

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.

December 10, 2023 ~ Second Sunday of Advent

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:

Dec. 9/10	Giving Tree in the Narthex
Dec. 12	Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe – Mass at 6:30 PM
Dec. 14	Confession 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Dec. 16	Breakfast with Santa 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
Dec. 16	Confession 4:30 PM – 5:15 PM
Dec. 19	Confession Noon – 1:00 PM
Dec. 19	School Ministry Christmas Pageant 6:00 PM
Dec. 21	Confession 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Dec. 23	Confession 4:30 PM – 5:15 PM
Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Masses: 4:00 PM, 4:15 PM, 7:00 PM, 9:00 PM
Dec. 25	Christmas Day Masses: 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
Jan. 1	Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God (New Year's Day Mass) 10:00 AM
Jan. 4	Extended Adoration of the Holy Eucharist 9:00 AM – 7:00 PM
Jan. 28	High School Youth Group 6:00 PM
Jan. 31	Eucharistic Revival Study begins



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.

Giving Tree

This weekend we invite you to stop by our Giving Tree in the narthex before or after Mass. There will be gift tags representing 3 local charities and several families in need of our generous donations this Christmas. Please take one or two gift tags from the tree and purchase the items listed, then return the unwrapped gift(s) with attached tag(s) to the parish office or under the tree by **December 12**.

Additional Confession Times for Advent 2023

Advent is a holy time of the year, not only to prepare for Christmas as our society celebrates, but as Scriptures says to “make way for the coming of our Lord.” So, every Advent is a new journey of faith and every Confession in Advent is a new beginning and fresh start. In the sacrament, Christ wipes away our sins, opening the door to a new life in him. Please take advantage of the following opportunities to receive the merciful grace of our Lord as we prepare for the coming of our Lord:

Saturdays of December, 4:30 – 5:15 PM

Thursday, 12/14, 6:00 – 7:00 PM

Tuesday, 12/19, Noon – 1:00 PM

Thursday, 12/21, 6:00 – 7:00 PM

Christmas Flower Donations

The Liturgical Environment Ministry is seeking donations for our Christmas poinsettia plants, greens, and floral arrangements. You may make your donation in memory of a loved one. A Mass for the memorial intentions will be offered at the 9:00 AM Mass on Sunday, **January 14, 2024**. Donation envelopes are in the pews and at the back of the nave. Your continuing generosity helps us create a beautiful worship environment for our parish Christmas celebrations.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass

December 12 is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Patron Saint of the Americas. Mass will be celebrated at 6:30 PM. There will be desserts and refreshments served afterwards in the Social Center. All are welcome! Any questions or if you wish to volunteer to work or bring dessert, please call Angela at 530-676-8601.

When do I sit, stand and kneel at Mass?

These postures and gestures are not merely ceremonial. They have profound meaning and, when done with understanding, can enhance our participation in the Mass.

Sitting

Sitting is the posture of listening and meditation, so the congregation sits for the pre-Gospel readings and the homily and may also sit for the period of meditation following Communion. All should strive to assume a seated posture during the Mass that is attentive rather than merely at rest.

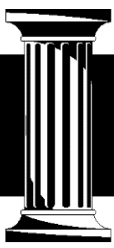
Standing

Standing is a sign of respect and honor, so we stand as the celebrant who represents Christ enters and leaves the assembly. From the earliest days of the Church, this posture has been understood as the stance of those who have risen with Christ and seek the things that are above. When we stand for prayer, we assume our full stature before God, not in pride but in humble gratitude for the marvelous things God has done in creating and redeeming each one of us.

By Baptism we have been given a share in the life of God, and the posture of standing is an acknowledgment of this wonderful gift. We stand for the proclamation of the Gospel, which recounts the words and deeds of the Lord. The bishops of the United States have chosen standing as the posture to be observed for the reception of Communion.

Kneeling

In the early Church, kneeling signified penance. So thoroughly was kneeling identified with penance that the early Christians were forbidden to kneel on Sundays and during the Easter season, when the prevailing spirit of the Liturgy was one of joy and thanksgiving. In the Middle Ages kneeling came to signify homage, and more recently this posture has come to signify adoration, especially before the presence of Christ in the Eucharist. It is for this reason that the bishops of this country have chosen the posture of kneeling for the entire Eucharistic Prayer.



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."



Eucharistic Revival

at Holy Trinity Parish

An ongoing series to restore devotion to the Eucharist

What are appropriate signs of reverence with respect to the Body and Blood of Christ?

The Body and Blood of Christ present under the appearances of bread and wine are treated with the greatest reverence both during and after the celebration of the Eucharist (cf. *Mysterium Fidei*, nos. 56-61). For example, the tabernacle in which the consecrated bread is reserved is placed "in some part of the church or oratory which is distinguished, conspicuous, beautifully decorated, and suitable for prayer" (Code of Canon Law, Can. 938, §2).

