### March 15, 2020

**The Third Sunday of Lent**

#### MASS SCHEDULE

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- 503.643.9528
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- Mon–Thur 8:00-4:30pm
- Friday 8:00-2:00pm

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- Monday–Friday 8:00-3:30pm

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- [www.h-t.org/outreach](http://www.h-t.org/outreach)
- Tues, Wed, Fri 10:00-12:30pm
Dear Holy Trinity Family:

Crazy times! This is new territory for all of us, so here’s the plan for at least the next two weeks:

✧ All weekend Masses and the weekly school Mass are cancelled.
✧ Daily Mass will continue as usual at 8:15am in the church.
✧ Parishioners are fully dispensed from Mass obligation.
✧ All parish ministry meetings, small group gatherings, and other events are cancelled.
✧ The Parish Office and Food Closet will remain open during their regular hours.
✧ The Adoration Chapel is still accessible.
✧ Individual Confessions will continue as scheduled: 8:45-9:30am on Friday (right after daily Mass) and Saturday afternoon from 4:00-5:00pm. Communal Penance service set for March 28th is cancelled.
✧ Our teachers are set to enact their digital learning protocols, so our students’ education will continue while the school is physically closed March 16–31.

Please continually check our website for updates and announcements! We have recorded the weekend Mass for everyone, and Chris Storm has provided Religious Ed. content for families with children.

And, on top of our parish having to cancel everything due to the coronavirus, I have an additional announcement I had planned on making this weekend at all Masses. I regret having to do it this way, but I guess this is one more reminder of how little control we actually have over anything! Here goes.

I will be leaving the parish at the end of June. It’s hard for me to even write that but I need to get the word out. I am nearing 65 years old and simply don’t have the strength physically, mentally, or emotionally to pastor well a parish this size. It’s time for me to step down — for my own health and for the wellbeing of this wonderful parish. My 13 years here have been the highpoint of my 37 years as priest and I am deeply grateful for this time.

Lots of unknowns remain: I do not know where I will be assigned, except that it will be in a smaller parish; I don’t know who will be coming here; and we don’t know yet if Fr. Hans will be able to stay on an additional year or not. The Archdiocese has a process for careful and prayerful assigning of priests and we need all to trust that the Holy Spirit is at work.

Please be praying for whomever will be assigned here. It was the Holy Spirit who prompted me to apply when the parish was open and I am sure that is because many of you were praying that God would send the right person here. I am so grateful for that! And, I am grateful for the unique relationship I have had with you.

God bless you and the parish as we transition into a new season here at Holy Trinity! Love, Fr. Dave

We continue our Lent Homily Series on personal prayer this week, examining ways to assist us in aligning our will/choices/desires with God’s. Honoring God is right at the center of what it means to follow Jesus, and to honor God requires that the way we interact with others, deal with trials and adversity, make choices, and prioritize our lives are all surrendered to Jesus.

The Morning Prayer template I described last weekend helps us do this. The complimentary Evening Prayer is on the following page. As I mentioned last weekend, Lent is a fine time to try something new and different. Either or both of these can be an opportunity to discover new ways of deepening our friendship with the Lord, as is this week’s challenge (below).

**Lenten Challenge:** Pray a litany of gratitude alphabetically: go through each letter of the alphabet thinking of the people, feelings, experiences and blessings you have received from God. This could be a fun thing to do as a couple or family too!
Hello everyone. Here’s my favorite St. Patrick’s Day joke that also happens to tie in with Lent. Enjoy!

An Irishman moves into a tiny hamlet in County Kerry, walks into the pub and promptly orders three beers. The bartender raises his eyebrows, but serves the man three beers, which he drinks quietly at a table, alone. An hour later, the man has finished the three beers and orders three more. The next evening the man again orders and drinks three beers at a time, several times. Soon the entire town is whispering about the Man Who Orders Three Beers.

Finally, a week later, the bartender broaches the subject on behalf of the town, saying, “I don’t mean to pry, but folks around here are wondering why you always order three beers?”

