

PARISH LIFE

A Weekly Publication for Parishioners & Friends of Holy Trinity Parish



MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS	5:30 PM
IN CHURCH	
FIRST SATURDAY MASS	8:15 AM
SUNDAY MASS	
IN CHURCH	7:30 AM
IN CHURCH & LIVESTREAM	9:00 AM
IN CHURCH	11:00 AM
MONDAY – FRIDAY MASS	8:15 AM
IN CHURCH	
SACRAMENT OF PENANCE	
SATURDAY 4:30–5:15 PM OR BY APPOINTMENT	
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT	
EVERY THURSDAY 9:00 AM–5:00 PM	

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OUR PURPOSE:

To proclaim the Gospel so that all
will be one in Christ for the glory of God.

OUR VISION:

Holy Trinity Parish is a Catholic community
forming missionary disciples
who live as stewards committed to
hospitality, prayer, formation and service.

February 25, 2024 ~ Second Sunday of Lent

Please read our bulletin and visit our website for updated information:
www.holytrinityparish.org

Church hours: Sun. 7:30 AM-1 PM; Sat. 8 AM-6:30 PM; Mon.-Fri. 8 AM-4 PM

Parish Office hours: Monday-Friday 8:45 AM-4:00 PM

Upcoming Events:

Feb. 25	High School Youth Group Pajamas & Pancakes 6:00 PM
Feb. 25 OR 27	St. Sebastian (Year 2) Confirmation Group Session
Mar. 1	Stations of the Cross 6:00 PM
Mar. 2	First Saturday Mass 8:15 AM
Mar. 8	Stations of the Cross 6:00 PM
Mar. 9	Spirit of Benny 10K/5K Fun Run & Walk
Mar. 9/10	Holy Trinity Community Servants on the Plaza after all Masses
Mar. 9/10	2 nd Collection – Catholic Relief Services
Mar. 10	Fired Up! Confirmation Conf., St. Sebastian Grp. Christian Bros. HS 2:30 PM
Mar. 12-15	40 Hour Eucharistic Adoration
Mar. 15	Stations of the Cross 6:00 PM
Mar. 16	St. Patrick's Dinner 6:00 PM
Mar. 17	High School Youth Group 6:00 PM
Mar. 19	Lenten Penance Service 6:30 PM
Mar. 20	Adult Confirmation Formation begins 6:30 PM
Mar. 22	Stations of the Cross 6:00 PM
Apr. 6	Transformed by Grace Women's Event
Apr. 13	Holy Trinity School Ministry's "I'm In" Gala
Apr. 20	Marriage Ministry – Half Day Retreat



HOSPITALITY

Acting as Christ the Shepherd, a parish committed to stewardship is a true community of faith that welcomes, honors, and involves every person in the life and work of the Church, acknowledging the blessing of our richly different backgrounds and experiences.

Fr. Larry to Retire from Active Ministry July 1

Bishop Soto has granted Fr. Larry permission to retire from active ministry as a priest effective July 1, 2024. Having reached his 65th year of age and after 36 years of priestly ministry, Fr. Larry looks forward in retirement to continuing to serve wherever he's needed in our diocese. Be assured he will update parishioners on the status of the Bishop's decision regarding the assignment of a new pastor expected by approximately May 1. Please be so kind to keep these intentions in your prayers.

Transformed by Grace Women's Event – April 6

Our third annual Transformed by Grace Women's event will take place on Saturday, April 6 (9:30 AM - 1 PM). The day promises to be filled with inspiration from the Bible and time for prayer, reflection, and sisterhood. The event also includes a delicious mimosa lunch. Tickets are selling quickly, so reserve your spot today.

For additional details, visit the event page at HolyTrinityParish.org/Grace. If you have questions or need to update your guest information, contact Farren Hatch (farrenhatch@yahoo.com).

Eucharistic Revival Diocesan Congress March 9, 2024

In celebration of the Eucharistic Revival, Bishop Soto invites Catholics across the Sacramento diocese to join us at our Diocesan Congress on Saturday, March 9 from 2:00-6:00 PM for one of three simultaneous gatherings: Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Sacramento (in Spanish), St. Francis Parish, Sacramento (in English), and a youth event at Immaculate Conception Parish, Sacramento (in English) hosted by the Black Catholic Ministry. The Diocesan Congress will feature music, food, and speakers such as Priscilla Garza, Fr. Agustino Torress CFR, Rhyann Ramirez, Pedro de Acevado, and more. The events will culminate with Mass and a Eucharistic Procession from each of the three locations to the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament for Night Fever from 7:00-9:00 PM. Please visit our website at www.scd.org/celebrate for more information.

