**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.

March 26, 2023 • Fifth Sunday in Lent

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:**
Mar. 26 High School Youth Group Meeting at 6 PM  
Mar. 28 Lenten Penance Service at 7 PM  
Mar. 31 Stations of the Cross at 6 PM – Soup Dinner to Follow  
Apr. 2 Palm Sunday  
Apr. 2 Children’s Easter Egg Hunt after 9 and 11 AM Masses  
Apr. 6 Holy Thursday Mass at 7 PM  
Apr. 7 Good Friday Service at 7 PM  
Apr. 7 Divine Mercy Novena Begins  
Apr. 8 Easter Vigil at 8 PM  
Apr. 9 Easter Sunday  
Apr. 15 Divine Mercy Novena Ends  
Apr. 16 Divine Mercy Sunday  
Apr. 16 or 20 St. Robert Bellarmine Confirmation Group Combined Session
Dementia Caregiver Series
The Holy Trinity Health Education Ministry invites family caregivers, professional caregivers, and the public to the final installment of our FREE Dementia Caregiver Series on Wednesday, March 29, 10-11:30 AM in the Holy Trinity View Room.

If you missed the first two sessions, don’t worry! Each session has a different community speaker and covers a range of topics.

For more information and to register, please visit www.tinyurl.com/dces123 or call 916-728-9333, press 2. Respite care is available if needed to participate. A big thank-you to the Alzheimer’s Association, Elder Care Management of Northern California, and Del Oro Resource Center for coordinating this amazing series. Hope to see you there!

Easter Vigil
The Mass on the Vigil of Easter Sunday starts after darkness at 8 PM with a large fire on the patio between the church and the Social Center symbolizing “Christ as the light of the world.” After the fire is lighted, the new Paschal Candle will be lit and blessed, and we all process into a darkened church. The readings for the Vigil span the story of salvation history from creation to resurrection. After the readings, we will have the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and first Eucharist for those whom will receive the sacraments. This beautiful liturgy is a joyful way to conclude your Lenten journey which ended on Holy Thursday, to begin our Easter Season, and to celebrate with our new Catholic brothers and sisters. Please join us to celebrate the Liturgy of Christ’s Resurrection.

Grief Support Session Coming Soon
Holy Trinity’s Bereavement Ministry is hosting the next Grief Support Group sessions to anyone who has lost a loved one. This is an opportunity to learn about grief and to share your experiences and challenges in a safe and confidential environment. Our goal is to assist you in finding hope as you grieve. We meet on Mondays, April 17–May 22 from 4–5:30 PM in the View Room. For questions or to register contact Carmelinda Moy 916-933-4287, Wanda Matus 916-947-6657, or bereavement.htp@gmail.com. Pre-registration is required.

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA BEGINS APRIL 7
The Bible tells us to pray unceasingly, and God will hear us. Some have said, “I prayed once, and God didn’t answer my prayers.” God answers prayers in three ways: yes, not now, or I have a better idea. What has been your experience? This is the idea of a Novena Prayer – nine consecutive days of prayer for a single petition or related petitions. Join the Divine Mercy Prayer Ministry for a novena of Divine Mercy Chaplets with daily intentions revealed to St. Faustina by Jesus Himself and your own special intentions. The Divine Mercy Novena starts on Good Friday, April 7 and concludes on Saturday, April 15. We will join the rosary group after the 8:15 AM Mass is concluded and recite the chaplet also. Questions? Call John at 530-677-2805.

REFOCCUS Your Marriage
Calling all Married Couples! Whether you have been married a few years or many we invite you to REFOCCUS on your marriage. Please join the Marriage Ministry for a 5-night event to REFOCCUS your marriage through productive discussion on communication and problem solving. If you desire to spend time and energy on your relationship but need a little direction and skill building assistance in doing so, this program is for you! Join us Wednesdays in the Media Center 6:30–8:30 PM, from April 19 to June 14. Contact paul.stephanie.francois@comcast.net.
**Lenten Penance Service**

There will be a Lenten Communal Penance Service on **Tuesday, March 28 at 7 PM**. There will be seven priests available for individual confessions. We encourage all parishioners to plan to attend to receive the gift of reconciliation from the Sacrament as part of your preparation for the coming Holy Week and Easter Season.

