

PARISH LIFE

A Weekly Publication for Parishioners & Friends of Holy Trinity Parish



MASS SCHEDULE

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

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.

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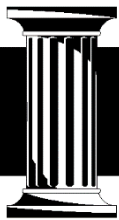
November 24, 2024
Our Lord Jesus Christ
King of the Universe

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

Church hours: Sun. 7:30 AM-6PM; 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. 23/24	Thanksgiving Turkey Drive before all Masses
Nov. 24	Parish Breakfast after all Masses
Nov. 24	Faith Formation Coat & Blanket Drive through Dec. 15
Nov. 28	Thanksgiving Day Mass 9:00 AM
Nov. 30	Giving Tree in the Narthex through Dec. 8
Nov. 30/Dec. 1	Keep Christ in Christmas Gift Shop View Room
Dec. 6	Lessons & Carols 7:00 PM
Dec. 7	First Saturday Mass 8:15 AM
Dec. 7/8	2 nd Collection – Retirement Fund for Religious
Dec. 8	Knights' Blessed Mother Mary Celebration Luncheon 12:15-3:00 PM
Dec. 8	High School Youth Group Christmas Party 6:00 PM Youth Center
Dec. 9	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Mass 8:15 AM & 6:30 PM
Dec. 12	Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass 8:15 AM & 6:30 PM
Dec. 14/15	Keep Christ in Christmas Gift Shop View Room



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.

Give THANKS on Thanksgiving Day!

On Thursday, **November 28**, Thanksgiving Day, we will join together to give thanks to God who provides all that we need with Mass at 9:00 AM. There will be a food collection benefiting the El Dorado County Food Bank and monetary donations will be donated to SHARE.



Saturday Vigil Mass

Beginning Saturday, November 30, the Saturday Vigil Mass start time will change from 5:30 PM to **5:00 PM**. Please make note of this schedule change.

Faith Formation

Annual Coat & Blanket Drive

Share the warmth this winter by donating new or gently used coats and blankets. We will be collecting these items through December 15. They can be dropped off in the labeled bins in the lobby of the Social Center before and after Masses.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

All the Faithful are reminded that the Immaculate Conception is observed as a Holy Day of Obligation. We are obliged to celebrate the Sacrifice of the Mass in honor of the sacred mystery of prevenient grace that prepared the young virgin of Nazareth to be the mother of the Redeemer and share in the saving work of her Son, Jesus. The celebration will take place on Monday, **December 9** at 8:15 AM and 6:30 PM.

St. John the Evangelist Holiday Show of Hands Craft Fair

You are invited to shop many original items at the St. John the Evangelist School Holiday Show of Hands Craft Fair. We are located at 5701 Locust Ave. in Carmichael. We will have over 150 crafters:

Friday, December 6	5PM – 9 PM (Early Bird \$10)
Saturday, December 7	9AM – 5 PM (Free)
Sunday, December 8	9AM – 3 PM (Free)

Giving Tree

We invite you to stop by one of our Giving Trees in the narthex before or after Mass **November 30 – December 8**. The trees have gift tags for Mother Teresa Maternity Home, Housing El Dorado, and our Adopt a Family Program. Please take a gift tag, purchase the listed items, and return your unwrapped gift with the tag attached by **December 10**. Gifts received after December 10 will be donated locally and may not be given to the charity you intended to help.

Holy Trinity Marriage Ministry

The Alpha Marriage Course

Invest in Your Relationship

Join us for a dedicated time to focus on building a stronger marriage in the Holy Trinity School Media Center:

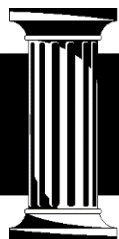
- Wednesday evenings 7:00-9:00 PM
- January 8, 15, 22
- February 5, 12, 19, 26

The Marriage Course offers seven engaging video sessions designed to help couples grow together and strengthen their relationship. Each session includes private reflection time for couples, allowing for meaningful conversations on topics that matter most, such as:

- Improving communication
- Understanding each other's needs
- Resolving conflicts
- Recognizing how upbringing influences your relationship
- Developing deeper emotional intimacy

Light refreshments will be provided and registration is free. Each couple will receive two study guides to take home. For any questions, please contact Paul and Stephanie at: Paul.Stephanie.Francois@comcast.net. Please register online by clicking on the QR code below:





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."

Keep Christ in Christmas

The Keep Christ in Christmas Gift Shop will be open after all Masses the weekends of **November 30-December 1 and December 14-15** 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 including: 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.

