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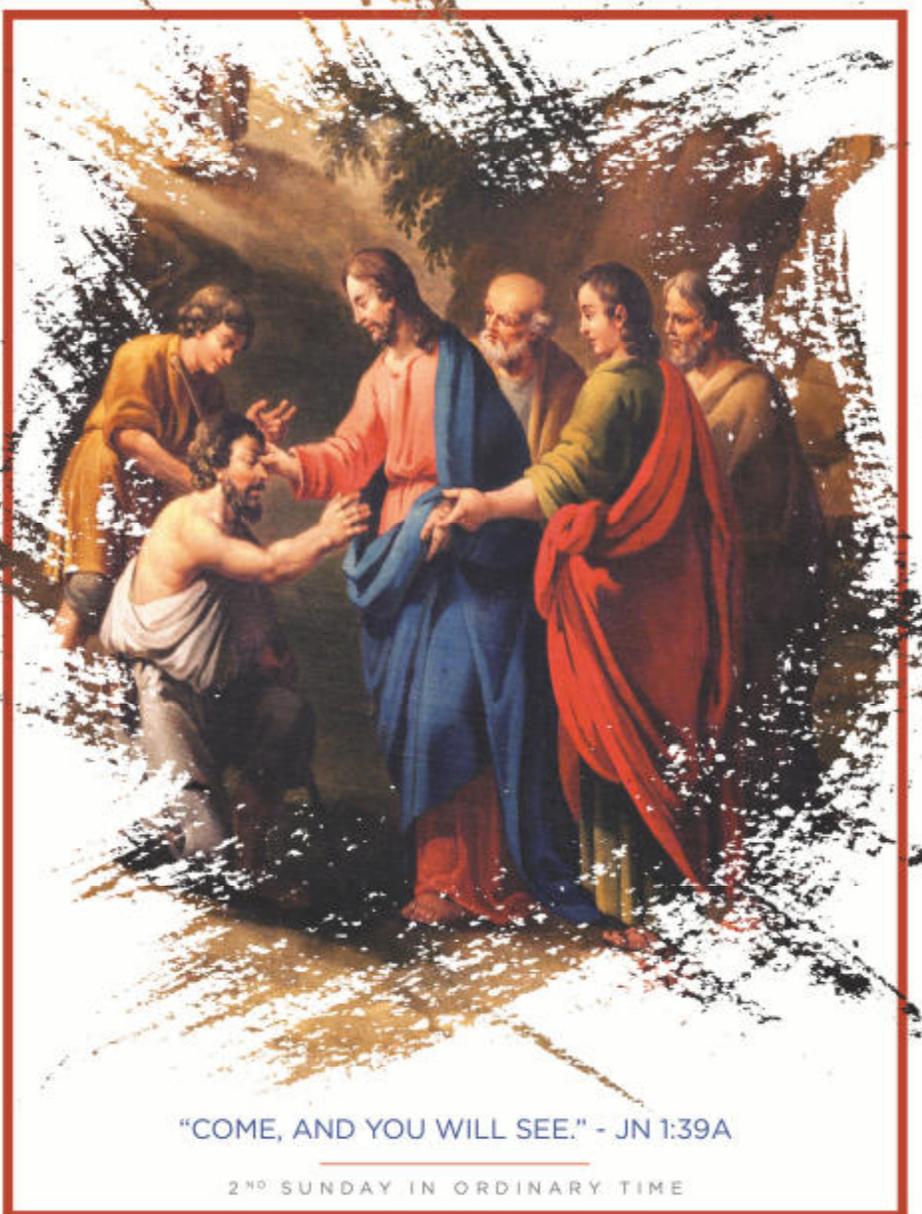


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Mission Statement

We, the Catholic community of Most Holy Trinity Parish, rich in diversity, strive to achieve the unity that is the essence of God and the heart of the Church. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we are called to be faithful stewards of the apostolic tradition, to stir into flame the gifts of God the Father, and to evangelize through our action as witnesses to our Lord, Jesus Christ.

January 17, 2021



Pastor:

Rev. Gregory Loughney

Parochial Vicar:

Rev. Jaime Perez-Restropo

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Parishioners of the Parish

In the Roman Catholic Church of the United States of America, a member is considered “active” when “one is registered and actively participates in the liturgical and pastoral life of the parish through the generous, sacrificial and proportionate sharing of his/her God-given gifts of time, talent and treasure.”

As a Catholic and registered parishioner of the parish, I am expected to:

- ◆ Regularly attend and participate in Sunday Mass – preferably as a family
- ◆ Regularly participate in the sacramental life of the Church
- ◆ Develop and practice an ongoing personal/family prayer life
- ◆ Witness to the teachings of the Church by my manner of living life
- ◆ Seek to understand and practice what it means to be and live as an active and committed Christian steward in service to the parish and the Church
- ◆ Commit annually to a generous, sacrificial and proportionate commitment of my time, talent and treasure in service to the mission of the parish and the universal Church without counting the cost or any expectation of something in return
- ◆ Recognize, understand, and accept my need to regularly give and share rather than giving and sharing only when there happens to be a need
- ◆ Acknowledge, as a registered parishioner, that I am to participate in the mission of the parish rather than being only a spectator.
- ◆ Realize the necessary and ongoing importance of love, generosity, faith and family.

