

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH of CORN HILL



Pope Francis
Vatican City State



Bishop Joe Vásquez
Diocese of Austin

First Sunday of Lent

March 6, A.D. 2022

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday	Mar 5	5:00 PM	†Deceased Members of KJZT Society #15
Sunday	Mar 6	8:30 AM	Pro Populo
		10:30 AM	†Dennis Martinka, Chad & Chaney Allen (10 th Wedding Anniv), For our Confirmandi
Tuesday	Mar 8	6:00 PM	†Bill & Dorothy Klepac Family, †Cyril & Eileen Rosipal
Wednesday	Mar 9	7:00 AM	†Doris Nestrsta, Craig & Krystle
Thursday	Mar 10	7:00 AM	†Dan Saegert, †Lawrence Korenek
Friday	Mar 11	6:00 PM	†Hubert Klepac, †Rosalie Vrana
Saturday	Mar 12	7:30 AM	Marshall, Brielle & Connor, †Annie Janish, †Mary Sandelovic
Saturday	Mar 12	5:00 PM	Pro Populo
Sunday	Mar 13	8:30 AM	Joseph Jacobs, †John J. Huff
		10:30 AM	Jim Hill, †Emma Rodriguez, †Antonio Camacho

Mass Ministry Schedule for March 8 - 13

Tuesday, March 8, 6:00 PM:

Altar Server: Josh Jacobs
Lector: Pinto Nemec

Wednesday, March 9, 7:00 AM:

Altar Server: Pinto Nemec
Lector: Pinto Nemec

Stations of the Cross:

Wednesday, March 9, 6:30 PM:
Altar Servers: Carter M., Michael B., Amy S

Thursday, March 10, 7:00 AM:

Altar Server: Pinto Nemec
Lector: Pinto Nemec

Friday, March 11, 6:00 PM:

Altar Server: Leo Bringman
Lector: Leo Bringman

Saturday, March 12, 7:30 AM:

Altar Server: James Nemec
Lector: Kitzi Crawford

Saturday, March 12, 5:00 PM:

Altar Servers: Michael & Jonah S.,
William & Eric W.

Lector: Janine Nemec

EMHC: Jim Heuertz

Gift Bearers: Mike & Janine Nemec

Head Usher: Stephanie Wright

Sunday, March 13, 8:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Stefeks (3), Michael B.

Lector: Laura Hill

EMHC: Ray Nemec, James Nemec

Gift Bearers: Ray & Teresa Nemec

Head Usher: AJ Balla

Sunday, March 13, 10:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Martin O., Preston & Heather S.

Lector: Kitzi Crawford

EMHC: Daniel Perez, **EMHC for Communion Rail**

Gift Bearers: Daniel & Hilda Perez

Head Usher: Jeff Voigt

EMHC to Shut-Ins: March 13: James Nemec

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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

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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: Contact Lucille D'Elia for questions and requirements (737-215-1042)

Last Week's Collection(s)

February 26/27

Weekly Collection: \$ 4,856.73

Online Donations: \$ 809.75

Building Fund: \$ 3,227.00

Altar Flowers

No flowers are needed during the Lenten & the beginning of the Easter Season (March 2 – April 24)

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.



Confirmation

*We congratulate and pray for those receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation here today!
May the Holy Spirit dwell within them and may they continue to grow in their Catholic faith.*

Rosary for Life

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

March 6 – 13: Chris & Sora Garlasco
March 13 – 20: Frankie & Betty Ann Vrabel

Vocations Crucifix Prayer Campaign

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

March 6 – 13: Andrew & Susan Klepac
March 13 – 20: Louis & Louis Straka

**During the Season of Lent, it is important that we reconcile ourselves with one another and with God!
Please take the time for you and your family to go to Confession ... that your hearts, souls, and minds will be ready for the Sacrifice and Resurrection of our Lord.**

The following are several opportunities for Confession in our area:

Sts. Cyril & Methodius, Granger: Tuesday, March 22, 6 PM
St. Helen's, Georgetown: Thurs, March 24, 9:30 – 11:20 AM and 7 – 9 PM
St. Mary's, Taylor: Monday, March 28, 9:30 – 12 noon and 6 PM
St. John Vianney, RR: Thurs, March 31, 7 PM; **Holy Trinity, Corn Hill:** Sunday, April 3, 5 PM
St. Joseph's, Manor: Wed, April 6, 6 – 9 PM; **St. William's, RR:** Wed, April 6, 7 – 9 PM
St. Elizabeth's, Pflugerville: Thurs, April 7, 7 PM; **St. William's, RR:** Mon, April 11, 1 – 3:30 PM
St. Williams, RR: Mon, April 11, 3:30 – 6 PM

The **Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated** this Sunday, March 6, with Bishop Joe Vásquez, at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Please pray that the Confirmandi will fully embrace, and be strengthened by, the Gift of Grace that they will receive from the Holy Spirit.

