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## **GREETINGS FROM FR. DAVE**

gratitude for being here at Holy Trinity as your pastor for over 14 years. I have huge respect and headed and how we are going to get there! Praise be affection for this parish - because of the fine, dedicated, faithful parishioners that make it up. I am inspired daily by the example of so many of you. The flexibility you showed as we made our way through the initial months of COVID restrictions, your engagement in parish ministries, your outreach in known and unknown ways, your prayers for me and so many, our worship together – all fill me with joy.

I can honestly say, each morning (early!) when I walk up here to Church, I am energized and raring to go. Working together with our parish and school staff is a gift; celebrating the sacraments with you is a privilege; and knowing you, loving you, and being trusted by you is just over-the-top blessing. Thank you!

Now we head into Advent. Our Catholic way of preparing for Christmas is markedly different than the cultural way that has been adopted. We look inward for greater renewal, discipleship, surrender, and trust - and we look outward for ways we can "live the language of God's Kingdom": generosity, patience, kindness, compassion.

In all of it, the predominate theme is hope. We join with those that preceded us a couple of millennia ago in their hope for a Savior, knowing He is here among us and is faithfully carrying out his plan to renew the

# **BRETT'S TWO CENTS**

Hello everyone! This past week is one of my favorite of the year. Thanksgiving is one of those holidays that seems to have resisted all attempts to coopt it by the secular, consumerist energies of our culture. As we begin the season of Advent, here's a little post-Thanksgiving food for thought from Fr. Jacques Philippe's The Way of Trust and Love (one of my favorite spiritual authors):

"Here we touch on... one of the secrets of the spiritual life that also is one of the laws of happiness. The more we cultivate gratitude and thanksgiving, the more open our hearts are to God's action, so that we can receive life from God and be transformed and enlarged. By contrast, if we bury ourselves in discontent, permanent dissatisfaction, then our hearts close themselves insidiously against life, against God's gift."

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving, and Happy Advent!

Happy Thanksgiving all! I want to express my own entire created world. Although we are still facing "labor pains" (see Romans 8), we know where we are to God. Come Holy Spirit and guide each of us to have a fruitful season.

> Holy Day in honor of the Immaculate Conception is December 8th with Masses at 8:15am (this will be live streamed), 2:15pm (our School Mass), and 7:00pm. Our Advent Reconciliation Service will be Saturday, December 11th at 4:00pm. As is our pattern, after a brief reflection and examination of conscience, you will have opportunity for individual confession and absolution.

> And, for those of you who like to plan ahead, our Christmas Eve Masses will again be at 1:00, 3:00, and 5:00pm, and our Christmas Day Mass is at 9:00am. All four Masses will be live streamed with Communion distributed in the parking lot for those who choose to participate there.

> Blessings to Matthew Moody, who was baptized last weekend!

> We are saddened to note the recent passing of Ellen Meeuwsen and Lynda Borer. Funeral services for Jim Alexander are scheduled on December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11:00am. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace.

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday 29th Is 2:1-5 | Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday 30th Rom 10:9-18 | Mt 4:18-22

Wednesday 1st Is 25:6-10a | Mt 15:29-37

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Is 26:1-6 | Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday 3rd Is 29:17-24 | Mt 9:27-31

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> Is 30:19-21, 23-26 | Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday 5th Bar 5:1-9 | Phil 1: 4-6, 8-11 | Lk 3:1-6

### THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

### Sunday, November 28th

### No Religious Ed. or Youth Ministry today

### Monday, November 29th

- \* 7:00-8:30pm, Church Filipino Choir rehearsal
- \* 3:30-5:30pm, Gym Drama Club rehearsal

### Tuesday, November 30th

- + 6:00-7:30pm, via Zoom Small Faith Group (Mallari)
- \* 6:30-8:00pm, Fireside RCIA

### Wednesday, December 1st

- + 9:10-11:00am, Fireside Wednesday Bible Study
- ✤ 2:15pm, Church School Mass
- \* 3:30-5:30pm, Gym Drama Club rehearsal
- 6:00-7:00pm, via Zoom Our Lady of Perpetual Help novena with the Filipino Community
- ✤ 6:00-7:30pm, via Zoom Grow Group
- \* 7:00-8:30pm, Church Choir rehearsal

### Thursday, December 2nd

- + 11:00am, Church Funeral for Jim Alexander
- + 6:00-7:00pm, via Zoom Baptism Preparation Class
- ✤ 6:00-7:00pm, Church Holy Hour of Adoration
- \* 6:30-8:00pm, Cafeteria Cub Scout Pack 598
- 7:00-8:00pm, via Zoom HT Zoom Bingo (email Debbie at <u>debbie.a.m.gray@gmail.com</u> to join the fun!)

