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.

January 29, 2023 • Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

- Church hours: Sundays 7:30 AM-4:00 PM; Monday-Saturday 8:00 AM-4:00 PM
- Parish Office hours: Monday-Friday 8:45 AM-4:00 PM

Upcoming Events:
Jan. 29  Holy Trinity School Ministry Open House
Feb. 2  Blessing of Candles at 8:15 AM Mass
Feb. 3  Memorial of St. Blaise, Blessing of Throats at 8:15 AM Mass
Feb. 4  First Saturday Mass 8:15 AM
Feb. 4  School Ministry Gala
Feb. 5 or 9  St. Sebastian Confirmation Group Combined Session
Feb. 8  Caregivers Support Group
Feb. 11  Alpha Marriage Course Session 2 of 2
Feb. 11  Sac. Diocese World Marriage Day Celebration, Good Shepherd Parish
Feb. 11  Rescheduled First Penance Celebration
Feb. 12  World Marriage Day, Blessing of Married Couples at all Masses
Feb. 22  Ash Wednesday, Masses at 8:15 AM, 12 PM, and 6:30 PM
Feb. 25  St. Robert Bellarmine Group Confirmation Conference Fired Up!
Feb. 26  Youth Group Meeting 6-8 PM
March 4  Transformed by Grace Women’s Event
Upcoming School Ministry Events
Please mark your calendars and join us for our Catholic Schools Week events hosted by Holy Trinity School Ministry:

- **Open House and Book Fair - Sunday, January 29, 2023, 10 AM - 12:30 PM.** Stop by for hospitality and to tour our classrooms to see the amazing work produced by our students. The Book Fair will be held in the Education Center Media Room.
- **Monday, January 30 students will host their Grandparents and Special Guests beginning with Mass at 8:15 AM and followed by breakfast, entertainment, and fun until 11 AM.**
- **Saturday, February 4 the School Ministry will hold its 3rd Annual: I'M IN Gala-Winter Wonderland in the Social Center.** All are welcome and invited! Tickets may be purchased through January 30 in the school office.
- **We are accepting sponsorships, baskets, gift cards, and donations of new items to auction to benefit our school children. Donations may be dropped off at the school office Mon.-Fri. from 8 AM-3 PM or contact the school office at 530-677-3591 for pick-up.**

Pastoral Council Meeting
On January 19, 2023, the Pastoral Council met to discuss many areas of parish life and are happy to provide some updates:

- The Bell Tower repair project is still underway. Through the impact of the recent storms, we detected additional areas of leakage that must be addressed. Repairing our facilities continues to be a challenge, and we appreciate everyone's patience with the construction.
- **Stewardship Renewal will be April 22 and 23 of this year.**
- **In November we will make the final payment on the 43 acres to the east of the church. We are also currently processing a donation of 4.5 acres to the west of the church and are discerning the most appropriate utilization of this additional land.**
- **The Eucharistic Revival Committee is preparing for the upcoming season of Eucharistic Revival. They are strategizing effective education and activities that will take place during this focused revival period.**

The Parish Pastoral Council serves in an advisory capacity and assists the pastor in serving the parish community by exploring the needs of the parish and responding appropriately. This is accomplished through prayer, listening, and dialogue. Pastoral Council Members include Kerrin West (Chair), Bevyn Cassidy (Secretary), Mike Gonzales, Teresa Booth, Barbara Edgar, Rich Lamm, and Robert Ramirez. If you have any questions about Pastoral Council or parish life, please contact Parish Life Director Jeremy Youngers at jeremy@holytrinityparish.org.

World Marriage Day
To celebrate World Marriage Day on **February 11**, Bishop Soto will preside over a Mass at Good Shepherd Catholic Church in Elk Grove at **9:30 AM**. There will be a special blessing for married couples and an opportunity for a photograph with Bishop Soto. Special certificates will be distributed to couples celebrating milestone anniversaries. If you would like more information or are interested in attending, please register at www.scd.org/wmd.

A Big Thanks to Fr. Rusty!
We are so grateful to Fr. Rusty Shaughnessy, OFM for providing such a wonderful and fruitful Parish Mission. If you would like to get in touch with Fr. Rusty, you can reach out to him at rusty@sandamiano.org. Retreat information for the San Damiano Retreat Center can be found at sandamiano.org.