We congratulate Landon & Ella Vanadore on their reception into full communion into the Catholic Church and their celebration of the Sacrament of Matrimony here this past weekend!

During the Lenten season, help to support missionary efforts in and outside of the Diocese of Austin by participating in the **Ashes to Easter** program. Pick up a box from the bulletin tables and place it in a prominent place in your home where you will remember to pray daily for the missions and drop in your spare change. You will then return your boxes at Easter. Thank you, in advance, for your participation and generosity.

We are still looking for new vice chairpersons for this year's June Fundraiser and Annual Bazaar. If you are interested in serving as vice chair for these fundraisers, please contact the parish office, Helen Havelka or Charles Marquis.

Consecration to Saint Joseph – the next meeting is Monday, March 7, 5 – 7 p.m. in the **RE Building**.

Bible Study concludes this Tuesday. Our new series will begin after Easter. Watch for more information in upcoming bulletins.

RCIA: Class this Tuesday, March 8, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Building for *The Mystery of Suffering*. For more information, please contact Lucille D'Elia (737-215-1042 or htcdre@yahoo.com).



"Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit, and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as sons of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1213)

Baptism for Infants and Young Children - Holy Trinity Catholic Church has a comprehensive baptism preparation program for parents and godparents seeking baptism for their children. For information and to register for our next Baptism Preparation Class to be held on March 26 at 10:30 am, please contact our Faith Formation Office at 737-215-1042 or htcdre@yahoo.com.

**RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION**

Classes this Wednesday, March 9, at 6:15 p.m. **Stations of the Cross 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.

Knights of Columbus (KC) – Holy Trinity Council: There will be a KC meeting Thursday, March 10, beginning with snacks and social at 6:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg. All members are invited. All men interested in becoming a member of the KC, or in transferring into the Holy Trinity Council from another, are also invited and encouraged to attend. For questions or more information, contact Josh Jacobs (612-212-9624 or jacobs817@gmail.com).

Holy Trinity Fish Fry (Dine-In and Drive -Thru) for the Lenten season will continue Friday, March 11, and every Friday during Lent. Join us for Mass at 6:00 pm and then enjoy a home-cooked meal from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. (or until sold out). Plates for Dine-In are Adults \$12.00 / Child \$6.00 (10 yrs and younger). All plates in the Drive-Thru are \$12.00. Proceeds will benefit our parish Building Fund Project. Thank you for your support!

*****Daylight Savings Time Begins next weekend. Move your clocks forward one hour before going to bed next Saturday, March 13.*****

All visitors and parishioners are invited for **Hospitality Sunday** next weekend (Sunday, March 13) in the PAC Bldg after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. We appreciate KJZT organization for preparing the breakfast.

Holy Trinity parish will honor St Joseph with the celebration of a **St Joseph Altar** after the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, March 19 in the PAC building. The Confraternity of Christian Mothers will host this beautiful tradition, which is an offering of love, labor & sacrifice in honor of St Joseph. Fr. Stephen will bless the altar and then all participants may sample the meatless foods on the altar. In keeping with the tradition, we will accept money or food donations to help the Jarrell Food Pantry. All are invited to celebrate & honor St Joseph, the Protector of the Universal Church and the Holy Family.



If you would like to help decorate the church for the Easter season with Easter Lilies & Flowers, in memory or honor of loved ones, you may do so by completing and returning an **Easter Flower Envelope** (located by the bulletins). Please print all names clearly! Envelopes should be turned in by Sunday, April 10, as the memorials will be listed in the Easter bulletin.

