

# 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
*LIVESTREAM	

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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.

**March 9, 2025**

**First Sunday of Lent**

Please visit our website for more about Parish Life:

[www.holytrinityparish.org](http://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:

Mar. 9 OR 11	St. Teresa of Avila Year 2 Confirmation Group Combined Session, "United"
Mar. 12	Adult Confirmation Classes begin 6:30 PM
Mar. 14	Stations of the Cross 6:30 PM
Mar. 15	Knights of Columbus St. Patrick's Dinner
Mar. 16	Donuts for Diapers after all Masses
Mar. 16	St. Teresa of Avila Year 2 Confirmation Group Parish Retreat 9:30 AM
Mar. 18	Marriage & The Eucharist with Bishop Soto 6:30 PM
Mar. 21	Stations of the Cross 6:30 PM
Mar. 23	High School Youth Group Fellowship 6:00 PM Youth Center
Mar. 25	Stewardship Opportunity - Holy Trinity Community Servants Planning Meeting 7:00 PM View Room
Mar. 29	Transformed by Grace Women's Event

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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 Community Servants

**Holy Trinity Community Servants (HTCS) needs your help!** St. James says in his Letter "...I will show you my faith by my works." (James 2:18). The HTCS Ministry has been "showing our Parish's faith by our work" by helping our neighbors in the parish and community who need help with yard work, minor repairs on the outside of their house, gutter cleaning, and helping them make their property fire safe. We need parishioners, families with teens in need of service hours, or anyone who just wants to help out with this important community outreach ministry. No experience necessary.

Our next workday is tentatively planned for Saturday, May 3 from 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM with lunch to follow in the View Room. Questions? Contact Deacon Jim through the Parish Office or at [deacon.jim.hopp@gmail.com](mailto:deacon.jim.hopp@gmail.com). Join us for a planning meeting on **Tuesday, March 25 at 7:00-8:00 PM** in the View Room. **We need enough volunteers to allow us to help all the requests for assistance we receive.**

**LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
**STATIONS BEGIN AT 6:30PM IN THE CHURCH**  
 LENT FRIENDLY MEAL PROVIDED AFTER IN THE VIEW ROOM.  
 SEE BELOW SCHEDULE FOR MINISTRY SPONSORED MEALS.



**MAR 14** LITURGICAL ENVIRONMENT

**MAR 21** H.T. SCHOOL MINISTRY

**MAR 28** FAITH FORMATION

**APR 4** FUNERAL RECEPTION & EM

**APR 11** KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

PRAY TOGETHER. EAT TOGETHER



## Host Families Needed

The Faith Formation Office is looking for families to host our Net Ministries missionaries on **March 15**. They will lead our Confirmation Retreat on March 16. We also are looking for families to host our Totus Tuus missionaries, who will be leading our youth summer program, during July. Please contact Cynthia Mulcaire in the Faith Formation Office if you can help ([cmulcaire@holytrinityparish.org](mailto:cmulcaire@holytrinityparish.org)).

## Transformed by Grace SOLD OUT

Thank you to the 300+ women who have registered to attend this year's Transformed by Grace Women's Event on Saturday, March 29. We are extremely grateful for the overwhelming interest and support of the event; as a result, we are once again sold out! The day promises to be filled with inspiration from the Bible and time for prayer, reflection, and sisterhood. If you have questions or would like to be put on our waitlist, email: [HTPEvents@holytrinityparish.org](mailto:HTPEvents@holytrinityparish.org).

Monthly Marriage Challenge

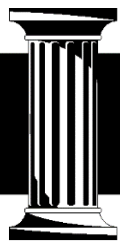
*March: Date Night*

Challenge:  
 Plan a creative, budget-friendly date night once a week. Try a new activity or revisit an old favorite.

Strengthen your marriage one Date Night at a time!



Sponsored by:  
 Holy Trinity Marriage Ministry



# 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."*

## Five-Week Lenten Study of Christ's Passion hosted by HTP Neophyte Care

In *No Greater Love*, you will experience the unconditional love Christ has for you. We often hear about Jesus' passion and death but imagine experiencing them for the very first time. In *No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion*, we are going to walk step-by-step with Jesus on his journey from his agony in the garden to his crucifixion on Calvary. Along the way, we will unpack the biblical background to these events, the prophecies, and most especially, the ways Jesus is inviting us to walk more closely with him today.

*No Greater Love* is a five-part hybrid Ascension Press Bible study with Dr. Sri on **Thursdays at 6:30 PM in the Media Center (#205)**. For more information or to receive the Zoom link, contact Cynthia Mulcaire at 530-677-3234, ext. 233 or email: [cmulcaire@holytrinityparish.org](mailto:cmulcaire@holytrinityparish.org).

## Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

The Filipino Ministry invites you to join in the praying of the Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help every Wednesday following the 8:15 AM Mass.



The purpose of the novena is not just to bring our needs and aspirations to God through the prayers of Our Mother of Perpetual Help but to let Mary bring us to Jesus in order to follow him—the true path to God. This is the main message of the Icon of Our Mother of Perpetual Help. It would be a great means, therefore, that in praying the novena, we contemplate the meaning of the whole Icon and its parts. The whole purpose of this contemplation is to live our daily lives and experiences in the example of Mary— following the path of Jesus towards true happiness and peace.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, Mar. 10

8:15 AM ~Aurora A. Sturgeon, healing, by Sturgeon family

### Tuesday, Mar. 11

8:15 AM ~Maryann Boumann, birthday, by Marybeth Boumann & Bob Wiley  
~Benedict Thomas Kemper, deceased, by Bitsy Kemper  
~Aurora A. Sturgeon, healing, by Sturgeon family

### Wednesday, Mar. 12

8:15 AM ~Aurora A. Sturgeon, healing, by Sturgeon family

### Thursday, Mar. 13

8:15 AM ~Michael Pritchard, deceased, by Pritchard family  
~Martha Brown-Coleman, deceased, by Debra Latone  
~Josephine Koester, deceased, by Debra Latone  
~Aurora A. Sturgeon, healing, by Sturgeon family

### Friday, Mar. 14

8:15 AM ~Kathy Winchester, deceased, by Steve Wolfanger  
~Aurora A. Sturgeon, healing, by Sturgeon family

### Saturday, Mar. 15

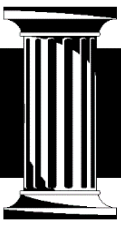
5:00 PM ~Kevin Shald, deceased, by Judy Silva  
~Aurora A. Sturgeon, healing, by Sturgeon family

### Sunday, Mar. 16

7:30 AM ~  
9:00 AM ~Ellen Martin, deceased, by Patricia Kampe  
~John Healy, deceased, by Judy Silva  
11:00 AM ~Parishioners of Holy Trinity  
5:00 PM ~

## For DAILY READINGS

Please visit us @ [holytrinityparish.org](http://holytrinityparish.org) or [www.usccb.org/bible/readings/030925.cfm](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/030925.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.*

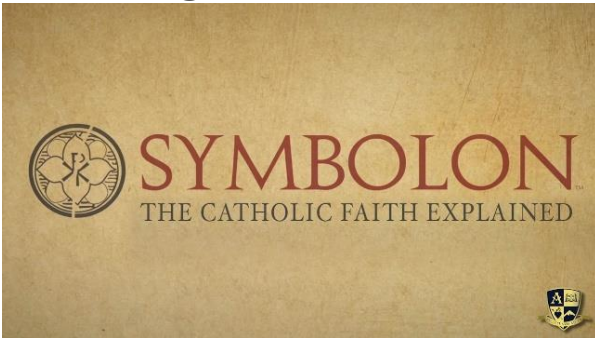
## Questions for Faith Sharing Mar. 16 Second Sunday of Lent

In next Sunday's Gospel, Luke 9:28b-36, the divine voice proclaims: "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." Jesus' glorification reinforces the humility and mercy he has preached all along. This context explains why this passage appears during Lent. As we set down the things that distract us and live the Gospel with greater fervor, we will see the divine light more clearly. Opportunities for mercy and forgiveness will catch our attention, and perhaps we will find the courage to respond.

### Reflection for families:

- How can you hear Christ's voice with greater clarity this Lent?

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<https://watch.formed.org/symbolon-the-faith-of-the-church>

## Holy Trinity School Ministry



Our fourth-grade class had the opportunity to have an overnight field trip to Coloma, on the anniversary of the discovery of gold. They had a chance to pan for gold, bake cornbread, and go on a hike. It was a very educational and fun adventure!

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.

## Confirmation Groups Update

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[kjones@holyltrinityparish.org](mailto:kjones@holyltrinityparish.org)

### *St. Teresa of Avila Group:*

- Your next event is the Combined Confirmation Session, "United," on Sunday, **March 9** (10:15-11:45 AM) OR Tuesday, **March 11** (5:30-7:00 PM) in the Social Center. Candidates must attend with a parent or sponsor.
- Candidates must attend our Parish Confirmation Retreat on Sunday, **March 16** at 9:30 AM in the Social Center. The retreat will finish with Mass in the church at 5:00 PM. Families are welcome to join us for Mass.