Lenten Communal Penance Service March 19

Our parish Lenten Penance Service is scheduled for Tuesday, March 19, beginning at 6:30 PM. Seven priests will be available. Lent is the opportune time to receive the grace of this beautiful sacrament that brings you peace and a fresh start. The priests are eager to assist and guide you, even if it's been many years since you have been to confession. Please join us and remember God's encouragement through the prophet Isaiah, "Do not fear: I am with you." Come and receive the gift of our Lord's healing.

40 Hour Eucharistic Devotional

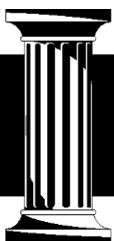
Please consider participating in a 40-hour devotional March 12-15, 2024:

- Tuesday, March 12 – begins after 8:15 AM Mass for 8 hours ending with Benediction at 5:00 PM.
- Wednesday, March 13 – begins after 8:15 AM Mass for 8 hours ending with Benediction at 5:00 PM.
- Thursday, March 14 – begins after 8:15 AM Mass for 24 hours, ending just prior to the 8:15 AM Mass on Friday, March 15.

To volunteer for a 30 minute or 1 hour time slot, please sign up by calling or texting Loretta Allsup at 408-966-9424 or sign up at Holy Trinity's website: <https://www.holytrinityparish.org/events>

13th ANNUAL
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PRAYER

Acting as Christ the Priest, a parish committed to stewardship strives to nourish each person through prayer, strengthening our relationship with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and focusing on the Eucharist, the "source and summit of the Christian Life."

Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross will be prayed on Fridays during Lent, beginning at 6:00 PM. The Holy Trinity community is encouraged to come and participate.

What Do We Get From Praying the Stations of the Cross?

The Stations of the Cross continue to be a vital Catholic devotion 1,681 years later and counting, and according to Pope Francis, there are many reasons why praying the Stations of the Cross matters.

They involve us in the story.

"How many people were with Jesus on the way to Calvary: Pilate, Simon of Cyrene, Mary, the women? Sometimes we can be like Pilate, who did not have the courage to go against the tide to save Jesus' life, and instead washed his hands...The Cross of Christ teaches us to be like Simon of Cyrene, who helped Jesus to carry that heavy wood; it teaches us to be like Mary and the other women, who were not afraid to accompany Jesus. Who are you like? Like Pilate? Like Simon? Like Mary?"

They allow us to place our trust in Him.

"The Cross of Christ contains all the love of God, His immeasurable mercy. This is a love in which we can place all our trust, in which we can believe...let us bring to Christ's Cross our joys, our sufferings and our failures. There we will find a Heart that is open to us and understands us, forgives us, loves us, and calls us to bear this love in our lives, to love each person, each brother and sister, with the same love."

They remind us God triumphs over all evil.

"With Him, evil, suffering, and death do not have the last word, because He gives us hope and life: He has transformed the Cross from an instrument of hate, defeat, and death into a sign of love, victory, and life."

They show us how much God loves us.

"It (the Cross) gives us a treasure that no one else can give: the certainty of the unshakable love which God has for us. A love so great that it enters into our sin and forgives it, enters into our suffering and gives us the strength to bear it." St. Paul put it best in his letter to the Romans, "you might sacrifice your life for someone who was good or just. Yet, Christ sacrificed His life while we were sinners for our salvation."

First Saturday Mass

First Saturday Mass is a devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and will be celebrated at 8:15 AM on the first Saturday of each month. The next Mass is **March 2, 2024.**

Shorter Stations of the Cross

If you are unable to join us for Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings, please pray the shorter version available on page 6 of this bulletin. Consider praying this with your family and friends each Friday as a way to enter more deeply into the season of Lent.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, Feb. 26

8:15 AM Janet Osborne, deceased, by David & Christine Hilton

Tuesday, Feb. 27

8:15 AM Natasha Largey, deceased, by David & Christine Hilton

Wednesday, Feb. 28

8:15 AM All Souls

Thursday, Feb. 29

8:15 AM Ed Lewandowski, deceased, by Cindy Lewandowski

Friday, Mar. 1

8:15 AM Julianna Martinez, special intention, by Rebecca Gaul

Saturday, Mar. 2

8:15 AM Douglas P. Brooks, ill, by Christine Hilton

5:30 PM Pamela Joyce, deceased, by Coan family

Sunday, Mar. 3

7:30 AM Tona Morales, special intention, by Tona

9:00 AM David Rhoads, deceased, by Marlene Rhoads

11:00 AM Parishioners of Holy Trinity

For DAILY READINGS

Please visit us @ holytrinityparish.org or www.usccb.org/bible/readings/022524.cfm



FORMATION

Acting as Christ the Teacher, a parish committed to stewardship emphasizes, through evangelization and catechesis, the development of households of faith, where our Catholic story as the Body of Christ is lived and shared with one another.