### Friday, December 3rd

### School out at 12:15pm - Faculty In-Service

- \* 8:30-2:00pm, Fireside Parking Lot Dental Van
- + 9:00am 9:00pm, Chapel First Friday Adoration
- 9:00-1:00pm, Beaverton Resource Center COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic (all 3 vaccines + third dose / booster doses available!)
- \* 9:15-10:30am, via Zoom Small Faith Group (*Mallari*)
- + 6:00-8:30pm, Fireside Filipino Dance rehearsal
- 7:00pm, Gym Drama Club performance of Annie's Hard Knock Life; cookie reception to follow

### Saturday, December 4th

- ✤ 4:15am, Chapel Adoration resumes
- \* 8:15am, Church First Saturday Mass
- 2:00pm, Gym Drama Club performance of Annie's Hard Knock Life; cookie reception to follow

### PARISH FINANCES

Due to publishing constraints, the collection details for the weekend of November 20–21 will be in the next bulletin.

### MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday 27th

5:30pm +Raul Varela

### Sunday 28th

8:00am In Thanksgiving from the Pham Family

- 9:30am Holy Trinity Parish
- 11:15am +Bill & +Vera Matelich

### Monday 29th

8:15am +Jerry Schmitz *and* Comfort and peace of heart for Carmen Schmitz & Family *and* +Maria H. Pham

### Tuesday 30th

8:15am +Joven Encabo and +Lily Tran and +Fred Santos

### Wednesday 1st

8:15am +Maria Rosa Vu

2:15pm +Charleen Gutmann

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> 8:15am +Joan Sheridan

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> 8:15am +Josephine Palma

### Saturday 4th

8:15am +Joseph Buu Van-Dinh



Let us ask the Lord, in this time of Advent, to revive in us faith in Christ who comes to save us, to help us be always faithful to our vocation as missionary disciples. #GeneralAudience

4:30 AM - 11 Dec 2019

### HOLY FATHER'S INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER

### For People who Suffer from Depression

We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

# FAITH FORMATION

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

### It's Advent already?

It's the Catholic way to begin again, to start anew. Advent gets us ready to recognize *the most important event in Human History – when God became a human being like you and me*. The glitter and light all around us distracts us, leading us to think the season is about something else. Don't be distracted and fooled by what the world wants you to pay attention to.

Instead, prepare your hearts for something more important. Yearn for something deeper. Find ways that will help to lead you there. Listen to *ADVENT* music, have an Advent Wreath, give your children an Advent Calendar, light candles in your home, do something different.

In the meantime, wait for Christmas; pray and find ways to make the waiting *HOLY*. Give, hope, love, and make the next four weeks about anticipating the *most important event in Human History: when God took flesh and became a human being*.

Let's remember and get ready to celebrate.

"Come Lord Jesus, come!"

RELIGIOUS ED. | K-5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION Chris Storm – cstorm@htsch.org

### CONFIRMATION

Our next class is 12/5. Remember to bring your patron saint worksheet to class!

### **R**ELIGIOUS EDUCATION

No R.E. this weekend – Happy Thanksgiving! Please note that we will have class on December 5, 12, and 19. We'll be off on December 26<sup>th</sup> (for obvious reasons).

We are still in need of a volunteer to lead our small first grade Sunday morning class. If the Spirit is calling you to share the faith this way, contact Chris or Ally!

# ADVENT RETREAT AT OLP 503.649.7127 – <u>sisters@olpretreat.org</u>

Our Lady of Peace Retreat is offering their annual Advent Retreat both in-person and via live stream! Rev. Brian Mullady, O.P. will lead the day-long retreat, "The 'O Antiphons' and Preparing your Soul for the Birth of Christ," on **Wednesday**, **December 1**<sup>st</sup> from **9:00-2:30pm** (doors open at 8:15am). For in-person attendees, there is a \$40 cost and lunch will be provided. The live stream of the retreat is provided for free, but donations are gratefully accepted. Those wishing to attend virtually must register online at olpretreat.org/advent-virtual-day-retreat; to attend in person, call or email the retreat house to register.

