

Holy Trinity Catholic Church

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Mission Statement: To be a welcoming Catholic community committed to love, prayer, and service.

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August 2, 2020
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)



"When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, and he cured their sick."
~ Matthew 14:14

Liturgy Schedule
August 1-14, 2020

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Saturday Vigil Masses (also livestreamed).....5:00 pm
Saturday Vigil Masses.....6:00 pm
Sunday Masses.....10:30 am
Wednesday Masses (Church).....5:00 pm
Thursday Masses (Church).....12:00 pm
First Friday Mass, 8/7 (Church).....12:00 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday (Church).....3:30-4:30 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday (Chapel).....12:30-8:00 pm
Friday (Chapel).....9:30 am - Noon

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Sunday Mass.....8:30 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday.....7:45-8:15 am

Highlights this Week

- This year the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary falls on a Saturday and is therefore not a holyday of obligation. However, the Solemnity is still a holyday. Therefore, all Masses celebrated on Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 August 2020 will be for the Solemnity of the Assumption. There will be no Masses earlier in the day on Saturday, August 15.
- Please continue to sign up for Mass in advance. If you have not received a call for sign-up, please call the parish office at 541-329-0697 on Thursday or Friday. As well, if you are unable to attend your scheduled Mass, please call the office by Friday afternoon. Thank you!
- **Bulletin:** Due to the economic hardship that we are all grappling with and to help our parish save money, paper copies of the bulletin will be printed once a month for the time being. However, online version of the bulletin will be available every week on the parish website. The online version will contain information, announcements, and other programs and events of the parish during this time.

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July 25-26 Collection

July 25-26: \$4920

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Liturgical Ministers

August 8-9

Saturday 5 pm Vigil 8/8

Sacristan: John Freitag jr.

Lector: Allison Hundley

Saturday 6 pm Vigil 8/8

Sacristan: Mike Hahn

Lector: Josh Freitag

Sunday 8/9

Sacristan: Kevin Kroll

Lector: Jack Edwards

August 15-16

Sat 5 pm Assumption 8/15

Sacristan: John Freitag

Lector: Mike Hennick

Sat 6 pm Assumption 8/15

Sacristan: Mike Hahn

Lector: Mike Hahn

Sunday 8/16

Sacristan: Jeff Turner

Lector: Jeff Turner

Mass Intentions

Holy Trinity:

Sat 8/1: Alice Stadelman

Sat 8/1: Intentions of all Holy Trinity Parishioners

Sun 8/2: Teresa Roberts

Sat 8/8: Intentions of all Holy Trinity Parishioners

Sat 8/8: +Joyce Milam

Sun 8/9: +Francis Ahamefule

Sat 8/15: +Perry Yun

Sat 8/15: Intentions of all Holy Trinity Parishioners

Sun 8/16: Intentions of all Holy Trinity Parishioners

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Sun 8/16: Intentions of all Holy Trinity Parishioners

St. John the Baptist:

Sun 8/2: Intentions of the O'Donnell family

Sun 8/9: Intentions of all St. John's Parishioners

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Sun 8/16: Intentions of all St. John's Parishioners

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Alice Stadelman, Marilyn Hunt, Bernie & Maggie Karlin, Bella Schwartz, Roseann Gates, Helen Roberts, Tom Edson, Travis Holden and family, the Moore family, Tosh Barry, Tricia & Kirk Brown, Kathy Welch, Priscilla & Vern Lang, Pierre Dupree, Lee Taylor, Loretta Brammer, Frank White, David Willis, Steven White, Jr., Todd Cook, Nancy LaBay, Carol Evans, John Freitag, Jr, Tom Lindstrom, Skip Thomas, all who are suffering with illness, those who continue to serve us in health care and essential services, and everyone on Holy Trinity & St. John's Prayer Chains.

We continue to observe coronavirus safety guidelines at every Mass:

- Sanitizing our hands upon entering the church.
- Face mask requirement has been expanded: **those 5 years and up must now wear masks.** As a reminder, anyone attending Mass MUST WEAR A MASK, with the exception of the presider, lectors and cantors when proclaiming or singing during the Mass. There are rare exceptions for people with disabilities or diagnosed medical conditions (please sit at the back, behind everyone wearing masks).
- Maintaining physical distance, especially during the distribution of Holy Communion.



