#### **MASS SCHEDULE**

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

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

11:00 AM

5:00 PM

5:00 PM

Monday - Friday Mass 8:15 AM

SATURDAY MASS 8:15 AM

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

SATURDAY 3:30-4:45 PM OR BY APPOINTMENT

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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.

# August 24, 2025 Twenty-first 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:**

Aug. 27 Adult Confirmation classes begin 6:30 PM

Sept. 1 Parish Office closed – Labor Day 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. 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

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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.

# Holy Trinity St. Vincent de Paul Conference

"Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward them for what they have done." (Prv. 19:17) Did you know that two years ago Holy Trinity formed a St. Vincent de Paul Conference to reach out and serve our neighbors



in need? Since we were formed, we have helped over 170 individuals and families to put food on the table, pay rent and utility bills, and repair their cars. All of this is done as a "hand-up", not as a "hand-out". Here is one recent example of a "hand-up" for a neighbor in need: We helped a single mother who works and home schools her three children. Her car's transmission failed, and she needed the car for her work. Paying for the transmission repair meant that she didn't have money for rent. She received a preliminary notice of eviction and came to us requesting assistance to help with her rent. After a home visit, we partnered with Foothills Church to pay her back rent. She is now able to continue to pay her bills going forward.

The SVDP Conference meets on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 9:00 AM in the View Room. We could use your help in being able to serve our brothers and sisters in Christ. Come join us. Contact Paul Daschka: <a href="mailto:daschka@comcast.net">daschka@comcast.net</a> or Deacon Jim.

# 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. If you are interested in volunteering with this rewarding ministry, please contact Mary Beth at: mb@thebergstens.com

# **Mother Teresa Maternity Home Fall Luncheon**

Mark your calendar! **October 4** is the Mother Teresa Maternity Home Fall Luncheon. This year we will have open seating tickets, which means you can purchase a single ticket for the luncheon OR you may want to host and decorate a table of 8. For more information, please contact Colette Polaski at 530-957-4021. Please register before September 6, 2025.

#### Holy Trinity Children's Choir

Greetings!

I am pleased to announce that Holy Trinity Parish is starting up the Children's choir for the 2025-2026 academic year. All children are most welcome to join! The requirements are simple:

- 1. The child must want to be part of a group that has fun together while learning how to use their voices to praise God in communal worship.
- 2. They must be in grades two through eight and be a good reader (words, not notes-that will come later).
- 3. They should be able to attend rehearsals on Mondays after school. We won't start until 3:15 PM enabling children not already on the campus time to get here let me know if you will be later than that. The children will be supervised until the start of rehearsal. We'll have a snack (bring one) and relax for a bit. The rehearsals are fifty minutes long.

The choir will sing at Sunday Mass about once per month and at special functions such as First Communion, Confirmation, Christmas, etc. They will also sing at the school Masses each Friday at 8:15 AM. A few years back I wrote a song for the children's choir of St. Joseph Parish in Auburn that illustrates the meaning of singing in choirs. Here is some of it:

"I am a choir singer
Sing with my friends to God
Everything that we sing
We dedicate to You, O Lord of all
All of us sing to You Lord
We know You hear our cry
You put a song into our hearts
And then we sing it back to You."

I am extremely happy that I was called to a parish that has so much music but most especially, a children's choir. I look forward to meeting you all.

Yours in Christ, Rob Sabino Director of Music Ministries



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."

### **Music Ministry**

Greetings all! We need to ensure that we present quality meaningful worship at each Mass here at Holy Trinity. A major part of that is achieved by having sincere, faithful leaders in the music, sound and live stream ministries. We have a number of ways to serve.

We need instrumentalists, singers, sound ministers and live stream operators. You need not have an extensive background in those areas to be effective. We will train you. Also, all of these positions are faith building, fun and rewarding. Each of these are integral parts of our worship team. Please consider helping Holy Trinity spread the Word through the arts. Please contact Rob Sabino at <a href="mailto:robsabino88@gmail.com">robsabino88@gmail.com</a> to start the process.

### **Divine Mercy Ministry**

The Divine Mercy Prayer Ministry meets weekly to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet for the special intentions of its members and our parish community. This is followed by the reading and discussion of a book on the topic of Divine Mercy as revealed to the world by St. Maria Faustina, a polish nun of the 1930's. Join us each Wednesday at 3:00 PM, the hour of mercy, in the View Room.