### *St. Ursula Group:*

- 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@holyltrinityparish.org](mailto:kjones@holyltrinityparish.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 & Lent Prayers & Gratitude



### First Sunday of Lent

[DT 26: 4-10; PS 91:1-2, 10-15; ROM 10: 8-13; LK 4: 1-13](#)

And so, we begin, the holy and, for some of us, the daunting season of Lent. This is the season in our liturgical year when the Church encourages us to increase our prayer, fasting, and almsgiving to help us enter more deeply into the mystery of our Lord's Passion and Death and to celebrate more fully His Resurrection.

The First Reading, from Deuteronomy, presents a positive way to approach Lent. The passage begins with Moses speaking to the people. He reminds them that the Lord saw their affliction and responded mercifully to their cry by delivering them from oppression in Egypt, and by bringing them to a land flowing with milk and honey. Moses teaches the people to respond as grateful stewards for all that God has done for them and all he has given them.

As grateful stewards ourselves, we can look at these 40 days as "good soil" that God is giving us as a gift so our "seeds" of faith can grow to help us become closer to Him and become more like Him. We can choose to use each of these days to make a generous response to our God, who sent His own Son to deliver us from the affliction and oppression caused by sin.

Jesus, by His own example in today's Gospel, demonstrates the necessity of setting aside a period devoted especially to prayer and fasting as a means of strengthening our spiritual muscles. Just before the launch of His public ministry, He was "led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil." In our lives, we too may have been led into the desert by temptation and weaknesses. During Lent, pray that the Holy Spirit will lead us out of our personal desert where our temptations reside.

While our Lord was strong enough to withstand the temptations of the devil on His own, we most certainly are not! We must turn to the Holy Spirit and ask Him to show us where we need to grow and then rely on the Holy Spirit for strength and guidance throughout these 40 days of growth.

Perhaps we will be led to take on a spiritual reading program, a daily time for meditation and extra time for prayer, or weekly attendance at a daily Mass or at the Stations of the Cross. Maybe we'll be inspired to fast from our favorite food or our social media fix or take on a project that serves the poor in our community like the Upper Room. Any and all of these can help us strengthen our relationship with God.

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### Deacon Jim's something to think about:

As we begin Lent this week, we are called to spend time in prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Each of these has its own path that can lead us through these next 40 days. Today let's begin with **Prayer**: In prayer we seek to hear God's voice and allow his Word to penetrate our fear and resistance so that we can hear what he wants us to know. And what he wants us to know first is that "You are my beloved son or daughter with whom I am well pleased." God loves us, no strings attached. Over time, as our prayer deepens into a constant awareness of God's goodness, the spirit ("seeds") of gratitude grow within us for the gifts God has given us and that we are to share. These actions build our relationship with God and lead us toward a stewardship way of life.

### Donuts for Diapers

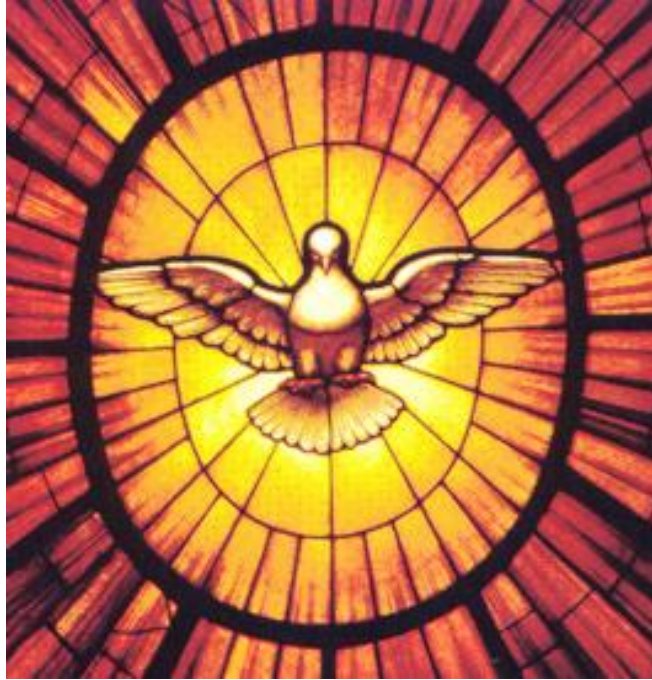
The Respect Life and Donut Ministries are hosting a "Donuts for Diapers" fundraiser benefitting Pregnancy Counseling Services (PCS) in Placerville. After all Masses on **Sunday, March 16**, parishioners may make a donation at the Donut table which allows PCS to purchase diapers for their baby store. For more information: <https://pcshealth.org/services/>.

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# keep marching for life!

