

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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August 16, 2020

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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 Saturday

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Mon-Thur Friday

8:00-4:30pm 8:00-2:00pm

8:45-9:30am

4:00-5:00pm

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GREETINGS FROM FR. DAVE

This weekend we are honoring the Assumption of Mary at all of our Masses. This teaching of our Catholic faith is one that has tons of implications for our how we live our lives in this world, and how to live our lives well in light of the promise of eternal life Jesus gives us. The Assumption of Mary is about our conviction that at her death, she entered body and soul into heaven.

Two biggies to keep in mind: first, for Mary and for each of us, salvation and eternal life in heaven are pure GIFT. We call that *grace*. Mary did not earn heaven and we cannot earn heaven. As Luke's Gospel puts it when the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary at the Annunciation, "Hail Mary, *full of grace*". God chose her uniquely for the role she played in the salvation of all of us and to that offer she responded fully, "May it be done according to your will". Because of that, Elizabeth, her cousin, proclaimed, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus".

Second, the Christian vision of eternal life encompasses all of this created world *transformed* to perfection. We don't escape the material world to "go to heaven"; the material world is not some kind of cosmic mistake that we finally overcome; the spiritual life is not about getting out of this world and "going to heaven"; and at death we don't escape the body and live forever in a disincarnate state. Nope, the Resurrection is about all of creation being restored, transformed, and redeemed! Oh boy! May we live each day fully, keeping in mind we are destined for nothing less than Eternal Life!

And, I want to continue to express my heartfelt thanks to all of you for your continued support of our parish during these unsettling times. I am grateful that on top of everything else we are dealing with at the parish, the school, and our outreach, finances are not an urgent need. Your generosity is much appreciated. THANK YOU.

Blessings to Abigail Costa and Elijah Hertel, who were baptized this weekend!

Funeral services are scheduled for Wade Trine for September 12th at 11:00am. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace.

HOLY FATHER'S INTENTION FOR AUGUST

The Maritime World

We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen, and their families.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 5:30pm Sunday 10	In Thanksgiving from the Varela family	Tuesday 1 8:15am	18 th Jennifer Wills <i>and</i> +Jeanette Lambert	PARISH For the Week
8:00am 9:30am	Holy Trinity Parish +Ray Seabeck	Wednesd a 8:15am	ay 19 ^{ւհ} Rex & Joyce McDowall	Offertory Food Closet
11:15am	+Anton Pham & +Maria Bui	Thursday 8:15am	20 th +Jenaro Rodriguez & +Rosamaria Colome	Backpacks & D Additional Gif
Monday 1 8:15am	7th +Jacques & +Agnes Kieu-Cong	Friday 21 s 8:15am	[#] +John Baptist Huynh	

PARISH FINANCES or the Weekend of August 8-9

Offertory	\$20,724
Food Closet	\$2,765
Backpacks & Duffel Bags	\$10
Additional Gifts	\$500

BRETT'S TWO CENTS

Hello, everyone. Last weekend I preached about the power of God to undermine and to place in perspective our fears and anxieties. These are tumultuous times in which we're living, and who of us isn't at least a little bit anxious, but in the end God is still God. We can't control what we can't control, and so perhaps the most prudent thing to do is to attend as best we can to whatever and whoever it is that God puts in our path today, trusting in His love and care for us and for those we love.

Some of you have asked if there are any books about learning to trust God that I have found helpful. Yes! Here are three that come to mind right away:

 Searching for and Maintaining Peace, by Fr. Jacques Philippe

- ✤ <u>Trustful Surrender to Divine</u>
 <u>Providence</u>, by Fr. Jean Baptiste Saint-Jure
- Abandonment to Divine Providence, by Jean Pierre de Caussade

By the way, why are so many books about Divine Providence written by Frenchmen?

Speaking of attending to whatever and whoever it is that God puts in our path each day, I want to offer a word of thanks and admiration for our Knights of Columbus here in the parish, to our Food Closet volunteers, and to our daily Mass pew sanitizers. All have stepped up generously and selflessly during these past several months and helped us to continue our work as a parish. May the Lord bless them and reward them for their service!



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 (whether in-person, remote, or both) is still being determined.

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>. Pope Francis @Pontifex

In the next few weeks, I invite you to tackle together the pressing questions that the pandemic has brought to the fore, social ills above all. And we will do it in the light of the Gospel, of the theological virtues and of the principles of the Church's social doctrine.

4:30 AM - Aug 5, 2020



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.

4:30 AM - Aug 16, 2019



FAMILY FAITH REFLECTIONS **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION UPDATE:** Chris Storm – cstorm@htsch.org

As schools scramble to write, release, and rewrite morning each week. For those who'd like additional reopening plans for the fall, I'm beginning to field catechesis, there are some great online resources that questions about what our formation ministries will look like this year. I don't have all the answers that you Sacraments (and I!) want yet, but here's a few things that we're working on:

Registration

I try to have registrations for our classes up in the middle of August. More than anything, registrations help us to ensure we have enough adult volunteers, books, and supplies for all the kids. If it looks like we'll still be in distance-learning, registrations may open later than usual. But that's okay, because...

Digital Resources

At the very minimum, there will be a Sunday gospel reflection video specifically designed to help parents and children practice their faith skills together. These videos are posted on the parish website by Sunday

will be available soon.

Providing opportunities for everyone to experience sacramental grace is a top priority. I'm proud to say that HT already offered flexible options for families pursuing First Communion and Confirmation; we'll be ready with some new options for this year to help each family explore the sacraments fully, passionately, and interactively.

