



**HOLY TRINITY**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH  
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**April 10, 2022**



## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



“Blessed is the king who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Peace in heaven  
and glory in the highest.”  
- Lk 19:38

“¡Bendito el rey  
que viene en el nombre del Señor!  
¡Paz en el cielo  
y gloria en las alturas!”  
- Lc 19, 38



**Saturday: 5:00PM**  
**Sunday: 7:30AM, 9:30AM, 11:30AM**  
**1:30PM (Spanish) & 5:00PM (Youth Mass)**

**Monday—Friday: 8:30AM, 12:05PM**  
**Monday & Wednesday: 6:00PM (Spanish)**  
**Tuesday & Thursday: 6:00PM**

**WELCOME!**

We extend a warm welcome to anyone new to our parish family and all visitors who celebrate with us throughout the year. If you would like to join this parish, please visit our website at:

[www.holytrinitysat.org/registration](http://www.holytrinitysat.org/registration)

**Parish Office**

**210-497-4200**  
**FAX: 210-497-4285**

**Monday-Friday 8:30AM– 5:00PM**

**Pastor: Fr. Rodolfo Caballero**  
**Parochial Vicar: Fr. Ed Gonzales**

**Deacons**

Deacon David Seguin: 210-365-4902  
 Deacon Michael Cleary: 210-857-0930  
 Deacon John Eichelberger: 210-859-8848  
 Deacon Brad Wakely: 210-717-3005  
 Deacon Ricardo Serdan: 210-497-4200

**Parish Office Staff**

Parish Administrator: Ricardo Serdan  
 Parish Liaison & Notary Public: Gloria Barretto  
 Bookkeeper: Vicky Karleskint  
 Dir. of Outreach & Stewardship: ZZ Branch  
 Dir. of Music & Liturgy: Lucy Tavira  
 Coord. of Marriage and Baptism: *open*  
 Ministry Director: Grace Faubion-Schaar  
 Receptionist: Margie Duenez  
 Sacristan: Doug Stolo

**Facility Staff**  
**210-497-0700**

Facilities Manager: Deacon Ray Gonzales, Jr.  
 Maintenance Coordinator: Joaquin Martinez  
 Maintenance: Santiago Zavala  
 Housekeeper: Lupita Lobo

**Bulletin Announcements**

**DEADLINE:**

**10 days prior to date published via email please:**  
[bulletin@holytrinitysat.org](mailto:bulletin@holytrinitysat.org)

**Faith Formation Office**  
**210-497-4145**

Monday—Friday:  
 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM

**Coordinator of Elementary Religious Education:**  
 Rich Behrens  
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 Maddie Kempf  
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 Saul Polanco  
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**Coordinator of Confirmation:**  
 Eric Mejia  
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**Administrative Assistants**  
 8:30AM -12:30PM ~ Roxanna Fuentes  
 1:00PM - 5:00PM ~ Lori Ivey

**IT Coordinator**

Eric Mejia 210-497-4145  
[eric@holytrinitysat.org](mailto:eric@holytrinitysat.org)

**Adult Faith Formation & Inquiry into the Catholic Faith**

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and Children (RCIA)**

please call the Faith Formation office at 210-497-4145  
 Deacon Brad Wakely  
 210-717-3005  
 or Mary Kay Wakely  
 210-683-3949

**SACRAMENTS**

**Baptism**

Visit our web page for information.



Contact Saul Polanco  
 (210) 497-4200

**First Communion**

Call Faith Formation Office  
 at 210-497-4145

**Confession In the Church**

Thursday 6:00PM– 7:30PM  
 Saturday 3:00PM-4:30PM  
 or call Parish Office for appointment

**Adult Confirmation Information**



**Marriage**

There is a six month preparation period for Sacramental marriages.



**Quinceañera**

For more information,  
 please contact the parish office.

210-497-4200

**Help us Keep Our Records Current**

Please notify the Parish Office if you are moving  
 or if your personal status has changed.  
 210-497-4200 or email [receptionist@holytrinitysat.org](mailto:receptionist@holytrinitysat.org)

**Join our Parish Email List**

If you would like to be added to our email list  
 please visit our website at [www.holytrinitysat.org](http://www.holytrinitysat.org)  
 and click on the Flocknote link

**HOLY TRINITY MINISTRIES & GROUPS**

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY:** Lucy Tavira: 210-244-3743  
**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Greeters, Sacristans & Altar Servers**

**ACTS Core**

Carlos Guevara: 210-871-0056  
Michelle Haider: 210-632-2685

**Adult Bible Studies**

Gloria Barretto: 210-497-4200

**Alcohol & Drug Dependence**

John Welsh: 210-687-9019

**Altar Guild**

Monica Behrens: 210-867-3468

**Alzheimer's Ministry:**

Janelle Poe: 915-449-3511  
Carol Short: 210-497-4639

**Bridges Beyond Grief:**

Chaplain Emily Baril: 210-497-8166

**Bunco**

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Erika & Steve Garza (210) 669-9668.