“Tis odd, isn’t it?” the man replies, “You see, I have two brothers: one moved to America, the other to Australia. We promised each other that we would always order an extra two beers whenever we drank as a way of keeping up the family bond.” The whole town was pleased with this answer, and soon the Man Who Orders Three Beers became a local celebrity and source of pride to the hamlet.

Then, one day, the man comes in and orders only two beers. The bartender pours them with a heavy heart. He continues to order only two beers for the rest of the evening. The word flies around town. Prayers are offered for the soul of one of the brothers. The next day, the bartender says to the man, “Folks around here, me first of all, want to offer condolences to you for the death of your brother. You know, the two beers and all…”

The man ponders this for a moment, then replies, “You’ll be happy to hear that my two brothers are alive and well. It’s just that I, myself, have decided to give up drinking for Lent.”
**Ministry News**

**Out of Love: Social Justice Ministry**
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**Maryknoll Lenten Reflections: A Journey Toward Ecological Conversion**
(full reflection at h-t.org/social-justice)

Today’s readings offer us the imagery of thirst and water, inviting us to reflect on our deepest needs and desires, both spiritual and physical. The way we relate to the natural world is intimately related to our relationship with God. As Pope Francis asks us in Laudato Si’, “Is it realistic to hope that those who are obsessed with maximizing profits will stop to reflect on the environmental damage which they will leave behind for future generations?”

This Lent, can we recognize that one of our deepest needs is to have a healthy relationship with the natural world, to live simply and to care for all life? Fast from over consumption this week and donate the time and money saved to our needy brothers and sisters.

**Respect Life Ministry**
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**40 Days for Life**

2/26—4/5: 40 Days for Life spring campaign. Vigil hours at Lovejoy Surgicenter (933 NW 25th Ave.) are 7:00-7:00pm everyday; to learn more, visit 40daysforlife.com/portland.

**USCCB Pro-Life Chairman Reacts to Senate Rejection of Pro-Life Bills**:
“Our nation is better than this, and the majority of Americans who support these bills must make their voices heard.” Read the full statement at usccb.org/news/2020/20-34.cfm

**For What It’s Worth: Thoughts on Faith**
Erin Nieves – erin@h-t.org

**Catholic Recipe for Lent**

✔️ PRAY     ✔️ FAST     ✔️ GIVE

I am now 19 Days into Lent. How am I doing? What have I put into each of these slots? Did I choose something for each of them? If I haven’t, I still have time, but I shouldn’t put it off. If I have chosen too little, there is still time to amp it up. If I have chosen unrealistically, there is still time to choose again. Which am I least likely to do? I should do it first. Which has been the easiest? Time for me to make it more challenging.

May God help me to take Lent seriously. May I remember that all of it is to bring me closer to Jesus, and to help me to become the person that Jesus has created me to be.

**Community Outreach**
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**Holy Trinity Food Closet is an Equal Opportunity Provider.**

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One day, an old man was walking along a beach that was littered with thousands of starfish that had been washed ashore by the high tide. As he walked he came upon a young boy who was eagerly throwing the starfish back into the ocean, one by one.

Puzzled, the man looked at the boy and asked what he was doing. Without looking up from his task, the boy simply replied, “I’m saving these starfish, Sir.”

The old man chuckled aloud, “Son, there are thousands of starfish and only one of you. What difference can you make?”

The boy picked up a starfish, gently tossed it into the water, and, turning to the man, said, “I made a difference to that one!”

A version of the above, adapted from The Star Thrower, was sent to me by someone who contacts me from time-time looking for help. She calls not for herself, but for people she takes care of in her occupation. The people she cares for are dealing with significant challenges and need a little help until they are back on their feet. She does not call often, but I know when she does it is critical; so we help.

The day she sent this to me, I had another person come into my office. I had seen this person in the Food Closet a few times and had even provided a gas card or two. This time, she asked if she could talk with me.

It was a difficult story to listen to as she shared that, while she was grateful to have a roof over her heard, the people she stays with ask her to not be in the house while they are away at work. Having lost her job a couple of years ago, and not old enough yet for Social Security, she has used all of her savings. Her kids help as best they can, but that is very limited. She comes to the Food Closet and shared with me that it is only here that she feels any value. “Everyone here is so nice; no one judges me. I smile when I leave here because I have been treated so well; then I cry because I am so grateful.”

