December 20, 2020

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mass Schedule

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Parish Office

503.643.9528
www.h-t.org

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School Office

503.644.5748
www.htsch.org

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Community Outreach Office

503.641.1842
www.h-t.org/outreach

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The final week is here! Congratulations to our students who are off for vacation, and congratulations to all our parents and grandparents who have been overseeing home schooling all fall. Vacation for you too!

Here’s a recap of our plans for Christmas 2020:

❖ Masses on Dec. 24th are at 1:00, 3:00, and 5:00pm. Mass on Dec. 25th is at 9:00am.
❖ Inside seating by sign-up only (on website as usual); preference goes to elderly and folks with special needs. No sign-up needed for outside.
❖ Overflow seating is in the parking lot in vehicles, watching the live stream of Mass on your own devices.
❖ Masses will be available to live stream at home as well.
❖ We promise some creative attempts at engaging those outside and helping the “insiders and outsiders” be united during Mass! Please do see my paragraph below………
❖ Decorate your cars if you wish to add a festive spirit to our unique congregation.
❖ Bring along something you can use to “make a joyful noise” in the car. Prompt will be given!
❖ Watch for a possible appearance of Santa!
❖ We have not figured out a good way collect offertory gifts outside, so we ask that if you wish to give please do so online or next time you are at Mass.
❖ Invite your friends to come as usual. All are welcome!

Our efforts to make all this work are going to require patience, so please be prepared! We have tested the technology to the best we are able to, and have consulted with our providers and local cell services to avoid surprises as much as possible. Please do not attempt to use parish or school Wi-Fi in your vehicles for concern we could overload the system and lose our live stream altogether. Instead use your own data service.

Prepare to have some fun as we celebrate Christmas in a meaningful and memorable way this year, and please if you are prone to impatience or get really annoyed when something doesn’t go smoothly. . . just stay home and watch Mass there! We have no idea how many cars to expect and will be adapting as we go!

New Year’s Mass, normally a Holy Day in honor of Mary, the Mother of God, is dispensed from obligation this year, as was the Immaculate Conception earlier this month. We will have Mass that morning at 9:00am, but due to our 100 person limit are not encouraging you to come. Mass will be live streamed on our website!

Blessings to Roa McMahan and Daphne Moyer, who were baptized this weekend!

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

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**Mass Intentions**

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<td>5:30pm +Claudia Ditter</td>
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<td>8:00am +Mariano Fernandez</td>
<td>8:15am +Quat Nguyen</td>
<td>9:00am Holy Trinity Parish</td>
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<td>9:30am +Barney Ascher</td>
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The flowers for this weekend are in honor of Alan & Christine Koelling’s 21st anniversary!
**How to Live Stream Christmas Mass if you will be participating at home**

**1. CHOOSE YOUR VIEWING DEVICE**
If you have a "smart device" (e.g., AppleTV, Roku, phone, tablet), it’s easiest to go to our YouTube Channel through the YouTube app (search for “Holy Trinity Catholic Church”). Otherwise, you can go directly to our website: [www.h-t.org/online-mass](http://www.h-t.org/online-mass)

**2. CREATE A PRAYFUL ENVIRONMENT**
Light some candles, silence your devices, and take a moment before Mass begins to quiet your thoughts. Plan to participate as you would if you were in church: make the responses out loud, kneel or stand where appropriate, and join in the Prayer of Spiritual Communion.

**3. CLICK ‘PLAY’ ON THE VIDEO**
Mass will begin on-time, so be ready a few minutes early! You will not be able to pause, rewind, or fast-forward through Mass, just as you couldn’t if you were attending in the church. You’ll see a countdown timer after you click ‘play’, and when we “go live” it will start automatically for you, so you don’t need to refresh the page. Turn up the volume, and if you’re using a small device, be sure to make the video full-screen!

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**How to Live Stream Christmas Mass if you will be participating in the parking lot**

**1. TURN OFF YOUR WI-FI**
Go to the Settings of your device(s) and turn off/disable your Wi-Fi. Do not turn on “Airplane Mode”

**2. GO TO OUR WEBSITE**
Type this into your browser: [www.h-t.org/online-mass](http://www.h-t.org/online-mass)

**3. CLICK ‘PLAY’ ON THE VIDEO**
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To everyone joining us via live stream: please be patient! Remember that this is new technology for us, so we’re bound to run into glitches.

All the readings and song lyrics will be provided in a Worship Aid that will be sent to our e-Newsletter recipients and published in the bulletin. Due to copyright restrictions, we cannot publish the Worship Aid directly on our website.

If you’re not yet on our e-Newsletter mailing list, the sign-up form is on our homepage at [www.h-t.org](http://www.h-t.org).