According to the tradition of the Latin Church, one should genuflect in the presence of the tabernacle containing the reserved sacrament. In the Eastern Catholic Churches, the traditional practice is to make the sign of the cross and to bow profoundly. The liturgical gestures from both traditions reflect reverence, respect, and adoration.

It is appropriate for the members of the assembly to greet each other in the gathering space of the church (that is, the vestibule or narthex), but it is not appropriate to speak in loud or boisterous tones in the body of the church (that is, the nave) because of the presence of Christ in the tabernacle.

Also, the Church requires everyone to fast before receiving the Body and Blood of Christ as a sign of reverence and recollection (unless illness prevents one from doing so). In the Latin Church, one must generally fast for at least one hour; members of Eastern Catholic Churches must follow the practice established by their own Church.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, Dec. 11

8:15 AM Juan Benito, deceased, by DeGuzman family

Tuesday, Dec. 12

8:15 AM Marilyn Brunelle, deceased, by Holy Trinity School Ministry
6:30 PM Jeanette Marquis, deceased, by Holy Trinity Finance Council

Wednesday, Dec. 13

8:15 AM Betty Daoust, deceased, by Wenig family

Thursday, Dec. 14

8:15 AM Bill & Mary Jo Morrow, deceased, by Wenig family

Friday, Dec. 15

8:15 AM Arthur Graff, deceased

Saturday, Dec. 16

5:30 PM Carl Guecia, deceased, by John & Sally Raslear

Sunday, Dec. 17

7:30 AM Emily DiNardo, deceased, by Campanello - Fachin family
9:00 AM J.R. & Rosemary Heier, on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary
11:00 AM Parishioners of Holy Trinity

For DAILY READINGS

Please visit us @ holytrinityparish.org or www.usccb.org/bible/readings/121023.cfm

Spiritual Support for Families

If you or a family member need an Anointing of the Sick, please call the parish office. After hours, follow the prompts to be connected directly to a priest: 530-677-3234.



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.

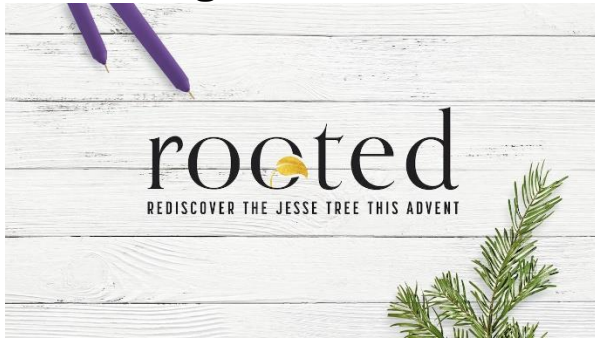
Questions for Faith Sharing Dec. 17 Third Sunday of Advent

In next Sunday's Gospel, John 1:6-8, 19-28, we hear that "John was sent from God to testify to the light so that all might believe through him." Our joy at what God has done for us bursts forth. We rejoice because our celebration of Jesus' birth is simultaneously a celebration of all that God has promised and will accomplish through his Son.

Reflection for families:

- What actions can we perform so that we are "testifying to the light" of God?

Formed.org



This new 22-episode series guides Catholics through a daily Advent reflection using the Jesse Tree model traditionally practiced by families. Each seven-minute episode introduces the ancestors of Jesus Christ, shares a Scripture passage, and offers an engaging, practical reflection.

Hosted by Dr. Scott Hefelfinger, Rooted helps viewers apply the passage and related teachings to each day of Advent, guided by the Church's teaching.

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

The Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) ministry brings the Mass readings to our youngest parish members, grades K through 5. We offer this ministry during the 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM Masses most Sundays. We usually break during summer. If you would like more information about serving in this rewarding ministry, please contact Mary Beth:

925 575-4902

Faith Formation Coat & Blanket Drive

With temperatures dropping, we are taking up a collection of new or gently used coats and blankets to benefit the Upper Room and St. Vincent de Paul Ministries. The drive will run **until December 15**. You can find the collection boxes in the reception area of the Social Center which will be open during Mass times each Saturday and Sunday.

School Ministry Christmas Pageant

Holy Trinity School Ministry invites you to our annual Christmas Pageant: **Tuesday, December 19**, at 6:00 PM in the Social Center. Come enjoy our youth as they recount our Savior's birth in song and script and remind us of the true reason for the Christmas season! All are welcome!

Confirmation Groups Update

confirmation@holytrinityparish.org
kjones@holytrinityparish.org

St. Sebastian Group:

- Thanks to all who attended our Combined Sessions last week. Our next event is our Confirmation Retreat for candidates only on **February 10**. More information to come soon!
- If you have not yet chosen a sponsor and turned in your Sponsor form, please do so as soon as possible.

St. Teresa of Avila Group:

- Thanks to all who attended our Combined Sessions last week. It is now time to choose your Confirmation Saint and Confirmation Sponsor. Please give your sponsor a Sponsor form to take to their home parish to complete. More information about sponsors and forms are available on our parish website.
- If you would like to register your child for Confirmation, 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...

