Allen Gift Bearers: Leslie & Linda Allen Head Usher: Jeff Voigt

EMHC to Shut-Ins: Jan. 9: Ray Nemec

### 🕈 Fr. Stephen Nesrsta 🕈

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#### 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 Sladecek 512-635-3496 Pastoral Council: Ken Loudermilk 512-818-1144 Pro-Life Prayer Group: Laura Hill 512-948-6027 Knights of Columbus: Josh Jacobs 612-212-9624 Conf. of Christian Mothers: Kitzi 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 Sladecek 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 guestions and requirements (737-215-1042)

#### Last Week's Collection(s)

Christmas: \$7,377.00 December 26 Weekly Collection: \$7,091.00 Online Donations: \$962.49 Holy Family: \$2,174.50

#### Altar Flowers

To donate altar flowers in memory or honor of loved ones, complete and return an 'Altar Flower Envelope' (from the bulletin table or from our website).

<u>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</u> Every Thursday in the church from 3:00 – 9:00 p.m.

<u>Holy Hour of Reparation</u> Every Monday in the church starting 10:00 a.m.

<u>Rosary for Life</u> Open to all parishioners. To sign-up, call the parish office.

Jan 2 – Jan 9: Frank & Lucille D'Elia Jan 9 – Jan 16: Michael & Diana Hovatter

<u>Vocations Crucifix Prayer Campaign</u> Open to all parishioners. To sign-up, call the parish office.

Jan 2 – Jan 9: Bill & Monica Sherek Jan 9 – Jan 16: Chris & Sora Garlasco Thank you to all who participated in the Christmas Clerical Endowment Fund by enrolling your loved ones and friends. A total of \$675 was donated.

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.

**Food Drive**: "What a blessing. The money and all the food are wonderful. God bless you all," said the coordinator of the Jarrell Community Food Pantry. We donated more than 900 pounds of food and \$900 to the Food Pantry. An additional \$400 was donated to The Caring Place in Georgetown. Thank you to all parishioners who participated in the food drive sponsored by the KJT Corn Hill Society #55. God bless you for your generosity.

All visitors and parishioners are invited for **Hospitality Sunday** (Sunday, January 2) in the PAC Bldg after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. We appreciate the Nemec brothers for preparing the breakfast.

Senior Citizens' Supper – for our new and seasoned parish senior citizens, we will be starting up this monthly light meal and fellowship on Monday, January 3, at 6:30 p.m. in the PAC Bldg, following Mass at 6:00 p.m. We appreciate the KJZT #15 for preparing the meal.

**RCIA:** Class this Tuesday, January 4, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE bldg. Discussion: *Confirmation*. For more information, please contact Lucille D'Elia (737-215-1042 or <u>htcdre@yahoo.com</u>).

REIGIOUS EDUCA FION

Classes this Wednesday, January 5, 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.

The **Pro-Life Prayer & Awareness Group will meet** on Thursday, January 6. They will begin with a Pro-Life Rosary in the church at 6:30 p.m. and then continue their meeting in the RE Bldg. They will be hosting a viewing of the movie "Roe V Wade, the real story" on Thursday January 13, at 11:30 and Saturday, January 15, at 6:00 pm in the RE building. A light meal will be served at each showing. On January 22<sup>nd</sup>, join tens of thousands of Faithful Pro-Life Advocates at the Annual Mass for Life and Rally at the Capitol in Austin. The Diocese will be having a "March and Rally for Life" on 22 January. The website to register with the Diocese: <a href="https://www.texasrallyforlife.org/">https://www.texasrallyforlife.org/</a>. There is a bus available for transportation convenience which will be picking up and dropping off at St. Stephen in Salado. To sign up: <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/killeen-temple-prolife-bus-ride-to-the-vigil-mass-tx-rally-for-life-tickets-198554460737">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/killeen-temple-prolife-bus-ride-to-the-vigil-mass-tx-rally-for-life-tickets-198554460737</a>.

