

# Holy Trinity Catholic Church

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# St. John the Baptist

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**November 29, 2020**  
**1st Sunday of Advent, Year B**



**Liturgy Schedule**  
**November 28 - December 4, 2020**

### Holy Trinity ~ Bandon

Saturday Vigil Mass (livestreamed).....5:00 pm  
Saturday Vigil Mass.....6:00 pm  
Sunday Mass.....10:30 am  
Wednesday Mass (Church).....5:00 pm  
Thursday Mass (Church).....12:00 pm  
First Friday Mass (Church).....6:00 pm  
First Saturday Mass (Church).....9:00 am

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

First Saturday (Church).....8:00 am  
Saturday (Church).....3:30-4:45 pm

### **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

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

### St. John the Baptist ~ Port Orford

Sunday Mass.....8:30 am  
Tuesday Mass.....5:00 pm

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

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

### **Highlights this Week**

- It's hard to believe December is almost here, and along with it the Advent Season! You will find an insert in this bulletin with information about our parish Advent events and more. Continuing our prayer as a faith family, you will also find our parish Advent prayer inside. May God bless our preparation for the coming of the Lord Jesus!
- First Friday Healing Mass with anointing of the sick will be this Friday, December 4, at Holy Trinity, beginning at 6 pm with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, prayers, procession and a blessing. Write out your intentions for healing, and they will be placed on the altar during this Mass for special remembrance.
- The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is Tuesday, December 8, a holy day of obligation. Masses will be 4 pm at St. John the Baptist and 5:30 pm at Holy Trinity.
- Be sure to check out our parish recommendations on FORMED this week, seen on the back page of the bulletin.

### **Online Giving Now Available**

We are excited to announce that Holy Trinity Parish now accepts one-time and recurring donations conveniently, on our website! You can make your secure donation via electronic check or debit/credit card by simply visiting

[www.holytrinitybandon.org/donate](http://www.holytrinitybandon.org/donate).

## Prayer Intentions

Tricia & Kirk Brown, Bernie & Maggie Karlin, Roseann Gates, David, Helen Roberts, Marilyn Hunt, Travis Holden & family, the Moore family, Tosh Barry, Kathy Welch, Priscilla & Vern Lang, Pierre Duprée, Lee Taylor, Frank White, David Willis, Steven White, Jr., Todd Cook, Nancy LaBay, Carol Evans, John Freitag Jr, Tom Lindstrom, Skip Thomas, Loretta Brammer, 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.

**Almighty and ever living God, through the love of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Christ, Your Son, in your mercy, restore the spiritual, emotional, and physical health of all those mentioned above.**  
**Amen**

## November 21-22 Collections

*Holy Trinity weekly goal \$2700*

**Actual Holy Trinity \$1334**

**Holy Trinity Building Fund \$120**

*St. John's Weekly Goal \$450*

**Actual St. John's \$290**

*Thank you for your generous, ongoing support. You are a Blessing!*

## Mass Intentions this Week

### Holy Trinity

**Sat 11/28:** The intentions of all Holy Trinity parishioners

**Sun 11/29:** +Clayton Duval

### St. John the Baptist

**Sun 11/29:** The intentions of all St. John's parishioners

## Liturgical Ministers Dec. 5-6, 2020

### 5 pm Saturday Vigil 12/5

Lector: Josh Freitag

Sacristan: John Freitag

### 10:30 am Sunday 12/6

Lector: Jeff Turner

Sacristan: Jeff Turner

## Coronavirus Requirements

Following state guidelines in place until December 2, all Masses and indoor gatherings are limited to 25 people. Please continue to sign up for Mass in advance. In order to protect the vulnerable members of our parish, anyone five years old and up **MUST WEAR A FACE MASK**, with the exception of the presider, lectors, and cantors when proclaiming or singing during the Mass. Sanitize hands upon entering the church and maintain physical distance, especially during the distribution of Holy Communion.

