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HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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GREETINGS FROM FR. DAVE

Okay, school has started! And, in 2020 that is no small upcoming thing. I am proud of our teachers – here in our forgiveness, racial injustice, gossip, pollution, anxiety, school and everywhere for the adjustments and effort greed, and every possible part of our world here on required to make all this happen. And, we all know, more adjustments will be coming, necessitating a double or triple portion of patience! Please be praying I will be leaving for vacation on Monday and will be for all who teach, administer schools, and for all away for three weeks. Fall is my favorite season so I students!

Quiz answers (from homily two weeks ago and continuing this weekend – from Robert Barron):

- ✤ My life is not my own.
- \oplus I am not in control.
- ✤ My life is not my project.
- ✤ I am part of God's GRAND design.

The more we internalize and live these, the more honest we are when we pray "Thy Kingdom come; Thy Will be done – on earth as it is in heaven." We are praying that things will run here the way they run in heaven. Think about that regarding politics, the

election, response to COVID-19, earth! Come Holy Spirit!

always save my vacation until after school gets rolling. There sure have been lots of twists and turns since last fall! I look forward to some quality time on my property in Scappoose - tackling some minor construction projects, cutting firewood, and enjoying time with my family members. Please offer your support to Fr. Hans as he tries to keep Brett under control. Good luck.....

We are happy to celebrate the 100th birthday of one of our parishioners! Lea Frost has her centennial birthday on September 14th. God bless you Lea.

Funeral services were held for Wade Trine this weekend. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace.

HOLY FATHER'S INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

Respect for the Planet's Resources

We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 12th 5:30pm +Claudia Ditter 8:15am Sunday 13th 8:00am +Frank Walkiewicz 2:15pm 9:30am +Ray Seabeck 11:15am Holy Trinity Parish 8:15am Monday 14th 8:15am World Concerns

Tuesday 15th 8:15am +Paul Kohnen and +Varela & +Carvalho relatives

Wednesday 16th +Ken Rentmeester

+Elizabeth Knapp

Thursday 17th +Quat Nguyen and Hau Lam

Friday 18th 8:15am +Grace Vithayathil

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday 14th Nm 21: 4b-9 | Phil 2: 6-11 In 3: 13-17

Tuesday 15th 1 Cor 12: 12-14, 27-31a | Jn 19: 25-27

Wednesday 16th 1 Cor 12: 31–13: 13 | Lk 7: 31-35

Thursday 17th 1 Cor 15: 1-11 | Lk 7: 36-50

Friday 18th 1 Cor 15: 12-20 | Lk 8: 1-3

Saturday 19th 1 Cor 15: 35-37, 42-49 | Lk 8: 4-15

Sunday 20th Is 55: 6-9 | Phil 1: 20c-24, 27 Mt 20: 1-16a

REFLECTIONS FROM ALLY



This Sunday's Gospel reading invites us to a profound and challenging notion of forgiveness. Today we are living with tension, division, and hostility in our communities. When hurt or isolated, we often find ourselves withholding forgiveness from someone we do not feel has "deserved" it, much like the servant in the Gospel story. Yet Jesus calls us to show abundant mercy towards our fellow sisters and brothers, even amidst disagreement and frustration.

Fr. Jacque Philippe reflects on the importance of forgiveness in our daily lives:

"It's not always easy to forgive, but it is necessary. If there is no forgiveness in a couple's relationship, if there is no forgiveness among family members, problems start to multiply. Sufferings of all kind develop and create walls that separate us from each other. On the other hand, if day after day we forgive, ordinary relations remain possible and love can always be reborn. Forgiveness is not always easy; it is one of the most unselfish acts of love. Forgiveness can also be one of the greatest acts of freedom – the freedom to love even the one who has done you wrong."

As Fr. Philippe mentions in his reflection, forgiveness creates the space for authentic freedom in our hearts. If we are bound by frustration and hostility, we will never be able to experience the fullness of love that brings true joy and peace. May we invite the Lord into our hearts this week to inspire the healing and peace we need to be made whole.



THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

Sunday, September 13th

* 12:30-2:00pm, Track & Field – HTYM Kickoff

Tuesday, September 15th

 10:30-12:30pm, Parking Lot – St. Vincent's Mobile Kitchen

Wednesday, September 16th

2:15pm – Live-streamed School Mass: join us at <u>www.h-t.org/online-mass</u>

Thursday, September 17th

- 9:00-12:00pm USDA Food Boxes available at Beaverton Foursquare parking lot
- ♦ 6:00-7:00pm, Church Holy Hour of Adoration

If you are interested in attending a weekend Mass, sign-up online at <u>www.h-t.org</u> to get into the lottery rotation. You only need to complete this form once to be added into the system. If you have any questions, reach out to Fr. Hans at <u>frhans@h-t.org</u> or call us at 503.643.9528.



FAMILY FAITH REFLECTIONS UPDATE: CONFIRMATION Chris Storm – cstorm@htsch.org

Dear Parents,

It's time to start thinking about Confirmation! At Holy Trinity, we offer Confirmation preparation to any student who has begun high school (adult classes are also available; contact Erin Nieves (<u>erin@h-t.org</u>) for more information).

This year, the beginning of our Confirmation prep will be online. Students will receive digital instruction about the gifts of the Holy Spirit, some links to articles about what the spiritual gifts look like in the modern "real" world, and simple hands-on missions to accomplish.

The goal of all this is to help your child's understanding of his/her own unique blend of gifts and to begin envisioning how they can be used to serve God and God's people.

If you'd like to receive these online lessons, please visit <u>h-t.org/confirmation</u> and scroll down to the "Sign up" section. While you're there, read about the things you can also be doing now to be a step ahead when the Confirmation program begins (in October).

As always, if you have any questions please email me!

FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH Erin Nieves –	I: THOUGHTS ON FAITH - <u>erin@h-t.org</u>	
"Truth is light too. Not to see it is to be in darkness, to see it wrong is to be in double darkness." Frank Sheed	appreciated the values they were founded on and knew its	
Do you think that might be what's missing in our world today? Truth, I mean, or lack there-of, or worse, <u>wrong</u> ? In our cities around the nation, parts of the world we are living in has an aura around parts of it that is dark, sometimes the <i>"double darkness"</i> that Frank Sheed is talking about.	goodness at the heart of the best things in this country and invested their time in making those things grow?	
Sheed is an author, theologian, apologist and Catholic		
thinker that I really appreciate. He also said this: "A community is a multitude united by agreement about the things they love."	This is still the greatest country in the world, even in its most imperfect moments. May God bring unity in the midst of our division, and an end to the violence that is ripping our cities apart, and may we remember a truth that comes from God in order to bring light back to our country	
Isn't this part of our problem, namely, that we don't all	and its multitudes.	
case of amnesia???	As Sheed suggests, may we be blessed with a common love to unite around, founded on the goodness of our God who is the giver of all that we have to be grateful for.	
What if we imagine this? A country filled with people of good will assuming the best about their neighbors. What if	Jesus, please make this so! Amen +	
the collective memory of the national community had a	Have a great week everybody!	

MINISTRY NEWS

FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP A Joint Column by the HT Health & Social Justice Ministries

The Challenge of Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship – Part Two: Making Moral Choices & Applying Our Principles

The USCCB's second summary considers how we apply our principles and social teachings to the act of voting and taking positions on various policy issues.

Voting as a Moral Responsibility

In Forming Consciences, the USCCB emphasizes that we have not just a responsibility but a moral obligation to engage in political discourse. They emphasize conscience, prudence, and reliance on Catholic teachings as our guides, focusing on the candidates' broader body of work in the public arena, their ability to realistically influence an issue going forward, and the attributes of personal character and integrity as key when evaluating candidates and make voting decisions in the light of the gospel. Back in February, Bishop Robert McElroy of San Diego gave a talk on this moral obligation, saying, "It is primarily through the votes of Catholic women and men, rooted in conscience and in faith, that the Church enters into the just ordering of society and the state." With numerous issues at stake and millions of lives that will be impacted by our choices, we must take our moral obligation of voting seriously! Lord, let conscience and prudence guide us in making decisions in the upcoming election.