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Carol Konetzke: carolkonetzke@yahoo.com

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Francisco Guizar: 210-237-3507 (Wed PM – Spanish)  
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**Estudio de Biblia En Espanol**

Estelita Stevens: 210-286-1481

**Lectores**

Juan Enriquez: 210-275-1573

**Los Niños de Valor**

Alejandro Cantu: 210-347-6600

**Ministerio de Musica**

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Lolys Navarro: 512-789-0064

**Ministerio del Rosario**

Francisco Guizar: 210-237-3507  
Miguel Casillas: 210-284-7047

**Regnum Christi Men**

Hector Islas: 210-909-8083

**Regnum Christi Women**

Cata Villarreal: 210-501-2873

**Ujieres**

Oscar Diaz: 210-325-4822

**Holy Trinity Mission Statement**

To be a welcoming, compassionate, Christ-Centered family community where one can personally encounter God and others through the Sacraments, ministry, evangelization and service and be inspired to "Believe, Belong and Become".

Ser una comunidad familiar centrada en Cristo que da la bienvenida y es compasiva, donde uno puede encontrar a Dios y a otros personalmente a través de los sacramentos, el ministerio, la evangelización y el servicio, y estar inspirados a "creer, pertenecer y llegar a ser".

**Please provide any feedback you may have to:**

ZZ Branch  
zz@holyltrinitysat.org

**Parish Pastoral Council Members:**

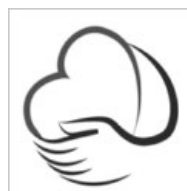
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Julie Seguin

**Staff Members:**

Fr. Rodolfo Caballero, Pastor  
Fr. Ed Gonzales, Parochial Vicar  
Dcn. Ricardo Serdan, Parish Administrator

**Serve Our Lord  
Serve Your Parish**

Are you looking for a way to become involved? Do you feel a calling? Do you have a special talent you would like to share with the Parish? Have you been involved in a ministry at a previous parish? We are seeking interested individuals who would like to share their time and talent with the various ministries and groups we have here at Holy Trinity. Please contact anyone of our Ministry or group leaders for more information.



# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



## WEEK OF APRIL 11 HOLY WEEK

### Monday, Apr. 11 (Gonzales, Caballero, Gonzales)

- 8:30AM: Ana Maria Rivas C. †, Steven Seamone † and Carlos Rivas C., Sp. Int.  
12:05PM: Richard Baca † and Sam & Kelly Mylar, Sp. Int.  
6:00PM: Ministry Leaders, Sp. Int.

### Tuesday, Apr. 12 (Caballero, Gonzales, Flood)

- 8:30AM: Joseph Erevelles †, Sammy Garcia † and Edward Quintanilla †  
12:05PM: Robert Heger †, Felipe Arcos † and Betty Castillo, Sp. Int.  
6:00PM: Gregorio Leria † and Pepito & Salud †

### Wednesday, Apr. 13 (Gonzales, Caballero, Gonzales)

- 8:30AM: Maxine and Stanley Boyd † and Natalia Guerrero, Sp. Int.  
12:05PM: Germina Evangelista † and Susan DeNisio, Sp. Int.  
6:00PM: Sandra Salazar, Sp. Int.

### Thursday, Apr. 14 **HOLY THURSDAY**

- 7:00PM: Pedro Gonzalez Gonzalez †, Elva Castro, Sp. Int., Addison Mylar, Sp. Int. and The Clergy of the Archdiocese of San Antonio, Sp. Int.

### Friday, Apr. 15 **GOOD FRIDAY** (Gonzales, Caballero)

- 3:00pm: Good Friday Liturgy (English)  
6:00pm: Good Friday Liturgy (Spanish)

## WEEKEND

### Saturday, Apr. 16 **HOLY SATURDAY**

- 8:30pm: **Easter Vigil—Bishop Mike Boulette**  
Leon Zara †, Thomas A. Tomko Family, Sp. Int. and Arianna Correa & Monica Castillo, Sp. Int.

### Sunday, Apr. 17 **EASTER SUNDAY**

- 7:30AM: **No Mass**  
9:30AM: **Father Rodolfo Caballero**  
Rafa Lopez †, Claire Braaten, Sp. Int. and Erlinda Pegram, Sp. Int.  
11:30AM: **Father Rodolfo Caballero**  
Helen Medrano †, Jose Manuel Rodriguez † and Sara Navarrate de Gonzalez †  
1:30PM: **Father Ed Gonzales**  
Ruzean Nolasco †, Jorge Reyes † and Familia Rivera, Sp. Int.  
5:00PM: **Father Ed Gonzales**  
David Sean †, Jose Iletto † and Ruby Nolasco, Sp. Int.

*Presider is subject to change*

Consider having a Mass said for a birthday, graduation, anniversary, special event or a memorial for someone special.

Contact the parish office to reserve your date and time.