**Holy Thursday, April 6**

On this evening Lent ends and the Church enters the Sacred Paschal Triduum with the *Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper* which begins a liturgy that lasts for three days reaching a high point with the Mass of *The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night* on Saturday night. One of the earliest traditions for the Holy Thursday liturgy is the Washing of Feet commemorating what Jesus did for the apostles at the Last Supper. Again, this year we invite members of the parish community to come forward to have their feet washed as part of this powerful symbol of servant leadership.

Holy Thursday and Good Friday, April 6 & 7: There is no 8:15 AM Mass on either Holy Thursday or Good Friday since these two days have liturgies that occur in the evening as part of Triduum. Our liturgies on both evenings begin at 7 PM. Therefore, there will be no Eucharistic Adoration during the day on Holy Thursday, but the Blessed Sacrament will be available for Adoration from the end of the Holy Thursday liturgy until about 10 PM.

**Bereavement Ministry**

The Bereavement Ministry is a group of volunteer parishioners who dedicate their time to helping others on their grief journey. The team facilitates a structured support program that allows participants looking for companions in faith to share their coping experiences with the death of a loved one within an environment of confidentiality and care. If you would like to volunteer in this ministry or for more information, contact Carmelinda Moy at 916-933-4287 or bereavement.hfp@gmail.com.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, Mar. 27**
8:15 AM  Art & Cecelia Steiner, deceased, by the Clinton family

**Tuesday, Mar. 28**
8:15 AM  Robert Graff, deceased

**Wednesday, Mar. 29**
8:15 AM  Maria de Jesus, deceased, by Irma Garcia

**Thursday, Mar. 30**
8:15 AM  Nancy Martino, deceased, by Irma Garcia

**Friday, Mar. 31**
8:15 AM  Everardo Valencia, deceased, by Andres & Valencia family

**Saturday, Apr. 1**
8:15 AM  Eleanor Hooseit, deceased, by Paul & Carolyn Hooseit
5:30 PM  Mike Peters, deceased, by Clinton family

**Sunday, Apr. 2**
7:30 AM  Pro Populo
9:00 AM  Pro Populo
11:00 AM  Parishioners of Holy Trinity

**Spiritual Support for Families**

All baptized Catholics can receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick during periods of serious illness or at the end of their life. If you or a family member need an Anointing, please call the parish office. If an emergency Anointing is needed after office hours, please follow the prompts to be connected directly to one of our priests: 530-677-3234.
Questions for Faith Sharing April 2
Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion
In next Sunday’s Gospel, Matthew 26:14-27:66, we are invited into the passion of Jesus during his final week on earth. We hear Jesus’ refusal to strike back against those who harm, beginning with Judas’ betrayal, the denial of Peter, and culminating in the crucifixion and Jesus’ burial. The grim finality of it occurs when the Roman soldiers secure the tomb with a stone and their armed presence. With that, we enter into the long silence of Holy Saturday.

Reflection for families:
• How can we dwell in the silence and darkness of Good Friday and Holy Saturday before moving on to the joy of Easter?

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

St. Robert Bellarmine Group:
• Your next Combined Session, “United,” for candidates ONLY is either Sunday, April 16 (12:30-2:00 pm) OR Thursday, April 20 (6:30-8:00 pm). The link to sign up will be emailed to you.
• We ask all candidates to complete their service hours. Service opportunities are sent by email. Your Confirmation Service Log, Sponsor Form and Certificate form are due in the Faith Formation Office by Friday, May 13th.

St. Sebastian Group:
• Don’t forget to get started on those Saint Projects and Saint Letters! They are due in the Faith Formation Office by April 21, 2023.
• Choose your sponsor. Sponsor forms can be found by contacting the Faith Formation team or on the parish website: https://www.holytrinityparish.org/confirmation-year1
• If you are interested in joining our Confirmation program, please contact Kim Jones for more information: kjones@holytrinityparish.org

Knights of Columbus
All men of Holy Trinity Parish are invited to join the Knights of Columbus. HTP Knights are servant-leaders who support parish events and programming. Contact Randy Bickel at holytrinityknights@yahoo.com for more information.