# Looking for a Catholic young adult community?

Stay up to date on opportunities here at Holy Trinity! Visit **h-t.org/young-adults** and join our contact list. @ @holytrinity.ya

# MINISTRY NEWS

### SIMBANG GABI CHRISTMAS NOVENA Franz & Monette Mallari – 503.307.3438



Join our Filipino Community in celebrating the 23<sup>rd</sup> annual *Simbang Gabi* (Christmas Novena Masses) here at Holy Trinity! First, the fourth annual *Simbang Gabi* Commissioning Mass will be held at St. Mary's

Cathedral (1716 NW Davis St.) on December 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am (rosary at 10:30am), led by Archbishop Sample. Then, from December 15-23, gather in the church at 6:30pm for a recitation of the Rosary, followed by Mass at 7:00pm. There are a few exceptions to this:

- Wednesday, 12/15 in the Fireside Room (same times)
- \* Saturday, 12/18 Rosary at **5:00pm**, Mass at **5:30pm**
- Wednesday, 12/22 in the Cafeteria (same times)

In lieu of the usual reception that follows the final Mass on 12/23, individual boxes of refreshments will be given away. Come, celebrate, and experience this joyful Christmas tradition! Learn more about the history of *Simbang Gabi* at <u>h-t.org/simbang-gabi</u>.



CRITICAL HOME REPAIR SERVICES AVAILABLE TO INCOME-QUALIFIED BEAVERTON HOMEOWNERS

Habitat for Humanity Portland Region has partnered with The City of Beaverton to provide Community Development Block Grant funds for home repair activities to low income Beaverton homeowners! If you are a Beaverton resident in need of critical home repair, please reach out to Habitat for Humanity Portland Region to learn more.

### Habitatportlandregion.org

503-844-7606 (Extension 110)

Beaverton Region Habitat for Humanity

### FOOD CLOSET MINISTRY

*Michelle Dieter* – 503.641.1842 – <u>michelle@h-t.org</u> Holy Trinity Food Closet is an Equal Opportunity Provider.

NUMBER OF PEOPLE SERVED					
Food Closet		Backpack Program			
Last Week	525	Last Week	140		
Since January 1st	13,521	School Year	905		

Here we go to Christmas! Those of you attending Mass inside the church this weekend will see our beloved Giving Tree setup in the narthex, but it's going to work a bit differently than it has in the past.

As we did for Thanksgiving, we'll be supporting families through the purchase and distribution of specific gift cards identified by the organizations we're partnering with. Our suggested donation towards this effort is \$25. Again, while we appreciate your intent, *please <u>do not</u> purchase gift cards yourself to donate*!

The easiest way to donate (for us and for you) is online: <u>h-t.org/holiday-outreach</u>. You can donate by cash or check, but please be sure to write **"FC** (*Food Closet*) **Christmas"** on the envelope and on the memo line of your check, so we know it's not meant as a Christmas donation for the parish.

We also wanted to bring back some of the personal connection that is created from purchasing specific gifts, which is where our Giving Tree comes back into play. This year, the tags on the Giving Tree will simply list a family's name (for example, "The Johnson Family" or "The Smith Family"). You will then create or write a Christmas card to that family! This can be a simple or fun as you want to make it, especially for those of you with kids. You can purchase a card from the store and write a message inside, or have each of your kids make cards and put them all into a larger envelope together.

When you've finished with your card(s), put it **and** the tag from the tree into an envelope and **leave the envelope UNSEALED**. There will be a clearly labeled basket for you to put these Christmas cards into in the narthex. Also important: *please <u>do not</u> include a monetary gift with your card* (cash, check, or gift card)!

We need to have Christmas cards and tags returned **no** later than Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. This will ensure we can sort through and distribute everything in a timely manner, and give families enough time to purchase gifts/food/etc. before Christmas.

Thank you for helping to create a joyful Christmas for so many in our community! Contact me or the Parish Office (503.643.9528) if you have any questions.

# Beaverton Resource Center

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Beaverton residents aren't sure if they can put food on the table."

Source: https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/beavertoncityorego

A center connecting those in our community struggling with hunger, homelessness, and poverty to local resources so they can make a lasting change for the better.

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**FOOD INSECURITY** 

### SERVE

With a physical drop-in center and online resources, we offer a central hub for the Beaverton community struggling with hunger, homelessness, and

### **EDUCATE**

Our broad range of resources in one, easyto-use center allows us to educate those in need and offer better care for lasting change.

### **EMPOWER**

We strive to connect our community to the right help so they're empowered to create long-term stability.

### YOU CAN HELP US CARE FOR OUR COMMUNITY.

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