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.

April 2, 2023 • Palm Sunday

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:
Apr. 2 Children’s Easter Egg Hunt after 9 and 11 AM Masses
Apr. 6 Holy Thursday Mass at 7 PM
Apr. 7 Parish Office Closed for Good Friday
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. 12 Caregiver Support Group at 10:30 AM
Apr. 15 Divine Mercy Novena Ends
Apr. 16 Divine Mercy Sunday
Apr. 16 or 20 St. Robert Bellarmine Confirmation Group Combined Session
Apr. 23 Stewardship Renewal Weekend 1 of 3
Apr. 23 Welcome Breakfast after all Masses
Apr. 29 Holy Trinity Community Servants (HTCS) Service Day at 8 AM
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.

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. Registration is required.

Eucharistic Revival at Holy Trinity
The Eucharistic Revival is a nationwide, grassroots movement aimed at restoring understanding and devotion to Jesus’s real presence in the Holy Eucharist, the source and summit of our Catholic faith. Holy Trinity is excited to join with other parishes nationwide in kicking off the Eucharistic Revival on Sunday, June 11, the feast of Corpus Christi. Join us at the 11 AM Mass, followed by a Eucharistic Procession around campus and then our Annual Parish Picnic! To learn more about this national movement please visit: https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/

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 HT Marriage Ministry for a 5-night event to REFOCCUS your marriage. REFOCCUS is a Catholic Program that brings awareness to major aspects of marriage and the communication and problem solving that is utilized and developed. REFOCCUS is ideal for married couples who wish to spend time and energy on their relationship but desire direction in doing so. Media Center from 6:30 – 8:30 PM on April 19, May 3, May 17, May 31, and June 14. Questions: paul.stephanie.francois@comcast.net.

What is TRIDUUM?
The word “Triduum” is Latin for “three days.” The Church enters the Sacred Paschal Triduum when Lent ends on Holy Thursday and when we celebrate the Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper. This begins one, continuous liturgy that lasts for three days from Holy Thursday through Good Friday, the Easter Vigil, and Easter Sunday. One of the earliest traditions for the Holy Thursday liturgy is the Washing of Feet reminding us of the Lord’s teaching that the greatest among us are to be servants to all. Our Good Friday liturgy continues at 7 PM with the reading of Passion, veneration of the Cross, and Communion. On Holy Saturday, our Easter Vigil liturgy will begin at 8 PM with the lighting of the Easter Fire. Triduum continues with the Masses on Easter Sunday morning celebrating the Resurrection of the Lord.

As we continue our Lenten journey, reflect on the beauty of the Sacred Paschal Triduum and how it demonstrates God’s great love for us. Plan to attend the Triduum liturgy at Holy Trinity:
- April 6, 2023 – Holy Thursday @ 7 PM
- April 7, 2023 – Good Friday @ 7 PM
- April 8, 2023 – Easter Vigil @ 8 PM
- April 9, 2023 – Easter Sunday
  - Masses in Church – 7:30, 9, and 11 AM
  - Masses in Social Center – 9:15 and 11:15 AM
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.

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 lit, 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 who 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.

MASS INTENTIONS

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For DAILY READINGS
Please visit us @ holytrinityparish.org or www.usccb.org/bible/readings/040223.cfm

Women’s Prayer Group
Come join us for prayer, reflection, and sharing. Our next meeting is April 13 at 11 AM. For more info, contact: Valerie or Ellen: Valerie.enright@yahoo.com.

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 April 9
Easter Sunday
In next Sunday’s Gospel, John 20:1-9, we experience the Resurrection as Mary Magdalen arrives at the tomb where they laid Jesus’ body. She finds the stone rolled away from the entrance of the tomb and runs to get Peter and John, thinking that someone had taken Jesus’ body away from the tomb. Peter and John hurry to the tomb. The Gospel reading leaves us inside the empty tomb with Mary Magdalene, Peter, and the beloved disciple, filled with wonder, just before they encounter the risen Christ. Alleluia! He is risen!

Reflection for families:
• How would you have felt if you had run to Jesus’ tomb on Easter morning and found it empty?

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

School Ministry News
Holy Trinity’s 3rd and 8th grade students ended their visit at The Pavilion Memory Care in El Dorado Hills with an impromptu rendition of “You Are My Sunshine.” The students had just concluded a morning visit chatting and making Dancing Hearts for Valentine’s Day when one resident was asked to lead the students in song. The resident baritone led the entire gathering in two verses of “You Are My Sunshine.” This year, Holy Trinity students will be sharing Sunshine with residents in 8 long term care residences.