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 8:15 AM and 6:30 PM. There will be desserts and refreshments after the 6:30 PM Mass in the View Room. All are welcome!



Annual Catholic Appeal 2024 Report of Gratitude

This Thanksgiving, as we pause in prayer and gratitude for what we have been given through God's infinite love, you are invited to visit scd.org to view the *2024 Annual Catholic Appeal "Report of Gratitude."* See how, together as Catholics, you have made a real difference for our neighbors in need. This year, more than 500,000 individuals and families were helped by 18 Northern California charities that received funds from the Appeal.

The 2024 Appeal is approaching \$4.5 million in commitments so far. Our parish receives 25% of any gift made by our parishioners. If you have not participated, prayerfully consider a donation. No contribution or act of charity is ever too small. Donate online at scd.org.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, Nov. 25

8:15 AM ~Lester Devereux, deceased, by Gene Savage
~Jane Young, special intention

Tuesday, Nov. 26

8:15 AM ~All Souls
~Ana Vic Javier Lau, special intention, by Jane Young

Wednesday, Nov. 27

8:15 AM ~Bill & Betty Blaylock, special intention, by Pete & Kathy Pritchard

Thursday, Nov. 28

9:00 AM ~Parishioners of Holy Trinity

Friday, Nov. 29

8:15 AM ~Philip Watson, deceased, by Joe Ryan

Saturday, Nov. 30

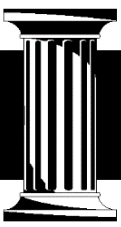
5:00 PM ~Joseph Butera, deceased, by Patricia Butera
~Mel Kowardy, deceased, by Julianne Kurowski
~Joseph Scardina, deceased, by Roseanne Scardina
~Ralph Krietler, deceased, by J.R. & Rosemary Heier
~Ramon Perez Jr., deceased, by Ramon Perez
~Aubrey Perez, special intention, by Ramon Perez
~Cristiano Perez, special intention, by Ramon Perez
~Kai Perez, special intention, by Ramon Perez
~Zeza Perez, special intention, by Ramon Perez

Sunday, Dec. 1

7:30 AM ~Julianna Martinez, special intention, by Rebecca Gaul
9:00 AM ~Antonio Militar, deceased, by Josie Kurvakov
11:00 AM ~Parishioners of Holy Trinity
5:00 PM ~Annabella Torres, special intention

For DAILY READINGS

Please visit us @ holytrinityparish.org or www.usccb.org/bible/readings/112424.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 Dec. 1

First Sunday of Advent

In next Sunday's Gospel, Luke 21:25-28;34-36, although Christmas is drawing near, we hear a description of the end of the world. Jesus says he will return in a cloud with great power and glory in such a way that the entire world will know the time has come. No one will sit around saying, "Is this it?" Everyone will know. And for every single person the meaning will be one of two possibilities: either it will be judgement day or redemption day. Those who are lost will face judgement day. But for the Christian, Jesus says: Look up! For your redemption has come.

Reflection for families:

- What does the coming of the Son of Man mean for you? Judgement or Redemption?

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Littlest Saints features the lives of the saints as told by kids. In each episode, a young child dons a habit, a cassock, a uniform, anything and everything, and acts out a different heavenly hero's story, full of drama, comedy, and everything in between. Visit their website here: www.littlestsaints.com

Holy Trinity School Ministry at Sunday Mass

We are excited to announce the school ministry will be having a monthly school Mass. Students, families, and staff are invited to join together at Mass. School Masses will be held on the following dates:



- Sunday, December 15th at 9:00 AM
- Sunday, January 26th at 9:00 AM
- Sunday, February 23rd at 9:00 AM
- Sunday, March 23rd at 9:00 AM
- Saturday, May 17th at 5:00 PM

Faith Formation Volunteers

We Need You!! We are seeking a Faith Formation Office Aide Volunteer. Duties include various administrative tasks such as copy work, cutting, laminating, etc. No experience needed; we will train in all tasks. Ideally, we would like to have a volunteer 3-4 hours per week, August – May. For more information: ffm@holytrinityparish.org.