Catholics in Recovery
Catholic in Recovery provides support and healing from addictions, compulsions, and unhealthy attachments. Meetings combine the principals of 12-step recovery and the sacraments of the Catholic Church. We meet Thursday evenings at 6 PM in the Youth Room. For more information about the meeting contact us at cirholytrinity@gmail.com.
Blessing of Candles
Thursday, February 2 is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. This Feast celebrates the day when Mary and Joseph presented Jesus at the Temple to consecrate him to the Lord. It is also known as Candlemas Day, traditionally a day when the Church blesses the candles that will be used during the coming year. This tradition of blessing candles comes from Luke’s gospel when Simeon recognized Jesus as the Messiah and declared him “a light for the revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.” (Lk 2:32) At the 8:15 AM Mass on February 2, Holy Trinity will bless the candles to be used in the Church throughout the year and we will bless candles brought by parishioners for use with their prayers and religious devotions in their homes.

Weekly Adoration Now Extended
To accommodate working families, weekly Adoration will be extended on the first Thursday of each month from 5 PM - 7 PM in the church. All are welcome to come and be close to the Lord in this beautiful time of prayer. As a reminder, Weekly Adoration has resumed its place in the church on Thursdays (9 AM – 5 PM) due to decreased construction activity. A Holy Hour will be led by a priest or deacon from 5-6 PM. For more information, call or text Loretta Allsup at 408-966-9424.

First Saturday Mass
We are happy to resume our First Saturday Mass devotion this month! 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 February 4. All are invited to join in this special monthly devotion requested by Our Lady of Fatima. For more information contact Joan at: joanieh47@yahoo.com.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, Jan. 30
8:15 AM Scarlett Reordan, special intention, by the Liaty Family

Tuesday, Jan. 31
8:15 AM Trish Lawrence Fincham, deceased, by L.K. Sturgeon

Wednesday, Feb. 1
8:15 AM Alfredo & Angelina Reyes, deceased, by William & Rowena Pangan

Thursday, Feb. 2
8:15 AM Daryl Ann Bayer, ill, by Kathleen Overholtzer

Friday, Feb. 3
8:15 AM Cheryl Anne Juliet, special intention, by Hal & Chris Sachs

Saturday, Feb. 4
8:15 AM Sam & Jen Ellies, special intention, by Rose Guerrero
5:30 PM Mary Tremaine, deceased, by Beth & John Coogan

Sunday, Feb. 5
7:30 AM John & Alex Ringenberg, special intention, by the Liaty Family
9:00 AM Everardo Valencia, deceased, by Andres Valencia
11:00 AM Parishioners of Holy Trinity

For DAILY READINGS
Please visit us @ holytrinityparish.org or www.usccb.org/bible/readings/012923.cfm

Spiritual Support for Families
If you or a family member need an Anointing, please call the parish office. If an emergency Anointing is needed after office hours, follow the prompts to be connected directly to one of our priests: 530-677-3234.
Questions for Faith Sharing Feb. 5
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
In next Sunday’s Gospel, Matthew 5:13-16, Jesus uses the metaphor of light to describe his disciples. They will shine before others not to bring glory to themselves but so that people will see their “good deeds” and give glory to God. Elsewhere in Matthew’s Gospel, Jesus makes clear what these good deeds might be: feeding the hungry, caring for strangers, clothing the naked, and visiting prisoners (Matthew 25:35-40).

Reflection for families:
• What does it mean to be salt for the earth and light for the world?

First Penance Celebration
Our celebration of First Penance has been rescheduled to Saturday, February 11 at 9:30 AM in the church for those who have completed their formation. Please join us in praying for them.

Confirmation Groups Update
confirmation@holytrinityparish.org
kjones@holytrinityparish.org

St. Robert Bellarmine Group:
• Candidates only MUST attend the Sacramental Diocese Confirmation Conference Fired Up! at Jesuit HS. Check in from 8:15-8:30 AM in front of the Phelan Chapel of the American Martyrs. The event ends at 1 PM. Contact us at the FF Office if you have any questions.
• Your next Combined Session, "Burn," will be either Thursday, March 9 (6:30-8 PM) or Sunday, March 12 (12:30-2 PM). Candidates should attend with a parent or sponsor. The link to sign up will be emailed to you.

St. Sebastian Group:
• Your next Combined Session for candidates and parents or sponsors is scheduled for either Sunday February 5 (12:30-2 PM) or Thursday, February 9 (6:30-8 PM). The link to sign up will be emailed to you.
• If you are interested in joining our Confirmation program, please contact Kim Jones for more information or to register: kjones@holytrinityparish.org

Adult Confirmation Classes
The Adult Confirmation formation process is a 10-week interactive opportunity for practicing Catholics to celebrate their final sacrament of initiation and discipleship on the Vigil of Pentecost (5/27/23). We will hold the majority of classes via Zoom on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30 PM. For more details, please contact Cynthia in the Faith Formation office (530-677-3234, option 5) or cmulcaire@holytrinityparish.org.