The Powerful Word of God

It's a very stressful time we live in. I recently encouraged our oldest son to "unplug," meaning to disconnect from listening to the news/radio and social media. He was full of fear and needed some mental rest. Fear is a tool of Satan to hinder us. Fear can stop us, and can cause us to cower. Satan hates to see our progress and our faith, and he uses fear to counteract it. When fear comes, stir up your faith. Remember in John 16:33, Jesus says, *"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."*

How do we overcome? By living in Christ. We know God's Word is powerful. We must be in His Word daily, so that we can overcome in Christ. Christ has given us his peace. He wants us to enjoy lives of peace, but it takes a lot of effort on our part. II Corinthians 5: 7 says, *"We live by faith, not by sight."* Faith comes from God's Word. We think either thoughts of fear or faith, and from there we speak words of fear or faith. Proverbs 18:21, *"Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it and indulge it will eat its fruit and bear the consequences of their words."*

Unplugging will give our mind time to rest and fill up with the good things of God. Gratitude is also key. Let us set our mind and heart on God. By spending quality time with God, and quieting our mind, we can hear the whispers of God in our heart. Rather than focusing on all the things we can do nothing about, let us fix our gaze in going deeper with God. In Mark 4 Jesus speaks about the Word of God (seed) and the ground the seed falls on (our heart condition). Verse 19 says, *but the worries and cares of the world [the distractions of this age with its worldly pleasures], and the deceitfulness [and the false security or glamour] of wealth [or fame], and the passionate desires for all the other things creep in and choke out the word, and it becomes unfruitful.*

Jesus wants us to be fruitful and full of life, and He reminds us of it when He says, *"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."*

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Compassion and Discipleship

One of the dominant themes in the Gospel of Matthew is the theme of mercy or compassion. Without compassion, we cannot be true and authentic disciples. Mercy and compassion can be rare qualities in societies and culture not influenced by the Gospel. Sometimes mercy, compassion and forgiveness are not regarded as virtues, but seen instead as signs of weakness or failure to enforce justice.

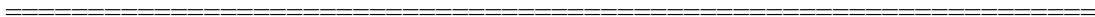
But in today's Gospel, Jesus shows us that compassion is at the heart of what makes us Christians. His heart was moved with compassion for the crowd that came to him, and he not only cured the sick among them but also provided them food by the multiplication of loaves and fish. The mercy of God can be said to be God's willingness to draw near to human beings in a loving and saving encounter as seen in today's gospel. Jesus drew near the people seeking him, his heart was moved by their brokenness, he healed their wounds and nourished them with food.

Notice that the disciples did not see this as their responsibility. They ask Jesus to send the people away to look after themselves. And even when Jesus pressed the disciples to "give them some food yourselves," they saw another obstacle; we don't have enough, "five loaves and two fish are all we have here." Where they saw limitation, Jesus saw grace, which comes from his compassionate heart. He saw that there is no need for the people to go away because if they are willing to offer what they have, with the compassionate presence of the Christ and his transforming power through which the universe was made, their little can become plenty. He asks them to come to him with the little they have. He took what they have, blessed it, and gave it back them with the task of sharing the loaves to the crowd. All ate and were satisfied and there were leftovers. This is a clear testament that if you have Jesus, you have everything. That is why Prophet Isaiah, in today first reading, invites us to come to God even when we feel inadequate or lacking. He says: "All you who are thirsty, come to the water. You who have no money, come, receive grain and eat. Come, without paying and without cost, drink wine and milk." For nothing can separate us from the love of God.

We are the disciples of Jesus today, and like the apostles, who prefer that the people go away to look after themselves, we sometimes stay clear of the challenge of Christian loving. As a biblical scholar puts it: "this often happens because, again like the disciples in the story, we feel we have little or nothing to offer." But Jesus can take the little we have to offer, bless it, and give it back to us so that we might bring fulness to those whose lives we touch.

The Gospel also calls to mind the Eucharist. Jesus takes the bread, raises his eyes, blesses, breaks and gives it to the disciples to distribute. We hear the same words every day at Mass. As he transforms the eucharistic bread, so he also transforms us into eucharistic people. The baskets of leftover fragments picked up by the disciples indicates that the healing, gift and nourishment Jesus offers can never be totally consumed and is still available to anyone searching for it. Do you believe this? Today despite your human limitations, recommit yourself to helping share Jesus with the world.

May the joy of the Lord be your strength.



Mass Schedule: Please see the front page of the bulletin for our Mass schedule. All Thursday Masses going forward will be at noon, which was the original Mass time pre-pandemic. All Masses will be in the church to allow room for physical distancing.

New Parish Office Days (beginning in September): To better serve our parish community and provide more days for people who want to meet the priest, our new parish office days will be Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. Due to the pandemic, the office service will be by appointment only. Please help our staff to better serve you.