Holy Trinity School Ministry offers a strong academic education infused with Catholic values. Please call 530-677-3591 to arrange a private tour and to hear about all the wonderful things we are learning!

Formed.org
FORMED is excited to present curated content to help both adults and children journey through this Lenten season. In this collection are resources to help the faithful deepen their understanding of various Lenten days, practices, and devotions. You can find resources on prayer, the mystery of Christ’s Passion, the roots of Holy Week found in Judaism, and many things to help guide the faithful through the holiest days in our liturgical year—the Triduum.

FORMED is free to all parishioners! Simply go through our parish website. Under “Learn” you can set up your own free account. Click “Sign up as a parishioner.” To learn more: www.holytrinityparish.org/formed
Stewardship…

“As they were marching out, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name; this man they pressed into service to carry his cross.” Matthew 27:32

The Lord calls us to love God and to love our neighbor. Every day we are presented with opportunities to love our neighbor and help him “carry his cross.” These opportunities aren’t usually big events; they are usually ordinary occurrences like helping someone carry their groceries or holding the door open for them. The key is putting the other person’s needs before our own and not expecting anything in return.

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

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.

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.htp@gmail.com.

Caregiver Support Group

This group helps those who care or have cared for others find spiritual rest and refreshment. You may share your experiences in a caring environment. The next one is Wednesday, April 12, 10:30 AM – 12 PM in Room 1A/1B. For more information contact Ellen Miller: 916-805-5922.

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.

Rachel’s Project Retreat

The Diocese is holding the 2nd Rachel’s Project Retreat since 2019. This is a retreat to help anyone who has had the trauma of an abortion or by a miscarriage or any loss. You could have been directly or indirectly affected by a loss and this is an opportunity to experience a wonderful sense of healing. The next retreat in English is April 28-30 and the next in Spanish is August 25-27. Please call (916) 733-0161 or call Silvia Andrade at 909-261-0589.

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 16

The Church celebrates Easter for an entire week culminating on the eighth day, Divine Mercy Sunday, April 16. Jesus revealed to a humble Polish nun in the 1930s His desire to establish and celebrate this feast in honor of His great mercy shown by His Passion and Resurrection. He promised St. Faustina that “The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion (on this day) shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment” (Diary 699). The Church has made a plenary indulgence available for the worthy reception (having gone to Confession) of Holy Communion on Divine Mercy Sunday.

Please take advantage of this opportunity at any Mass on April 16 and join us for a special Holy Hour from 3-4 PM, which includes adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, benediction, veneration of the Divine Mercy Image and the first-class relics of St. John Paul II and St. Faustina, and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. For questions call John Doering at 530-677-2805.
RESPECT LIFE
MINISTRY UPDATES

Holy Trinity’s Respect Life Ministry (RLM) is excited to highlight our 2022 accomplishments! The RLM has been hard at work creating awareness related to protecting human life through our three pillars: Pray 🙏, Vote 🗳️, Act ❤️. In 2022, the RLM, along with our parishioners, accomplished the following:

❤️ Walk for Life San Francisco. (January)
❤️ Holy Trinity Campus Walk for Life. (January)
🌞 40 Days for Life Campaign participation. (March)
❤️ Pregnancy Counseling Services Walk for Life in Placerville, California (May)
❤️ March for Life Sacramento. (June)
🔑 Hosted guest speakers for Pray Vote Act mission with several Respect Life organizations and over one hundred people in attendance. (September)
❤️ Cupcake Day with proceeds benefiting the Mother Teresa Maternity Home in Placerville, California. (October)
💡 National Pray the Rosary Day rally participation. (October)

The RLM has exciting new events planned for 2023. If you would like to join the RLM, or are interested in assisting with an RLM event, please contact Amber Lozano at alloz0613@gmail.com.

For more information about respect life events and organizations supporting women and children, visit the Respect life page on Holy Trinity’s website page at Respect Life | Holy Trinity Parish.
HOLY TRINITY COMMUNITY SERVANTS

NEXT WORK DAY IS APRIL 29, 2023.
FROM 8 AM TO 12:30 PM

HTCS is a parish ministry that provides assistance to our neighbors in the community who need help with yard work and repairs in the yard. We assist senior citizens, single parents and those who are disabled with yard clean up and gutter cleaning. If you have questions or are in need of our assistance please contact the lead, Judy Silva, by email at jdysilva@yahoo.com.
COME PARTICIPATE WITH US

HOLY WEEK
AT HOLY TRINITY

Holy Thursday
April 6 - 7 PM

Good Friday
April 7 - 7 PM

Easter Vigil
April 8 - 8 PM

Easter Sunday
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