First Friday of the month – January 7: Friday's Mass is at 6:00 p.m. with a time of Adoration, our devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and Benediction.

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.

Our annual January Fundraiser will be held on Sunday, January 23, proceeds of which will benefit the Cemetery Fund. Everyone is invited for a delicious BBQ Pork dinner with all the trimmings, served from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in the PAC Bldg. Adults \$12 / Children \$6. To-go plates will be available at the drive-thru. Spread the word and invite your family and friends! If you would like to make a donation to help offset the cost of groceries, supplies, etc, January Fundraiser envelopes are available by the bulletins.



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 <u>Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Jarrell, TX</u> 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.



Bishop Joe Vásquez, in communion with Pope Francis, invites all the faithful to have their voices heard, leading up to the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, by completing the survey linked at www.austindiocese.org/synod-for-a-synodal-church. The survey will be available until Jan. 31, 2022. The questions center around the theme "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission." During this time parishes will also hold listening sessions. Once concluded, all responses will be compiled into a report and submitted to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). The USCCB will then submit a national report for the General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops in Rome. Please know, the information raised during the consultation phase in our diocese will be reviewed and used for our own pastoral planning.

#### Dear friends in Christ,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!! What New Year's resolution have you made? It seems some sort of tradition to make New Year's resolutions but it seems not to be a tradition to actually keep them and make them to become a reality in our life. So, what about you? One resolution that we need to make and to keep is to become better Catholics, better followers of Jesus Christ. During this year continue to do all you can to have a better knowledge and understanding of your faith and to live that faith day-by-day keeping God's commandments and being a better person.

Thank you to all who came to the black-eye pea and combread reception after the Mass on New Year's night. Thank you to those who made the black-eye peas and combread and to those who made all the preparations. May the Lord bless you for your kindness to all of us.

Today we celebrate the great feast of Epiphany when Jesus was revealed to the world by the coming of the three Wise Men or Magi or Kings. Three important men come to see the boy who would become the King of the Universe, the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords. Just as Jesus was seen by the three Wise Men, He is still seen today by those who partake of Him in the Eucharist, as we gaze upon His Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity. Only those who have faith are able to recognize this special Real Presence of Jesus in our midst. May our faith remain strong so that we will always be drawn to His presence in the Eucharist and so that we will always have the desire to receive His Body and Blood in Holy Communion. The Eucharist is the Star of Jesus that shines brightly at each Mass or when we come to adore Him in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. May we always be drawn to this Star so that all darkness of evil will be removed from our life and then we also become the Star of Jesus to others. Keep that Star shining brightly by making a good and frequent confession in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Slavnost Zjevení Páně: Ve svém okolí potkávám velice mnoho hledajících lidí. Hledají něco, ale často neví co, hledají i určité duchovní zakotvení, hledají uzdravení vztahů. Mohu tuto svou zkušenost sdílet i s mnohými z vás? Potkáváte i vy hledače?

V souvislosti s dnešní slavností jsem otevřel dokument II. vatikánského koncilu o misii Ad gentes a listoval jsem v něm. Nalezl jsem v něm slova pomáhající osvětlovat osoby mudrců jdoucích do Betléma:

"Ať se (křesťané) považují za členy společenství lidí, mezi kterými žijí, a ať mají účast na kulturním a společenském životě různými styky a činnostmi, jaké s sebou nese lidský život. Ať jsou obeznámeni s jejich národními a náboženskými tradicemi. Radostně a uctivě ať odkrývají semena Slova, která jsou v nich ukryta. Zároveň ať pozorně sledují hlubokou přeměnu, k níž dochází mezi národy, a ať pracují na tom, aby se lidé našeho věku, příliš upoutaní na vědu a na techniku moderního světa, neodcizili božským věcem, ale aby se v nich naopak probouzela větší touha po pravdě a lásce zjevené Bohem" (Ad Gentes, 11).