## Sympathy

### *Pamela Rothe Neel* daughter of Rick and Barbara Rothe

We offer condolences and sympathy to our parishioners who have experienced a death in their family.

#### Please pray for our Parishioners

*"Merciful Father, we bring before You our brothers and sisters. Please draw them close to Your Heart, grant them the graces they need, and embrace them in Your Love and Truth. We pray this in the Name of Jesus and through the intercession of Our Blessed Mother".*

For inclusion in the Bulletin contact: [bulletin@holyltrinitysat.org](mailto:bulletin@holyltrinitysat.org)

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Maria Badiola	Shamon Henderson	Alfredo Peña
Gaby Baca-Flores	Chelito Hernandez	David Peña
Valerie Ballesteros	David Hidalgo	Domingo Peña
Mary Ann Barrientos	Antonio Finona	Olympia Peña
Dorothy Beavers	Philip Holzmann	Ricardo Peña
Lorie Belus	Ruby Iletto-Nolasco	Elena Perez
Carl Bernal	Gerry Impelman	Lois Plooster
Al Boll	Eric Jimenez	Michael Prado Family
Elizabeth Bononcini-	Tony Johnson	Giana Ramirez
Morgan	Julie Kane	JD Ramirez
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Judy Brown	Shelia Klein	Alfonso Reina, Jr
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Jim Ermis	Sophia Mendez	Sr. Marcelle Stos
Ruben Escobedo	Rich Moken	Floyd Stopak
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Antonio Finona	Joe Molina	Robert Toms
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Mark Gehardt	Sandy Ottea	Ella Wolocki
Suzanne Glover	Janie Padilla	Sarah Yzaguirre
Andrew Gomes	Laura Palma	

## Prayer for Vocations

O God, our Father, you have called us in Baptism to follow your Son Jesus through lives of loving service to you and to one another.

Grant us your assistance guided by the Holy Spirit to live out our vocation in life. We pray especially for those who have answered your call as priests, brothers, sisters, deacons and lay ministers.

Keep them faithful in following your Son and dedicated in serving their brothers and sisters. Grant that many more men and women will be open to the challenge of dedicating their lives in the ministry of building your Kingdom. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

Amen



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# HOLY WEEK 2022

**Palm Sunday, April 10**  
Regular Masses

**Holy Thursday, April 14**  
Mass: 7pm

Eucharistic Procession and Adoration in Banquet Hall  
After Mass - 12am with Reflection from Fr. Rodolfo at 11pm  
(No daytime Adoration, No Confessions)

**Good Friday, April 15**  
Youth Stations of the Cross: 12pm  
Liturgy (English): 3pm  
Liturgy (Spanish): 6pm  
(No Adoration)

**Holy Saturday, April 16**  
Easter Vigil Mass: 8:30pm  
(No Confessions)

**Easter Sunday, April 17**  
Masses: 9:30am, 11:30am, 1:30pm (Spanish), 5pm  
(Please note: no 7:30am Mass)



For a Synodal Church:  
communion | participation | mission



Listening  
Church

"It is precisely this path of synodality which God expects of the Church of the third millennium."

POPE FRANCIS



## Women's ACTS Retreat April 21-24, 2022

**Sanctus Ranch**  
Leave Thursday Evening  
Return Sunday for 11:30am Mass  
All meals and transportation included

REGISTRATION OPEN!  
[www.holytrinitysat.org/acts](http://www.holytrinitysat.org/acts)



**ACTS**

For more information:  
Heather Wright 210-639-3482



ARCHBISHOP'S  
*Appeal*  
for **MINISTRIES**  
CAMPAÑA DEL ARZOBISPO PARA LOS MINISTERIOS

Text-To-Give by  
texting keyword  
**APPEAL** to  
(210) 750-6712.

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

## Message from Fr. Rodolfo Caballero



Dear sisters and brothers in the Lord:

As we hail Jesus as our Lord and King as He enters into Jerusalem to be glorified by the Father, my invitation to you all is to accompany the Lord Jesus during those important and last hours of His earthly life with our hearts and minds focused on His offering to us. It would be good to be present at the liturgical celebrations of the week: Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. But if one is not able to participate in all the liturgical events, that individual may do so spiritually by offering the day to the Lord, both the good things and the bad ones. And let us remember that it is not about the physical pain that is most important in the passion of Christ, but the love with which He offered his life for each one of us. His moral suffering was way more painful than the physical one: humiliations, betrayals, denials, abandonment and loneliness are just to name a few. Ultimately, He suffered the consequences of sin like none other, yet He did not commit sin like others! Yet it is for our sake that He endured all suffering. Let us, then, thank Him for His fidelity to the Father and the giving of His life. May we be so moved upon contemplating His sacrifice that we may desire none other than corresponding to His infinite love.

May the Lord continue to bless you and each member of your family, especially the ill and the elderly.