## Parish Priest's Corner

### Maranatha: Come, Lord Jesus!

My dear friends in Christ,

Today marks the beginning of a new liturgical year with the start of the Season of Advent. Advent comes from the Latin word "Adventus," which means "Coming" or "Arrival." It is a time the Church celebrates Christ's coming in a threefold manner.

First, Advent season is a time we prepare to celebrate the first coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ in human flesh (the Incarnation). This first coming of our Lord is celebrated at Christmas, but we use Advent Season to prepare our hearts for this great celebration.

The second coming of our Lord is known as the "Parousia," when he will come again in glory to gather all God's children into the peace of God's kingdom where we will see God face to face. The Parousia will be unmistakable because it will be accompanied by unprecedented signs as the gospel tells us. However, we are called to avoid pointless speculations about the time, the details of the signs, the nature of the difficulties that may accompany the signs. Instead we are invited to use the Advent Season to focus on the need for living the Gospel so as to be prepared. Jesus tells us in today's gospel "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. ... Watch, therefore; you do not know when the lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'" We are watching and waiting not with fear, trembling, or sadness but with joy. That is why we use rose color vestments on the third Sunday of Advent, to signify that we are waiting in joyful hope for the second coming of Christ.

At his first coming, Christ was wrapped in linens, laid in a manger, and endured the cross, heedless of its shame; at his second coming he will be robed in glorious light surrounded by the angels. Thus, let us not stop at his first coming but look forward to his second.

For the people of God there is a third coming that lies between the first and the second, namely, his daily presence in our hearts. Christ appears in our hearts when we read and listen to his words in the scriptures, when we receive him in the Eucharist, and when we strive to do good, grow in virtue, and see his face in the people we meet. So, Advent is a time of conversion; a time when we clean the house of our hearts. In as much as Advent is allowing God to "arrive" once again in our hearts, it is also a time to find our way back to God's embrace. It is a two-way process of "coming/arriving," that is, coming home once again to God so that his presence permeates our whole being.

There are many ways we can find our way back to God's embrace. When was the last time you went to confession before receiving Communion? Do you plan to make a retreat this Advent (virtual or in-person)? Try attending more than the weekend Mass, devote at least five minutes of your time each day to prayer, forgive someone this Advent or ask for God's grace to enable you to forgive, think of and pray for a homebound person or someone who is sick and those more vulnerable to this pandemic, pray for our frontline workers during this pandemic, showing more love, be a part of the solution, write or reach out to an estranged family member, don't let politics take the place of God between you and a loved one, be an instrument of peace by helping to reconcile two people, give to someone without expecting anything in return and many more ways.

Do not let anything prevent you from coming home to God's embrace. Make this year's Advent Season more enriching and fruitful than last year's. Nothing should separate us from the love and mercy of God.

May the Lord strengthen you this Advent Season.

--Father Anthony Ahamefula  
Parish Priest

# Advent Season 2020

## Surprised by Joy

I'm currently reading a book entitled, *Abba's child*, by Brennan Manning. In it, he shares a story he read in the Celtic chronicles, which I will quote:

"The Chronicles tell of the wandering sailor monks of the Atlantic seeing the angels of God and hearing their songs as they rose and fell over the western islands. To the scientific person they were only gulls and gannets, puffins, cormorants, and kittiwakes. "But the monks lived in a world in which everything was a word of God to them, in which the love of God was manifest in accidental signs, nocturnal communiques', and the ordinary stuff of our pedestrian lives."

As I opened the drapes this morning, with the sunlight peeking over the horizon, I saw to my amazement dozens of robins, blue jays and flickers. They were all busy pecking the ground, flying in and out of the trees. What a surprise this was! Joy swept over me. I thought of the monks, where they saw God and His love for them displayed in nature and in the day to day moments of their life. What a gift this was to me.

As we begin this season of Advent, my desire is to see and experience God's greatest gift to us - Jesus – in a deeper, and more profound way. Let us take this journey together.