Questions for Faith Sharing Mar. 3 Third Sunday of Lent

In next Sunday's Gospel, John 2:13-25, we hear about Jesus' cleansing of the temple in a dramatic and violent manner. Jesus causes this commotion because God's house has been turned into a marketplace. What is supposed to be about faith in and commitment to God becomes a business. It's little wonder that Jesus would not entrust himself to those who say they believe. Although the religious leaders may allow, endorse, or even promote this activity, they cannot defend this malpractice from one who demands true worship.

Reflection for families:

- In what ways is faith commercialized?

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Brother Francis Lenten Reflections

Join Brother Francis in this compact presentation of what Lent is all about and how we observe it as Catholics. Some of the topics include "A Time to Repent", "A Time to Give Things Up", and "A Time to Wash Someone's Feet".

This series is great for the whole family!

<https://watch.formed.org/videos/brother-francis-lenten-reflections-intro>

Adult Confirmation Formation

Adult Confirmation will be celebrated on the Vigil of Pentecost (May 18) at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. Holy Trinity Parish offers formation sessions to practicing Catholics who did not celebrate this important sacrament in their youth. **Sessions begin March 20 at 6:30 PM.** For more information, contact Cynthia Mulcaire in the Faith Formation office at 530-677-3234, ext. 233 or cmulcaire@holytrinityparish.org.

Confirmation Groups Update

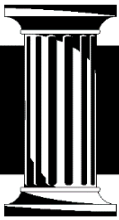
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St. Sebastian Group:

- Your next Year 2 Combined Session, "Burn," is scheduled for **Sunday, February 25** (10:15-11:45 AM) OR **Tuesday, February 27** (5:45-7:15 PM). Candidates should attend with a parent or sponsor.
- All candidates must attend the Sacramento Diocese Confirmation Conference Fired Up! on **March 10** (2:30-6:30 PM) at Christian Brothers High School with speakers Rhyam Ramirez, Father Agustino Torres and Priscilla Garza. We are looking for parent chaperones: please contact us if you can help!

St. Teresa of Avila Group:

- All Year 1 candidates must choose a sponsor and have them complete a Sponsor Form. Forms are available on our website.
- Saint Letters and Saint Projects are due in the Faith Formation Office on **April 19**.
- For more information about our Confirmation Program, please contact Kim Jones (kjones@holytrinityparish.org).



SERVICE

Putting into action our commission as Christ the Shepherd, Priest, and Teacher, a parish committed to stewardship serves the many needs of its own parish family, as well as the needs of the larger community and the world.

Stewardship...

"Here I am!" he answered. - Genesis 22:11

It is easy to say, "Here I am, Lord," when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say, "Here I am, Lord," when a neighbor needs our help, or when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often, we are called when it's not convenient for us. Discipleship is not easy; most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.

Consider making your gift electronically:

<https://www.holytrinityparish.org/give>.

Stewardship Opportunity Rectory Housekeeper

Our parish has a long tradition of inviting parishioners to serve our Lord and his church by assisting with the housecleaning of the on-campus parish rectory where our two priests reside. The financial savings enable the parish to apply even more of our gifts of treasure to ministries that serve our Lord's people.

In recent years two parishioners have shared the responsibility of primarily cleaning the priests' bedrooms and, occasionally, the living room and kitchen. We have an immediate opening for a parishioner to serve for a couple of hours once a month. Personal schedules, vacations and holidays can easily be accommodated.

For more information, please contact the parish office at (530) 677-3234 or Father Larry.

Women's Day of Reflection

You are invited to join us as we take part in our annual Women's Day of Reflection at Christ the King Retreat Center. The Retreat will be from 9:30 AM to 2:45 PM on Thursday, **March 7, 2024** at Christ the King Retreat Center, and, as in the past, for those interested we will arrange carpools from Holy Trinity parking lot. The cost for the day, including Mass and lunch is \$40, paid in advance. For questions, contact: Barbara Edgar barbedgar@aol.com / 916-939-3964.

Good News Holy Trinity!

Holy Trinity parish now has an active St. Vincent de Paul Conference (SVDP)! We have completed our "start-up" first 6 months of serving the needy in our midst by offering them a HAND UP, not just a HANDOUT, as they strive to live a more stable life in our community.