Read McElroy's full speech and make sure you're registered to vote at <u>h-t.org/faithful-citizenship</u>.

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY Gloria Bernard – 503.579.2562 – <u>globernard2@gmail.com</u>



Join us in the USCCB's nationwide effort for parishes and communities to "walk in the shoes" of local pregnant and rn more at h-t.org/respect-

parenting women in need. Learn more at <u>h-t.org/respect-life-ministry</u> and read the *Listen to Your Heart* brochure.



The 40 Days for Life Fall Campaign is coming up from Wednesday, September 23rd to Sunday, November 1st. The **Opening Vigil** will be at Lovejoy Surgicenter (933 SW 25th Ave.) on **Saturday, September 19th** at **10:00am**. Unlike rallies in the past, this will be more like Life Chain events, with people standing apart along both sides of the street, praying. We will be wearing masks and pray quietly for about an hour. The **Opening Mass** will be at St. Rose of Lima Parish on **Saturday, September 26th** at **5:30pm**.

You **must sign-up to attend this Mass**: <u>signupgenius.com/go/508054da8a72ca4fe3-mass</u> COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Al Schmitt – 503.641.1842 – <u>communityoutreach@h-t.org</u> HOLY TRINITY FOOD CLOSET IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER.

Number of People Served					
Food Closet		Backpacks			
Last Week	372	Last Week	N/A		
Since January 1 st	14,890	School Year	7,020		

There is lots of activity going on at the Food Closet these days outside of our normal food distribution efforts. I thought I would share some updates with you. First, many of you know that the Food Closet is a portable building that we bought used multiple years ago. Over the years the space has been modified to support the growth that the ministry has gone through. The structure serves us well.

One key part of it, however, was getting pretty tired and that is our heating and air condition system. When it gets really warm, the system works extra hard to try and keep up with the heat all of our refrigerators and freezers generate. Most of the time it succeeds. On more than one (or two or three) occasions it can't get the job done. When that happens the unit literally turns into a block of ice. I have turned it off and thawed it multiple times with technicians coming to take a look. Each time they could find nothing significant other than age. After much debate, we decided it was time to replace it before it gave up completely. Fortunately that was completed right before the heat spell set it. Truly grateful for that!

The second set of changes has to do with the other spectrum of weather, winter and the associated rains. As you may have read in previous columns, due to COVID-19, we have had to move our serving to the outdoors. While it has been a relatively easy transition during the spring and summer months, standing out in the cold and rain for four hours at a time was more than I could ask even the most hardy of volunteers to consider.

Putting an overhang over the front of the garage door and adding a shed for others to serve out of should address the most critical needs. While it will not be the same as working inside, most should be relatively dry and warm as we continue serving the families who come to us in need of food. We hope to have all of these changes in place by mid-October.

As always, I thank you for your support. None of these changes could have been implemented without your on-going generosity. **THANK YOU!**

RCIA Erin Nieves – <u>erin@h-t.org</u>



INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

We will begin the 2020–21 RCIA Year on **Tuesday**, **September 22**nd at **6:30pm**. The format for our classes will be a hybrid of in-person and online.

Interested in joining us? Email Erin for more information and to get signed-up! You can also

learn more and sign-up online at <u>h-t.org/rcia</u>.

PARISH FINANCES

FOR THE WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 5-6

Offertory	\$28,454
Food Closet	\$4,345
Backpacks & Duffel Bags	\$225
Outreach Assistance	\$800
Additional Gifts	\$1,500



Let us ask Our Lady to protect and sustain us; that we may have a strong, joyful and merciful faith; that she may help us to be saints, to meet her one day in Paradise.

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