Let us remember, it is only through God’s love that we receive the gift of life. In the course of our lives, we are the recipients of God’s grace and giftedness. Through our Baptism, we are called to serve as God’s disciples, sharing - *in gratitude* - His gifts and grace in loving service of God and neighbor.

Our expectations within this gift of life must not be allowed to take precedent over what is expected of us in gratitude thereof. “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.” (Mt. 16:24)

Email Addresses

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Modified Parish Office Hours

Monday through Friday

9:00am - 12 noon

Office is closed to the public.

Daily Mass

Monday - Friday 8:15am

Sunday Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00pm

Sunday 8:00am, 10:30am
12:00pm - Spanish

Reconciliation

Saturday 2:00pm - 3:00pm

Other times available by appointment.

MHT Parish Mass Intentions

1/18	8:15am	Deceased Parishioners in Dec.	MHT Ladies Guild
1/19	8:15am	Intentions of Heather Lamb	The Schlegel Family
1/20	8:15am	Judy, Violet and Harry Fallon	Richard Fallon
	7:00pm		
1/21	8:15am	Teresa Lynn Kochis	Carol and Joe Kochis
1/22	8:15am	Intentions of Maria Kochis	Mom and Dad
1/23	4:00pm	Agnes Seiler	Daughter Darlene
1/24	8:00am	William Ebert	MHT Ladies Guild
	10:30am	For the People	Pastor
	12:00pm		



They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Matthew 2:11

Dear Parishioners,

As another Christmas has come and gone, and as wonderful as the Advent seasons and Christmas are, there remains another important Catholic feast to celebrate – Epiphany. For most of us, Epiphany is just an afterthought of Christmas, a day we remember the arrival of the wise men in Bethlehem. And we have all heard homilies explaining how that odd word Epiphany comes from the Greek meaning “showing forth,” because the child Jesus was shown forth to the magi – who were Gentiles – as the Savior of all people, not only the Messiah of the Jews. This is true, but the Epiphany has a stewardship message for us as well. After all, the magi did not come simply to gawk at the baby Jesus. They came because they knew He is someone special. “Where is the newborn king of the Jews?” they asked, although He is not the sort of king who lives in palaces. As Saint Matthew relates it: “They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.” (Mt 2:11)

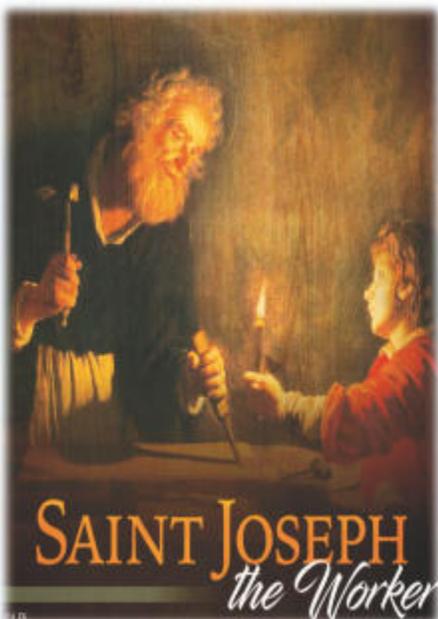
They came to worship, and part of that worship included offering gifts to the newborn Lord. Jesus certainly welcomes all who come to Him, even those who come out of mere curiosity. But when we truly meet Him, our instinctual response is to worship because we recognize that His character is unlike anyone else we have ever met. Although Jesus, being God become man, is not limited, for most of us our meetings with Him take place at Mass or other public services. But meeting Jesus and worshiping Him calls forth an additional response. So we, along with the wise men, open to Him our treasures. And what are they? They are our Time, Talent, and Treasure. We can all find symbolic meanings in the magi’s gifts. Gold, of course, represents Treasure. Frankincense, which even today is the chief ingredient in the incense used at Mass, represents the gift of the Time we offer in worship and prayer. Finally, it takes effort and knowledge to transform the raw gum from tree sap into the forms used in perfumes, myrrh is a fitting symbol for our gift of Talent. As we begin this new year, let us take a moment to reflect on our place in the Epiphany narrative. Are you willing to undertake the journey to find the King? What treasures will you offer Him in 2021?

As we begin this new year of 2021, it is traditionally a popular time for personal reassessment. Somehow, when we take down the old calendar and tack up the new, we sense an opportunity to make a fresh start and firm commitments. It is even more useful to write down our commitments. These resolutions, kept in a desk drawer or on the refrigerator door, are a “hard copy” of our best intentions for self-improvement. They are signposts that redirect our lives towards good, and hopefully towards God.

