

PARISH LIFE

A Weekly Publication for Parishioners & Friends of Holy Trinity Parish



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
FIRST SATURDAY MASS	8:15 AM
SACRAMENT OF PENANCE	SATURDAY 3:30- 4:45 PM OR BY APPOINTMENT
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT	EVERY THURSDAY 9:00 AM–5:00 PM

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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.

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December 15, 2024

Third Sunday of Advent

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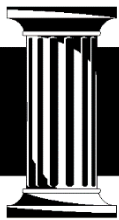
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Church hours: Sun. 7:30 AM-6:00 PM; Sat. 8:00 AM-6:00 PM; Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM-4:00 PM

Parish Office hours: Monday-Friday 8:45 AM-4:00 PM

Upcoming Events:

Dec. 14/15	Keep Christ in Christmas Gift Shop View Room
Dec. 15	High School Youth Group White Elephant 6:00 PM
Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Mass: 4:00 PM, 6:00 PM, 8:00 PM, 10:00 PM
Dec. 25	Christmas Day Mass: 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM
Dec. 29	2 nd Collection – Mission for Haiti
Dec. 31	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Mass 6:30 PM
Jan. 1	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Mass (New Year's Day) 10:00 AM
Jan. 4	First Saturday Mass 8:15 AM
Jan. 8	Alpha Marriage Course begins
Jan. 26	2 nd Collection – Kenya Orphans Mission
Mar. 1	Holy Trinity School Ministry "I'm In Gala"



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.

Education Center Garden

This year the Education Center has formed a Garden Committee to update, refresh and replenish the garden located in front of the Holy Trinity School Office. In previous years, this garden has provided a wonderful education program for all Holy Trinity Students. The Committee's goal this year is to clean up the garden, repair irrigation, fencing and replace materials to have a Garden Education Program ready for all students by Spring of 2025.

However, we can only accomplish this with your help and support. Today after the 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM Masses, the Garden Committee will be selling poinsettias. All proceeds will go towards garden supplies and materials needed to create interactive gardening with the Holy Trinity students. They would appreciate your support. Please note these are cash sales only. Thank you.

Christmas Floral Donations

The Liturgical Environment Ministry is seeking donations for our Christmas Poinsettia plants and floral arrangements. You may make your donation in memory of a loved one. A Mass for the memorial intentions will be offered on **January 5, 2025**, at 9:00 AM. Donation envelopes are in the pews and at the back of the nave. Your continuing generosity helps us create a beautiful worship environment for our parish Christmas celebrations.

Explore Marian Apparitions Through Student Projects!

During October, the month dedicated to Mary, the children in our school and Family Faith Formation program embarked on a special journey exploring 25 Marian apparitions—16 recognized by the Vatican and 9 by Bishops. Their incredible projects, showcasing what they've learned, will be on display in the Social Center Lobby on **December 14 & 15**. We invite everyone to stop by, admire their hard work, and discover more about these fascinating moments in our Church's history. Don't miss this opportunity to celebrate Mary and the creativity of our students!

High School Youth Group

All high school students are invited to join us in the Youth Center this Sunday, **December 15** at 6:00 PM for dinner and our White Elephant Game. The game involves a gift exchange: you do not have to bring a gift to join the game, but if you'd like to bring a wrapped gift (\$25 or less), we would appreciate it! Follow us on Instagram: [@holytrinity_ym](https://www.instagram.com/holytrinity_ym).

Keep Christ in Christmas

The Keep Christ in Christmas Gift Shop will be open after all Masses the weekend of **December 14 & 15** in the View Room. This is a Knights of Columbus program that strives to make Jesus the focus of this holiday season. Christ centered items will be featured including: Christmas ornaments, pens, buttons, children's books, etc. Visit our Gift Shop and support local food charities. Thank you.

Holy Trinity Marriage Ministry

The Alpha Marriage Course *Invest in Your Relationship*

Join us for a dedicated time to focus on building a stronger marriage in the Holy Trinity School Media Center:

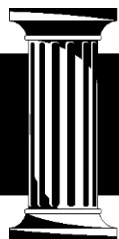
- Wednesday evenings 7:00-9:00 PM
- January 8, 15, 22
- February 5, 12, 19, 26

Each session includes topics such as:

- Improving communication
- Understanding each other's needs
- Resolving conflicts
- Recognizing how upbringing influences your relationship
- Developing deeper emotional intimacy

Light refreshments will be provided and registration is free. Each couple will receive two study guides to take home. For any questions, please contact Paul and Stephanie at: Paul.Stephanie.Francois@comcast.net. Please register online by clicking on the QR code below:





PRAYER

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."

