January 3, 2021

The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

**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: 8:45-9:30am
- Saturday: 4:00-5:00pm

**Parish Office**
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- www.h-t.org
- Mon—Thur: 8:00-4:30pm
- Friday: 8:00-2:00pm

**School Office**
- 503.644.5748
- www.htsch.org
- Monday—Friday: 8:00-3:30pm

**Community Outreach Office**
- 503.641.1842
- www.h-t.org/outreach
- Tues, Wed, Fri: 10:00-12:30pm
Onward we go into 2021, ready or not! Thanks to all of you who have faithfully walked through all the ups and downs of last year. I am inspired by the example and witness of so many of you — in your constant love for God and outreach to neighbor. Well done. May each of us be led to an ever deeper and more personal relationship with Jesus in this New Year.

Big thanks to all who helped Christmas 2020-style go so well. Our efforts to fully engage overflow folks in our parking lot went very well. Technology worked and our Greeters did a fine job of helping create an atmosphere of joy and community. I have three awards to announce, and one “runner-up” award.

★ Best decorated car (truck): The Tenorio family, with a blow-up Nativity scene using Peanuts characters and lots of Christmas lights! (right)

★ Spirit award: Sue Ann Koniak, who set up a chair and table outside the entrance of church complete with lights, a tree, a Nativity, and a big red bow! (below)

★ Best dressed DOG: Pogo of the Xavier family, who was dressed as Santa and sang-along with the carols! (left and below)

★ “Runner-up” award: An unknown family who had a real Christmas tree on the roof of their car, complete with a tree skirt and a huge star at the top! (left)

Prize: All four families are welcome to come to a Mass of their choice when they are not signed up/selected to come!

May all of you have a happy, healthy, and holy New Year!

Last week, funeral services were held for Carol Balcom. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace.
Questions have arisen about the moral implications of vaccines which are developed using cell-lines obtained from aborted babies, specifically with regard to the COVID-19 vaccines.

The short (and truly important) answer given by the United States Bishops is that at this time all of the vaccines are morally permissible, and that, “Receiving one of the COVID-19 vaccines ought to be understood as an act of charity toward the other members of our community.”

The more complex answer is that the different vaccines have varying levels of moral concerns. So here’s some moral terminology, and how it applies in a hypothetical case:

Hypothetically, let’s say that my grandfather robbed a bank, and then asked me to drive the getaway car, and then left me a bunch of money in his will.

*Formal cooperation* means intending and approving the action. This would apply if I wanted my grandfather to rob the bank and approved of him doing it.

*Material cooperation* means being involved in the process, even if I don’t approve. Driving the getaway car, even if I don’t approve of the robbery, would be material cooperation.

*Remote material cooperation* in this case has to do with benefitting from the crime, and therefore being complicit even if I didn’t approve and didn’t participate.

Let’s apply this to vaccines. The moral problem with vaccines is that they are almost always developed using two cell-lines derived from babies who were killed by abortions in the 1960s. These cell lines are replicated and reproduced indefinitely in laboratory settings for scientific use. Receiving a vaccine that was developed with these cell-lines constitutes remote material cooperation with grave evil.

That said, remote material cooperation is permissible if the moral good to be obtained is sufficiently important and cannot be obtained in other ways. Our attempts to end the pandemic and save millions of lives definitely qualifies!

With regard to the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines, the US Bishops say this: “In view of the gravity of the current pandemic and the lack of availability of alternative vaccines, the reasons to accept the new COVID-19 vaccines from Pfizer and Moderna are sufficiently serious to justify their use, despite their remote connection to morally compromised cell-lines.”

The AstraZeneca vaccine is considered “more morally compromised” and should be avoided if there are alternatives. However, again, most of us won’t be given an option which vaccine to receive, and so the Bishops conclude: “It may turn out, however, that one does not really have a choice of vaccine, at least, not without a lengthy delay in immunization that may have serious consequences for one’s health and the health of others. In such a case… it would be permissible to accept the AstraZeneca vaccine.”

The moral difference between the vaccines is in how the cell-lines were used. Moderna and Pfizer only used them in testing the efficacy of their vaccines. AstraZeneca used them in designing, developing, and producing their vaccine. As a side note, the moral culpability of those making the vaccines and choosing how to do so is different from those receiving the vaccines who have very limited choices.

If you want to go a little more in-depth, I encourage you to read the US Bishops’ full document (which is only seven pages) at usccb.org/moral-considerations-covid-vaccines.

With any vaccine, receiving them is not only permissible but encouraged as an act of charity. And we pray that future vaccines will be developed without any connection to evil!
Wednesday Bible Study is *zooming* into 2021 with a new session! First up is a seven-week study from Word on Fire and led by Bishop Robert Barron, titled, “Conversion: Following the Call of Christ”.

Bishop Barron illuminates six biblical stories of conversion, demonstrating how six ordinary people, just like us, were met by Jesus where they were and called to a better life through Him. The common theme in each story is the turning of all one’s attention and energy toward an ever deeper, personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

We’ll be meeting online via Zoom (the link will be emailed to all participants) on **Wednesdays** from 9:30-11:00am — starting this week on **January 6th**!

Email Marilyn Palma (above) if you’d like to participate so she can send you the details and get a workbook to you. All are invited and welcome!