HS Youth Group
All high school students are invited to our March Madness Youth Group meeting, March 26, 6-8 PM in the Youth Center. Basketball for those so inclined, cards and board games for those who aren’t, and dinner provided for all. You are welcome to bring friends.

Interested in supporting our Faith Formation team? Contact Kim Jones at kjones@holytrinityparish.org.

For more information, visit www.holytrinityparish.org/formed
Stewardship…

“Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?’” John 11:40

Many of us say that we believe in God. We attend Sunday Mass and participate in parish events. But when life gets hard and the pressure is on, when things aren’t going our way, do we really believe? When we reflect with gratitude, recognizing all that we have been given, we really do see that God is providing for our needs. Living a grateful and generous life allows us to see God’s active presence in our daily lives.

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

Donations for the Easter Egg Hunt

To support another successful Easter Egg Hunt for our young parishioners and guests, we are seeking donations of plastic eggs and items to fill them with. Examples of fillable items include pre-packaged candy (excluding nuts and chocolate) and small faith-themed trinkets. Last year, we stuffed over 3,000 eggs with the help of our parishioners and confirmation families.

You can drop off items at the Parish Office or the plastic tote next to the Welcome table in the Narthex by Wednesday, March 29. The Easter egg hunt will take place after the 9 and 11 AM Masses on Sunday, April 2.

Landscape Improvement

Are you a landscape designer or contractor, master gardener, horticulturalist, or gardening enthusiast? If yes, your expertise is needed on a new committee that will assist parish staff in developing a parish-wide landscape improvement plan. The plan will include a prioritized list of specific projects around the campus that will then be completed by parish cleanup volunteers and/or contractors. If you are interested in participating on this advisory committee, please email Jeremy Youngers at jeremy@holytrinityparish.org or contact the parish office.

Holy Trinity Community Servants

Holy Trinity Community Servants (HTCS) is a Parish ministry that provides assistance to our neighbors in the community who need help with yard work, minor repairs in the yard, and helping them make their property fire safe. We assist senior citizens, single parents, and those who are disabled with yard clean up and gutter cleaning.

We begin at 8 AM with prayer and a blessing. Work teams are formed for each requested project and sent to the homes to begin work. We finish about 12:30 PM and meet for lunch before heading home. This is a great opportunity for parents and teens who might need credit for service hours. Our next workday is scheduled for April 29, 2023. We invite you to come join us! If you have questions, please contact Judy Silva at Jdysilva@yahoo.com.

Knights of Columbus Food Drive

The Knights of Columbus will be having their annual Easter Ham collection next weekend, Palm Sunday, April 1 and 2 to support the Food Bank of El Dorado County. The Food Bank provides food assistance to those in need daily with over 30 partner charities, including the Upper Room. Parishioners are asked to bring hams sized three to ten pounds to feed the hungry in our area. Knights will be available to collect the hams before and after all Masses on April 1 and 2, including Saturday at 5:30 PM, and Sunday at 7:30, 9, and 11 AM. Holy Trinity Parish is blessed to have such wonderful stewards who share their Time, Talent, & Treasure for all of God’s people.

Easter Floral Donations

The Liturgical Environment Ministry is seeking donations for our Easter flowers and floral arrangements. You may make a donation in memory of a loved one. A mass for the memorial intentions will be offered on April 16 at 9 AM. Donation envelopes are in the pews and on the tables at the back of the nave. Your continuing generosity helps us create a beautiful worship environment for the most holy season of Easter.
HELP SAVE LIVES IN SACRAMENTO

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion!

Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000+ volunteers!

With God’s help, here are the proven results in 30 coordinated campaigns:

- Over **20,000 babies** saved from abortion
- Over **200 abortion workers** converted
- Over **100 abortion centers** closed

Here’s how to take part in 40 Days for Life in our community:

- Vigil location: **Public sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood Abortion Business, 201 29th Street, Sacramento**

- Vigil hours: **Monday through Saturday from 8:00am to 5:00pm**

- Local contact: **Wynette: 916-955-1577**

Get involved! Sign up to come and pray by visiting our website at:

[40daysforlife.com/Sacramento](http://40daysforlife.com/Sacramento)
JOIN US!

Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 2
Parish Green
After 9 am & 11 am Masses
Toddlers - 5th graders
Holy Trinity parishioners, students
& guests welcome!

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