### **Divine Mercy Moment**

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



"The souls that say this chaplet will be embraced by My mercy during their lifetime and especially at the hour of their death." (Diary 754) The soul that trusts in My mercy is most fortunate, because I Myself take care of it." (Diary 1273)

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

#### Saturday, Aug. 23

- 5:00 PM ~Ramon Cuasito, thanks, by Ramon & Pacita Cuasito
  - ~Renny Singh, deceased, by Ramon & Pacita Cuasito
  - ~Kathie Marks, healing, by Nancy Sobczak
  - ~Leonard DeStefano, healing, by Carol Medina

#### Sunday, Aug. 24

7:30 AM ~

9:00 AM ~August & Bessie Bassano, deceased, by Dale & Louis Bassano

~Tony Alameda, deceased, by Dale & Louis Bassano

11:00 AM ~Deacon Bob & Grace Shauger, special intention, by Joan Houston

~Joseph Medina, deceased, by Carol Medina

5:00 PM ~Parishioners of Holy Trinity

#### Monday, Aug. 25

8:15 AM ~

#### Tuesday, Aug. 26

8:15 AM ~Joshua Baier, deceased, by Eric Davignon

#### Wednesday, Aug. 27

8:15 AM ~Daniel Olenchuk, deceased, by Bruce Olenchuk

#### Thursday, Aug. 28

8:15 AM ~

#### Friday, Aug. 29

- 8:15 AM ~Maria Lucia Garcia, special intention, by Eduardo Garcia
  - ~Jay Thomas, deceased, by Holy Trinity School Staff
  - ~Gregory Prior, deceased, by Albert Lujan

#### Saturday, Aug. 30

8:15 AM ~

#### For DAILY READINGS

Please visit us @ holytrinityparish.org or www.usccb.org/bible/readings/082425.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 Aug. 31 Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

In next Sunday's Gospel, Luke 14:1,7-14, Jesus uses a rule of etiquette to demonstrate a rule of God: only the truly humble have a place in God's kingdom. The greater you are, the more you need to humble yourself. The dictates of today's Gospel are simple. As Christians, we are called to give freely, as God does, to those who cannot possibly repay the kindness; to give alms, to invite the poor and the marginalized into our lives.

#### Reflection for families:

 Do you see yourself as great and in need of being humbled, or humble and in need of being lifted up?

#### Formed.org



This summer, take the opportunity to learn about the saints celebrated by the Catholic Church during the summer season through our video content on Formed. From saints like Saint Benedict and Saint Ignatius of Loyola to Saint Kateri Tekakwitha and Saints Joachim and Anne, there is a saint for everyone to discover. When you sign up, you'll receive:

- A video from Formed each week featuring that week's spotlighted saint.
- Children's content about the saints for every week of summer.
- Suggestions on how to help your children celebrate and learn about the lives of the saints each week.

This summer, by exploring the lives of the saints from the past, we will understand that God generously gives us the grace to become saints today. For more information, visit:

www.formed.org/summer-with-the-saints.

#### **Adult Confirmation Formation**

Classes for the November 15 celebration of Adult Confirmation begin on **August 27** at 6:30 PM. These classes are for practicing Catholics only! Baptized Catholics who require formation for Confirmation and First Communion may be invited into the OCIA process. Please contact Cynthia in the Faith Formation office: 530-677-3234, ext. 233.

# Confirmation Groups Update St. Teresa of Avila Group:

- Please turn in all 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. All 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 will begin 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 to you.
- Your first Year 2 Combined Session, "Burn," is scheduled for either Sunday, September 7 (10:15-11:45 AM) <u>OR</u> 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. confirmation@holytrinityparish.org

### St. Vincent Ferrer Group:

 New Confirmation group forming! Please contact Kim Jones to register at: kjones@holytrinityparish.org



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.

# Do I have to diet to get through the "narrow" gate?



Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

IS 66:18-21; PS 117: 1-2; HEB 12:5-7, 11-13; LK 13:22-30

Today's readings show us that it is not enough to be Christ's disciples in name only. To be a real disciple, we must live for Christ every day and in every aspect of our life. This kind of life takes spiritual discipline and a strong commitment to our faith.

