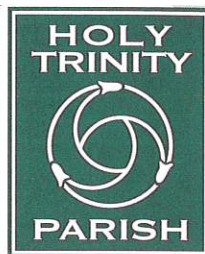


PARISH LIFE

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 & LIVE STREAM	9:00 AM
IN CHURCH	11:00 AM
MONDAY – FRIDAY MASS	8:15 AM
IN CHURCH & LIVE STREAM	
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 18, 2022 • Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

Upcoming Events:

Dec. 20	Additional Advent Confessions 6:30 – 7:30 PM
Dec. 22	Additional Advent Confessions Noon – 1:00 PM
Dec. 23-26	Parish Office Closed for the Christmas Holiday
Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Masses: 4:00 PM, 4:15 PM (gym), 7:00 PM, 9:00 PM
Dec. 25	Christmas Day Masses: 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
Dec. 30-Jan. 2	Parish Office Closed for the New Year Holiday
Dec. 31/Jan. 1	Normal weekend schedule
Jan. 7	No First Saturday Mass
Jan. 8 or 12	St. Sebastian Confirmation Group Orientation
Jan. 15	Welcome Breakfast
Jan. 19 or 22	St. Robert Bellarmine Confirmation Group Combined Session
Jan. 23-25	Parish Mission
Jan. 25	Dementia Caregiver Series Session 1 of 3
Jan. 28/Feb. 11	Alpha Marriage Course
Feb. 22	Dementia Caregiver Series Session 2 of 3

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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.

The “O Antiphons”

These antiphons (or verses) come from one of the oldest hymns in Christianity – “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” which has been sung since about the eighth century. The words for this hymn are based on the scriptural antiphons that precede the Magnificat as part of Vespers (or Evening Prayer). Each evening during the week before Christmas one antiphon is prayed as part of Vespers. We pray and sing in anticipation of the coming of Jesus as Emmanuel (“God is with us”) using the various understandings of who Jesus is. The “O Antiphons” refer to the seven verses that cover the special period of preparation as Advent comes to an end. We began to pray the O Antiphons as part of the Octave of Christmas on December 17 and will continue through the night of the December 23. Even though one day has passed, all seven are listed and explained below.

The importance of the “O Antiphons” is twofold: Each one highlights a title for the Messiah: *O Sapientia* (O Wisdom), *O Adonai* (O Lord), *O Radix Jesse* (O Root of Jesse), *O Clavis David* (O Key of David), *O Oriens* (O Rising Sun), *O Rex Gentium* (O King of the Nations), and *O Emmanuel*. And each antiphon reminds us of Isaiah’s prophecy about the Messiah who is to come. Consider praying an *O Antiphon* each day as you light your Advent Wreath.

- **Saturday, Dec. 17, 2022 – O Wisdom (O Sapientia)** – “O holy Word of God, you govern all creation with your strong yet tender care. Come and show your people the way to salvation.”
- **Sunday, Dec. 18, 2022– O Lord (O Adonai)** – “O sacred Lord of ancient Israel, who showed yourself to Moses in the burning bush, who gave him the holy law on Sinai mountain: come, stretch out your mighty hand to set us free.”
- **Monday, Dec. 19, 2022 – O Root of Jesse (O Radix Jesse)** – “O Flower of Jesse’s stem, you have been raised up as a sign for all peoples; kings stand silent in your presence; the nations bow down in worship before you. Come, let nothing keep you from coming to our aid.”
- **Tuesday, Dec. 20, 2022 – O Key of David (O Clavis David)** – “O royal Power of Israel controlling at your will the gate of Heaven: Come, break down the prison walls of

death for those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death; and lead your captive people into freedom.”

- **Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2022 – O Rising Sun (O Oriens)** – “O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice: come, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.”
- **Thursday, Dec. 22, 2022 – O King of all Nations (O Rex Gentium)** – “O King of all the nations, the only joy of every human heart; O Keystone of the mighty arch of man, come and save the creature you fashioned from the dust.”
- **Friday, Dec. 23, 2022 – O Emmanuel (God is with us)** – “O Emmanuel, king and lawgiver, desire of the nations, Savior of all people, come and set us free, Lord our God.”