Cynthia Kroll – Pastoral Assistant

## ADVENT EVENTS

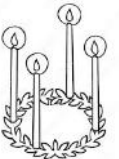
- ♦ **FIRST FRIDAY HEALING MASS:** On December 4 at 6:00 pm, write out your intentions for healing and bring them to Holy Trinity Church for exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction, and Mass with Anointing of the Sick.
- ♦ **ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES:** At Holy Trinity on Wednesday, December 9, at 6:30 pm, and at St. John the Baptist on Tuesday, December 8, at 3:30 pm.
- ♦ **ADVENT MORNING RETREAT AT HOLY TRINITY:** Saturday, December 12, beginning with Mass at 9:00 am, followed by talks in the Parish Hall. Theme of the retreat will be "HOPE & JOY IN JESUS CHRIST."

## ABOUT ADVENT WREATHS

Traditionally, Advent wreaths are constructed of a circle of evergreen branches into which four candles are inserted, representing the four weeks of Advent. Ideally, three candles are purple and one is rose, but white candles can also be used. The purple candles in particular symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and good works undertaken at this time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, when the priest often wears rose vestments at Mass. Gaudete Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half over and they are close to Christmas.

The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of his second coming to judge the living and the dead.

The use of the Advent Wreath is a traditional practice which has found its place not only in the Church but also in the home. The following prayer may be used to bless your Advent Wreath at home:



*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 a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation.*

*May he come quickly and not delay. We ask this through Christ our Lord.*



## *Holy Trinity & St. John's Christmas Wish-list*

As the holiday season is upon us and the end of the year draws near, please consider remembering your parish in your end-of-the-year charitable donations.

The following is a list of things that our parish is very much in need of.

- New parking lot lighting at Holy Trinity (\$16,000)
- A surveillance system at Holy Trinity for Hall/rectory/church (\$5,500)
- A pressure washer at Holy Trinity (\$600)
- New parking lot lighting at St. John's (\$6,000)
- A new surveillance system at St. John's (\$3,000)
- A pressure washer at St. John's (\$600)

**If you would like to donate toward one of the above, please write a check to Holy Trinity Parish, and write the item's name on the memo line. Thank you so much, God bless you, and may you have a blessed Advent and Christmas Season!**



### *Christmas Flowers*

Envelopes are in the pews for those who would like to donate toward Christmas poinsettias in memory of a loved one.

Place the envelope in the collection basket or bring to the parish office.

*Thank you!*



## Ongoing Programs

### *Reflecting on Sunday's Readings*

2nd Sunday of Advent, Year B ~ December 6, 2020

To help you prepare for Mass next weekend, here are next Sunday's readings:

**Reading I:** Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11  
**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 85  
**Reading II:** 2 Peter 3:8-14  
**Gospel:** Mark 1:1-8



### **Come, Join Our Bible Study!**

Bible Study class resumes this week on Thursday, December 3, beginning at 10:45 am in the Parish Hall, with masks and observing physical distancing. It is time to prepare for Advent with a study of each Sunday's Scripture readings. Class is finished at 11:45, in time to attend weekday Mass at 12:00. Please call Kathy Cowan for more information at 347-3031.

**All are welcome!**



### **Youth Group & Faith Formation**

Sunday classes for the youth are held 11:45 - 12:45 in the parish hall. This month we are delving deeply into the topic of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Christmas. Our group activity will be a game night. Come join us!

Adults: Be sure to keep these young people in your prayers!

### **Knights of Columbus**

Holy Trinity Parish Knights of Columbus meet every third Thursday in the parish hall, beginning with the rosary at 6:30 pm, followed by the business meeting at 7:00 pm.

For more information or answers to your questions about the Knights, contact Mike Hahn at 541-347-6680.



### **Homebound Ministry**

Since March 2020 Holy Communion to the homebound has been suspended due to the high risk to those involved during this time of pandemic. Last Rite (Viaticum) brought by a priest is the exception. At this time, only the priest will take Holy Communion to the homebound, maintaining the reverence due the Blessed Sacrament and the appropriate health and safety measures. Each sick call request will be treated individually, and a prudential pastoral approach will be applied.

Please call the parish office to request a visit to the sick and for requests for Holy Communion.