COVID-19 has given us some real challenges to overcome, but the creative ministry that's happening right now is amazing! Keep an eye on this space each week for the latest information.

Pray for us; we're praying for you!

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

about how to gain some "spiritual muscle". My friends, we have been promised many things by God Himself, and we only have to look to scripture to find those assurances. Let me remind you of just 6 that all of us should know "by heart".

"By heart", you ask? Yes, to know them so well that they become a part of us, so that we can access them whenever we need to. "Why heart?", you ask again. Because since the time of the ancient Greeks, the heart was thought to be the seat of where thought originated. Now we use that phrase to denote things that we should take into our very being, our heart, if you will, and keep it there to ponder, to hold and believe, and to cherish, so that it becomes a very important part of who we are. More than rote knowledge, knowing something "by *heart"* becomes an intimate part of who we are and who God created us to be.

Let's look at these six, so we can see how faith and reliance on these God given assurances can provide girth to the muscle we are trying to flex. I have each of the promises summarized, but the summary is nothing 6. God will never stop loving you – *Ephesians 3:17-19*

Standing on the Promises of God! I have been thinking compared to what the scripture actually says about each of what God is giving His Word to. It adds flesh and body to flex and leverage in our lives. Like Deacon Brett's "day at a time" suggestion as a way to approach the times we are living in, going in heavily armed with the promises from God Himself, we have some "spiritual muscle" to lean on. Read the summarized promises, and then go further into the scriptures themselves, to learn "by heart" what God want us to trust and know for ourselves, for our families, and anyone we meet who needs some assurance and hope!

May God then helps us to use them! Amen +

- 1. God will never leave you Deuteronomy 31:6
- 2. God will always protect you 2 Thessalonians 3:3
- 3. God will give you strength for all battles Isaiah 40:31
- 4. God will give you the graces necessary to endure all suffering - 2 Corinthians 12:9
- 5. God will forgive you even when you have sinned against Him – 1 John 1:9

MINISTRY NEWS

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

Catholic Social Teaching: Preferential Option for the Poor & Vulnerable

"Those who are oppressed by poverty are the object of a preferential love on the part of the Church which, since her origin and in spite of the failings of many of her members, has not ceased to work for their relief, defense, and liberation."

- Catechism of the Catholic Church, nos. 2444, 2448

The special commitment our Faith has to the poor is not meant to pit one group or class above another but to make clear that the "deprivation and powerlessness of the poor wounds the whole community," and those wounds can only be healed "by greater solidarity with the poor and among the poor themselves" (USCCB, *Economic Justice for All*, no. 88). Devote some private prayer to explore the following questions:

 ✤ Who are Jesus' "least"
 ✤ In which ways brothers and sisters in my community?
 In which ways am I called to love them?

As Catholics, engaging in faithful citizenship to support programs which help to uplift the poor is our calling. Get involved by volunteering at a local shelter, donate to local organizations, or inquire about prison outreach.

Watch a short USCCB video and learn more at <u>h-t.org/catholic-social-teaching</u>.

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

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Join us in the USCCB's nationwide effort for parishes and communities to "walk in the

shoes" of local pregnant and parenting women in need. Learn more at <u>h-t.org/respect-life-ministry</u>, where the *Listen to Your Heart* brochure is published — it has many great resources to help pregnant women!

Did you know? Road to Hope Maternity Home in Beaverton "exists to meet the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of pregnant young women and their children by providing a safe nurturing community." Women ages 18 and up enter the home at any point during their pregnancy and may stay up to a year after their baby is born. Road to Hope also offers an ongoing aftercare program to support women as they move out of the home. The home is a life-giving resource to support during this year of **Walking with Moms in need**. Learn more at <u>road2hopepdx.org</u>. **COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

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Number of People Served					
Food Closet		Backpacks			
Last Week	383	Last Week	N/A		
Since January 1st	13,398	School Year	7,020		

Some articles are harder to write than others. This is one of those that falls into the difficult category. I even debated with myself for several days before deciding to move forward with it. While I am no expert in this topic, I did cross paths with two victims within the same week earlier this month which compels me to write about it. The topic is domestic violence.

A few Fridays ago I received a voicemail from someone looking for help. The voicemail did not contain a lot of details other than she had fled a bad situation and was calling around to see if anyone could help her. Fortunately a domestic violence organization had placed her in a nearby motel. When I contacted her I learned that she had left with literally the clothes on her back. No food, no change of clothes, not even a toothbrush. Apparently, she had called many places, but had no return calls. She was scared.

I learned she had not eaten in over a day. Where she was staying only had a microwave and a small refrigerator, but we could work with that. I walked through the Food Closet and put together a couple of bags of groceries and grabbed a few of the Fred Meyer gift cards you all so generously donated last Christmas so that she could go clothes shopping. She was extremely grateful when I delivered them all.

The group that placed her in the motel continues to provide assistance and I have stayed in touch doing what we can to help her through this. She is thinking about returning to her family in Idaho and plans to make that decision soon.

Early the next week I received a call from a contact within Beaverton School District. A mom and two kids had left an out-of-state domestic violence situation and needed a place to stay. Through contacts we were able to find them a short-term place that should get them through the month. Mom is very resilient and was able to quickly find a job. We know that this family is going to need help for awhile and we are looking for resources that can fill in some of the gaps.

It's going to be a long journey for both of these women and the kids. Please pray for them as they take these critical steps. If you or someone you know is or has experienced domestic violence, please contact the local

Call To Safety hotline at 1.888.235.5333.

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