**CALIFORNIA MARCH FOR LIFE**  
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*Veni Sancte Spiritus*

## **Adult Confirmation Classes**

**Begin Wed., 3/12 from 6:30 – 7:30 pm**  
**via Zoom & in-person**

The Adult Confirmation formation process is an interactive opportunity for practicing Catholics to complete their full initiation into the Catholic Church. This 12-week journey emphasizes the basics of Catholic teaching and nourishes a relationship with Jesus Christ while respecting the busy adult's schedule.

We'd love to accompany you on the journey so that you can live in the fullness of our beautiful Catholic faith!

**Contact the Faith Formation Office to register.**

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# MARRIAGE & THE EUCHARIST

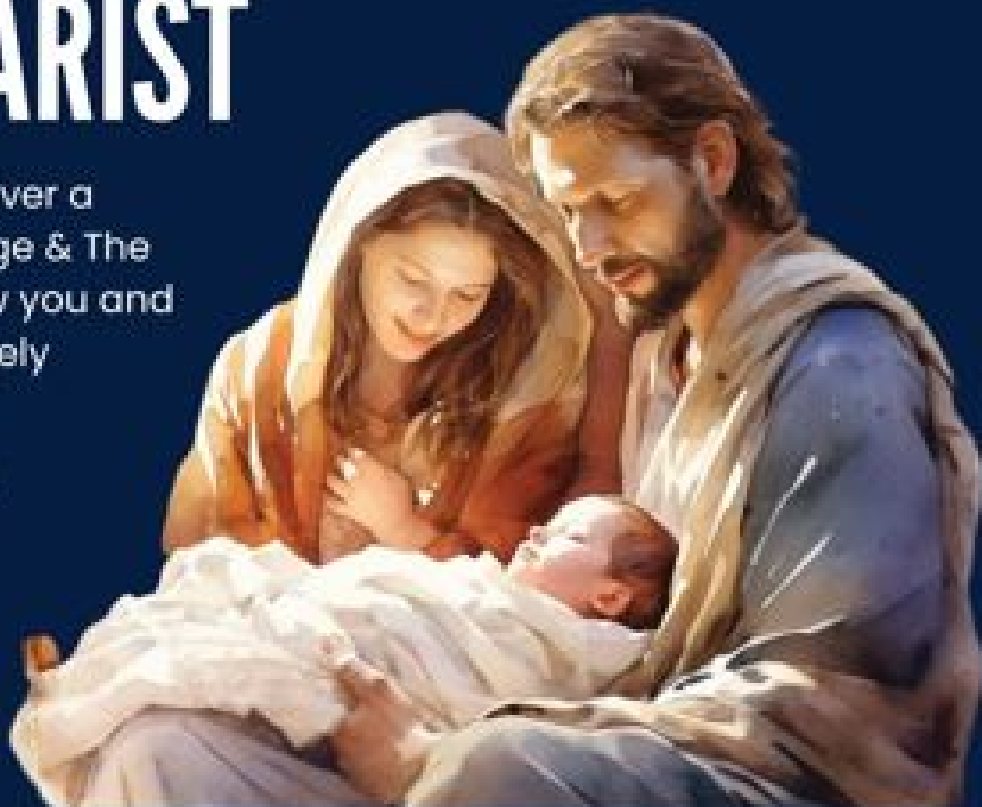
Bishop Jaime Soto will deliver a compelling talk on Marriage & The Eucharist . Come hear how you and your family can more closely emulate The Holy Family.

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

6:30 PM

Holy Trinity Church

**FAMILIES WELCOME**



Sponsored by  
Holy Trinity Marriage Ministry

*The Holy Trinity Parish  
Knights of Columbus  
invite you to their annual*

# ST. PATRICK'S DINNER EVENT

**Saturday, March 15th, 6:00 PM**

**Holy Trinity Parish Social Center  
3111 Tierra de Dios Dr., El Dorado Hills**

Dance a jig to the live music of a Premier Irish Pub Band!



Full bar featuring Guinness & Irish Whiskey a plenty!

## Menu

### **Green Garden Salad & Garlic Bread**

*Green Garden Mix with Cherry Tomatoes, Cucumbers, & Carrot Stick Garnish*

### **Corned Beef Brisket**

*Brined a& slow-cooked the Leprechaun way  
Boiled Cabbage and Carrots in the corned brine spices  
Roasted Creamer Potatoes with a blend of Rosemary and spices*

### **Vegan Option**

*Vegan Enchilada*

### **Ireland's Favorite Vanilla Ice Cream**

*Drizzled with Crème de Menthe & accompanied with Oatmeal cookies*

\$30 per person (Adults Only)



Fill a table of 8 for \$240



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