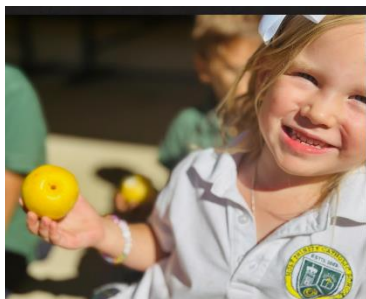
Holy Trinity School Ministry at Sunday Mass

We are excited to announce the school ministry will be having a monthly school Mass. Students, families, and staff are invited to join together on the following dates:

- Sunday, December 15th at 9:00 AM
- Sunday, January 26th at 9:00 AM
- Sunday, February 23rd at 9:00 AM
- Sunday, March 23rd at 9:00 AM
- Saturday, May 17th at 5:00 PM

As part of this new special tradition, students are asked to wear their school uniforms to Mass. The school ministry looks forward to coming together and celebrating Mass as one with the parish community. Thank you for your support.

Holy Trinity School Ministry



For our monthly "Taste of the Season," the students and faculty at our school ministry were treated with juicy Asian pears. What a delicious and nutritious treat on a warm October day!

Our 5th Annual Auction Gala is **March 1**. This year's theme is the Roaring '20s. Please consider attending or donating. For more information contact the school office.

Holy Trinity Catholic School registration remains open for the 2024-25 school year. The school enrolls students in grades TK-8. We offer an excellent academic education filled with religious virtues. Please call the school office at 530-677-3591 for a private tour and/or more information about registration.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, Dec. 16

8:15 AM ~All Souls

Tuesday, Dec. 17

8:15 AM ~All Souls

Wednesday, Dec. 18

8:15 AM ~Bill & Betty Blaylock, special intention, by Pete & Kathy Pritchard

Thursday, Dec. 19

8:15 AM ~All Souls

Friday, Dec. 20

8:15 AM ~Teodora Nunez, deceased, by Nunez family

Saturday, Dec. 21

5:00 PM ~All Souls

Sunday, Dec. 22

7:30 AM ~Joseph Medina, deceased, by Carol Medina

~Bill Hatch, deceased, by Rose Fonda

9:00 AM ~Elisa Salazar, deceased, by Yolanda Salazar

~Leo & Maude De Stefano, deceased, by Carol Medina

~Richard Martinez, deceased, by Raquel Mercado

~Patricia Lewandowski, deceased, by Mary Ann Doerzbacher

~John & Barbara Elia, deceased, by Carol Medina

11:00 AM ~Parishioners of Holy Trinity

5:00 PM ~Maria Sherrill, deceased, by Idaona Sherrill

For DAILY READINGS

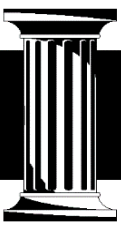
Please visit us @ holytrinityparish.org or www.usccb.org/bible/readings/121524.cfm

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.

Christmas Donations

Please note that this year's donations made during our Christmas Masses will be going to Holy Trinity's Building Fund. Thank you for your generosity.



FORMATION

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 Dec. 22

Fourth Sunday of Advent

In next Sunday's Gospel, Luke 1:39-45, we hear the narrative of Mary's visitation to Elizabeth. The Spirit arrived not with flash and fanfare but with Mary's voice. When Elizabeth heard it, her child stirred, and in that sudden motion, she received insight from the Spirit. Her simple words of blessing still resound through our prayers today. "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." Elizabeth recognized a small moment of great consequence and knew exactly how to respond.

Reflection for families:

- How do you respond when you notice God's presence?

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Faith Formation

Annual Coat & Blanket Drive

Share the warmth this winter by donating new or gently used coats and blankets. We will be collecting these items through December 15. They can be dropped off in the labeled bins in the lobby of the Social Center before and after Masses.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

There will not be Children's Liturgy of the Word on Sunday, December 22. The children will remain with their families through Mass.

Faith Formation Volunteers

We Need You!! We are seeking a Faith Formation Office Aide Volunteer. Duties include various administrative tasks such as copy work, cutting, laminating, etc. No experience needed; we will train in all tasks. Ideally, we would like to have a volunteer 3-4 hours per week, August – May. For more information: ffm@holytrinityparish.org.

Save the Date

Save the date of **March 1, 2025**, for the Holy Trinity School Ministry's "I'm In Gala". Join us for a night of glamour, giving and grace inspired by the Roaring 20's era of elegance to benefit the Holy Trinity School Ministry. More details coming soon!

Confirmation Groups Update

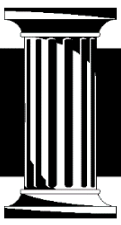
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St. Teresa of Avila Group:

- Your next Confirmation activity is the Fired Up! Confirmation Conference at Christian Brothers High School in Sacramento on **February 22, 2025, 2:30 – 6:30 PM**. All Year 2 Confirmation candidates must attend. We are looking for parent chaperones. Please contact us if you can assist.

St. Ursula Group:

- Your next required Combined Session, "Fault," will be held on Sunday, **January 12** (10:15-11:45 AM) OR Tuesday, **January 21** (5:30-7:00 PM) in the Social Center. All candidates must attend with a parent or sponsor.
- All Year 1 Confirmation candidates must complete a Saint Letter and Saint Project. Partners in Faith candidates must turn these in to the Faith Formation Office by **April 13, 2025**.
- For more information or to register for Confirmation, please contact Kim Jones: kjones@holytrinityparish.org.