Novena Prayer to St. Joseph

(Please pray the following with your family from March 11 – 19, 2022)

O Glorious St. Joseph, faithful follower of Jesus Christ, to you do we raise our hearts and hands to implore your powerful intercession in obtaining from the Merciful Heart of Jesus all the helps and graces necessary for our spiritual and temporal welfare, particularly the grace of a happy death, and the special favors we now implore... *(you may add your own petitions here)*

O Chaste Guardian of Jesus Christ, The Word Incarnate, we have great confidence that your prayers on our behalf will be graciously heard before the throne of God.

V. Glorious St. Joseph, through the love you bore toward Jesus Christ and for the glory of His name,

P. Hear our prayers and obtain our petitions.

-Let us pray-

O Glorious St. Joseph, Spouse of the Immaculate Virgin Mary, help us to be pure, humble and charitable in body, mind and soul, and to have perfect resignation to the Divine Will. Be our guide, our father and our model through life, that we may merit to die in the arms of Jesus and Mary as you did. **St. Joseph, friend of the Sacred Heart, pray for us!**

Dear friends in Christ,

Congratulations for all who are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this Sunday. May they allow the Holy Spirit to lead and guide them throughout their lives so that they make all decisions according to the will of God.

This past week we began the holy season of Lent. There are three aspects to the season of Lent and they are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Increased prayer helps us to grow in our relationship with Jesus, fasting helps us to gain a spiritual hunger for our Lord and helps us to gain self-control of our appetites and desires, and almsgiving helps us in our need to live as Jesus did in service to other people. These help to prepare us to celebrate the resurrection of the Lord. Lent helps to remind Christians of their sinfulness and the need to return to their baptismal innocence.

During the Lenten season we as Catholics pray the Stations of the Cross every week, usually on Wednesday or Friday, as we meditate on Jesus being arrested in the Garden, brought before Pilate, scourged, crowned with thorns, carrying His cross, being crucified and then buried. By meditating on these last events of Jesus' life we come to have a greater appreciation of the Resurrection of our Lord from the dead so that we can truly celebrate Easter with abundant joy. **Please join us every Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm for the Stations of the Cross.**

In today's Gospel we heard of how Jesus was in the desert for forty days spending time in prayer and fasting. Even though He was strong spiritually since He is the Son of God, Jesus still needed to discipline his human body so that it would be strengthened against the temptations of the flesh. As we heard in the Gospel, Jesus was tempted by the devil and He resisted those temptations. These forty days of Lent are meant to help us be strengthened spiritually and physically so that we can be prepared for everything that the devil might throw at us in ways of temptation. May we respond to Jesus' invitation and do all that He asks us to do so that we are prepared for all that awaits us in life.

May the Lord bless you all with a spiritually renewing Season of Lent.

Fr. Stephen Nesrsta, farář

K úvaze: „Boží slovo je naším chlebem: ať se potíme při naslouchání, abychom nezahynuli při postění“. Jistě to Augustin nemyslel v tom smyslu, že bychom se měli potit strachem a hrůzou z Božího slova. Spíš je to míněno tak, že se máme usilovně snažit slyšet a přijmout Boží podněty – a toto úsilí má být tak intenzivní, že se obrazně řečeno při tom potíme, tak jako při namáhavé práci.

A samotný Kristus je živoucím příkladem tohoto „naslouchání v potu“. Nepodléhá laciným a svůdným řešením, ale „v námaze“ se podřizuje Božímu hlasu, kráčí po Otcově cestě. Touto drahou poslušností si Ježíš „vydobył“ život – a to právě v okamžiku oslabení těla, při postu. Boží slovo se pro něj stalo životní mízou, pokrmem... ale zároveň osvěžující rosou pod pražícím sluncem pouště.

Postní putování se může stát vysilujícím asketickým cvičením (pouhým odříkáním vyprazdňujícím náš život), namáhavou cestou pouště daleko od zabydleného domova zvyků (pokud se snažíme „vykořenit“ nějaké špatné zvyky), pomalým klopýtáním a „upadnutím“ kvůli celkovému oslabení (a tím upadnutím míníme např. podléhání netrpělivosti a zlobě vůči bližním, třeba kvůli maličkostem) – nechceš-li podlehnout, nechceš-li padnout vysílený, znechucený (s pochybovačnou otázkou „je toto pravé prožívání postní doby?“), pak... se posiluj Božím pokrmem, Božím slovem. To je ta výbava na cestu, „proviant“, který ti umožní dojít až do Jeruzaléma, místa smrti a vzkříšení.

