#### **MASS SCHEDULE**

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS 5:00 PM

SUNDAY MASS 7:30 AM 9:00 AM \*

11:00 AM 5:00 PM

MONDAY – FRIDAY MASS 8:15 AM

SATURDAY MASS 8:15 AM

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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.

# September 7, 2025 Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Please visit our website for more about Parish Life: www.holytrinityparish.org

**Church hours:** Sun. 7:30 AM-6:00 PM; Sat. 8:00 AM-6:00 PM; Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:00 PM **Parish Office hours:** Monday-Friday 8:45 AM-4:00 PM

#### **Upcoming Events:**

Sept. 6/7 2nd Collection – Priests' Retirement

Sept. 7 Children's Liturgy of the Word resumes 9 & 11 AM Masses

Sept. 7 **or** 16 Year 2 Confirmation Session – St. Ursula Grp.
Sept. 11 New Hybrid Study (The Creed) begins 6:30 PM
Sept. 20 Divine Mercy Chaplet & Reception after 8:15 AM Mass

Sept. 23 or 28 "Letters to the Bishop" Confirmation Session St. Teresa of Avila Grp.

Sept. 27 Knights of Columbus Family Pasta Night 6:00 PM

Oct. 11 Morning of Reflection 9 AM-Noon - St. Teresa of Avila Grp.

Oct. 12 Confirmation Mass 1:30 PM

Oct. 18 Holy Trinity Community Servants Workday

Nov. 2 Fall Festival

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#### **Christ the King Retreat Center**

On **October 4**, Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center will host their 75<sup>th</sup> Diamond Jubilee: "Let it Shine! Celebrating 75 Years as Pilgrims of Hope and Light!" with Mass, Dinner, Dancing, Silent & Live Auction. Purchase tickets: www.christthekingretreatcenter.org by Sept. 29. For information: Sandra Gill 916-725-4720 ext. 302.

## **Mother Teresa Maternity Home Fall Luncheon**

**October 4** is the Mother Teresa Maternity Home Fall Luncheon. We will have open seating tickets - you may purchase a single ticket OR you may want to host and decorate a table of 8. For more information, please contact Colette Polaski at 530-957-4021.

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#### Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word will resume Sunday, **September 7** during the 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Masses.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection This Weekend

This weekend, **September 6/7**, we will have a 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection benefitting the Priests' Retirement Fund. This is our opportunity to take care of those who, within our own diocese, have spent their lives caring for us spiritually, and to thank them for their long and loving service.

#### St. Vincent de Paul Conference

This is the second update on the work done by the Holy Trinity St. Vincent de Paul Conference. Sir Winston Churchill reportedly said, "We make a living by what we get,



we make a life by what we give." This mirrors the work done to help our neighbors in need who call on the SVDP Conference for assistance.

Recently we received a call from a couple who needed help with their rent. They had three children and one of them, a teenager, needed psychological assistance. The father was a truck driver who had injured his back and was on temporary disability. They were two months behind in their rent. After a home visit, it was determined that they were also behind in their PG&E bills. We learned that the father was about ready to return to work. If we could help with the rent, when he returned to work, they could make other payments. We partnered with Foothills Church to pay the back rent which saved an eviction and allowed the family to keep their apartment.

The Holy Trinity SVDP Conference needs your help to be able to continue to serve our brothers and sisters in Christ who need our assistance. We meet on the first and third Monday of each month at 9:00 AM in the View Room. Come sit in for one meeting to see how you can "...make a life by what you give." Contact Paul Daschka at daschka@comcast.net or Deacon Jim.



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."

#### **Divine Mercy Ministry**

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month, our ministry will host a chaplet and reception. Join us after morning Mass, **September 20**. We will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet for your intentions after the 8:15 AM Mass followed by a reception in the View room with homemade bakery items, coffee and fellowship. Pick up free information on the Devine Mercy devotion and speak to our members on how they have benefited from our weekly meetings on Wednesdays at 3:00 PM in the View room.

#### **Divine Mercy Moment**

Mercy Moment - The Words of Jesus to St. Faustina On Praying the Chaplet:



"Oh, what great graces I will grant to souls who say this chaplet; the very depths of my tender mercy are stirred for the sake of those who say the chaplet." (Diary 848) "Through the chaplet you will obtain everything, if what you ask for is compatible with My will." (Diary 1731)

# Spiritual Outreach through Homebound Ministry

There are many parishioners in our community who are homebound through age or illness and are not able to worship in person with us at Mass. Some of them may be able to view Sunday Mass on television or live streamed; however, they are unable to receive The Eucharist.

Please consider joining the Homebound Minister Team to bring Christ to these members of our parish family. Visits are brief, and the time is flexible. For information, please contact Bob Aguilar at: 805-252-5669.