"Prepare the way of the Lord..." - Mark 1:3

We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, puts us on the path to holiness and is an example for others to be holy, too. We are responsible not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. How are you helping others get to Heaven?

Consider making your gift electronically:

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

Christmas Donations

Every year the financial gifts received at Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses are designated to our parish Building Fund. These gifts are for the proper care and maintenance of parish property and campus, including repairs and improvements to buildings and facilities.

Pilgrimage to the Marian Shrines in Portugal, Spain & France

April 9-20, 2024

Join Fr. Marcel and Deacon Dan on a Pilgrimage to visit European shrines dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God. We have arranged for a Pilgrimage to the Marian Shrines of Fatima, Lourdes, Santiago de Compostela (the burial place of the Apostle St. James the Great), the Zaragoza Basilica of Our Lady of the Pillar, the Cathedral of Toledo, the Capital of Spain - Madrid, Valencia on the Mediterranean Sea, and the Benedictine Abbey of Santa Maria de Montserrat.

Every step of the way we will grow closer to our Blessed Virgin Mary, and through her example of obedience and selfless love, grow closer to her Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Our tour company is Anastasis Tours. For more information pick up a flier at our Parish Information table; contact Deacon Dan at dthaverty@aol.com or 916-517-6558. You may also contact Anastasis Tours directly: 661-484-3938 or info@anastasistoursusa.com. We'd love to have you come along with us this Spring!

The 2024 Catholic Every Sacred Sunday Mass Journals are now available!

Every Sacred Sunday is a keepsake hardcover Mass journal that contains the full Mass readings for each Sunday and Solemnity in the 2023-2024 liturgical year so you can pre-read and prepare for Mass. There is a place to write notes, reflect on the readings, take notes on the homily, or journal how God is speaking to you through the Mass. There is a section called "Go Forth" so you can journal how you are going to commit to growing your faith with one action each week. Each Mass journal is designed to help you carry the abundant graces of the Mass into your daily life!

NEW this year is the Every Sacred Weekly Family Discussion Guide which engages kids of all ages in conversations about the Mass - with zero prep required. Website: everySacredSunday.com

The journals are available for \$45 in the parish office and would be a wonderful Christmas gift for someone!

Veteran's Board in the Narthex

Thank you to Dick Cox who is now assisting with the Veteran's Board project. If you have a child or friend on the board and would like to update their picture, or if you know someone in our armed service who is not yet on the board and would like to add them, please send a 4 X 6 photo along with their name and rank to dcox@cal.net or call 916-201-1523.

Welcome to the Greeter Ministry!

If you love attending Mass and meeting your fellow parishioners, and if you can say "good morning" while offering a song book, you have all the qualifications needed to be a great Greeter. Being a Greeter is a fulfilling and fun way to show your gratitude and give of your time and talent to our church. You'll be joining a vibrant ministry! For more information, please email Cecille Terzich at czterzich@comcast.net.

2024 Parish Mission & Healing Service

Why Be Catholic? (And How)

With Fr. Ken Geraci, C.P.M.

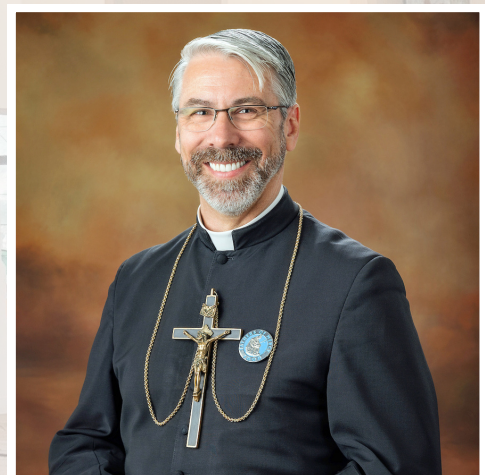
author of *Why Be Catholic* and *Spiritual Warfare & Divine Mercy*

JANUARY 21-24, 2024

7:00-8:15 p.m. in the church

**During this 4 night mission,
Fr. Geraci will preach about:**

- **Sunday:** What did Jesus do: church or spirituality?
- **Monday:** Why do we do that as Catholics?
- **Tuesday: Healing Service** - Two obstacles to healing: attachment to sin and unforgiveness.
- **Wednesday: Mass** with extended homily on how to pray the Mass.



**Confessions offered
Sunday-Wednesday from 6:00-6:45 p.m.
and following the sessions Sunday-Tuesday**

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL PRESENTS

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

& Secret Workshop



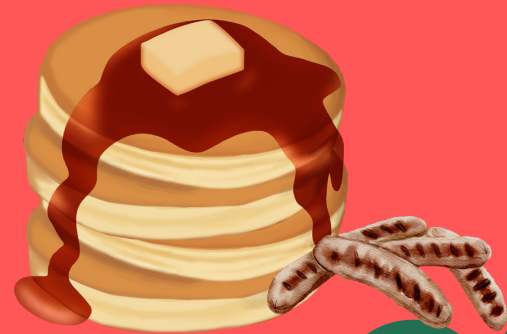
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