

# 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.

## December 29, 2024 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

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:

Dec. 29	2 <sup>nd</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> Collection – Kenya Orphans Mission
Jan. 27-30	Parish 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.*



SOLEMNITY OF THE  
BLESSED VIRGIN  
MARY, MOTHER OF  
GOD

January 1, 2025  
Mass at 10:00 a.m.  
Vigil Mass (Dec. 31) at 6:30 p.m.

Holy Day of Obligation



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection This Weekend Haiti 180 Mission Appeal

As one of only two Catholic Parishes in the United States to regularly help Haiti 180 in their work to aid the people of Haiti, we will have a 2nd collection for this holy work **this weekend, December 28/29**.

While we are not able to, personally, go to Haiti and render care ourselves, our monetary donations provide the funding for childhood education, health care, elder care and the things that we take for granted, such as: food, clothing sanitation, and shelter. Please consider how we are responding to Jesus' call to be light for those in darkness. <https://haiti180.com/story/>.

## 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](mailto:paul.stephanie.francois@comcast.net).

## Christmas Floral Donations

The Liturgical Environment ministry wishes to thank everyone who donated to the Christmas floral collection. Your generosity enabled us to purchase the poinsettia plants, greens and flowers that made the church beautiful for the Christmas season. The Mass for your memorial intentions will be offered at 9:00 AM on **January 5, 2025**. We appreciate your support throughout the year!

## Holy Trinity School Ministry

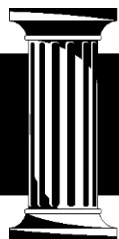


For Hispanic Heritage month, the school ministry was treated to an assembly of dancing and a mariachi group. School parent, Mrs. Main, helped coordinate this event, which included empanadas for the adults and sweet bread for the students. It was fun dancing and learning at the same time!

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 click on the QR code below or call the school office at 530-677-3591 for a private tour and/or more information about registration.





# 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."*

## First Saturday Mass

First Saturday Mass is a devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary requested by our Lady of Fatima and will be celebrated at 8:15 AM on the first Saturday of each month. The next Mass is **January 4, 2025**. All are invited to attend.

## Mercy Moments

*Provided by the Divine Mercy Ministry*

The Words of Jesus Christ to St. Faustina on the Eucharist:

"Oh, how painful it is to Me that souls so seldom unite themselves to Me in Holy Communion. I wait for souls, and they are indifferent toward Me. ... They treat Me as a dead object, whereas My Heart is full of love and mercy." (Diary 1447)

## 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, 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.

## Bereavement Ministry

The Bereavement Ministry is a group of volunteer parishioners who dedicate their time to helping others on their grief journey. The team facilitates a structured support program that allows participants looking for companions in faith to share their coping experiences with the death of a loved one within an environment of confidentiality and care. If you would like to volunteer in this ministry to walk alongside the bereaved to provide comfort and hope or for more information, contact Carmelinda Moy (916) 933-4287 or [bereavement.htp@gmail.com](mailto:bereavement.htp@gmail.com).

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, Dec. 30

8:15 AM ~All Souls  
~Carol Waller, deceased, by Tom Waller

### Tuesday, Dec. 31

8:15 AM ~God's Blessing on All Parishioners  
6:30 PM ~God's Blessing on All Parishioners

### Wednesday, Jan. 1

10:00 AM ~God's Blessing on All Parishioners

### Thursday, Jan. 2

8:15 AM ~Teri Smith, deceased, by Paul & Stephanie Francois

### Friday, Jan. 3

8:15 AM ~Stephen Goodman, birthday

### Saturday, Jan. 4

8:15 AM ~Jennifer Cain, birthday  
5:00 PM ~Jacob Cain, birthday

### Sunday, Jan. 5

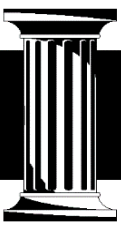
7:30 AM ~Parishioners of Holy Trinity  
9:00 AM ~Christmas Flower Donation Memorial, by Liturgical Environment Ministry  
~Ralph John Monterosa, deceased, by Ralph & Ruth Ann Monterosa  
~Ramon Mendoza Vergara, deceased, by Campanello family  
~Shirley Ann Wolfanger, deceased, by Campanello family  
~Carol Waller, deceased, by Tom Waller  
11:00 AM ~Carol Waller, deceased, by Campanello family  
5:00 PM ~Kaitlin Vella, birthday

### For DAILY READINGS

Please visit us @ [holytrinityparish.org](http://holytrinityparish.org) or [www.usccb.org/bible/readings/122924.cfm](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/122924.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.



