

# HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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#### November 29, 2020

The First Sunday of Advent

#### MASS SCHEDULE

Mon-Fri 8:15am

Wednesday 2:15pm (school Mass)

Saturday 5:30pm

Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:15am Holy Days 8:15am, 7:00pm

#### RECONCILIATION

Friday 8:45-9:30am Saturday 4:00-5:00pm

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## GREETINGS FROM FR. DAVE

Thanksgiving morning Mass.

And, now we move into Advent, the great season of HOPE. In these dark days of winter, coupled with the dark times of COVID restrictions, HOPE is in urgent need. As followers of Iesus, our HOPE is based on him — on his continual presence with us (Emmanuel: God-Is-With-Us), his own life testimony that God's plan will not be thwarted by evil, injustice, or even death, and his gift of the Holy Spirit equipping us to be bearers of that HOPE.

Here are the words of the blessing for Advent wreaths:

Lord our God, we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ: he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples, he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us, he is the Savior of every nation. Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation. May he come quickly and not delay. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Happy Thanksgiving Weekend 2020 style! I hope and May our light shine brightly this season to bring pray you all did what you could to express gratitude renewed HOPE to all around us - by actions of to God and to loved ones. I sure missed our usual big kindness, thoughtfulness and generosity. God is at work in all circumstances and he is eager to work through us to bring about his grand designs for all of creation.

> Our Advent readings will be reminding us of that and prompting us to trust deeply and personally in God's plan for each and everyone of us. Here's the acronym for hope:

#### Hold Onto Promises Eternal

Our Advent Reconciliation service is scheduled for Saturday, December 12th, 4:00pm. Following a brief reflection and examination of conscience, Fr. Hans and I will be available for individual confessions.

Christmas plans are underway and will be announced as soon as we can firm them up! Come Holy Spirit.

Blessings to Noah Tayo and Jamison Tep who were baptized this weekend!

Funeral services were held last week for Florence Niebur. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace.

#### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday 28th 5:30pm

+Raul Varela

Sunday 29th

8:00am +Philomena Doran

9:30am Holy Trinity Parish

In Thanksgiving from the 11:15am

Flores family

Monday 30th

8:15am For the souls of deceased

Legionaries around the

world

and

For the deceased relatives of the members of Our Lady of Guadalupe Legionaries

Tuesday 1st

8:15am +Earl Butler

Wednesday 2nd

+Joan Sheridan 8:15am

and

+David Hughes

2:15pm +Jess Marin

Thursday 3rd

8:15am +Josephine Palma

Friday 4th

8:15am +Joseph Buu Van-Dinh

Saturday 5th

8:15am +Sean Deghuee

#### PARISH FINANCES

FOR THE WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 21–22

Offertory \$20,027

Food Closet \$8,875

Backpacks/Duffel Bags \$1,000

Holiday Outreach

Thanksgiving \$7,156

\$3,340 Christmas

## FR. HANS' PAIR O' DIMES

Happy Advent! During COVID, we've been putting more emphasis on the "Domestic Church." How do we make our homes places where we encounter God? Advent offers a lot of opportunities to make our homes more like Church, and I'd like to share some of my favorites from when I was a child (and even still today!).

The first tradition is the ubiquitous "Advent Calendar." These calendars generally run from December 1st to December 24th, and include either chocolate or scripture or some meditation on the birth of Christ. Or sometimes all three together. You get to open the little door each day and see what's inside. My personal favorites are the ones which gradually walk through, verse by verse, the scriptures which lead up to the birth of Christ. They help me to build anticipation of our great celebration of Christmas.

Another excellent tradition is the Advent Wreath. With four candles (three purple and one pink), it represents the four weeks of Advent and also serves to build anticipation while seeing the building light of having more candles lit each week. Each of the candles represents a different emotion/gift:

Week	Gift	<b>Color</b> Purple	
1	Норе		
2	Peace	Purple	
3	Joy	Pink	
4	Love	Purple	

A tradition I vaguely recall from when I was really young is the Jesse Tree. Jesse trees are used to help share the story from Creation up to the time of Jesus, and can often be a form of Advent Calendar. Their name comes from Isaiah 11:1, promising a savior: "a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom." Each day throughout advent you would hang an ornament on your tree with a scripture passage telling a story from the bible, or promising the birth of the Messiah.