Confirmation Groups Update

confirmation@holytrinityparish.org
kjones@holytrinityparish.org

St. Sebastian Group:

- The link to the Confirmation photos has been emailed to you. Please contact us if you haven't received it. Confirmation Certificates are also now available. We will mail the certificates to you or give them to your younger sibling in Partners in Faith or at Holy Trinity School. For questions, please reach out to us at the Faith Formation Office.
- Confirmation is the beginning of your journey as a missionary disciple, not the end! Please join us for High School Youth Group every month. Our next meeting will be in the Youth Center following the 5:00 PM Sunday night Mass on **December 8** from 6:00-7:30 PM.

St. Teresa of Avila Group:

- Your next Confirmation activity is the Fired Up! Confirmation Conference at Christian Brothers High School in Sacramento on **February 22, 2025** - Time TBA. All Year 2 Confirmation candidates must attend. We are looking for parent chaperones. Please contact us if you can assist.

St. Ursula Group:

- Your next required Combined Session, "Fault," will be held on Sunday, **January 12** (10:15-11:45 AM) OR Tuesday, **January 21** (5:30-7:00 PM) in the Social Center. All candidates must attend with a parent or sponsor.
- For more information, 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...

This week we continue our series focusing on how our Sunday readings help us make God first in our lives by embracing a stewardship way of life which enables us to strengthen our relationship with God by sharing the blessings he has entrusted to us.



On this last Sunday of Ordinary Time and the end of the liturgical year, we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. This feast was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925, when the world was experiencing a rise of secularism, materialism, and individualism, and an increasing denial of Christ's existence and authority.

The Pope's hope was that the establishment of this feast would accomplish three goals: (1) that nations would see that the Church has the right to freedom; (2) that leaders and nations would see that they are required to give respect to Christ, the King of kings; and (3) that the faithful would be strengthened and encouraged by the reminder that Christ must reign in our hearts, minds, wills, and bodies. While it may not seem that the world has made much progress in the intervening 99 years, we must not lose hope and remember that every journey must start with the first step and that our time is not God's time.

This feast is needed now more than ever for all people and for us especially, as Christian stewards. It reminds us of these vital truths:

- First, even when it seems the world is spinning out of control, we need not fear because we have a King of kings who is very much in charge and who is loving, merciful and just.
- Second, if Christ is king of all, then He is also king of each of us, personally. I am not "lord" of my time, talents, and treasure. He is. I am a servant of the King and a steward of the gifts He has entrusted to me. As such, I am His faithful steward.
- Third, as His disciple, I am called to imitate my King. Christ's kingship is characterized by humble service, by emptying Himself for the good of others.

The Scriptures tell us Jesus, the King of kings, went about doing good and said of Himself, "I came not to be served but to serve." How can I live in any other way than to follow the example set for me by my King, and by being a humble servant like Him?

Thoughts to reflect on:

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* instructs that "parents have the first responsibility for the education of their children." (2223) St. Augustine wrote that "The life of parents is the book that the children read (and learn from)." All parents know that it is their actions, not just their words, that permeate their children as they observe what they do, good and bad. Ultimately our actions are what teach our children and build the initial layers of faith formation in our families. Embracing a life of stewardship, especially for families who seek to follow Christ, their King, will work to teach our children that stewardship starts with sharing the unique gifts of each family member that have been entrusted to them by God. Bishop Robert Barron writes that a common denominator for young people who have a strong faith is that they grew up in families that consistently live a stewardship way of life. That is where they learned the connection between their faith and sharing the gifts that God entrusted to them to help their neighbors.

Holy Trinity School Ministry



Our Holy Trinity School Ministry participated in the Cameron Park Trunk or Treat event. It was a lot of fun handing out candy, seeing all the costumes, and promoting our great school.

Our 5th Annual Auction Gala is **March 1**. The theme is the Roaring '20s. Please consider attending or donating. For information contact the school office.

Holy Trinity Catholic School registration remains open for the 2024-25 school year. The school 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.



HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Join us at the Youth Center for treats and festivities at our annual HS Youth Group Christmas Party! All are welcome to attend Mass with us at 5 PM OR meet us in the Youth Center after Mass around 6 PM. Friends and first-timers welcome.

Sunday, December 8, 6-7:30 PM

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*Lessons &
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December

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at 7:00 p.m.

Holy Trinity Parish
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Advent Adoration with Confession



Adoration

**Tuesday & Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

Confession

**Tuesday & Thursday
9:00-10:00 a.m. & 6:00-7:00 p.m.**

**Saturday
3:30-4:45 p.m.**

**December 12 - Adoration until 6:00 p.m.
Confession from 5:00-6:00 p.m.**

No Adoration or Confession December 24



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