Here at Holy Trinity, our activities to help may look a little different from what we often see SVDP Conferences do at other parishes. Because we don't have the space to provide a clothes closet or food pantry, all of our energies go directly to meeting in person with our neighbors who are in need. We can provide that assistance only through the ongoing generosity of all of us here at Holy Trinity, who have so much to be grateful for.

In November, the Mountain Democrat visited us and wrote an article to help us get the word out that we are here and ready to help where we can. From our "door opening" July 1 through January, we have been able to assist 45 neighbors in need (28 adults & 17 children) with payments totaling \$10,988, most of which was for rent and utilities payments. We have even been blessed to be able to assist several of our own Holy Trinity parishioners.

As our existence becomes more widely known in El Dorado County, the requests for assistance are increasing as are the opportunities to be a part of this wonderful effort. If you would like more information about how you can be a part of this mission, we invite and welcome you to join us at our bi-monthly meetings, (the 1st Monday morning at 9:00 AM and the 3rd Monday at 6:30 PM) in the View Room.

If you would like more information, you can contact Conference President Barbara Edgar at barbedgar@aol.com or 916-939-3964.

Holy Trinity Community Servants

The Holy Trinity Community Servants (HTCS) ministry will be on the Plaza after all Masses the weekend of **March 9 & 10**. Please stop by their table to say hello and to learn more about their vital ministry. The next workday is Saturday, April 27.

SHORTER STATIONS OF THE CROSS

We adore you O Christ and we bless you, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

The First Station – Jesus is condemned to death

Consider how Jesus, after having been scourged and crowned with thorns, was unjustly condemned by Pilate to die on the cross.

The Second Station – Jesus carries his heavy cross.

Consider how Jesus, in making this journey with the cross on his shoulders, thought of us and offered for us to His father the death He was about to undergo.

The Third Station – Jesus falls the first time.

Consider the first fall of Jesus under His cross. His flesh was torn by the scourges; His head was crowned with thorns. He had lost a great quantity of blood; so weakened He could scarcely walk. He yet had to carry this great load upon His shoulders. The soldiers struck him rudely and he fell several times.

The Fourth Station – Jesus meets His sorrowful mother.

Consider this meeting of the son and the mother which took place on this journey. Their looks became like so many arrows to wound those hearts which loved each other so tenderly.

The Fifth Station – Simon helps Jesus to carry the cross.

Consider how His cruel tormentors, seeing that Jesus was on the point of expiring, and fearing He would die on the way whereas they wished Him to die the shameful death of the cross, constrained Simon of Cyrene to carry the cross behind the Lord.

The Sixth Station – Veronica wipes the face of Jesus.

Consider how the holy woman named Veronica, seeing Jesus so ill used, and bathed in sweat and blood, wiped His face with a towel on which was left the impression of His Holy face.

The Seventh Station – Jesus Falls the second time.

Consider the second fall of Jesus under the cross. A fall which renews the pain of all the wounds in His body.

The Eighth Station – The women of Jerusalem weep over Jesus.

Consider how these women wept with compassion of seeing Jesus in such a pitiable state streaming His blood as he walked along. Daughters of Jerusalem, said He, weep not for me but for yourselves and for your children.

The Ninth Station – Jesus falls the third time.

Consider the third fall of Jesus Christ. His weakness was extreme and the cruelty of His executioners was excessive who tried to hasten His steps when He could scarcely move.

The Tenth Station – Jesus is stripped of his garments.

Consider the violence with which Jesus was stripped by His executioners. His inner garments adhered to His torn flesh and they dragged them off so roughly that the skin came with them. Take pity on your savior thus cruelly treated.

The Eleventh Station – Jesus is nailed to the cross.

Consider how Jesus, having been placed upon the cross, extended His hands and offered to His eternal Father the sacrifice of His life for our salvation. Those barbarians fastened Him with nails and then securing the cross allowed Him to die with anguish on this infamous gibbet.

The Twelfth Station – Jesus is raised up on the cross and dies.

Consider how Jesus being consumed with anguish after three hours of agony on the cross abandoned himself to the weight of his body, bowed His head and died. (All kneel or genuflect)

The Thirteenth Station – Jesus is taken down from the cross.

Consider how, after our Lord expired, two of His disciples, Joseph and Nicodemus, took Him down from the cross and placed Him in the arms of his afflicted mother who received Him with unutterable tenderness and pressed Him to her heart.

The Fourteenth Station – Jesus is laid in the tomb.