Your brother in the priesthood of Jesus Christ,  
**Fr. Rodolfo Caballero**

## Mensaje de Fr. Rodolfo Caballero

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en el Señor:

Mientras aclamamos a Jesús como nuestro Señor y Rey cuando Él entra en Jerusalén para ser glorificado por el Padre, mi invitación para todos ustedes es que acompañen al Señor Jesús durante esas importantes y últimas horas de Su vida terrenal con nuestros corazones y mentes enfocados en Su ofrecimiento hacia nosotros. Sería bueno estar presente en las celebraciones litúrgicas de la semana: Jueves Santo, Viernes Santo y Domingo de Resurrección. Pero si uno no puede participar en todos los eventos litúrgicos, puede hacerlo espiritualmente ofreciendo el día al Señor, tanto las cosas buenas como las malas. Y recordemos que no se trata del dolor físico como lo más importante en la pasión de Cristo, sino del amor con el que Él ofreció su vida por cada uno de nosotros. Su sufrimiento moral fue mucho más doloroso que el físico: humillaciones, traiciones, negaciones, abandono y soledad son solo algunos ejemplos. En última instancia, sufrió las consecuencias del pecado como ningún otro, ¡pero no cometió pecados como los demás! Sin embargo, es por nosotros que Él soportó todos los sufrimientos. Agradecémosle, pues, su fidelidad al Padre y la entrega de su vida. Que seamos conmovidos tanto al contemplar su sacrificio que no deseemos otra cosa que corresponder a su amor infinito.

Que el Señor lo siga bendiciendo a usted y a cada miembro de su familia, especialmente a los enfermos y ancianos.

Su hermano en el sacerdocio de Jesucristo,  
**P. Rodolfo Caballero**

### A Note from Fr. Rodolfo and Fr. Gonzales

The parish does not ask for favors either by email or text to parishioners asking to purchase cards of any sort.

### Una Nota del P. Rodolfo y Fr. Gonzales

La parroquia nunca pide mediante correo electrónico, ni por texto, la compra de ningún tipo de tarjetas a la comunidad parroquial.



**CAM's Mission:**  
Sharing the love of Christ by  
providing immediate assistance and  
encouragement to people in crisis

CAM was founded in 1977 by nine downtown churches and today is supported by over 80 church communities, including Holy Trinity. As an ecumenical mission, every person who comes to CAM, regardless of beliefs, is considered a child of God. Some of the services provided are:

- Groceries every 30 days for clients with residence
- Clothing every 30 days to include diapers and wipes
- Transportation in the form of Bus Tickets to medical appointments, to a verifiable job interview or to start a new full-time permanent job
- Limited financial assistance for utilities, voucher for I.D./Birth Certificate once every 12 months
- Financial assistance for prescription medications up to \$80.00/year
- Yearly seasonal help for qualified clients that includes school supplies, and emergency Christmas help
- Homeless services to include showers, porta-potties, daily sack lunches, clothing and social services

**To Receive Services:**

All are welcome and no appointment is needed. A photo ID, Social Security Card or proof of residence for groceries is all that is necessary. For financial assistance, documentation such as disconnect notices or prescriptions are required.

**Locations for Assistance or to Volunteer**

**Downtown:** 110 McCullough 78215  
(210) 223-6648 (client Services) (210) 223-4099 (admin)

**Northside:** 5084 DeZavala (210) 697-5771

**CAM is a place of Grace and all are welcome.**  
[www.cam-sa.org](http://www.cam-sa.org)

**Holy Trinity CAM Representatives:**  
J.J. and Laura Hansbrough (210) 479-7561



# adorers needed!

**Weekly Adorers**

*Choose an hour or more a week  
(M-F) to dedicate to Adoration.*

**Substitute Adorers**

*Become a sub to help out when  
weekly adorers are unable to  
attend their hour  
(especially in the summer)*

contact:  
Jeannie Oakes at 210-387-3628  
or  
Shibi Kamalappan at 908-842-4417



## HOLY TRINITY BANQUET HALL

**Available for:**

- Wedding Receptions
- Networking Events
- Quinceaneras
- Company Meetings
- Private Parties

*and Much More!*

**Call 210-497-0700 for  
Parishioner Pricing!**



# 40 Cans for Lent

March 3-April 17, 2022

Your donation feeds our neighbors in need  
throughout the year.

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canned vegetables       | <input type="checkbox"/> Canned fruit            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canned meat             | <input type="checkbox"/> Peanut butter and jelly |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rice and beans          | <input type="checkbox"/> Pasta and sauce         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Salt, sugar, and spices | <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetable oil           |

**Drop Donations in bins  
in the back of the church**



See our  
Lenten Resources



## V Encuentro Ministry Series



Access faith formation via live and on-demand videos, workbooks, and community! The V Encuentro Ministry Series provides national professional development opportunities in English and Spanish that inspire, connect, and offer opportunities to hear best practices, as well as present new initiatives and pastoral responses that emerged from the V Encuentro process.

