

Holy Trinity Catholic Church

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St. John the Baptist

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

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December 20, 2020
4th Sunday of Advent, Year B



Liturgy Schedule
December 19-25, 2020

Holy Trinity ~ Bandon

Saturday Vigil Mass (livestreamed).....5:00 pm
Sunday Mass.....10:30 am
Wednesday Mass (Church).....5:00 pm
Christmas Eve Mass.....4:00 pm
Christmas Eve Mass.....6:00 pm
Christmas Day Mass.....10:30 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday (Church).....3:30-4:45 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

No Thursday or Friday Adoration this week.

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Sunday Mass.....8:30 am
Christmas Day Mass.....8:30 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday.....8:00-8:30 am

Highlights this Week

- **A Reminder of Safety Guidelines for all Masses:**
 - The number of attendees will be 25% of building capacity.
 - Face coverings are required while attending Mass (per guidance of OHA).
 - 6-foot physical distancing between households in the church, hall & gathering area.
 - Please use hand sanitizer before and after Mass.
 - Please use all available exits to avoid bottlenecks after Mass.
 - Take your copy of the hymnal (Breaking Bread) home with you after Mass.
- **Please remember our New Mass Sign-up Procedure:** Contact the parish office to sign up for Mass attendance at 541-329-0697 or by email, holytrinitybandon@yahoo.com. Thank you helping us make this change!
- **Decorating the Church:** Strong arms are needed to move the Nativity set and other church decorations from the garage to the church after the 10:30 Mass on Sunday. We will decorate on Monday, December 21st, starting at 10:00 am. Come and help make our church look beautiful for the celebration of Jesus' birth! All are welcome.
- **FORMED:** Go to this week's parish recommendations, found on the back page of this bulletin, to experience the true meaning of Christmas!

Christmas Schedule

Holy Trinity

Christmas Eve 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm
Christmas Day 10:30 am

St. John the Baptist

Christmas Day 8:30 am

New Year Schedule

Holy Trinity

New Year's Day 6:00 pm

St. John the Baptist

New Year's Day 8:30 am

Online Giving

Holy Trinity Parish 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.

Prayer Intentions

Tricia & Kirk Brown, Marilyn Hunt, Bernie & Maggie Karlin, Roseann Gates, David, Helen Roberts, Travis Holden & 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

Dec. 12-13 Collections

Holy Trinity weekly goal \$2700

Actual Holy Trinity \$2433

Holy Trinity Building Fund \$20

Immaculate Conception \$625

St. John's Weekly Goal \$450

Actual St. John's \$247

Immaculate Conception \$696

Thank you very much!

Mass Intentions this Week

Holy Trinity

Sat 12/19: Int. of Vince Provenzano

Sun 12/20: +James Reilly

Thu 12/24 @ 4 pm: +Betty & Hugh McNeil

Fri 12/25: Kidnap victims in Nigeria

St. John the Baptist

Sun 12/13: Intentions of all St. John's Parishioners

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

4 pm Christmas Eve 12/24

Lector: Youth Group

Sacristan: Jeff Turner

6 pm Christmas Eve 12/24

Lector: Kevin Kroll

Sacristan: Kevin Kroll

10:30 am Christmas 12/25

Lector: Kathy Cowan

Sacristan: Judy Crowe

5 pm Saturday Vigil 12/26

Lector: Allison Hundley

Sacristan: John Freitag, Jr.

10:30 am Sunday 12/27

Lector: Jeff Turner

Sacristan: Jeff Turner

Request for Volunteers

The celebration of Holy Mass is the central event at Holy Trinity that brings us together - physically, spiritually, and communally. It is a real encounter with the Lord Jesus we long for from week to week. Thus, everything required for the preparation and celebration of the Eucharist bears real fruit among us. We are currently in need of volunteers to launder and press altar linens and vestments for our Eucharistic celebrations. If you are interested in this important "behind the scenes" ministry, please call the parish office, 541-329-0697. THANK YOU!

Parish Priest's Corner

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

1st Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16 | **2nd Reading:** Romans 16:25-27 | **Gospel:** Luke 1:26-38

GROW: During Advent, we await the One who is perfect grace, light, and joy. The Christ Child's arrival during a time when darkness has been increasing each day, and our anticipation of that arrival, emphasize his salvific role. For if even the smallest light is a glimmer of hope in the night, how much more is Christ's perfect and all-consuming light a life-saving flare in the darkness of sin and death. As we hear the angel Gabriel say of Christ in his visitation to Mary: "He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High ... and of his kingdom there will be no end." Emmanuel, God with us, is the reason for our hope, and the reason for our joy.

GO: Despite our best intentions, we may get a little swallowed up in the commercialism of Christmas. But this last week of Advent feels like a chance to reorder our minds and hearts. One way to do this is by focusing on the "O Antiphons," prayed during the Church's evening prayer from December 17-23. Each antiphon begins with the word "O," and is followed by a title for the Messiah, found in Scripture, and a petition for him to come and save his people. Although this may sound overly complicated, you most likely know of these without realizing it: they have been transposed into the verses of the hymn, *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*. Today's first reading speaks of David, who thought he could build a place for God to dwell, but he couldn't. Instead, for us, whom God created and fashioned in his own image, God created a dwelling for his Son, so that he might enter into our human history as one of us; and in doing so, dwell among us and within us forever. Come, Lord Jesus.

