

PARISH LIFE

A Weekly Publication for Parishioners & Friends of Holy Trinity Parish



MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS IN CHURCH	5:30 PM
FIRST SATURDAY MASS SUNDAY MASS IN CHURCH	8:15 AM
IN CHURCH & LIVESTREAM	7:30 AM
IN CHURCH	9:00 AM
IN CHURCH	11:00 AM
MONDAY – FRIDAY MASS IN CHURCH	8:15 AM
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.

November 26, 2023 ~ Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe

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:

Nov. 25/26	Keep Christ in Christmas Knights of Columbus Sale - all Masses
Nov. 30	Marriage Ministry – The Five Love Languages 7:00 PM
Dec. 1	Lessons & Carols 7:00 PM
Dec. 2/3	Keep Christ in Christmas Knights of Columbus Sale - all Masses
Dec. 3	High School Youth Group Christmas Party 6:00 PM
Dec. 8	Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation) – Masses at 8:15 AM & 6:30 PM
Dec. 12	Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe – Mass at 6:30 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. 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.

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.

Haiti 180 Update



Sean Forrest, Founder & President of Haiti 180, would like us to share some of the many accomplishments his team achieved this year:

- Supporting 40 children in the orphanage including those with special needs
- Supporting 15 elderly patients in the nursing home
- 40 children attending their Immaculate Conception school which is ranked in the top 3 in the state
- Medical care to over 1,000 villagers including portable x-ray machines, a blood draw lab and medical home visits
- Feeding 700-1,000 people every day
- Dozens of houses built for the poor
- Employed 100 Haitians
- The creation of the Girls Haitian Choir
- Dental care was provided by Missionaries from Massachusetts

The Haiti 180 team is very grateful for God's grace and your generosity in allowing them to serve the "poorest of the poor".

Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)

The Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation) will be celebrated on **Thursday, December 8** with Masses at 8:15 AM & 6:30 PM. In Luke 1:28 the angel Gabriel, speaking on God's behalf, addresses Mary as "full of grace" or "highly favored". In that context, this phrase means that Mary is receiving all the special divine help necessary for the task ahead. However, the Church grows in understanding with the help of the Holy Spirit.

The Spirit led the Church, especially non-theologians, to the insight that Mary had to be the most perfect work of God next to the Incarnation. Or rather, Mary's intimate association with the Incarnation called for the special involvement of God in Mary's whole life. The logic of piety helped God's people to believe that Mary was full of grace and free of sin from the first moment of her existence. Moreover, this great privilege of Mary is the highlight of all that God has done in Jesus. Rightly understood, the incomparable holiness of Mary shows forth the incomparable goodness of God.

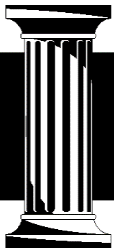
Keep Christ in Christmas

The Keep Christ in Christmas Gift Shop will be open after all Masses the weekends of **November 25/26** and **December 2/3** in the View Room. This is a Knights of Columbus program that strives to make Jesus the focus of this holiday season.

Christ centered items will be featured: Christmas ornaments, car magnets, pens, buttons, children's books, stickers, coloring books, etc. Please visit our Gift Shop and support local food charities. Thank you for your continued support.

High School Youth Christmas Party

All high school youth are invited to our Christmas Party at 6:00 PM in the Youth Center on Sunday, **December 3**. Make sure to follow us on Instagram @holytrinity_ym. All high schoolers are welcome and feel free to bring a friend.



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."



Why is the Eucharist not only a meal but also a sacrifice?

While our sins would have made it impossible for us to share in the life of God, Jesus Christ was sent to remove this obstacle. His death was a sacrifice for our sins. Christ is "the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world" (Jn 1:29). Through his death and resurrection, he conquered sin and death and reconciled us to God.

The Eucharist is the memorial of this sacrifice. The Church gathers to remember and to represent the sacrifice of Christ in which we share through the action of the priest and the power of the Holy Spirit. Through the celebration of the Eucharist, we are joined to Christ's sacrifice and receive its inexhaustible benefits.

Let us pray so all believe that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist.

During the last weekend of October, we began praying together for the success of the Eucharistic Revival across all Catholic parishes in the United States, most especially here at Holy Trinity Parish. This prayer was developed by our own Eucharistic Revival Committee. We will join together in prayer at the end of all Masses on the last weekend of the month. The prayer may be found at the end of all of the hymn books.

Come Holy Spirit. During this year of Eucharistic Revival, fill my heart with greater love for Jesus. Instruct me in His ways, so that I might believe in my soul that He is truly present in the sacrifice of the Mass. Reveal to me the heart of Christ, who so loves us that He remains with us, that we might receive Him into our souls through the Holy Eucharist and draw close to Him in Adoration. Help me to grow in holiness and live as a member of His mystical body on earth, that I might proclaim His glory each day and lead those around me to Him. Amen.

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 the month – the next one is **December 2**. All are invited to join in this special monthly devotion.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, Nov. 27

8:15 AM Brooks White, deceased, by LK Sturgeon

Tuesday, Nov. 28

8:15 AM All Souls

Wednesday, Nov. 29

8:15 AM Bea Lanza, deceased, by Max & Emanuela Callaghan & family

Thursday, Nov. 30

9:00 AM John Bossaert, deceased, by Martin family

Friday, Dec. 1

8:15 AM All Souls

Saturday, Dec. 2

8:15 AM Dennis Gillott, deceased, by Don & Betty Gillott

5:30 PM Roberta Intud, deceased, by Cabusao family

Sunday, Dec. 3

7:30 AM Jason Schwartz, ill, by Max Callaghan

9:00 AM Alice Harder Sinense, deceased, by De Guzman family

11:00 AM Parishioners of Holy Trinity

For DAILY READINGS

Please visit us @ holytrinityparish.org or www.usccb.org/bible/readings/112623.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.