My family always celebrated St. Nicholas's feast day on December 6<sup>th</sup>. St. Nicholas is famous for giving gifts (hence his transformation into Santa Claus), and so December 6<sup>th</sup> became a day for getting presents (almost as much as Christmas!). We would always place our shoes out around the fireplace on the evening of the 5<sup>th</sup>, and on the morning of the 6<sup>th</sup> we would have received candy, nuts, oranges, and other small gifts.

I encourage you to use some of these ideas to make your preparation for Christmas more spiritually meaningful, and to bring joy into your own "House Church." And who knows, it might also be a lot of fun! I personally haven't gotten an Advent Calendar in many years, but this year I'm planning on getting one with short scripture passages (and maybe chocolates). And perhaps I will get on Facebook Live each day during Advent and you can join me as I open those tiny doors, read the scripture, and enjoy the chocolate!

## THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

#### Tuesday, December 1st

♦ 6:30-8:00pm, via Zoom — RCIA

#### Wednesday, December 2nd

6:00-7:30pm, via Zoom — Grow Group

#### Thursday, December 3rd

 6:00-7:00pm, Church — Holy Hour of Adoration

#### Friday, December 4th

- ♦ 9:00-2:00pm, Fireside Parking Lot Dental Van
- \* 9:00am 11:00pm, Chapel First Friday Adoration
- ♦ 6:30-7:30pm, via Zoom Friday Night Bingo

#### Saturday, December 5th

- ♦ 4:15am, Chapel Adoration resumes
- \* 8:15am, Chapel First Saturday Mass

## **FAITH FORMATION**

## FAMILY FAITH REFLECTIONS RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & SACRAMENTAL PREP.

Chris Storm - cstorm@htsch.org

#### Religious Education

Don't forget to pick up your Advent activity packet this weekend! Not able to make it this Sunday? Not a problem: we will have more available next Sunday for you to get between 8:30am and noon. You can drive up to the sidewalk by the front door of the church, we'll hand you as many as you like, and you can be on your way! You'll also be able to pick them up from the parish office starting Monday, November 30th during their regular hours (8:00-4:30pm, M-Th; 8:00-2:00pm, F).

#### First Communion

We will begin first communion lessons after the new year, so pray hard for the chance to be all together here at HT!

#### Confirmation

Check the Google classroom for our two newest lessons!

## FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH: THOUGHTS ON FAITH Erin Nieves - erin@h-t.org

"Be watchful! Be alert!" So says Jesus. Remember, Advent does two things, in this order: points to the second coming of Jesus at the end of time, and the first coming in the Incarnation on Christmas.

I tend to concentrate on the second instead of the first. The anticipation of Christmas, the beauty of "*Emmanuel, God is with us*" and the anticipatory joy contained in waiting for Christmas. But it goes quickly, and I often feel like I have missed something. Let's go back to Jesus' warning in Mark's gospel, adding two more words: BE READY!

It is 2020 after all. If 2020 has taught us anything, it's been a reminder to take nothing for granted. And in an odd and grace-filled way, isn't that a God given gift? Normally filled with busyness and distraction, we suddenly have time to *prayerfully WAIT*, to *prepare for Jesus* in a way that we often don't have the time or inclination to even try to take on.

How about an Advent of "mores," things that there never seems to be enough of when Christmas suddenly appears. You can help me to name them: time, meaning, prayerfulness, generosity, charity, benevolence, and anything else we weren't able to fit in. Imagine the extravagance of an Advent "well waited." It might be the first time that Jesus actually finds us ready!

As today's opening prayer asks of God: "Grant your faithful (that's you and me), the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ, with righteous deeds at His coming." Finally, there may be time to do that. Find us ready, Lord! Amen! +



## HOLY FATHER'S INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER

#### Artificial Intelligence

We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday 30<sup>th</sup>
Rom 10: 9-18 | Mt 4: 18-22

Tuesday 1st Is 11: 1-10 | Lk 10: 21-24

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>
Is 25: 6-10a | Mt 15: 29-37

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>
Is 26: 1-6 | Mt 7: 21, 24-27