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**Parish Events & Announcements**

**Wednesday Bible Study**  
*Marilyn Palma – marilynpalma@comcast.net*

**This Week At Holy Trinity**

**Sunday, January 3rd**

*There is no HTYM today.*

**Tuesday, January 5th**

+ 6:30-8:00pm, Church — RCIA

**Wednesday, January 6th**

+ 9:30-11:00am, via Zoom — Wednesday Bible Study  
+ 6:00-7:30pm, via Zoom — Grow Group

**Thursday, January 7th**

+ 9:00-2:00pm, Fireside Parking Lot — Dental Van  
+ 6:00-7:00pm, Church — Holy Hour of Adoration  
+ 6:30-8:00pm, Fireside — Cub Scout Pack 598

**Friday, January 8th**

+ 9:00-2:00pm, Fireside Parking Lot — Dental Van  
+ 6:30-7:30pm, via Zoom — Friday Night Bingo

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**Parish Finances**

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**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday 2nd**

5:30pm In Thanksgiving from the Flores Family

**Sunday 3rd**

8:00am Holy Trinity Parish  
9:30am Continued healing for Helen Hamilton  
11:15am Hau Lam

**Monday 4th**

8:15am Birthday Blessings to Mel M. Comoda

**Tuesday 5th**

8:15am The Medalla Family

**Wednesday 6th**

8:15am +Frederick C. Detlefs and Rosemary Schaal  
2:15pm Birthday Blessings to Judy Woo

**Thursday 7th**

8:15am +Josephine Florina and +Mariano Fernandez

**Friday 8th**

8:15am +Joseph Truong

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**Holy Father’s Intention For January**

**Human Fraternity**

May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

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The flowers for this weekend are in Thanksgiving from the Flores Family.
**Exploring Fratelli Tutti**

A Joint Column by the HT Health & Social Justice Ministries

Over the next several weeks, we will explore together the wisdom and challenges of Pope Francis’ latest encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti: On Fraternity and Social Friendship*. Visit h-t.org/social-justice to read it in full and learn more!

**Chapter One: “Dark Clouds Over a Closed World”**

“Let us dream, then, as a single human family…children of the same earth…each of us bringing the richness of his or her beliefs and convictions…brothers and sisters all.”

Pope Francis defines fraternity as love as an openness to every man and woman, and universal in scope. He describes a world which seems to have learned lessons from its 20th century wars and disasters (e.g., forming the EU). However, he laments signs of regression, especially our becoming a “throwaway world” where both people and things are discarded (e.g., reducing labor costs without considering the consequences of poverty and unemployment; judging terrorist attacks and religious persecution by economic, not humanitarian, results). Digital communication gives the appearance of sociability but fails to build community. COVID-19 shows we are indeed a global community, evidenced by those who place themselves in danger to save strangers. Pope Francis urges us to embrace hope, which is “deeply rooted in every human heart. Hope speaks to us of a thirst, an aspiration, a longing for a life of fulfillment.”

**Respect Life Ministry**

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Walking with Moms in Need is a nationwide effort from the USCCB for Catholic parishes and communities to “walk in the shoes” of local pregnant and parenting women in need. “The first day of a New Year invites gratitude and wonder: gratitude for the gift of life and another year, wonder at what it will contain. Dedicating this day to the Holy Mother of God means we entrust ourselves and the new year to Mary” (Magnificat, January 1st). As 2021 begins, let us recommit to pray to Mary and to provide resources for pregnant women who need support during this year of Walking with Moms in Need.

**Upcoming Events in the Archdiocese**

1/3, 11:00am – Prayer vigil at St. Andre Bessette (601 W Burnside St.) for the victims of and an end to human trafficking. Masks & distancing required.

1/21–29 – Annual 9 Days for Life novena. Each day, a different intention will be highlighted, along with a short reflection, suggested actions, and related information. More details to come in later weeks.

1/22 – USCCB Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

**Community Outreach**

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HOLY TRINITY FOOD CLOSET IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER.

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**Happy New Year!**

For those of you who regularly read my column, I first want to say thank you. When I receive your feedback, both positive and sometimes, shall we say, constructive, I take it to heart. I really do appreciate it. Regularly you tell me about how you appreciate the stories that I provide. I want you to know they are all true and are told because I believe it is important for you to understand the impact you are having, even if only one person at a time. I know I can never express enough my true appreciation for all of you. That is also true. With all of this in mind, I have another story to share with you that happened just a couple of weeks before Christmas and was so uplifting and reaffirming to me I knew I had to share it with you.

Most mornings I get into the office early and my voicemail light is blinking indicating messages are waiting. This particular morning was no different. As I scrolled through taking names, numbers, and notes, I came across one whose name I thought I recognized. I was able to return the call later that morning and fortunately connected with the person. She immediately reminded me she was someone we had helped out a couple of years ago. For whatever reason I remembered her, that she cleaned houses, had a couple of dogs, and what we had done to assist. I asked how she was doing and what she might need at this time. I let her know how proud I was for doing the hard work that it takes to get back on your feet. I also let her know that God has blessed many of us and that Holy Trinity is a church that cares, and that we know how blessed we are to be able to share. We ended the conversation by talking about various ways she could “pay-it-forward.” Based on our conversation, I know that she will do that again, and again, and again.

This is the ministry that we provide; this is the impact that you have. In 2021 GO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!
Pope Francis
@Pontifex

The Magi offered their precious gifts to the Christ Child. Today, let us ask God: Lord, help us rediscover the joy of giving.

4:30 AM - 6 Jan 2019

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Scripture Readings

Monday 4th
1 Jn 3:22 – 4:6
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday 5th
1 Jn 4:7-10 | Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday 6th
1 Jn 4:11 – 18
Mk 6:45-52

Thursday 7th
1 Jn 4:19 – 5:4
Lk 4:14-22a

Friday 8th
1 Jn 5:5-13 | Lk 5:12-16

Saturday 9th
1 Jn 5:14-21 | Jn 3:22-30

Sunday 10th
Is 55:1-11 | 1 Jn 5:1-9
Mk 1: 7-11