Intentionally and consistently offering the Lord the best of our Time, Talent, and Treasure through a stewardship way of life is a form of spiritual discipline. These spiritual disciplines teach us to become ever more aware of God's constant provision for us, and they keep us on the narrow path towards the Kingdom of Heaven. The more we embrace this way of life, the more we can be "trained" by the Lord in the ways of true discipleship. Though difficult, these disciplines become a source of spiritual strength.

Our Lord Himself speaks of the difficult path to the Kingdom of Heaven in today's Gospel passage from Luke. He is asked, "Lord, will only a few be saved?" Jesus responds, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough." Showing up for Mass on Sunday while living as if Christ is an afterthought the rest of the week does not make us disciples. What's more, this approach to our faith is an unjust and unloving response to our good God who has given us all that we have and are.

Jesus does not want us to merely go through the motions of faith. He wants much more from us and for us. He wants to know us deeply and for us to get to know Him so that we become His holy disciples. This is not a burden; it is a privilege. But it does take discipline, the discipline of a stewardship way of life.

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#### Some thoughts from Deacon Jim:

This a hard message, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough."

You may ask, "Is this message fair a single parent or for a father and mother who are trying to work, raise their children, pay bills, take care of other family obligations, like a sick child or parent?" Well, yes, it is. However, it doesn't mean that you ignore everything and spend more time in church. What it means for all of us, whether we are young with a growing family or we are single or retired, is that we prioritize our lives to make God first. How? By praying at home, talking to the children about why our faith is important to us, being sure they attend Faith Formation classes and do the homework, and by going to Mass every week as a family. Then, if you have a little time left over  $\bigcirc$ , maybe signing up to be a liturgical minister? Give back to God, some of what he has given us. That doesn't mean ignoring your other obligations, but it does require prioritizing your life so that God is first when you make a plan for how to spend your limited time.

### Law Enforcement Chaplaincy

There will be a Chaplain Orientation for Law Enforcement Chaplaincy Sacramento for those interested; please see details below:

- Thursday, August 28
- 6:30 PM 7:30 PM
- 1601 Response Rd., Suite 110, Sacramento
- 916-978-0296
- <u>www.sacchaplains.com</u>

#### **Part-Time Janitor Needed**

We are now accepting applications for a Part-Time Janitor to work 20-25 hours per week, Monday-Friday evenings. Flexible times are available. Contact the Parish office if interested: 530-677-3234.

# **Marriage Ministry**

The purpose of the Holy Trinity Marriage Ministry is to provide married couples with enrichment events to support, encourage, and strengthen their marriage and family life and to help them become sacraments that shine brightly with the love of Jesus. If you are interested in joining the Marriage Ministry Team, please contact Paul & Stephanie Francois at: paul.stephanie.francois@comcast.net.

# HS YOUTH GROUP

YEAR AT A GLANCE 2025-2026 6:00-7:30 PM YOUTH ROOM

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# **Church Health Ministry Survey**

Thank you for agreeing to partake in this survey.

The Health & Wellness Ministry is exploring ways to support the health and well-being of our Church family. Your feedback will help us plan meaningful programs that meet your needs. All responses are confidential.

### 1. Age Group:

- Under 18
- -18-30
- -31-45
- -46-60
- 61+

## 2. What health topics are you most interested in? (Check all that apply)

- Nutrition & Healthy Eating
- Mental Health & Stress Management
- Exercise & Physical Activity
- Diabetes & Blood Pressure
- Heart Health
- Women's Health
- Men's Health
- Parenting & Family Wellness
- Senior Health / Aging Well
- First Aid & Emergency Response
- Substance Abuse/Addiction
- Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

# 3. Would you be interested in attending any of the following? (Check all that apply)

- Health Workshops/Seminars
- Fitness Class (e.g., walking, Zumba, chair exercise)
- Support Groups (e.g., grief, chronic illness, caregiving, mental health)
- Cooking/Nutrition Demos
- Health Screening (blood pressure, glucose etc)
- One-on-One Health Counseling

	<ul><li>Virtual/Online Health Resources</li><li>Other ideas?</li></ul>
4.	What days/times work best for you?  - Weekday Evenings  - Saturday Morning  - Sunday after Church  - Other:
5.	Would you be willing to volunteer or help with the Health & Wellness Ministry?  - Yes  - Maybe – tell me more  - Not at this time
6.	Any specific health concerns you would like us to address?
7.	Optional: Your Name & Contact info (only if you would like to be contacted about future events or volunteering)
	- Name: Phone/Email:

Please return this survey in the basket located in the Narthex.

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