## Nun Run

**AM I CALLED**  
To be a Sister or Nun?



Join us to visit different  
convents

Nun "run"

**For Information:**

Call the Office: (210) 735-0553

Email: [vocations@archsa.org](mailto:vocations@archsa.org)

May 28, 2022 • **START**

Welcome, all single Catholic Women, ages 18-40

All single Catholic Women between the ages of 18-40 are invited to the Nun-Run which will be taking place on May 28th, 2022. The vocations office will be visiting three convents and getting to know more about six different Religious Congregations. For more information and how to join them contact the Vocations Office at [vocations@archsaa.org](mailto:vocations@archsaa.org) or 210-735-0553.

# WE ARE HIRING!

Join the Holy Trinity Team!

## PART-TIME SACRAMENTAL COORDINATOR MARRIAGE AND BAPTISM



TO APPLY, VISIT

[WWW.ARCHSA.ORG/EMPLOYMENT](http://WWW.ARCHSA.ORG/EMPLOYMENT)

## THE DIVINE MERCY

Weekly Message/Mensaje Semanal

For General Information please contact: Ernesto Brux 843-730-3134

The Great Lent. When I become immersed in the Lord's Passion, I often see the Lord Jesus, during adoration, in this manner: after the scourging, the torturers took the Lord and stripped Him of His own garment, which had already adhered to the wounds; as they took it off, His wounds reopened; then they threw a dirty and tattered scarlet cloak over the fresh wounds of the Lord. (#408)

La Cuaresma. Cuando me sumerjo en la Pasión del Señor, a menudo en la adoración veo al Señor Jesús bajo este aspecto: después de la flagelación los verdugos tomaron al Señor y le quitaron su propia túnica que ya se había pegado a las llagas; mientras la despojaban volvieron a abrirse sus llagas. Luego vistieron al Señor con un manto rojo, sucio y despedazado sobre las llagas abiertas. (#408)



Please Join Us for

**Coping with Life Alone  
in the Beginning**

Presented by  
**Beginning Experience of San Antonio**

"Coping with Life Alone in the Beginning" is an in-person, one-day grief support program. It is intended for those whose loss is new, and/or for those not yet ready for a Beginning Experience Weekend. The session focuses on such topics as the grief process, changes in family and other relationships, trust, and coping with memories of the deceased spouse or dealing with the former spouse.

**When**  
Saturday, April 23, 2022, 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Where**  
St. Monica Catholic Church-Steuben Hall  
501 North St., Converse, TX 78109

**Cost**  
\$40 (includes workbook)  
Please bring your own lunch. Drinks and snacks provided.

**Contact**  
Barbara (210)256-2859  
(If no answer, please leave a message)

**Additional Programs Offered**  
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Coping with Life Alone in the Beginning (1-day program) - 7/30/22  
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*"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" Phil 4:13*



## Divorced & Separated Ministry

### TURN ON THE LIGHT

At any given time, everyone has some aspect of their life that could be described as in "darkness." It could be physical darkness due to an illness with yourself or a loved one. It could be financial darkness due to the loss of a job. Or, it could be emotional darkness due to a divorce. Whatever your darkness is, it is sure to create a lot of fear and anxiety.

The great news is Jesus has provided a pathway out of the darkness: belief in Him. This belief is much more than a mental decision. It requires a total, complete, trust. The kind of clinging-to-the-scrap-of-wood-when-you're-adrift-in-the-middle-of-a-stormy-sea trust. That piece of wood is your lifeline. Your life depends on it, and you are not letting go of it no matter what. That is the type of trust you must have in Christ. Coming out of darkness is not typically a single event where suddenly the dawn breaks and your world is filled with light. It is typically a process where gradually the darkness fades. It will take time. During this time, cling tightly to Christ and know that He will lead you out of your darkness. He is your lifeline.

*"I came into the world as light, so that everyone who believes in me might not remain in darkness." - John 12:46*

*The parish is reviewing options regarding our current program. We would appreciate input from individuals interested in this type of program. Your input will help us to develop a program that will aid in your recovery. Please forward your comments to Mary Chavez 210-473-9608 or marydchavez10@yahoo.com.*

## THE ART OF REALLY LISTENING

Have you ever reflected on how many times in the Bible we hear of God's listening? In Exodus 2:24 we read how "God heard their groaning and he remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac and with Jacob." Through his prophet Isaiah God said, "Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear." (Isaiah 65:24) And we see too how Jesus called upon His Father, thanking Him, asking Him to heal, to have mercy, to take away this cross, and then placing it all in His Father's hands.

Sometimes we wish we could do something for those around us who are hurting. But perhaps, though it may not seem like much, all we are called to do at the moment is to "be quick to listen, slow to speak" (James 1:19a). God can work through our caring listening like a soothing salve on a wound, bringing about healing, deeper self-understanding, and the abundant life that Jesus promised.

Listening is an essential part of Stephen Ministry. Stephen Ministers use active listening skills to help people recognize and accept the feelings they are experiencing. If you or someone you know is hurting, having someone to listen with compassionate understanding without judging and with prayerful attention may be just what is needed.