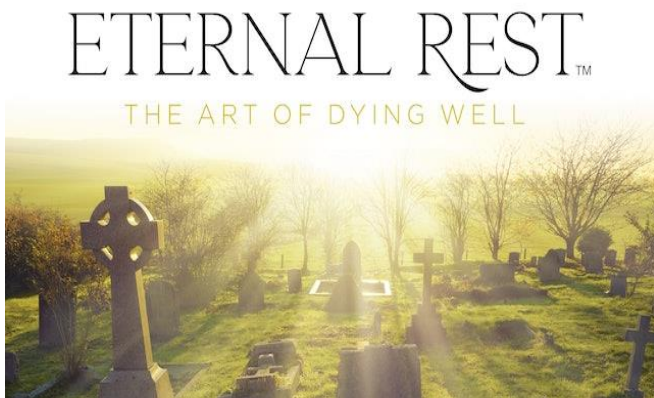
Questions for Faith Sharing Dec. 3 First Sunday of Advent

In next Sunday's Gospel, Mark 13:33-37, the disciples are told to "be alert" and to "watch" and not be idle bystanders. Instead, they are called to a courageous commitment to live out and share their faith. We must understand that every moment we live may be the time of God's advent. This makes God's advent always imminent, and Jesus is telling his disciples to develop that continuous sense of imminence.

Reflection for families:

- What is the difference between waiting for something to happen and anticipating something to happen?

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We all have very real questions about death. What happens when we die? What does Scripture teach about death? How do we prepare for the life to come? Explore the mystery of death, dying, and everlasting life through *Eternal Rest*, a new offering of the Augustine Institute.

Eternal Rest examines the origin of death, the afterlife, and the powerful reality around the sacrament that ushers us into eternal life. *Eternal Rest* presents the Catholic Church's teaching about death and God's response to it with wisdom and truth, gentleness, and compassion, so we can think about and prepare for death in the light of Jesus Christ, the Author of life.

Confirmation Groups Update

confirmation@holytrinityparish.org
kjones@holytrinityparish.org

St. Sebastian Group:

- Your next Combined Session, "Fault," is scheduled for Sunday, **December 3** (10:15-11:45 AM) **OR** **December 12** (5:45-7:15 PM) in the Social Center. Candidates should attend with their parent or sponsor. Partners in Faith students will attend the session during their regular PiF class times.

St. Teresa of Avila Group:

- Your next Combined Session, "Fault," is scheduled for Sunday, **December 3** (10:15-11:45 AM) **OR** **December 12** (5:45-7:15 PM) in the Social Center. Candidates should attend with their parent or sponsor. Partners in Faith students will attend the session during their regular PiF class times.
- It's not too late for register for this year's Confirmation group! Please contact Kim Jones (kjones@holytrinityparish.org).

Children's Liturgy of the Word

The Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) ministry brings the Mass readings to our youngest parish members, grades K- 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

Holy Trinity School Ministry

Students in grades 4-8 have the opportunity to sign up for a weekly elective class. These classes include show choir, DIY, Strategy and logic games, Sports, Loom knitting, Newspaper and Yearbook



Holy Trinity School Ministry enrolls students in grades TK-8. We offer an excellent academic education filled with religious virtues. Please call the school office at 530-677-3591 for a private tour and/or more information about registration.



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...

"...whatever you did for one of the least of my brothers, you did for me." – Matthew 25:40

Most of us are generous when it's convenient for us. We are generous when we have the time or the money. But, real generosity is the opposite of that. It means giving of one's time, money, compassion, forgiveness or mercy when it's not convenient to us, when it's not on our schedule, but on the other person's timeline.

Consider making your gift electronically:

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

Annual Catholic Appeal 2023 "Report of Gratitude"

This Thanksgiving, as we reflect with gratitude for the many blessings God has given us, Catholics throughout our Diocese are invited to visit scd.org to view the *2023 Annual Catholic Appeal "Report of Gratitude."* See how, together as Catholics, parishioners have made a real difference to those in need. This year, more than 460,000 individuals and families, were helped by 18 Northern California charities that received funds from the Appeal.

The 2023 Appeal is approaching \$4.2 million in commitments so far. Our parish receives 25% of any gift made by parishioners here. If you have not yet participated, prayerfully consider a donation. No contribution, no act of charity is ever too small or insignificant. Envelopes are available in the parish office or donate online at www.scd.org.

Albs Ministry

Members of the Albs Ministry take turns laundering the albs (the white cloaks worn during church services). Once a month, a volunteer will inspect each of the albs and take home the ones that are soiled or excessively wrinkled (about a dozen on average). The volunteer will wash the albs, touch up with an iron if needed, and return the albs the following month. There are currently 7 members; we currently need 5 more members to ensure the albs are laundered year-round. For more information, please contact Debbie at: dgramlick@verizon.net.

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!

Men's Retreat

This year's Men's Weekend Retreat will be **December 1 - 3** at Christ the King Retreat Center in Citrus Heights. The theme will be "responding to the voices we have heard". So many people have expressed their fear for the next generation. Coupled with gratitude for so many things, many are also frustrated with the outrage in public discourse, the divisions in Church and culture, global concerns like wars and climate change, and the break-up of the family. We continue to pray about immigration and racism and the dignity of all life, and we wonder if there is something more we might be doing.

But we also attempt to move beyond the "front burner" issues and ponder what the Spirit might be telling us amidst all the hurt and hatred, the harmony and healing. The conference will center upon God's dream for the next millennium, always conscious of the Kingdom - God's love in our time. Here we become the hope we wish for the world. For more information: www.christthekingretreatcenter.org.

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