# 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 Jan. 5

### The Epiphany of the Lord

In next Sunday's Gospel, Matthew 2:1-12, the church celebrates the manifestation of the Son of God to the world. Matthew is also outlining a personal spirituality of seeking and finding. The Magi were students of light; they analyzed patterns among the stars and planets and sought out their meaning. They trusted their knowledge of the light and treated the young Jesus Christ as a worthy recipient of their offerings, no matter what his humble estate. Little is known about the visitors from the East who paid the Holy Family homage, but their story reminds us that great things happen in the humblest of places.

#### Reflection for families:

- What signs have you seen that have revealed Christ at work?

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## Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

The Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) ministry brings the Mass readings to our youngest parish members, grades K through 5. We offer this ministry during the 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM Masses most Sundays. We usually break during summer. If you would like more information about serving in this rewarding ministry, please contact Mary Beth:

925 575-4902

## 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).

## 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

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

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

### **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](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...

We close out the year of Our Lord 2024 as we continue to focus on how our Sunday readings help us make God first in our lives by sharing the blessings he has entrusted to us.



The Holy Family experienced many of the same joys and trials that all parents and children experience today. And, so, we can look to this Family for help in our own family lives and see in them a model of stewardship in family life.

The Gospel passage from Luke starts by telling us something about Jesus' parents: "Each year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover, and when he was 12 years old, they went up according to festival custom." This Family took seriously the stewardship of their time. The "Holy Couple" or "Sacred Familia" carefully observed the traditions and practice of their Jewish faith and brought up their Son to do the same. They worshiped as a family with their faith community. And they did so faithfully.

We can take their example to heart by doing such things as: making Sunday Mass attendance a priority for our families, making prayer with our family a priority every day, making sure that we regularly celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and by observing in our family life the feasts and fasts appropriate to the liturgical calendar. When we, as families, make our first priority our Time with God and worship of Him we will be imitating the Holy Family.

Read the First Letter from James to see how it draws our family closer to God. "See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. And so we are." The love that God has for each of us as one of his children, is the same love that we as parents and grandparents have for our children and grandchildren.

On this Feast of the Holy Family, let us reclaim the beauty and importance of family life. Let's commit to steward our families well in the coming year, making time spent with God and practicing our faith the most important appointments on our family calendars. And by teaching our children and grandchildren the importance of giving back to God by using the gifts he entrusted to us to help others.

## Thoughts to reflect on:

God calls each of us, as he did Mary and Joseph to acknowledge him as our highest priority. Mary and Joseph taught Jesus the same lesson – Yahweh comes first. When we do this with our family, we teach our children that our relationship with God is our highest priority, so that it will mold all aspects of their lives – whether in life's big decisions or in the most mundane tasks. God is always first! At the end of each Mass, we are sent out into our world, to reveal the Gospel proclaimed to those we meet, and to demonstrate our love for God by how we use our material gifts to help others. There is no greater New Year's resolution than to make God first in 2025!

## Young Adult Group

(Ages 18-39)

We have fellowship and discussions about Catholic Teachings on Thursdays in the Youth Room at 6:30pm (Next Meeting January 9th)

We also play volleyball on Monday nights in the Church Gym at 6:30pm (Next Game January 6th)

All Young Adults Are Welcome!!

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## Youth Group

(High School)

We have fellowship, service opportunities, and discovery nights about all things Catholic! Take a deeper dive into why we believe in God and how to build a relationship with Jesus!

Our next meeting is January 5th at 6pm in the Youth Room!

All High Schoolers Welcome!



# 2025 Parish Mission

## *The Call to Holiness: A Message of Divine Mercy*

With Fr. Wade L. J. Menezes, C.P.M.

**January 27-30, 2025**  
**7:00-8:15 p.m. in the church**

During this 4 night mission,  
Fr. Menezes will preach about:

- **Monday:** By Which We Wound or Sever Our Relationship with God: The Nature of Sin and Its Consequences
- **Tuesday:** Know Thyself: Growing in Self-Knowledge, Faith and the Sacramental Life
- **Wednesday:** The Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation: God's Tribunal of Mercy
- **Thursday:** Conversion: God's Calling Us to Divine Intimacy



**Confessions offered  
Monday-Thursday from  
6:00-6:45 p.m.**



## The Marriage Course

Discover the joy of deepening your connection in a relaxed, private setting

The Marriage Course

Holy Trinity Parish Media Center

- Wednesday Evenings 7-9 PM
- January 8, 15, 22
- February 5, 12, 15, 26

Join us for The Alpha Marriage Course, where you and your spouse can grow closer while building a strong foundation for your future. Whether you're newlyweds or have been together for years, this course offers practical tools, meaningful conversation, and private time to connect with each other. Together, you'll explore topics like communication, resolving conflict, and building greater intimacy.



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