To find out more about how Stephen Ministry works and how you or someone you know could be benefit from a Stephen Minister, talk with our Stephen Leader Norma Garza, 210 379-7874. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you!

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## Prayer for a Selfless Marriage

Aba Father, you are the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. Thank you for the gift of your son, for his loving ministry, his death and resurrection. It is this sacrifice that opened the gates of heaven so that we may one day enter into your presence. Help us to remember his sacrificial example as we work to strengthen our marriage and help each other get into heaven. Help us to look for you first and last to guide our marriage every day. Help to remove any selfishness that exists in our marriage and replace it with a spirit of selflessness. Please send us your Holy Spirit to help us grow in holiness together. In your name, O Lord. We Pray. Amen!

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For more information visit our website [here](http://www.ccaosa.org) or contact:  
Juan Carlos Rodriguez Director for Strategic Planning & Priorities at 210-734-1692.





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Council 9967 annual competition has begun and will end at 9pm on Sunday April 24th 2022. The winning essays will be awarded a tuition assistance scholarship for the upcoming academic school year

**Why a Scholarship**  
The intent is to aid parishioner families with a portion of the winner's current Catholic School and or the after High School education fees

**When is it Awarded**  
Winning Scholarships are awarded August-September time frame of this year and paid directly to the institution of study

**Competition Info, Rules, Eligibility and Applications can be found online**  
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Dr. Gonzalez earned her B.A. in Psychology from the University of Texas at San Antonio, her M.A. in Clinical Psychology from St. Mary's University and her Psy.D. (Doctorate in Psychology) from Our Lady of the Lake University. She completed her Clinical Psychology Internship and Residency Training Program at the University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio, Department of Psychiatry. She has worked in psychological and counseling services in a wide variety of settings since 1990.

Dr. Gonzalez is licensed by the Texas State Board of Examiners of Psychologists as an LPA, independent practice. She practices from a Solution-focused brief therapy/family systems theoretical approach. Most significant to her work here at Holy Trinity is her understanding of and adherence to the Catholic anthropological view of the human person – counseling the whole person, uniting psychology, philosophy and theology. She will be providing individual, (adult/teens/child), couple, and family counseling services to parishioners of Holy Trinity.

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## The Image of Divine Mercy

The promises that our Lord makes to mankind focus primarily on three of the major elements of the Divine Mercy revelations given to St. Faustina: 1) the **IMAGE**, 2) the **CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY**, 3) the **FEAST DAY** known as **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**. Today we'll discuss the **IMAGE**.

On Feb. 22, 1931 Faustina writes: "In the evening, when I was in my cell, I saw the Lord Jesus clothed in a white garment One hand [was] raised in the gesture of blessing, the other was touching the garment at the breast. ...at the breast, there were emanating two large rays, one red, the other pale. Jesus said to me, **Paint an Image according to the pattern you see, with the signature: Jesus, I trust in You. I desire that this Image be venerated, first in your chapel, and [then] throughout the world. (Diary #47) I promise that the soul that will venerate this Image will not perish. I also promise victory over [its] enemies already here on earth, especially at the hour of death. I Myself will defend it as My own glory. (Diary #49)**

The two rays denote Blood and Water. The pale ray stands for the Water which makes souls righteous. The red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of souls... These two rays issued forth from the very depths of My tender mercy when My agonized Heart was opened by a lance on the Cross. These rays shield souls from the wrath of My Father. Happy is the one who will dwell in their shelter, for the just hand of God shall not lay hold of him. (Diary #299)

Later in the Diary Jesus continues: **Not in the beauty of the color, nor of the brush lies the greatness of this Image, but in My grace. (Diary #313) I am offering people a vessel with which they are to keep coming for graces to the fountain of mercy. That vessel is this Image with the signature: "Jesus, I trust in You". (Diary #327) I desire that the Image be publicly honored. (Diary #414) "... the Image is to be on view in the church. ...By means of this Image I shall be granting many graces to souls; so, let every soul have access to it." (Diary #570)**

**Already there are many souls who have been drawn to My love by this Image. My mercy acts in souls through this work. (Diary 1379)**

Though many graces flow to mankind through the Image, keep in mind that we venerate it, we do not worship it. We worship what the Image symbolizes — the unfathomable mercy of God as revealed to us through His Incarnate Son. As Jesus told St. Faustina: **"My Heart rejoices in this title of Mercy. (Diary #300) Proclaim that mercy is the greatest attribute of God. All the works of My hands are crowned with mercy. (Diary #301)**



## La imagen de la Divina Misericordia

Las promesas de nuestro señor a la humanidad se enfocan en tres de los principales elementos revelados en el mensaje de la Divina Misericordia a Santa Faustina: 1) La Imagen, 2) La coronilla de la Divina Misericordia, 3) La fiesta de la Divina Misericordia. Hoy hablaremos sobre la IMAGEN.