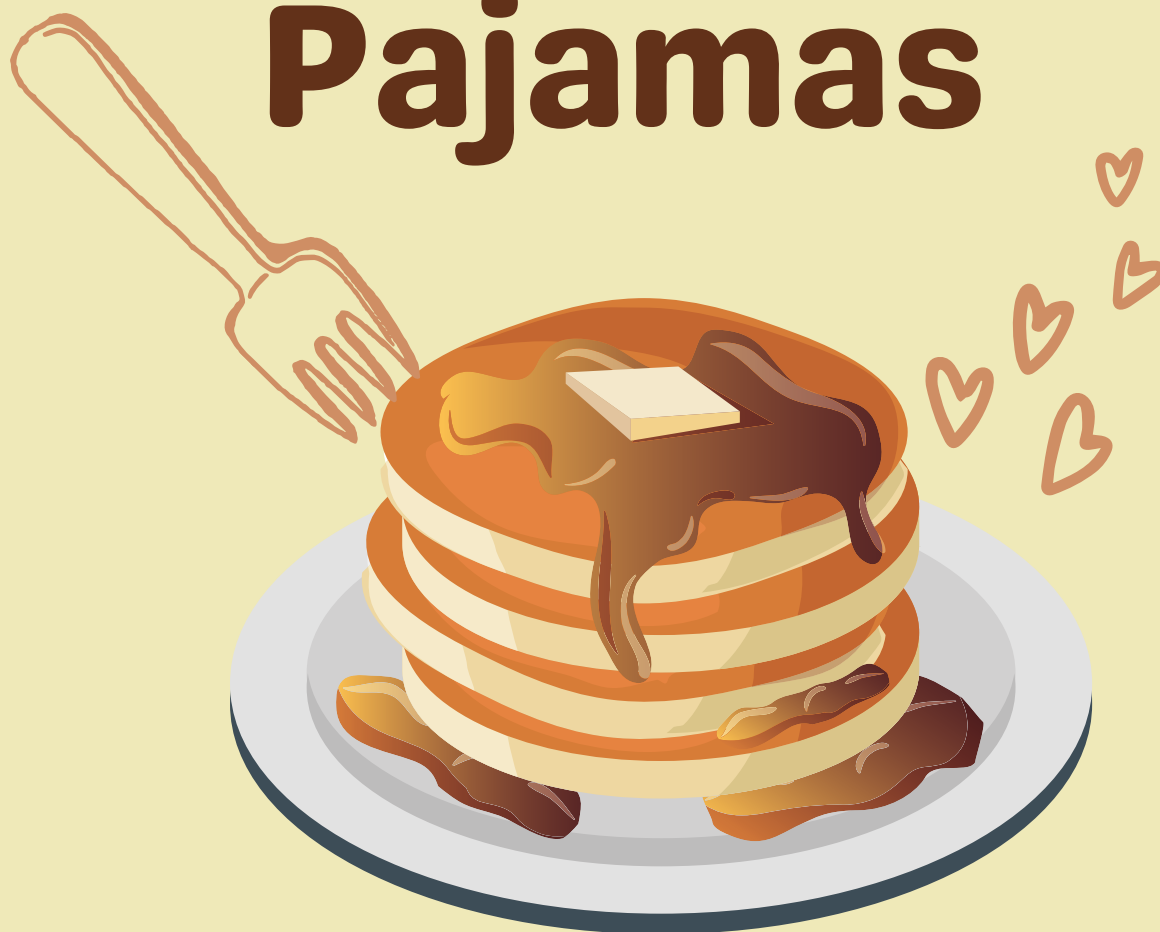
Consider how the disciples, accompanied by His holy mother, carried the body of Jesus to bury it. They closed the tomb and all came sorrowfully away.

Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, Have mercy on us.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us now and at the hour of our death, Amen. Dear Jesus, by the merits of your passion and cross, we present to you all our petitions.

HS Youth Group

Pancakes & Pajamas



Sunday, Feb. 25, 6-8 pm
Youth Center

Friends welcome!



ST. PATRICK'S DINNER

Saturday, March 16th, 6:00 PM

Holy Trinity Parish Social Center

a Knights of Columbus Adult-Only Affair

Dance a jig to the music of:



a Premier Irish Pub Band

Guinness and Irish Whiskey a plenty at our no-host bar!
along with a selection of wine, beer, and soft beverages

Menu

Green Garden Salad & Garlic Bread

(Green Garden Mix with Cherry Tomatoes Cucumbers and Carrot Stick Garnish)

Corned Beef Brisket

*Brined and slow cooked the Leprechaun way
Boiled Cabbage and Carrots in the corned brine spices /
Roasted Creamer Potatoes with a blend of Rosemary and spices*

Vegan Option

Vegan Enchilada

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