New Year's resolutions are often focused on personal health – losing weight, relaxing more, or quitting smoking. It is certainly important, of course, to take good care of our bodies. But Christianity offers us a fuller concept of self-improvement. Saint Paul reminds us that both the body and the soul need an exercise program. In fact, every aspect of our personhood – physical, mental, spiritual, emotional – can benefit from an annual self-audit. Some people have taken to heart this multi-faceted concept of the self, and each year make one resolution for each area. For instance, one could resolve to join a prayer group to work on spirituality, or take a continuing education course to build mental skills. Still, others use the three theological virtues – faith, hope and love –to guide their resolution-making process.

By now you may have discerned a similarity between New Year's resolutions and stewardship commitments. First, we use a similar method to think about stewardship, by breaking it down into more specific concepts – time, talent and treasure. Second, to become better stewards, we write down our commitments. We record our good intentions to clarify exactly what they are and to remind us of our commitment on the evenings when the prayer group interferes with a bowl game. Any serious commitment shares the same components – it is specific, and it is written. From marriages to mortgages, treaties to trades, serious resolutions are spelled out, both literally and figuratively. But even more important than the methodology of a commitment is the heart of the person who makes it. Even the most well-written job descriptions are useless unless there is someone to do the job well! Let us pray that this new year is a time of grace and wisdom for those of us who seek to recommit our lives to our family, our parish, and our God.

In this recommit your parish family is asking that you to become more actively involved in our process of transformation that will see the creation of the Msgr. McHugh Center of Most Holy Trinity Parish and our Parish Church. Consider how you will become more engaged in this process by the sharing of your time, talent and treasure. Please use the following page as a guide to help your discernment. Thank you again for all your support, and God's richest blessings upon you in this new year!



Ever blessed and glorious Saint Joseph,
kind and loving father, and helpful friend of all,
who labored to provide for the needs
of Jesus and Mary, hear us in our need.

Obtain for us the grace of generous hearts,
open minds, greater unity, and renewed vision,
as we seek to build a house
for celebration and worship.

May it be a home where all are
welcomed, nourished, and empowered
to be Christ for others. Amen.



*“They opened their treasures
and offered him gifts
of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.”*



Gold — Treasure



- ◇ Commitment to Consistent Weekly Offering (online giving is a good option)
- ◇ Increase Weekly Offering (consider an increase of 5%)
- ◇ Contribute or Complete Pledge to Capital Campaign (also available online)
- ◇ Sponsor Sq Footage of New Worship Space Flooring: ___sq/ft @ \$11.00 = \$_____
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- ◇ Sponsor Can of Paint: _____ Can(s) @ \$40.00 = \$_____
- ◇ Sponsor Gallons of Heating Oil: ___ gal. (tank capacity 10,000) @ \$2.20 = \$_____



Frankincense — Time



- ◇ Commit to daily prayer - e.g. Liturgy of the Hours, Daily Mass, rosary, etc.
- ◇ Commit to daily reading of Scripture — e.g. daily Mass readings
- ◇ Attend Mass in-person on Sunday or weekdays — all CDC guidelines are followed



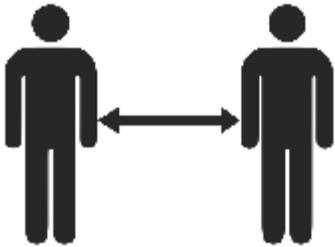
Myrrh — Talent



- ◇ Volunteer trade skill — e.g. plumbing, carpentry, electrical, etc.
- ◇ Volunteer general maintenance - e.g. cleaning, mopping, vacuuming, painting, etc.
- ◇ Research and apply for potential grants
- ◇ Solicit in-kind donations of building materials
- ◇ Join us on any Tuesday morning (8:30am) or Tuesday evening (6:00pm) and/or some Saturday morning (10am) at help at the Msgr. McHugh Center

Safety Measures when Attending Mass

**6 ft
Safe, Social
Distancing**



**Masks On
Covering Nose
and Mouth**



**Sanitize Hands
before
Communion**



Ongoing help is needed at the
Msgr. McHugh Center!

There are a variety of tasks to complete
including cleaning, to painting, to repairs, etc.

We will meet each Tuesday from 8:30-10:00am
and 6:00-7:30pm. If you can join us for one of
those times please simply show up.

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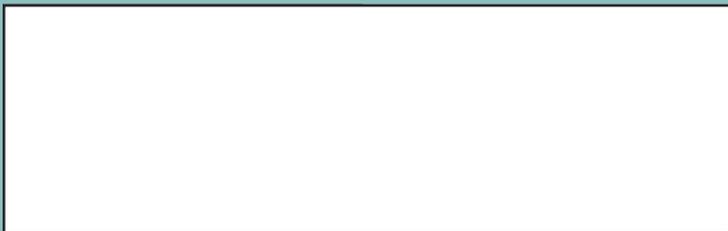
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