Santa Faustina escribió el 22 de Febrero de 1931: "Al anochecer, estando en mi celda, vi al Señor Jesús vestido con una túnica blanca. Tenía una mano levantada para bendecir y con la otra tocaba la túnica sobre el pecho. De la abertura de la túnica en el pecho, salían dos grandes rayos: uno rojo y otro pálido. En silencio, atentamente miraba al Señor, mi alma estaba llena del temor, pero también de una gran alegría. Después de un momento, Jesús me dijo: **Pinta una imagen según el modelo que vez, y firma: Jesús, en Ti confío. Deseo que esta imagen sea venerada primero en tu capilla y luego en el mundo entero. (Diario #47) Prometo que el alma que venera esta imagen no perecerá. También prometo, ya aquí en la tierra, la victoria sobre los enemigos y sobre todo, a la hora de la muerte, Yo Mismo la defenderé como MI gloria. (Diario# 49)**

Los dos rayos significan la Sangre y el Agua. El rayo pálido simboliza el Agua que justifica a las almas. El rayo rojo simboliza la Sangre que es la vida de las almas. Ambos rayos brotaron de las entrañas más profundas de MI misericordia cuando MI Corazón agonizante fue abierto en la cruz por la lanza. Estos rayos protegen a las almas de la indignación de MI Padre. Bienaventurado quien viva a la sombra de ellos, porque no le alcanzara la justa mano de Dios. (Diario # 299)

Jesús continúa dictando a Santa Faustina en su diario: **No en la belleza del color, ni en la del pincel, está la grandeza de esta imagen, sino en MI gracia. (Diario 313)**

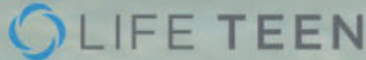
**Ofrezco a los hombres un recipiente con el que han de venir a la Fuente de la Misericordia para recoger gracias. Ese recipiente es esta imagen con la firma: Jesús, en Ti confío. (Diario # 327)**

**Deseo que esta imagen sea venerada en público. (Diario # 414) ...Dile al confesor que la imagen esté expuesta en la Iglesia y no en el convento dentro de la clausura. Por medio de esta imagen colmaré a las almas con muchas gracias, por eso, que cada alma tenga acceso a ella. (Diario # 570)**

**Ya muchas almas han sido atraídas a MI amor por esta imagen. MI misericordia actúa en las almas mediante esta obra. (Diario # 1379)**

A pesar de que muchas gracias se derraman a la humanidad por esta imagen, ten presente que a la imagen se le venera, mas no la adoramos; adoramos lo que la imagen simboliza: La infinita misericordia de Dios que nos fue revelada a través de la encarnación de Su divino hijo Jesús. Jesús dijo a Sta Faustina: **MI Corazón se alegra de este título de misericordia. (Diario # 300) Proclama que la misericordia es el atributo más grande de Dios. Todas las obras de Mis manos están coronadas por la misericordia. (Diario # 301)**

# YOUTH MINISTRY



## '21-'22 PROGRAMS

Registration is still ongoing for the Edge and Life Teen! Please visit the Holy Trinity website to register and pay.

Coordinator of Youth Ministry  
**Maddie Kempf**  
Maddie@holymtrinitysat.org

Coordinator of Confirmation  
**Eric Mejia**  
Eric@holymtrinitysat.org

## Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry

HS Service Hour Opportunity!



All high schoolers are welcome to help with Friday Fish Frys. For more information or to sign up, visit:

[HOLYTRINITYSAT.ORG/YOUTH-EVENTS](https://holymtrinitysat.org/youth-events)



## HIGH SCHOOLERS!

Join us in the Life Teen section at 5PM Mass on Sundays!



## MIDDLE SCHOOL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Volunteer registrations will open on **Friday April 1st**, through the Holy Trinity website.

Teens (must be at least **outgoing 8th grader**) AND adults may register to volunteer.  
*NOTE: we need at least 20 adults to assist us the week of VBS.*



Participant registrations (Incoming 6th Grade - Incoming 8th Grade) opens **May 1st**  
VBS Date: **June 20-24th**  
Time: 9:00 am-Noon

## Teen Stations of the Cross

### Good Friday Reenactment

All high school teens are invited to help put on our annual Live Stations in the Church!