#### **Spiritual Support for Families**

If you or a family member need an Anointing of the Sick, please call the Parish office. After hours, follow the prompts to be connected directly to a priest: 530-677-3234.

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

#### Saturday, Sept. 6

5:00 PM ~

#### Sunday, Sept. 7

7:30 AM ~Parishioners of Holy Trinity

9:00 AM ~Carol Waller, deceased, by Tom Waller

~Shiron Olson, deceased, by Karen Scruby

~In Thanksgiving, by Judith Humol

~Souls of Primvito Humol, special intention, by Judith Humol-O'Camb

~Helen Marta, deceased, by Pam Prentiss

11:00 AM ~Mildred Hebert, deceased, by Wayne & Marion Hebert

~Ken Matty, healing, by Nancy Sobczak

5:00 PM ~

#### Monday, Sept. 8

8:15 AM ~Brian Jawin, birthday, by Vicky Jawin-Arreola

#### Tuesday, Sept. 9

8:15 AM ~

#### Wednesday, Sept. 10

8:15 AM ~Dale Demary, deceased, by Dan & Kim Koos

#### Thursday, Sept. 11

8:15 AM ~Paul Higdon, deceased, by Anita Klein

- ~Salvador De Los Santos, deceased, by Mireva Delhaie
- ~Paul Kuzmich, deceased, by Jeannie Kuzmich

#### Friday, Sept. 12

8:15 AM ~Edross Garcia, thanks, by Eduardo Garcia

#### Saturday, Sept. 13

8:15 AM ~

#### For DAILY READINGS

Please visit us @ holytrinityparish.org or www.usccb.org/bible/readings/090725.cfm





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 Sept. 14 The Exaltation of the Cross

In next Sunday's Gospel, John 3:13-17, we hear of Christ's descent from the highest place (at the right hand of God as the Son) to the lowest (as a mortal human being executed as a criminal). Because of his willing obedience, God then exalted him, returning him to his glorious and rightful place over all creation. The cross is a paradox that is the essence of Christian hope. This simultaneous symbol of brutal failure and glorious exaltation is the ultimate reminder of God's infinite love.

#### **Reflection for families:**

• How does the truth that God loves the world (John 3:16) shape how we view the world?

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Into the Breach is a groundbreaking 12-episode video series from the Knights of Columbus that seeks to answer what it means to be a Catholic man in today's world. Inspired by Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted's apostolic exhortation to Catholic men, Into the Breach tells men they are made for greatness and challenges them to achieve it by founding their lives on God and pursuing heroic virtue.

Each episode explores a different aspect of authentic Catholic masculinity and features well-known Catholic speakers, as well as the personal story of a man who has deeply experienced the episode's topic in his own life. Speakers include Dr. Scott Hahn, Fr. Mike Schmitz, Jason Evert and many others.

### St. Vincent Ferrer Group:

New Confirmation group forming! Please contact Kim Jones to register at:

kjones@holytrinityparish.org

#### **New Hybrid Study**

The Creed with Bishop Barron begins Thursday, **September 11** (6:30 - 8:00 PM) in the Media Center or via Zoom. Explore the Nicene Creed, our ancient statement of faith that has guided Christian thought for 1,700 years and is still accepted by Christians around the world today. With philosophical and theological skill and clarity, Bp. Barron will walk us through and break open the Creed line by line. This study is hosted by Neophyte Care. Please contact Cynthia in the Faith Formation office for more information or to receive the Zoom link: <a href="mailto:cmulcaire@holytrinityparish.org">cmulcaire@holytrinityparish.org</a> / 530-677-3234, ext. 233.

# Confirmation Groups Update St. Teresa of Avila Group:

- Please turn in outstanding Confirmation forms ASAP.
- Your next Combined Session, "Letters to the Bishop," is scheduled for either Tuesday, September 23 (5:30-7:00 PM) OR Sunday, September 28 (12:30-2:00 PM) in the Media Center. Candidates must attend with a parent or sponsor.
- Confirmation Weekend! Please plan to attend the mandatory Morning of Reflection with your sponsor on Saturday, October 11, 9:00 AM-12 Noon in the Social Center (includes the rehearsal for Confirmation). The Confirmation Mass begins at 1:30 PM on Sunday, October 12. Candidates and sponsors should check in at the View Room at 1:00 PM.

### St. Ursula Group:

- All candidates must complete a Zoom Discernment Interview with our Confirmation Team prior to beginning Year 2 of Confirmation preparation. Parents are welcome to attend the interview. A link to schedule will be emailed.
- Your first Year 2 Combined Session, "Burn," is scheduled for either Sunday, September 7 (10:15-11:45 AM) OR Tuesday, September 16 (5:30-7:00 PM) in the Social Center. Candidates should attend with a parent or sponsor.
- If you have not yet turned in your Saint Letter AND Saint Project, please do so as soon as possible. <a href="mailto:confirmation@holytrinityparish.org">confirmation@holytrinityparish.org</a>.