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“Elements of the Catholic Mass” is designed to help the faithful better appreciate the beauty of the Mass. Featuring Fr. Douglas Martis, former director of the Liturgical Institute, the program consists of thirty-one beautifully produced short videos. Because each episode comes with a discussion guide with references, Elements of the Catholic Mass is ideal for personal faith formation or group discussion. https://watch.formed.org/the-elements-of-the-catholic-mass

To sign up, go to: https://daily.formed.org
To learn more: www.holytrinityparish.org/-formed

Women’s Prayer Group
Come join us for prayer, reflection, and sharing on the first Thursday of every month at 11 AM in the View Room. Our next meeting is February 2. Questions? Email Valerie at Valerie.enright@yahoo.com.
**Stewardship…**

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” Matthew 5:3

The phrase “poor in spirit” can be confusing. Think of it in this sense – poor in spirit means depending on God’s providence and not depending on our own self-reliance. It means being detached from earthly things (power, money, and comfort), being attached to heavenly things (charity, sacrifice, and mercy), and denying ourselves the satisfaction of satiating our desires in order to help others obtain their basic needs.

Consider making your gift electronically: [https://www.holytrinityparish.org/give](https://www.holytrinityparish.org/give).

**Discerning a Lay Carmelite Vocation**

A Discernment Day Session for the Order of Carmelites for Lay Catholics is scheduled for next Sunday, February 5 at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Placerville. Attendees will have an opportunity to learn what it means to be a Lay Carmelite. Join us in Room 3 in the Religious Education Building from 1:30-3 PM. For more information, please call Tanya Hughes at 530-558-5795 or Debbie Didier at 530-417-4148.

**Blessing of Throats**

Friday, February 3, is the Memorial for St. Blaise. St. Blaise in the early 4th century and is believed to have been martyred when he was the Bishop of Sebaste in Armenia. He is known for his healing of illnesses related to the throat. In memory of St. Blaise, the blessing of throats will be given during the 8:15 AM Mass.

**VBS Needs Stellar Volunteers for 2023!**

We need YOUR help to shine Jesus's light at Vacation Bible School this summer! There will be no VBS without a commitment from parent volunteers. Please email us at [htpvbs@gmail.com](mailto:htpvbs@gmail.com) if you are willing to (1) volunteer at VBS this summer and/or (2) volunteer for a leadership role in planning VBS. This is a wonderful, very popular program at our Parish, but we can’t do it without you!

**School Ministry News**

The 5th grade class went to New West Haven to play games with the residents. Residents played board games with the students which was an amazing experience. The smiles on everyone's face warmed our hearts. We were so honored to spend time with the residents of New West Haven and cannot wait to return. The Holy Trinity School Ministry regularly reaches out to the residents in long term care to give students in every grade the opportunity to enjoy meeting and serving the residents. It is a wonderful experience for students and residents alike!

Holy Trinity School Ministry offers a strong academic education infused with Catholic values. Please join us for our [Open House on Sunday, January 29 from 10 AM - 12:30 PM](#) or call 530-677-3591 to see all the wonderful things we are learning!

**Giving Garden-Homeless Care Bags**

The Homeless Care bags will be available the last Sunday of every month – THIS WEEKEND! We are asking for donations of personal items such as: socks, sani-wipes, hand sanitizer, toothbrush/paste, hand warmers, and lightweight ponchos. Bags will be put together for the homeless and will be made available for our parishioners to have on hand to distribute when they encounter a person without shelter. These bags will be available in the Narthex after all Masses this weekend, January 28/29. If you would like more information, or are interested in assisting with bag assembly, please call Amanda at 408-442-6617 or Deacon Dan at 916-517-6558.
Join us as we honor marriage and salute the beauty of faithfulness, sacrifice, and joy in married life. During this live-streamed Mass, there will be a special blessing for sacramentally married couples and an opportunity for them to renew their marital commitment.

After Mass, there will be an opportunity to receive a blessing and picture with Bishop Soto. Special certificates will be distributed at the reception honoring couples celebrating milestone anniversaries (10, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 50+).

If you plan to attend, please register at: www.scd.org/wmd
If you have questions, call the Office of Family and Faith Formation at (916) 733-0133
TRANSFORMED BY grace WOMEN'S EVENT

Saturday, March 4, 2023
Holy Trinity Parish Social Center

8:30 am | Welcome & Hospitality
9:30 am - 1:00 pm | Event & Champagne Brunch

$40/person or $280/table (up to 8 guests) by Feb. 11
$50/person starting Feb. 12

Details & Registration @ HolyTrinityParish.org/Grace

Speaker: Emily Wilson

Emily is a dynamic speaker, YouTuber, author, wife, and mom who travels the world sharing her witness of faith.

During the event, she'll focus on:
- Trusting and surrendering to the Lord
- Celebrating our femininity
- Being more present in Christ's presence
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