Friday 4<sup>th</sup>
Is 29: 17-24 | Mt 9: 27-31

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup>
Is 30: 19-21, 23-26
Mt 9: 35 – 10: 1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>
Is 40: 1-5, 9-11 | 2 Pt 3: 8-14 | Mk 1: 1-8

## MINISTRY NEWS

#### OUT OF LOVE: SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY

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"[I ask God to] prepare our hearts to encounter our brothers and sisters, so that we may overcome our differences. . . Let us ask him to anoint our whole being with the balm of his mercy. . . [and] for the grace to send us forth, in humility and meekness, along the demanding but enriching path of seeking peace." — Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti

#### First Week of Advent: Disarmament of the Heart From the Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns Advent Reflections

"Be watchful! Be alert!" The words of Jesus in the Gospel for this first week of Advent are jarring, particularly so in this time when we are already on constant alert for the impacts of an unseen virus. . . We need to be reminded that the call of Jesus for the Season of Advent is not a call to anxiety and fear, but to attentiveness, peace, and faith in the nearness of God and God's action in the world. . . Pope Francis has called the world to pursue "integral disarmament" to prepare for peace, a disarmament that means the laying down of weapons but also the disarmament of our hearts, of the grip of fear in our lives and our enmity with one another.

Reflect: This Advent, how can you prepare for God by disarming your own heart? Despite the hardship of these times, where is the gentle voice of God calling you to sow the seeds of God's reign of peace?

#### RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

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The USCCB Respect Life Committee works to build a culture of life "from womb to tomb" by helping parish Respect Life ministries and individual Catholics to live and share Christ's Gospel of life. Find prayers, devotions, and other resources at <a href="usccb.org/prolife">usccb.org/prolife</a>.



Join us in Walking with Moms in Need, a nationwide effort from the USCCB for Catholic communities to 'walk

in the shoes' of local pregnant and parenting women in need. Visit <a href="https://ht

**Did you know?** The goal of the **Immigrant Refugee Center of Oregon (IRCO)** is to remove barriers to self-sufficiency and helping individuals and families thrive. They provide culturally- and linguistically-specific social services, including employment and vocational training, English language learning, early childhood and parenting education, youth academic support, gang prevention, and more. Visit <u>irco.org</u> or call 503.234.1541 to learn more.

#### **Upcoming Events in the Archdiocese**

**12/6, 11:00am** — Prayer vigil at St. Andre Bessette (601 W Burnside St.) for the victims of and an end to human trafficking. *Masks & distancing required*.

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Last Week	429	Last Week	N/A	
Since January 1st	19,017	School Year	7,020	

As you can imagine, the week before Thanksgiving was a pretty busy one at the Food Closet. Lots of cars coming through with little cooperation from the falling rain. As always, the volunteers kept serving with a smile on their faces!

One of the mornings I happened to be walking back from the Parish Office when I stopped to talk at one of the cars in line; one I not seen before. When I asked how the person was doing he hesitantly told me he was alright. I then asked what was going on and he shared with me he had never had to do anything like this before. He had just lost his job and really needed some help. He shared with me that he worked in the restaurant industry and where he worked had just closed, possibly for good. He felt bad about being in our line, but really needed help.

As we talked I let him know we were glad he had come to see us; that there is no judgement on our part; that we recognize EVERYONE needs a little help once-in-awhile. I further let him know he was welcome to come whenever he needed food. As I was walking away he asked that I let all of you know what a relief it was to be able to come to a place like Holy Trinity. He truly felt blessed!

This time of year can be difficult for many. This is also the time of year that people want to give. There are many, many wonderful organizations that provide excellent help to those in need. There are also those who will take advantage of this time of year to solicit your help for their own benefit. I encourage you to be wise in your generosity. Find an organization or two or even three that you know and trust and support them; help them help others. Then, encourage those who need help to seek it from those organizations you supported.

Go make a difference – wisely!



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Digital Learning on Fridays looks a bit different in-person! Students on campus often finish their work before the day ends, so we bring out all sorts of science, technology, engineering, arts, and math supplies. Last Friday, students tested their skills with Spheros (rolling robot), iPads, color chemistry, and building kits. Studying STEAM leads to better test scores, increased creativity, better

problem solving skills, and more!

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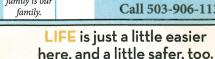
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