Jsme tedy církví osloveni, abychom žili ve své obci, v práci, ve škole a dalších kolektivech lidí naplno, abychom byli v postoji naslouchajících, abychom byli připraveni nabídnout slova útěchy, povzbuzení, naděje. Zvláště jsme pozváni, abychom očišťovali a směrovali jejich tužby ke Kristu.

Dokážu si představit i velkorysou otevřenost křesťanů. "Přijďte na návštěvu." Věřím, že se mnozí lidé pozvat dají, že mohou pokukovat po našem stylu života a až jednou vejdou do našeho domu, kde je Kristus se svou Matkou, aby se mu poklonili a uctili ho jako Boha a Pána svého života. (Pastorace.CZ):

Solemnidad de la Epifanía de Nuestro Señor: En Cristo no hay este, oeste, norte o sur. No hay distinción entre Judío o Griego, esclavitud o libertad, hombre o mujer. Todos somos uno en el Señor. El compromiso con la vida, la caridad y la justicia de la Iglesia está enraizado en Cristo quien vino por cada uno de nosotros. La Solemnidad de la Epifanía del Señor nos ayuda a enfocarnos en la realidad de que todos estamos llamados a sentarnos en la Mesa sin distinción.

It is the tradition that on the Feast of the Epiphany that we bless our homes by marking them with blessed chalk with the current year and the initials of the Three Wise Men - Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. In this bulletin you will find the blessing prayer and instructions on how to mark your homes.

Are your Christmas lights still shining? The Christmas Season continues until Sunday, January 9, 2022. Keeps those lights on until the end of the Christmas Season to give witness to the true Light of the world, Jesus Christ. Let your lights be an Epiphany of the Lord to those who see them.

May God bless all of you this year with an abundance of faith, hope and love.

Fr. Stephen Nesrsta, farář

#### Holy Trinity Catholic Church - Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes Thursday, December 16, 2021 at 7 p.m.

Meeting Call to Order - Father Stephen

Attending: Father Stephen Nesrsta, Ken Loudermilk, Jacqueline Danek, Leo Bringman, Brandon Danek, Jennifer Marqis, Theresa Orecchia, Leslie Allen, Stephanie Wright, Lucille D'Elia Tommy Sladecek, Johnnie Martinka and Dorothy Tomasek

Election of Officers: Ken Loudermilk, Chairperson, Brandon Danek, Co-Chairperson; Theresa Orecchia, Recorder

Old Business:

- Active Shooter Training Theresa Orecchia will look into this
- Pastoral Council Training will be held in February
- Parish Bazaar We still need new chairpersons
- Synod on Synodality -We will have more information soon.

#### **New Business**

- Grotto Committee A Grotto is being planned in memory of Eileen Rosipal by the members of her family. Leslie Allen and Johnnie Martinka will be working with the family on the details.
- Cemetery January Fundraiser The fundraiser will be held on Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Czech Mass A date will be announced soon for the Czech Mass in February.
  - Long-Range Plan Expect work to start on the church after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year.

Finance Council Report – up to date figures are not available.

Next meeting - Thursday, February 24, 2022 at 7:00 pm

Meeting adjorned by Father Stephen

# **Epiphany House Blessing**

Using blessed chalk, mark the current year and the initials of the Magi above the outside doorways to your home. Place a cross in between each of the letters. It should look something like this.

## 20+C+M+B+22

After completing the above markings, pray the following prayer:

May all who come to our home this year rejoice to find Christ living among us; and may we seek and serve, in everyone we meet, that same Jesus who is Lord of all people forever and ever. Amen.

The legendary names of the three Magi are: **Caspar, Melchior,** and **Balthasar.** (KMB in Czech) The initials C-M-B also stand for the Latin words "Christus Mansionem Benedicat" which means:

## "May Christ bless this dwelling."

The markings over the doors should be left all year round as a sign that yours is a Christian home.