Hunger and homelessness are HUGE issues; overwhelming in their breadth. One in five kids are still hungry in Oregon; one in seven adults. These are the starfish we care for and because of you we made a difference with that one... and that one... and that one...
The Department of Catholic Schools has been following the CDC and the OHA closely. Holy Trinity Catholic School is joining with the rest of the state of Oregon in closing our school to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19. With the COVID-19 pandemic at hand, we will close HTCS beginning Monday, March 16th. We will be closed through March 31st and will post an update if the closure is extended.

We are well prepared to enact our digital learning protocols beginning Wednesday, March 18th. Monday and Tuesday will be used for planning and preparation for teachers. Parents can expect daily communication from teachers and that students will complete daily work with deadlines. Our goal is to keep students actively learning throughout the typical school day, while being sensitive to screen time and family circumstances.

We know that many families are facing hardships during this unusual time. It is affecting everyone in different ways. We pray that each of you will experience God's grace to guide you through.

**HT Spotlight: Speech Tournament**

30 HT middle school students recently participated in the annual Valley Catholic Speech Tournament! They spent a beautiful Saturday delivering three types of speeches:

- **Elocution:** 3-4 minute practiced and memorized speech
- **Extemporaneous:** reading a passage from a book
- **Impromptu:** 10 minutes to prepare a 2-3 minute speech on a given topic

We are proud of each student! What bravery to deliver not one, but three speeches in front of peers and judges! Congratulations to our three winners:

- **Logan** (8th gr., 2nd place, Humorous)
- **Levi** (6th gr., 2nd place, Serious)
- **Jorie** (8th gr., Honorable Mention, Serious)

**Life-Sized Samurai Project**

If you've been in the cafeteria lately, you may have seen some new faces here at HT — those of fantastically colorful samurai! Our 7th graders are currently wrapping up a unit on Feudal Japan. Along with other related topics, our students studied the history of samurai, their place in the feudal system of Japan, their training, the code of Bushido, and the poetic form of the haiku.

This culminated in the collaborative creation of a life-sized samurai displaying these elements. Students picked a teammate to trace and then transform into a samurai! They applied the fruits of their learning and research to decorate them with appropriate weapons and armor, and a pyramid of the social classes of Feudal Japan. Each student then wrote a haiku to complete their project. Great job, 7th grade!
**Scripture Readings**

**Monday 16th**
- 2 Kgs 5: 1-15b | Lk 4: 24-30

**Tuesday 17th**
- Dn 3: 25, 34-43 | Mt 18: 21-35

**Wednesday 18th**
- Dt 4: 1, 5-9 | Mt 5: 17-19

**Thursday 19th**
- 2 Sm 7: 4-5a, 12-14a, 16 | Rom 4: 13, 16-18, 22
- Mt 1: 16, 18-21, 24a

**Friday 20th**
- Hos 14: 2-10 | Mk 12: 28-34

**Saturday 21st**
- Hos 6: 1-6 | Lk 18: 9-14

**Sunday 22nd**
- 1 Sm 16: 1b, 6-7, 10-13a | Eph 5: 8-14 | Jn 9: 1-41

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday 14th**
- 5:30pm | Holy Trinity Parish
- +Bernard Fox, Sr.

**Sunday 15th**
- 8:00am | Marjorie Frazier
- 9:30am | Romo family
- 11:15am | Najat Shikwana & Sami Hana

**Monday 16th**
- 8:15am | World Concerns

**Tuesday 17th**
- 8:15am | Zachary Kennebeck
- Blessed St. Patrick’s Day to the McGeown family

Fr. Dave & Fr. Hans will ensure all scheduled intentions are offered this week.

**HOLY FATHER’S INTENTION FOR MARCH**

**Catholics in China**
We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

**Sacramental Preparation**

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- **RCIA** | Erin Nieves | erin@h-t.org

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- **Religious Education** | Chris Storm | cstorm@htsch.org
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- **Christ Renews His Parish** | Carol Liebertz | 503.680.0749
- **Filipino Community** | Monette Mallari | 503.307.3438
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