

# 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 8, 2024 Second Sunday of Advent

Please read our bulletin and visit our website for updated information:  
[www.holytrinityparish.org](http://www.holytrinityparish.org)

Church hours: Sun. 7:30 AM-6PM; 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:

Dec. 7/8	2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection – Retirement Fund for Religious
Dec. 8	Knights' Blessed Mother Mary Celebration Luncheon 12:15-3:00 PM
Dec. 8	High School Youth Group Christmas Party 6:00 PM Youth Center
Dec. 9	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Mass: 8:15 AM & 6:30 PM
Dec. 12	Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass: 8:15 AM & 6:30 PM
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



# 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.*

## Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

All the Faithful are reminded that the Immaculate Conception is observed as a Holy Day of Obligation. We are obliged to celebrate the Sacrifice of the Mass in honor of the sacred mystery of prevenient grace that prepared the young virgin of Nazareth to be the mother of the Redeemer and share in the saving work of her Son, Jesus. The celebration will take place on Monday, **December 9** at 8:15 AM and 6:30 PM.

## Giving Tree

We invite you to stop by one of our Giving Trees in the narthex before or after Mass through **December 8**. The trees have gift tags for Mother Teresa Maternity Home, Housing El Dorado, and our Adopt a Family Program. Please take a gift tag, purchase the listed items, and return your unwrapped gift with the tag attached by **December 10**. Gifts received after December 10 will be donated locally and may not be given to the charity you intended to help.

## 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 7 & 8 and 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!

## 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, car magnets, pens, buttons, children's books, stickers, coloring books, etc. Please visit our Gift Shop and support local food charities. Thank you.

## 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.

## 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:

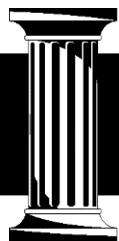
- Wednesday evenings 7:00-9:00 PM
- January 8, 15, 22
- February 5, 12, 19, 26

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](mailto: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 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM
- Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM
- Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 AM
- Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 AM
- Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> 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



In the most recent version of the Catholic Herald, our school ministry student, Raymond, represented Holy Trinity in a Mass honoring altar servers across the diocese. Raymond serves faithfully at both the Friday Masses that the school ministry attends and on the weekends. Great job Raymond!

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.

## Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass

**December 12** is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Patron Saint of the Americas. Mass will be celebrated at 8:15 AM and 6:30 PM. There will be desserts and refreshments after the 6:30 PM Mass in the View Room. All are welcome!

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Monday, Dec. 9

8:15 AM ~Parishioners of Holy Trinity

6:30 PM ~Parishioners of Holy Trinity

#### Tuesday, Dec. 10

8:15 AM ~All Souls

#### Wednesday, Dec. 11

8:15 AM ~Tamera Morales, special intention, by Tona Morales

~Bill & Betty Blaylock, special intention, by Pete & Kathy Pritchard

~Ramil Manzano, deceased, by Rouella Baldovinos

#### Thursday, Dec. 12

8:15 AM ~Carol Waller, deceased, by Cassidy family

6:30 PM ~All Souls

#### Friday, Dec. 13

8:15 AM ~All Souls

#### Saturday, Dec. 14

5:00 PM ~Carl Guecia, deceased, by John & Sally Raslear

~Will Martin, deceased, by Dick & Rosie Cox

~George Dias, deceased, by Roseanne Scardina

#### Sunday, Dec. 15

7:30 AM ~Arthur Graff, deceased, by Stephen Graff

~Veronica Dober, deceased, by Paul Daschka

9:00 AM ~Parishioners of Holy Trinity

11:00 AM ~Karla Francis, deceased, by Carol Medina

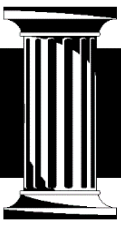
~Joseph Medina, deceased, by Carol Medina

5:00 PM ~All Souls

For DAILY READINGS

Please visit us @ [holytrinityparish.org](http://holytrinityparish.org) or

[www.usccb.org/bible/readings/120824.cfm](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/120824.cfm)



# 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. 15

### Third Sunday of Advent

In next Sunday's Gospel, Luke 3:10-18, John the Baptist's listeners wonder if he is the anointed one sent to prepare the way. It can be tempting to think we need to find dramatic ways to prepare, but God asks of us nothing more than does today's Gospel. Share with those who have nothing. Be honest in your dealings with others. Control your greed and other passions. Only when such things are done will we be ready when the Holy Spirit comes upon us and reveals the good things God is doing for our freedom.

#### Reflection for families:

- What small things can you do to prepare?

## High School Youth Group

### Upcoming Events

All high-schoolers are invited to the Youth Group Christmas Party Sunday, **December 8**, at 6:00 PM in the Youth Center. Keep the party going on Sunday, **December 15**, for the High School Youth Group "White Elephant with a Twist!" in the Youth Center at 6:00 PM. Friends and first-timers welcome!