*We are in need of actors, lectors, greeters and costuming.*

Dates:

- Wednesday, April 6th - Rehearsal #1
- Wednesday, April 13th - Rehearsal #2
- Friday, April 15th - Stations of the Cross



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# Elementary Faith Formation

## April Dates



### Elementary Faith Formation

- April 4, 5, 6: in person class
- April 11, 12 13: in person class
- April 18, 19, 20: in person class (Last class for this school year)
- April 18, 19, 20: First Communion rehearsals with Parent and child

### Good Shephard

- April 1: in person class
- April 4, 5, 6, 7, 8: in person class
- April 11, 12, 13: in person class
- April 18, 19, 20, 21: in person class (Last class for this school year)

# Summer 2022



## Vacation Bible School

June 20-24th, 2022, 9:00 am-12:00 pm

Volunteer registrations will open on  
**Friday April 1st,**  
through our website at:  
[www.holytrinitysat.org](http://www.holytrinitysat.org)  
(click on the VBS button)

Teens (must be at least **13** years old)  
AND adults may register to volunteer.  
*NOTE: we need at least 20 adults to  
assist us the week of VBS.*

Participant  
registrations  
(k-8th grade) opens  
**May 1st**



# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 10, 2022

**Sunday:** Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49

**Monday:** Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

**Tuesday:** Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

**Wednesday:** Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25

**Thursday:** *Chism Mass:* Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21  
*Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:* Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16abc, 17-18/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

**Friday:** Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42

**Saturday:** Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 [30] or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 [5b]/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Ex 14:15—15:1/Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 [1b]/Is 54:5-14/ Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Lk 24:1-12

**Next Sunday:** Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or, Lk 24:13-35

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 10, 2022

**Sunday:** Holy Week begins; Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

**Monday:** St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr

**Wednesday:** St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr

**Thursday:** Holy Thursday

**Friday:** Good Friday; Tax Day

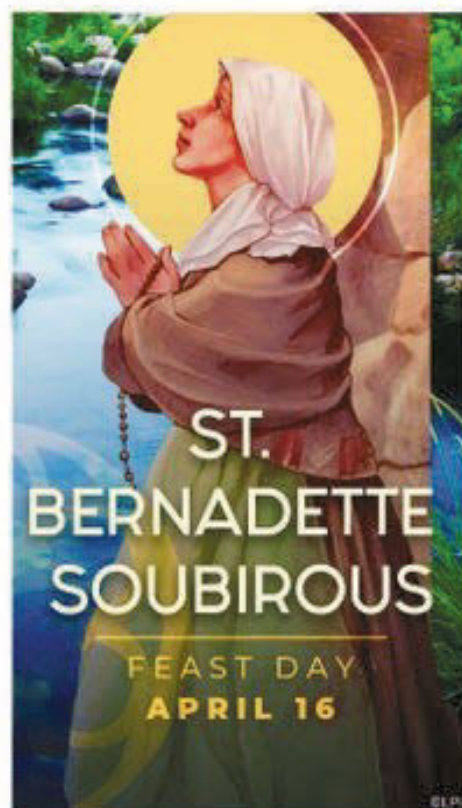
**Saturday:** Holy Saturday

**Next Sunday:** Easter Sunday

## LIVE THE LITURGY

### Inspiration for the week

Hailed one moment and rejected the next. This seems to be the pattern that repeats itself not only throughout history but in our own lives as well. Jesus wants to be triumphantly welcomed into our hearts with joy! And welcome him we do! Then come the times when we do exactly the opposite and we reject the teachings of the Gospel and turn our backs on God's friendship. The one who at one time is a friend now becomes an enemy. Jesus understands our ambivalence. He lived it on the way to the cross. Understanding the full array of human emotion, God accepts us where we are. There is a great deal of drama on the road to Calvary. Our lives can be dramatic as well. In all of those whirlwind moments it can be difficult to find God's presence and understand his will. We walk with Jesus this week seeking inspiration and hope, the essential keys needed to unlock the door to God's presence in our lives.



## SAINT OF THE WEEK

At the age of 14 St. Bernadette (1844-1879) was living in abject poverty with her family in a one-room basement which had previously been used as a jail, in the town of Lourdes in southern France. She was a sickly child, having fallen victim to Cholera in 1854 and would battle asthma and tuberculosis for the rest of her short life. Bernadette was illiterate and is characterized in many accounts as slow or ignorant. It was in her 14th year that Bernadette was granted 18 visions of a 'Lady' at a grotto in Massabielle. The Lady instructed Bernadette to come daily to the grotto to receive the visions, eventually proclaiming 'I am the Immaculate Conception'. A spring at the grotto, which appeared where Bernadette was instructed to dig, has been a site of miraculous healing. The Lady also asked that a chapel be built in the grotto for pilgrims. Today the Marian shrine at Lourdes is one of the world's most popular.

During and following the period of visions, the saint was examined rigorously by Church and local authorities. The popular excitement around the visions left her subject to persistent questioning and attention. Eventually she sought protection by retiring to a home for the poor in a nunnery. She took her vows in 1866 with the Sisters of Charity at Nevers. She worked as an infirmary assistant, and later a sacristan, but by the end of her life she was too sick to participate in convent life. She died at the age of 35, humble and penitent until the end.

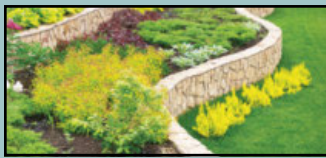




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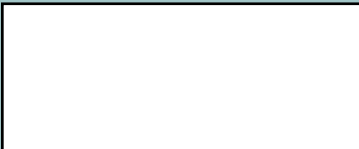
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