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.

### Am I Really a Disciple of Jesus?



**Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time** 

WIS 9:13-18B; PS 90:3-6,12-14, 17; PHMN 9-10, 12-17; LK 14:25-33

Today's readings make very clear the demands that will be made of those wanting to be called disciples of Christ. We must be prepared to give our all to Him. For a Christian, the life of discipleship, or the stewardship way of life is the only life that can truly satisfy and help us reach our goal of being a true follower of Christ.

In the Gospel passage from Luke, Christ says, "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple." Our Lord is speaking here not of emotions but rather of priorities. He must come first in all aspects of our lives. Period.

He goes on. "Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." In other words, it's all or nothing. Compromise is simply not possible. Christ wants us to give all of ourselves, all aspects of our individual lives, our family life, our parish over to Him and to the pursuit of His kingdom.

And just when we think our Lord might soften His message to make it a little more palatable, He goes further! "Anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." Why is our Lord being so demanding? Only because He knows us so well and loves us so much. Remember, he became man so he could understand the struggles we face as human beings.

So He knows that if we do not live by putting Him first before all else, we will easily be swallowed up by the earthly cares that weigh us down — our material things, our status, and our egos. He knows these things cannot satisfy us. He knows this because He is our Maker, and He made us for more. We are made to be His disciples, to seek after Him and His Kingdom. Embracing stewardship as a way of life allows us to count the cost and then run after Him with all our strength.

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#### Some thoughts from Deacon Jim:

This is a hard gospel message. You can't sugarcoat it. Jesus uses strong words about the demands of discipleship, which began with our baptism. Living the Christian way of life is a clear path in which we must die to ourselves if we want to follow Jesus, who walks ahead of us to show us the path of life. I think that's the key "Jesus leads us on our path, IF we will follow him." It's not that Resources are bad, we obviously need them to live and support others, even our parish. It's just that we are called to see all things -material resources and relationships (even our relationship with God)-through the lens of discipleship. In other words, we need to see all things as pathways to our total self-giving and not as possessions that we own. As we continue our journey, we are called to lean on Jesus for the help we need when our journey becomes too much. We aren't asked to do it alone, as his disciple Jesus will help us. Let us pray: "Dear Lord, I do not ask to see the path...I will hang on tightly to your hand and I will close my eyes, so that you know how much trust I place in you."St. Mary Elizabeth Hesselblad d. 1957

#### **HTCS Needs Workers**

The HT Community Servants (HTCS) is a ministry that has been providing services to parishioners and others in the community since 2014 with a Spring and Fall workday each year. HTCS provides assistance to our parishioners and our neighbors in the community who need help with yard work, minor repairs in the yard, and to help them make their property fire safe. This includes senior citizens, single parents and those who are disabled.

The ministry is based on Jesus' commandment to love and serve God and our neighbor... "But someone may well say, "You have faith and I have works; show me your faith without the works, and I will show you my faith by my works". (James 2:18)

This year HTCS is also working with the Parish Fall Festival Committee to do a parish campus clean-up. We are combining the Parish Clean-up with our

normal Fall HTCS workday on **Saturday, October 18**, 8AM–1PM. We need workers and Team Leaders, no experience necessary! You may volunteer by scanning the QR code.





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"Greetings from Camarillo! I'll be giving periodic updates on my seminary journey as well as share some fun facts about priestly formation in the bulletin. Myself and 23 other seminarians just completed our first 1.5 weeks at St. John's Seminary. Our cohort is made up of seminarians from the (arch)dioceses of Los Angeles, Orange, Fresno, and Monterey. Everyone brings with them a vast range of backgrounds, ages, and experiences. It has been exciting, albeit at times trying, to get to know everyone and build a strong community. We are known as the propaedeutic seminarians - a fancy word that basically means an introduction to study. The main goal of the year is to foster a strong relationship with God and build a robust foundation of prayer that will persist throughout seminary and beyond. I have been struck by the many beautiful places to pray - my current favorite is the oratory next to the main chapel and the Lourdes Grotto. We also learned about the four main dimensions of priestly formation. Do you know what they are? (answer below) We met the other cohorts of seminarians as well as the formators, professors, and spiritual directors; everyone is extremely supportive and helpful. In addition, we started catechism, choir, and Latin classes this week. In my next update, I'll talk about a day in the life of a seminarian (at that point, I'll be able to answer that question better!) I would love to keep writing but I am about to go to Adoration, Holy Hour, and Evening Prayer. Please be assured of my prayers. Oh, and the answer is human, spiritual, intellectual, and pastoral... I might quiz you next time I'm back! Until next time, Patrick."

"Patrick says that it is best to write to him since his access to digital mail is limited.

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