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**This Week At Holy Trinity**

**Sunday, December 20th**
+ 12:30-2:00pm, Field — Youth Ministry
+ 6:30pm, Church — Simbang Gabi (rosary and Mass)

**Monday, December 21st**
+ 6:30pm, Church — Simbang Gabi (rosary and Mass)

**Tuesday, December 22nd**
+ 6:30pm, Church — Simbang Gabi (rosary and Mass)

**Wednesday, December 23rd**
+ 6:30pm, Church — Simbang Gabi (rosary and Mass)

**Thursday, December 24th**
The Parish Office closes at noon.
+ 9:00am, Church — Christmas Eve Masses
+ 9:00am, Church — Christmas Day Mass

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**HOLY FATHER’S INTENTION FOR DECEMBER**
For a Life of Prayer
We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

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**Parish Finances**

**For the Weekend of December 12-13**

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**Pope Francis**

Accompanied by the Mother of Jesus on the journey towards Christmas, in these times that are difficult for many, let us make an effort to rediscover the great hope and joy brought to us by the coming of the Son of God into the world. #Advent

4:30 AM - Dec 11, 2020
“Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.”

Favor with God? Do I know what that means, what it feels like? I am sure that you and I, with the help of God’s grace, finds some favor with God, AND we know that God loves us more than we can imagine or deserve. But Mary is different than you and me. “Full of grace,” her name in God’s eyes, for so Gabriel addressed with his “Hail”. He shared with her the big plans that God was offering her.

This part is important...OFFERING! Not demanding, or anything less than a beautiful and grace filled invitation from God Himself. And why Mary? Because God saw in Mary’s very being something so magnificent, so particularly exclusive, and crucial, that He chose her to be the mother of His only Son. And she said YES, but far more eloquently, and more expansive than a simple “yes” conveys. “Behold, I am the Handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.”

Highly favored indeed. And we know what that ‘yes’ would entail, more joy and sorrow than one can imagine. Mary’s answer changed our world. As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, let’s take time to contemplate the message of an angel and the answered ‘yes’ that goes along with it. As we contemplate and pray with this glorious story, what are we grateful for?

Whatever that is, may this gratitude fuel our Hope as we prepare to celebrate the Birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ! Merry Christmas, everybody! +
Fourth Week of Advent: Openness of Heart
From the Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns Advent Reflections

“In Fratelli Tutti, [Pope Francis] speaks of the need for an open heart, explaining that such an interior disposition is key for building peace in our world. Mary’s response to the angel in today’s Gospel demonstrates the kind of openness that Pope Francis speaks of and that God desires of us. . . .

Our world and our country today are fraught with division. Hateful language, mean-spiritedness, and belittlement of others abound. . . . These patterns lead to violence and a culture of indifference. . . . Today’s Gospel reminds us that ‘Nothing is impossible for God.’ The barriers that divide people today sometimes seem unsurmountable. . . . [and] it can seem impossible to find common ground. But. . . we are reminded that God enters through the smallest foothold: a baby born to a poor teenage girl in an obscure part of the world. God can create in us an open heart if we offer up the smallest bit of room.”

Reflect: Are there broken relationships in your life that seem impossible? Have you ever experienced an “encounter of mercy” that transformed a situation?

Merry Christmas!

Originally I intended for this article to be a simple wish for all of you to have a blessed and joyous Christmas, and I still do wish that for you. Rather than leave it at that, I thought I would share a story with you that perhaps illustrates the impact all of you have through your support of this ministry and how your actions truly impact others.

In early December, a family of six came to Holy Trinity in need of assistance. They shared their story about how they had left the Midwest. Due to COVID they had lost their jobs and moved to Colorado where they had work lined up. No sooner did they start when jobs were lost again due to COVID, then another move to be with family in California. After several months of seeking employment, they finally found some in Washington, only for it to disappear right after they arrived. After a few more weeks, Mom was able to find a job here in the local area, which brought them to Beaverton. By now they had exhausted all of their resources and were living in their van. By the time I had talked with them, Mom had been working for almost two weeks and a paycheck would be coming in a few days — until then, could we help?

Because of your incredible generosity, we were able to provide a gas card, some food, and a few nights at a local motel. Dad contacted me several times to express his gratitude The oldest son, 18, has also found employment and is helping. The younger kids are enrolled in school, taking online learning like everyone their age. Dad is looking for work that will allow him to be with the kids while mom works. Sound familiar?

With numbers so large, it is easy to forget these are real people: Kids, Mom, Dad, all with the same needs and desires you and I have. Working hard but struggling to keep a roof over their heads. Remind you of another family this time of year?

Merry Christmas to you all!
For a fun class competition, our PTO organized a Disinfecting Wipes Drive this month. As you probably know, wipes are hard to find right now and they go fast! The competition ended December 11th and the final tally was 341 containers of disinfecting wipes! AMAZING! The winning class was Kindergarten (pictured below) with 93 containers. Thanks to everyone who went searching for us — we appreciate you!

Don’t forget: this Sunday, 12/20, our local MOD Pizza will donate 20% of Takeout, Delivery & Pick-up orders to Holy Trinity Catholic School! For online orders, use promo code GR169805H. For in-person orders, show this RSVP page and tell them at the register that you are with Holy Trinity: www.groupraise.com/events/169805.