Additional Advent 2022 Confession Times Announced / No Confessions on Dec. 24

What better way to welcome again our Lord into your life than to receive the grace, mercy, and forgiveness of our Lord’s Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation? Give yourself the blessing of a new beginning! In coordination with our neighboring foothill parishes, Holy Trinity Parish is offering Advent Confession times as follows, in addition to our regularly scheduled time from 4:30 to 5:15 PM on Saturdays:

Thursday, December 15: Noon – 1:00 PM

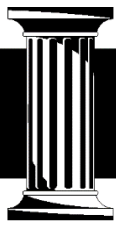
Tuesday, December 20: 6:30 – 7:30 PM

Thursday, December 22: Noon – 1:00 PM

If you cannot come to one of these designated times, please don’t hesitate to contact the parish office at 530-677-3234 to schedule a personal appointment during the week with one of our priests. They welcome you!

Vacation Bible School

We are in need of someone to lead our Vacation Bible School next summer. Preparations begin early so we need to have someone in place very soon in order to bring this wonderful week of faith-filled fun to the youth of our community. If interested, please contact the Parish office: 530-677-3234.



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."

Blessing of Christmas Tree

When you have put up your family Christmas Tree, gather the family and pray this blessing.

"Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light this tree. May the light and cheer it gives be a sign of the joy that fills our hearts, and your light of love in a world of darkness. May all who delight in this tree come to the knowledge and joy of salvation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen." (Adapted from the Book of Blessings)

Christmas Mass Schedule

This year Christmas is on Sunday, December 25. It is a Holy Day of Obligation when we are expected to attend Mass. Our Masses for Christmas will be: Saturday, December 24, Christmas Eve, Masses will be at: 4:00 PM in the Church, and 4:15 PM in the Social Center. We will also have Masses at 7:00 & 9:00 PM in the Church. On Sunday, Christmas Day, we will have Masses at 9:00 and 11:00 AM. (Note: There will be no 7:30 AM Mass on Christmas Day). Please join with all your fellow parishioners as the Body of Christ to celebrate the end of our time of preparation in Advent and to celebrate Jesus' birth at one of our Masses.

Christmas Eve Traffic & Parking

We need your help! We are blessed with greater attendance at our Christmas Masses compared to a normal Sunday. Our largest attendance is typically at the 4:00 and 4:15 PM Masses on Christmas Eve. As a result of this increase in attendance, we have developed procedures to facilitate the safe and efficient traffic flow and parking for these Masses. Please plan to arrive early and please follow the directions of our volunteers.

Christmas Eve

Please note that on Christmas Eve, Saturday December 24, we will NOT have confessions. Thank you.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, Dec. 19

8:15 AM Leodegario Quiambad, deceased, by Ed and Liza Abarientos

Tuesday, Dec. 20

8:15 AM Mary Rosenast, deceased, by Margaret Philippides

Wednesday, Dec. 21

8:15 AM Teodora Nunez, deceased, by Emma Nunez

Thursday, Dec. 22

8:15 AM Lamar Culpepper, deceased, by Maria Culpepper

Friday, Dec. 23

8:15 AM Reuben Boese, deceased, by the Boese Family

Saturday, Dec. 24

4:00 PM For all the People
4:15 PM Parishioners of Holy Trinity
7:00 PM Russell Eaton, deceased
9:00 PM Parishioners of Holy Trinity

Sunday, Dec. 25

9:00 AM Most Reverend Bishop Soto, special intention, by Mary Beth Boumann and Robert Wiley
11:00 AM Parishioners of Holy Trinity

For DAILY READINGS

Please visit us @ holytrinityparish.org or www.usccb.org/bible/readings/121822.cfm

Spiritual Support for Families

If you or a family member need an Anointing or a visit from one of our priests, please call the parish office. If an emergency Anointing is needed after hours, please follow the prompts to be connected directly to one of our priests: 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. 25

Christmas Day

In next Sunday's Gospel, Luke 2:1-14, Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem where Mary gives birth to the infant Jesus. Mary places him in a manger because there is no room for them to stay at the Inn. Angels appear to shepherds who are guarding their flocks and declare to them that a savior has been born in the city of David, and they will find him lying in a manger. The angels sing glory and praise to God for the gift of Christ.

Reflection for families:

- The owner of the Inn had no room for the Holy Family to stay with him that night. How might we make room in our hearts to welcome the baby Jesus this Christmas?

Confirmation Groups Update

confirmation@holytrinityparish.org

kjones@holytrinityparish.org

St. Robert Bellarmine Group:

- Your next Combined Session, "Fault," is scheduled for Thursday, **January 19** (6:30-8:00 PM) OR Sunday, **January 22** (12:30-2:00 PM). Candidates must attend with a parent or sponsor.
- The Sacramento Diocese Confirmation Conference, Fired Up!, is scheduled for Saturday, **February 25**, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM at Jesuit High School. Candidates only.

