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 25, 2022 • Christmas Day

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:
Dec. 26 Parish Office Closed for the Christmas Holiday
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. 9 Knitting and Craft Group at 12:30 PM
Jan. 11 Caregivers Support Group
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. 8 Caregivers Support Group
Feb. 22 Dementia Caregiver Series Session 2 of 3
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.

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.
• 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 January 3-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 8-3 PM or contact the school office at 530-677-3591 for pick-up.

Position at El Dorado Hills Senior Center
El Dorado County is seeking someone to staff a noon time meal service at the El Dorado Hills Senior Center. They are seeking a coordinator and four help staff. This could be a paid position or volunteer work. The County plans to pay for the background check for volunteers. The Center has not been able to offer a hot lunch because of Covid for several years, and they are eager to resume the program. If interested, please contact John Raslear Ombudsman for Seniors in Assisted Living at john.raslear@edc.gov.us.

Thursday Morning Scripture Study
Merry Christmas! The Thursday morning Scripture Study group will study the Mass starting January 5, 2023. We are using Ascension Press’s “Biblical Walk Through the Mass” and a series found on Formed.org. If you would like to join us, go to AscensionPress.org to order the study guide. We are still meeting in the View Room from 9-11 AM.

Coat and Blanket Drive Gratitude
The Faith Formation Ministry thanks all our generous parishioners who gifted coats and blankets to keep our brothers and sisters in Christ warm! Donna Richmond deserves special applause for loading up her truck and bringing the donations to Green Valley Community Church in Placerville and St. Vincent de Paul in Folsom.

Message of Thanks from Job’s Shelter
The staff and volunteers at Job’s Shelter cannot thank you enough for all of the amazing gifts from the Giving Tree. They will provide warmth and comfort to as many people as the Shelter can reach. The generosity of Holy Trinity Parish is completely overwhelming. Thank you so very much. Merry Christmas!

Save the Date – Knitting & Craft Group
The Knitting & Craft group is starting up again! Regardless of skill level, we invite anyone interested to join us for some socializing and friendship. Even if you do not do any crafts, you are welcome to come and join in the fun. We’ll be meeting on the second Monday of the month starting January 9 at 12:30 PM in the View Room. For more information, please contact Ronnie Patterson at ronnie@pattersonclan.com. Hope to see you there!

Parish Office Closed
The Parish Office will be closed for Christmas from December 23 to December 26, and for the New Year’s Holiday from December 30 to January 2. Normal office hours will resume January 3. Have a blessed holiday!
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 AM – 5 PM) will be in the Youth Room due to construction noise in the church. For more information, call or text Loretta Allsup at 408-966-9424. Thank you for continuing to participate in this devotion every week. Please note there will be no Extended Adoration on January 5.

MASS INTENTIONS

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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.
Questions for Faith Sharing Jan. 1
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
In next Sunday's Gospel, Luke 2:16-21, the shepherds have just told Mary and Joseph the angels’ announcement that their son is Savior, Messiah, and Lord (Luke 2:11). As the people ask God to “keep” them, Mary “keeps” the wondrous news of the shepherds in her heart, guarding and treasuring them as she reflects on their words.

Reflection for families:
• What specific part of the good news do you keep and treasure in your heart?

Confirmation Groups Update
confirmation@holytrinityparish.org

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

If you are interested in learning more about the Sacrament of Confirmation, please contact or Kim Jones at kjones@holytrinityparish.org

Formed.org
Season 1 of the popular series, “The Chosen” is available to view on Formed.org. We excited to share that Formed is in the process of producing original Catholic commentary of each episode of “The Chosen” with professors from the Augustine Institute Graduate School.
https://watch.formed.org/catholic-commentary-on-the-chosen

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

Alpha Marriage Course
Time and space to focus on your relationship.
Two Saturdays: Jan. 28 and Feb. 11, 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM at the Holy Trinity Parish Social Center

The Marriage Course is a series of seven video sessions, designed to help couples invest in their relationship and build a strong marriage. There is time for private couple reflection throughout the series. The focus is on those aspects of marriage that couples tend to need help with the most: communication, understanding each other’s needs, conflict resolution, and more. Breakfast and Lunch are provided. Couples are asked to register online at https://www.holytrinityparish.org/alpha

Each couple will receive two study guides to keep. There is no cost to attend.

Questions? Please email Paul and Stephanie Francois at Paul.Stephanie.Francois@comcast.net
Stewardship…
“And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us…” John 1:14

God made us to be in relationship with Him. He loves each of us individually. Through sin, our relationship with God was broken. He gave us Jesus to restore our relationship. Being a disciple of Jesus, we are given the model to obtain eternal life in Heaven. Christmas isn’t about the material gifts we receive, it’s about the love that God, Our Father, gave us by giving us His Son, Jesus – the best gift we could ever receive.

Consider making your gift electronically: https://www.holytrinityparish.org/give.

Christmas Floral Donations
The Liturgical Environment Ministry wishes to thank everyone who donated to the Christmas floral collection. Your generosity enabled us to purchase the poinsettia plants, greens, and flowers that made the church beautiful for the Christmas season. The Mass for your memorial intentions will be offered on Sunday, January 8 at 9 AM. We appreciate your support throughout the year!

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.

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 to our community. Contact the parish office at 530-677-3234 if interested.

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.
WE INVITE YOU TO ATTEND THE

Holy Trinity
Parish Mission

JANUARY 23-25, 2023

WITH GUEST SPEAKER

Fr. Rusty Shaughnessy, O.F.M

Fr. Shaughnessy is a priest and speaker with the Order of Friars Minor.

During this 3 night event he will share with us:

• how to accept Christ’s invitation to discipleship
• how the power of the Holy Spirit helps to guide our lives
• how we can receive and live as members of the Body of Christ
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