Najdi si proto čas, aby ses sytil Božím slovem. A toto slovo skutečně přijmi, podobným způsobem jako pokrm: otevři ústa touhou, rozžvýkej Boží slovo přemýšlením, přijmi jej do svého nitra, tj. do svých citů a záměrů. Boží slovo je chlebem i pro tebe! (Pastorace.cz)

Primer Domingo de Cuaresma: Hay veces en nuestras vidas en las que, como Jesús, nos encontramos a nosotros mismos solos y hambrientos en un lugar abandonado. Es tentador, cuando todo es piedras y escombros, poner nuestra fe en cosas que ofrecen confort y seguridad. Las Escrituras hoy nos invitan a poner nuestra confianza y fe en Dios, el único que puede salvarnos y darnos vida. Debemos rechazar la tentación de crear "dioses" o de poner nuestra confianza en bienes materiales, en el poder o el control en lugar de aferrarnos al Señor que es nuestra roca y nuestro refugio.

More about Lent

What does it mean to "fast"?

To fast is to do without food. Its purpose is to experience the effects of not eating. It also serves to be a penance or a sacrifice - for the purpose of strengthening us. When we don't eat, for even a little while, we get hungry. When we get hungry, we have a heightened sense of awareness. If, when we eat too much, we have a sluggish feeling, When we fast, we have a feeling of alertness. Fasting is a wonderful exercise whenever we want to sincerely ask for an important grace from God. It is not that our fasting "earns" God's attention, but by fasting, we clarify our thinking and our feeling. It is purifying and prepares us to pray more deeply.

When do I fast?

Catholics, as a group, are required to fast on only two days of the year - Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On these days, fasting means something very specific and limited. It means that one eats only one full meal in a day, with no food in-between meals. It is understood that two other meals, if one eats three meals a day, should not total one full meal. One might fast in a more complete way, i.e., eating only a portion of a single meal or only having bread and water. Of course, anyone is free to fast at any time that it is helpful for their prayer and reflection. It is not recommended that anyone with impaired health should fast in any way. It is also important to note that everyone who fasts should drink enough fluids on a fast day.

What does it mean to "abstain"?

To abstain is to not eat meat. We are asked to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all Fridays during Lent. The Church has also asked us to abstain all Fridays of the year for the end of abortion, the respect for Marriage, and for Religious Freedom. Its purpose is to be an act of penance, an act of sacrifice that helps us grow in freedom to make much bigger sacrifices. Of course, it would not make sense to make the sacrifice of not eating meat, and then eat a wonderful meal I might enjoy even more. Many people eat a vegetarian diet, for a variety of reasons, and eating meat is not even an issue. It might be possible to abstain from a non-meal that I really like, on all the Fridays of Lent. It should be noted that many people in this world cannot afford to eat meat or do not have access to it. Part of our abstaining from meat can place us in solidarity with so many of our sisters and brothers around the world.

Eating

Lent is a great time to change our eating patterns. This is not about "losing weight" or "getting in shape," though for most of us, paying attention to what we eat, will make a difference in our overall health. This is about being more alert. Anyone who has tried to diet knows that something changes in us when we try to avoid eating. The monks in the desert, centuries ago, discovered that fasting - simply not eating - caused a tremendous boost to their consciousness. Not only did their bodies go on "alert," but their whole person seemed to be in a more heightened state of attention. The whole purpose of fasting was to aid prayer - to make it easier to listen to God more openly, especially in times of need.

Among Catholics, only Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are named as days of fast we all do together. (And that fast is simply to eat only one full meal in the day, with the other two meals combined, not equal to the one.) On the Wednesdays and Fridays of Lent, we may want to try to fast more intentionally. Of course, always conscious of our health and individual nutrition needs, we may want to try to eat very little, except some juices, or perhaps a small amount of beans and rice. We will experience how powerfully open and alert we feel and how much easier it is to pray and to name deeper desires. Not only will I feel less sluggish and tired, I will feel simply freer and more energized.

The other powerful advantage of fasting is that it can be a very simple gesture that places me in greater solidarity with the poor of the earth, who often have very little more than a little rice and beans each day. Powerful things happen in me, when I think about those people in the world who have so much less than I do. And, it's a great cure for self-pity.