St. Sebastian Group:

- Welcome to Year 1 of the Holy Trinity Confirmation Program! Your orientation is scheduled for Sunday, **January 8** (12:30-2:00 PM) OR Thursday, **January 12** (6:30-8:00 PM) in the Social Center. All candidates must attend one of the sessions with their parent or sponsor. The link to sign up will be emailed to you.
- It's not too late to register for Year 1 of Confirmation! Please contact Kim Jones to sign up: kjones@holytrinityparish.org.

Fr. Marcel Leaves on Annual Vacation

Fr. Marcel will be taking his annual vacation Monday, December 26 through Friday, January 27. Let us pray he has a safe journey home and a restful vacation as he visits his family in Nigeria.

During his time away, we welcome the following priests who will assist us for the celebration of the Sunday Masses: Msgr. Kidder (pastor emeritus) on January 7-8 and January 15, and Fr. Rusty Shaughnessy, OFM (our 2023 Parish Mission director) on January 21-22. Please also note the following interim changes:

No Monday and First Saturday Masses beginning Dec. 26

Except for January 23 during our Parish Mission, Monday Masses will be replaced by Liturgies of the Word and led by one of our deacons. These will not include reception of Holy Communion. We will also not have Mass on Saturday, January 7, at 8:15 AM. We will resume the First Saturday Masses on February 4 at 8:15 AM.

Parish Mission

The 2023 Parish Mission is coming soon! The Mission will run January 23-25, 2023. Please join us for an exciting 3-night speaking series with guest speaker Fr. Rusty Shaughnessy, O.F.M., as we learn how to understand God's love for us more deeply and accept Christ's call to discipleship in our lives. The talks will be held from 7:00-8:00 PM, January 23-25 in the church.

Weekly Adoration

Weekly Adoration on Thursdays (9:00 AM – 5:00 PM) will be in the Youth Center due to construction noise in the church. For more information, call or text Loretta at 408-966-9424. Thank you for continuing to participate in this devotion every week.



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...

*"When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home."
Matthew 1:24*

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. Joseph was a model of these pillars of our faith. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.

Consider making your gift electronically:

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

Christmas Floral Donations

The Liturgical Environment Ministry is seeking donations for our Christmas Poinsettia plants and floral arrangements. You may make your donation in memory of a loved one. A mass for the memorial intentions will be offered on Sunday, **January 8, 2023** at the 9:00 AM Mass. 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.

Part-time Position Available

Are you interested in helping our parish serve our community? We have a part-time position available in the parish office for someone who is outgoing, loves working with people, enjoys multitasking, and can focus on the details, even with many distractions. For more information, please contact Jeremy Youngers at jeremy@holytrinityparish.org.

Kids Zone

We are in need of a ministry lead for Kids Zone. This ministry provides childcare during the 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Masses on Sundays. If you are interested, please contact the Parish office: 530-677-3234.

Christmas Donations

Every year the financial gifts received on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day are designated to our parish Building Fund. These gifts will be used to pay for the expenses associated with our parish property and campus, including the east side 43 acres, capital repairs, and improvements to our buildings and facilities. Most significantly, this year's gifts will help complete the Bell Tower and Narthex project.

End of Year Giving

We are humbled by the financial and personal contributions to our parish this year. Your investment in our parish makes the work of serving parishioners, local neighbors, and missions across the world possible for the glory of God. We want everyone to experience the joy and peace that comes from knowing Jesus Christ through our Catholic faith.

Many people will make charitable contributions late in the calendar year to take advantage of tax benefits. To do so, checks must be dated, and envelopes postmarked on or before December 31, 2022. Please consider a year end, tax deductible donation to help us continue in our purpose next year. We can also accept donations of stocks, distributions from your IRA, and real property. If you have questions about your options, please contact: jeremy@holytrinityparish.org

Offertory Gift Bearers



We will be implementing a new process so that all parishioners will have the opportunity to offer the gifts of Bread & Wine to the presider. A small "disk" will be placed next to the Bread & Wine on the credence table on the left side of the center aisle at the back of the church. Any 2 people or family wishing to offer the gifts will take the disk as soon as they arrive for Mass, **inform the lead greeter, and then hold the disk until they come back to bring the gifts forward.** During the collection, the holder of the disk will come to the back, return the disk to the lead greeter and they will be guided on how to bring the Offertory gifts to the priest.

A decorative border at the top of the page features a red poinsettia flower on the left and a pine branch with a large brown pinecone on the right. The background is white with a faint, light blue star.

Thank You!

to our volunteers who helped
put our Christmas mailer together



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