INVITE: How do we respond to God's presence? Mary's fiat shows us that "something more than deterministic genetics, effort of will, and the maturation of reason is required in response to God's initiative, in order to reach our full human potential." There was no duplicity in her "yes" to the invitation offered her by the angel. In a similar but altogether different fashion, we are presented with a myriad of opportunities to give small yeses to God's invitations ... to attend peaceably to the irritable spouse coming home from work, to calm the quarrelsome child, to rise above the disappointment of chores not being done, to mediation with confrontational coworkers, to respond to impulses toward more time for prayer and a healthier lifestyle, to the creative discipline for quality time with the family.

Mary's example gives us Advent hope that the coming of Jesus into the manger of our hearts can — again or for the first time — be a game-changing reality of faith, not just the annual sentimental commemoration of a religious tradition or holiday cheer.

Let us sing with the universal Church: **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.**

--Fr. Anthony Ahamefule

Parish 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. Amen.

Ongoing Programs

Reflecting on Sunday's Readings

The Nativity of the Lord, Year B ~ December 25, 2020

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

Reading I: Isaiah 62:11-12

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 97

Reading II: Titus 3:4-7

Gospel: Luke 2:15-20



Come, Join Our Bible Study!

Do you ever feel a sense of awe at the beauty of God's Word? Are there times when you hunger for an opportunity to dive deeper into the verses read at Mass and their meaning? Come, join us as when we resume in the New Year on Thursday, January 6, at 10:45 am in the Parish Hall. Class is finished at 11:45, in time to attend weekday Mass at 12:00. For more information, contact Kathy Cowan at 541-347-3031.

Altar Society Meeting

The Altar Society meets every second Wednesday of the month at 1 pm in the Parish Hall. The next meeting is January 13. All women of the parish are invited to join this wonderful group that does so much for us.

Knights of Columbus

Our Knights of Columbus Council meets every third Thursday of the month in the Parish Hall. Rosary begins at 6:30 pm, and the meeting at 7:00 pm. We are so grateful for our Knights, and all men of the parish are invited to join. The next meeting is January 21, 2021.

St. John of Kanty - Feast Dec. 23

- Born June 24, 1390, in Kanty, Poland (13 miles from the birthplace of Pope St. John Paul II) and studied at Jagiellonian University in Krakow.
- A Doctor of Philosophy and Professor of Sacred Scripture who was generous toward the poor and struggling students.
- The patron saint of Teachers, Students, Priests and Pilgrims. St. John of Kanty, pray for us!



Announcements

Christmas Flowers

Your donations in memory of loved ones toward Christmas poinsettias help to make our church beautiful in honor of the Christ Child. Thank you! Envelopes are in the pews for those who would like to donate. Place the envelope in the collection basket or bring to the parish office.

Gifts for the Christ Child

THANK YOU to everyone who has brought beautiful baby items for the Altar Society's "Giving of Baby Gifts." You may continue to bring baby gifts through Christmas. 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.



Lighthouse Media Kiosk

Mary is often our focus during Advent and Christmas, as she "treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart." In the kiosk you'll find audio CDs about Mary: *Full of Grace*, *The Message of the Angel* and *Discovering the Biblical Significance of Mary*. Why not bring one home today? Feel free to call or text Trish Freitag at 541-290-2282 with requests for additional topics, or simply slip a note into the donation slot.

Giving Envelopes

Donation envelopes for 2021 are available for pick-up at the back of the church, marked with family name and giving number.

Knights of Columbus Exemplification

The Oregon State Knights of Columbus and the local councils host a charity, unity, and Fraternity exemplification on 9 January at 4 pm in the Coos Bay Red Lion. Catholic men, ages 18 and up in communion with the Holy See are invited to join. If interested call or contact Mike Hahn at 719-322-3162 or mikehahn47@gmail.com. The exemplification is approximately 30 minutes, and families are welcome.

THE "O ANTIPHONS" OF ADVENT

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel that we sing at Mass embodies the spirit of Advent. The Roman Church has been singing the "O" Antiphons since at least the eighth century. They are the antiphons that accompany the *Magnificat* canticle of Evening Prayer from December 17-23. They are a magnificent theology that uses ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming Christ as the fulfillment not only of Old Testament hopes, but present ones as well. Their repeated use of the imperative "Come!" embodies the longing of all for the Divine Messiah.

O Wisdom ~ O Lord ~ O Root of Jesse ~ O Key of David ~ O Radiant Dawn ~ O King ~ O Emmanuel

Holy Trinity & St. John's Christmas Wish List

Our parish church and the grounds surrounding it are like a second home for us, the place we meet Our Lord at Mass and connect with our fellow parishioners. 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 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)



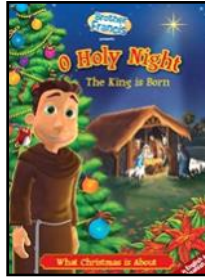
If you would like to donate toward one of the above, please write a check to Holy Trinity Parish, and write the item's name on the memo line. Thank you so much, God bless you, and may you have a blessed Advent and Christmas Season!

For Children

Brother Francis: O Holy Night, the King is Born

O Holy Night is a wonderful way to remind everyone of Who we celebrate during the Christmas season! This episode contains:

- "The Christmas Story" - an animated presentation of the many wonderful events that led up to the birth of Jesus.
- "What is Christmas?" - a catchy, visualized song reminding us that Christmas is really about the coming of Christ.
- "Away in a Manger" and "Silent Night" - two traditional songs that continue to inspire praise and thankfulness for the coming of our Lord.



For Adults

The Story of the Nativity—The Truth of Christmas: This fast-paced, thought-provoking look at the true story of the Nativity clears away any misunderstandings of Jesus' origin. Join top scholars, inspirational speakers, and popular authors as they explain the story behind the story of the birth of Jesus, including stunning works of art depicting the biblical story, from Fra Angelico to Rembrandt, and footage from the Holy Land showing the places where the Christmas story actually took place.



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