SERVICE

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.

Stewardship...

In this third week of Advent, we continue our series focusing on how our Sunday readings can help us make God first in our lives by embracing a stewardship way of life as we strengthen our relationship with God by sharing the blessings he has entrusted to us.



We have arrived at Gaudete Sunday (Gaudete is the Latin word for “rejoice”) this Third Week of Advent, and the Scriptures take on a joyful tone as we continue our preparations for the feast of our Savior’s birth.

Our Second Reading gives us cause for joy as St Paul reminds us, “The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all...” Then he gives us a prescription for maintaining this peace: “In everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.” Paul’s instructions for obtaining peace come as an early Christmas gift. They remind us that we can and should go to God with all our needs and present them to Him along with our thanks. This guidance calls to mind a vital aspect of a stewardship way of life: gratitude to God in response to His great love and for the countless gifts He has entrusted to us.

The Gospel passage from Luke shows us how to live out this sense of thankfulness, making our lives a “Christmas gift” to Christ in joyful response to His love for us. When the crowds hear John the Baptist’s message that their Savior is coming, they ask him how to prepare. He responds, “Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do the same.” He tells tax collectors to stop collecting more than is prescribed and soldiers, to be satisfied with their wages. In other words, he tells them to be good and generous stewards of all God’s gifts!

As the great feast of Christmas draws near, let us each rejoice in Christ’s extravagant love. Let us avail ourselves of the peace He longs to give us. And let us look carefully at our lives to make sure we are making of them a gift fitting for Him by how we love and serve Him and how we love and serve our neighbors.

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Thoughts to reflect on:

In the hustle and bustle of our everyday lives, especially as we try to get everything done to prepare for Christmas, remember Paul’s words from today’s reading, “In everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.” On this Gaudette Sunday, Rejoice, and let Christ’s peace engulf you and heal your concerns and worries. And as a stewardship people, let your gifts be offered in thanksgiving for all God has given you, so that your gifts may be shared for the service of God and for all God’s people. Sing out – O come; O come Emmanuel. Rejoice! God is with us!

Message from Deacon Bob & Grace Shauger

A big thank you to Randy, all the Knights of Columbus, and all the volunteers who helped to make the Marian Fiesta a big success. Fun was had by all that attended. The food was delicious, the Mariachis and the dancers did a wonderful job - happy music. The Margaritas and Sangrias were very good; those bartenders did an excellent job. God bless every one of you for putting so much of your precious time into making this event a success.

*Christmas
Mass Times*
At Holy Trinity Parish

December 24th
4:00, 6:00, 8:00, 10:00 p.m.

December 25th
9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

Advent Adoration with Confession

Adoration

Tuesday & Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Confession

Tuesday & Thursday
9:00-10:00 a.m. & 6:00-7:00 p.m.

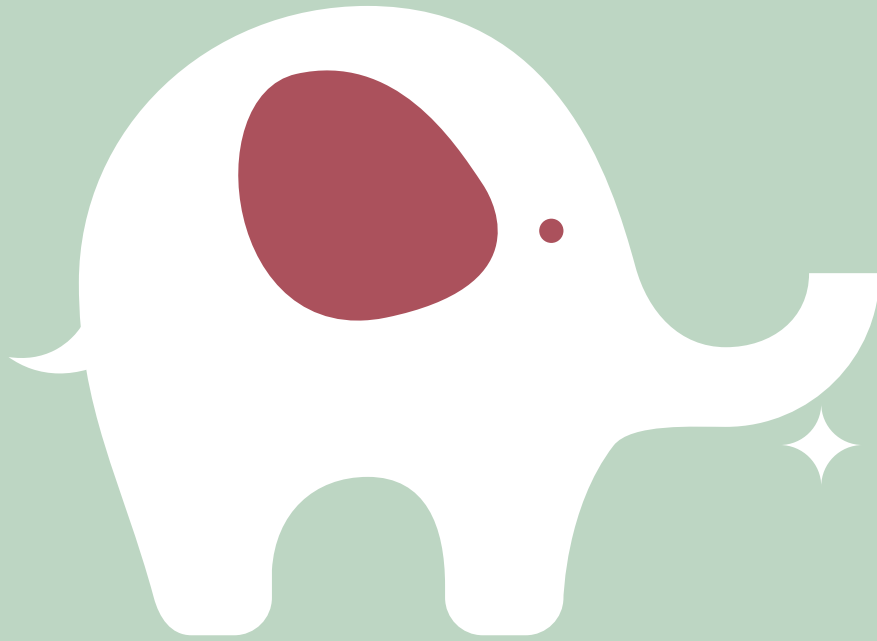
Saturday
3:30-4:45 p.m.

December 12 - Adoration until 6:00 p.m.
Confession from 5:00-6:00 p.m.

No Adoration or Confession December 24



HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP
DECEMBER 15, 2024-6:00 PM-YOUTH CENTER



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