We Are Proud Of Our Knights: We are very proud and grateful to our parish Knights of Columbus and some of their family members who did a two-day community service by weeding, cleaning and sprucing up the grounds and surroundings of our local Post Office. Their generosity and service caught people's attention and drew positive comments. It is an example of being the light of the world. "Shine your light before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father" (Mt 5:16).

Solemnity of the Assumption: This year the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary falls on a Saturday and is therefore not a holyday of obligation. However, it is still a holyday. The Universal Norms of the Church's Calendar state: "For the pastoral good of the faithful, it is permitted to observe on Sundays in Ordinary Time those celebrations that fall during the week and that are agreeable to the devotion of the faithful, provided the celebrations rank above that Sunday in the Table of Liturgical Days. The Mass of such celebrations may be used at all the celebrations of Mass at which the people are present." Since Solemnities take precedence over Sundays in Ordinary Time all Masses on the weekend 15/16 August will be celebrated as the Solemnity of the Assumption which also fulfills the Sunday obligation.

--Fr. Anthony Ahamefule
Parish Priest

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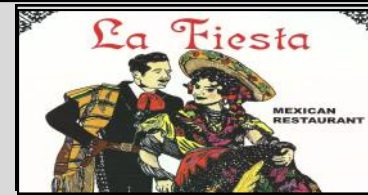


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Our parish recommendations on FORMED this week:

For Children



The Adventures of Carlos Caterpillar: Ultrabug
 A peaceful town is disrupted by the sudden appearance of super-heroes Ultrabug and Wonderbug, his faithful helper. Their well-intentioned capers result in a series of mishaps, causing some of the town residents to set up a trap for their capture. 24 min

For Adults



FORMED Now! Bible Study on the Gospel of Matthew (Part 1)
 Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Michael Barber as they begin a weekly Bible study on the Gospel of Matthew, the Gospel we are now hearing each Sunday in Year A.

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The Powerful Word of God, continued:

One of the key ways God gives us to stay strong in our faith is given in Ephesians 6: 10-18. There Paul explains what we Christians need to put on. Just as we dress for the day in the morning, we must also put on the full armor of God as we begin our day. The scripture states (Amplified Version); ¹⁰ *Be strong in the Lord [draw your strength from Him and be empowered through your union with Him] and in the power of His [boundless] might.* ¹¹ *Put on the full armor of God [for His precepts are like the splendid armor of a heavily-armed soldier], so that you may be able to [successfully] stand up against all the schemes and the strategies and the deceits of the devil.*

¹⁴ *So stand firm and hold your ground, HAVING TIGHTENED THE WIDE BAND OF TRUTH (personal integrity, moral courage) AROUND YOUR WAIST and HAVING PUT ON THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS (an upright heart),* ¹⁵ *and having strapped on YOUR FEET THE GOSPEL OF PEACE IN PREPARATION [to face the enemy with firm-footed stability and the readiness produced by the good news].* ¹⁶ *Above all, lift up the [protective] shield of faith with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.* ¹⁷ *And take THE HELMET OF SALVATION, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God.*

¹⁸ *With all prayer and petition pray [with specific requests] at all times [on every occasion and in every season] in the Spirit, and with this in view, stay alert with all perseverance and petition [interceding in prayer] for all God's people.*

Seems to me like a tall order, especially when I am feeling weak and fearful. Yet, God in His love and care for us, gave us these instructions, knowing what we are up against – every day. In moments of trial, always remember that as Christians, relying on Christ helps us overcome. We are headed to spend eternity with God, but first we are here for a reason and God has a purpose and plan for each one of us.

Most of us have read this next verse many times, but it's one we need to always keep in mind. Jeremiah 29: 11-13 Amplified: *For I know the plans and thoughts that I have for you, ' says the LORD, 'plans for peace and well-being and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.* ¹² *Then you will call on Me and you will come and pray to Me, and I will hear [your voice] and I will listen to you.* ¹³ *Then [with a deep longing] you will seek Me and require Me [as a vital necessity] and [you will] find Me when you search for Me with all your heart.*

And lastly, the Book of Proverbs 3: 5-7 (Amplified) invites us to *Trust in and rely confidently on the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight or understanding. In all your ways know and acknowledge and recognize Him, and He will make your paths straight and smooth [removing obstacles that block your way]. Do not be wise in your own eyes. Fear the LORD [with reverent awe and obedience] and turn [entirely] away from evil.*

We have all been through many hardships and been affected in different ways over the last several months. Let us keep our hearts open to Jesus, reading God's Word daily and praying fervently each day for grace, and more grace. Come Lord Jesus, come.

Cynthia Kroll
Baptism Coordinator