### **Lighthouse Media Kiosk**

**Our Lighthouse Kiosk has been updated!**

This is another opportunity to grow in joy and peace of heart in time to greet the Christ Child! Stop by to peruse the selections currently available.

If you have any suggestions or requests for particular topics you would like to see in the kiosk, slip a note in the kiosk's donation slot or feel free to call or text Trish Freitag at 541-290-2282.



## Announcements

### **Christmas Flowers**

Envelopes are in the pews for those who would like to donate toward Christmas poinsettias in memory of a loved one. Place the envelope in the collection basket or bring to the parish office.

### **Altar Society News ~ Gifts for the Christ Child**

This Advent Season, in honor of the Christ Child, the Altar Society is sponsoring the "Giving of Baby Gifts." All items collected will be given to the Pacific Pregnancy Center in Coos Bay. Questions, call Alice Stadelman, 541-347-2973.

Suggested gifts:

- Handmade blankets, caps, booties, etc.
- Wooden toys, handmade or purchased.
- Purchased clothing, bibs, diapers, etc.

### **Cemetery Committee Meeting**

The Cemetery Committee will meet on Thursday, December 3, at 5:15 pm in the conference room.

### **All Souls Banners & Photos**

All Souls banners and photos from the table of remembrance may be picked up in the vestibule of the church this weekend and after this weekend they can be picked up in the parish office.

### **December 8 ~ Immaculate Conception**

December 8, the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, is a holy day of obligation. Masses will be at 4 pm at St. John's and 5:30 at Holy Trinity.

### **Advent Penance Services**

Advent Penance Services will be on December 8 at 3:30 pm for St. John's and December 9 at 6:30 pm for Holy Trinity. Be sure to mark your calendars for this opportunity to draw closer to Jesus Christ, to be filled with grace.

### **Advent Prayer**

Come, long-expected Jesus.

Excite in me a wonder at the wisdom and power of Your Father and ours. Receive my prayer as part of my service of the Lord who enlists me in God's own work for justice.

Come, long-expected Jesus.

Excite in me a hunger for peace: peace in the world, peace in my home, peace in myself.

Come, long-expected Jesus.

Excite in me a joy responsive to the Father's joy. I seek His will so I can serve with gladness, singing and love.

Come, long-expected Jesus.

Excite in me the joy and love and peace it is right to bring to the manger of my Lord. Raise in me, too, sober reverence for the God who acted there, hearty gratitude for the life begun there, and spirited resolution to serve the Father and Son.

I pray in the name of Jesus Christ, whose advent I hail.

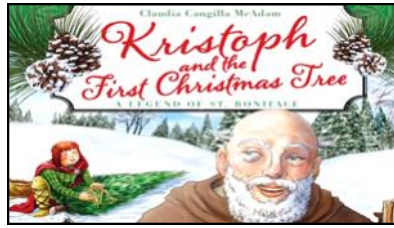




## For Children

### Kristoph & the First Christmas Tree: A Legend of St. Boniface

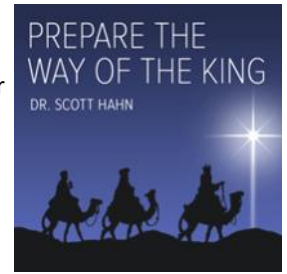
This video production is based on an ancient legend, drawn from the story written by children's author Claudia Cangilla McAdam and illustrated by Dave Hill. Set on Christmas Eve in the year 722, this story recalls the legend of how evergreen trees became part of the celebration of Christmas. It beautifully retells an incident from the life of St. Boniface, the martyr who became the patron saint of Germany.



## For Adults

### Prepare the Way of the King

Dr. Scott Hahn, one of the most eminent Catholic theologians in our country today, reveals what scholars now know about the shepherds, the mysterious Magi, and King Herod. Your Advent journey will take on new meaning as you prepare your heart for the birth of our Lord. This illuminating presentation is sure to help you grow in appreciation of the greatest gift ever given to mankind—Jesus Christ.



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