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Littlest Saints features the lives of the saints as told by kids. In each episode, a young child dons a habit, a cassock, a uniform, anything and everything, and acts out a different heavenly hero's story, full of drama, comedy, and everything in between. Visit their website here: [www.littlestsaints.com](http://www.littlestsaints.com)

## 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](mailto:ffm@holytrinityparish.org).

## Confirmation Groups Update

[confirmation@holytrinityparish.org](mailto:confirmation@holytrinityparish.org)  
[kjones@holytrinityparish.org](mailto:kjones@holytrinityparish.org)

### *St. Sebastian Group:*

- The link to the Confirmation photos has been emailed to you. Please contact us if you haven't received it. Confirmation Certificates are also now available. We will mail the certificates to you or give them to your younger sibling in Partners in Faith or at Holy Trinity School. For questions, please reach out to us at the Faith Formation Office.
- Confirmation is the beginning of your journey as a missionary disciple, not the end! Please join us for High School Youth Group every month. Our next meeting will be in the Youth Center following the 5:00 PM Sunday night Mass on **December 8** from 6:00-7:30 PM.

### *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** - Time TBA. 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.
- For more information, please contact Kim Jones: [kjones@holytrinityparish.org](mailto: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...

This week continues our series focusing on how our Sunday readings can help us make God first in our lives by embracing a stewardship way of life. A life that enables us to strengthen our relationship with God by sharing the blessings he has entrusted to us.



The readings for the Second Week of Advent offer both encouragement and challenge as we reflect and prepare for the two “comings” of Christ — His coming as a baby on the great feast of Christmas, and the anticipation of His second coming at the end of time.

Our First Reading, from Baruch, is a wonderful reminder that God has triumphed over sin and death and that we — His faithful disciples — will live in the light of His glory one day. Until God comes again, we must remain faithful to Him as true disciples and good stewards of all the gifts He has entrusted to us.

While it can be tempting to give in to the materialism and calls for self-indulgence that surround us, more so than ever at this time of year, this reading calls us back to the spiritual reality that this life is passing and that we have been made for eternal life with God. We are called to prepare for eternal life by how we decide to use the gifts God entrusted to us now – our time, our talents, and our treasure.

The Gospel reading from Luke shows us how personal and detailed God’s love for humanity is as He prepared the way for Christ’s coming among us. We are told the precise time, place, and person, John the Baptist, that God appointed to announce the arrival of our Savior. John calls out “*Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths... the rough ways will be made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.*” John tells us how to celebrate to the fullest this first “coming” on the feast of Christmas and how to prepare for the second coming — through repentance of sin in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We also hear of the promise of “salvation.”

Advent is a time to turn away from any bad habits or sin that may have crept into our lives and to turn our hearts and minds back to Christ during these weeks of preparation. This is what the stewardship way of life is all about — moving closer, ever closer in relationship with Christ and imitation of Him, ready to celebrate His birth, with eyes fixed on eternal life with Him. In other words, making Christ, as our brother and Savior our first and highest priority in our life, every day.

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### Thoughts to reflect on:

In this Second Week of Advent, we continue to prepare for the coming of Christ. What we have been able to accomplish in this first week – did we get a copy of the Little Blue Book? If so, use it daily to help with your prayer. There are some great practical ideas and suggestions every day. John the Baptist calls for us to “Prepare the way of the Lord”, but we don’t have to do all the heavy lifting in one week. Pace yourself. We have time to begin to dismantle the structures in our lives that get in the way of being a good Christian steward. This isn’t easy. Don’t sell yourself and your efforts short. Every journey begins with a first step. May we continue to be fervent in making God the priority of our life. Remember, as we prayed in the Psalm, “The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.” (:3) Be joy-filled!!

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

This weekend, **December 7 & 8**, we will have a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. This appeal asks us to recall those women and men religious whose ministry has nourished our own faith, served our Church, and strengthened our nation. Today, more than 37,000 women and men religious are past age 70 and face escalated health and housing costs. For more information, please visit: [www.retiredreligious.org](http://www.retiredreligious.org).

### 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.

# 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.

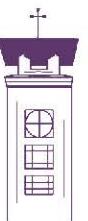
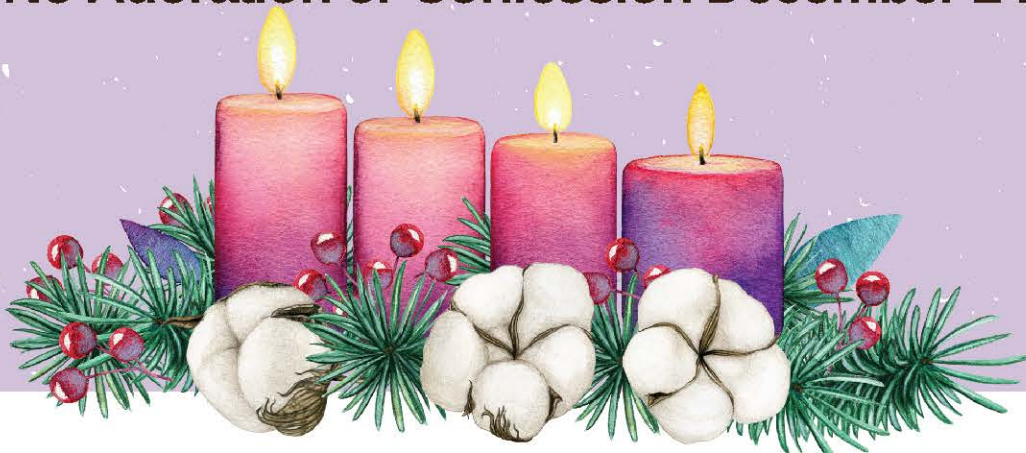
## Confession

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



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