June 28, 2020

The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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
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Monday—Friday 8:00-3:30pm

Community Outreach Office

503.641.1842
www.h-t.org/outreach
Tues, Wed, Fri 10:00-12:30pm
This weekend we return to music at all four of our weekend Masses! Although we still will not have our usual choirs and instrumentalists with us, we will have piano and cantor helping us worship well. I mentioned at one of the Masses last week that our center aisle sure seems long when I walk in or out with no music. And, I sure miss the usual enthusiasm and vitality of our worship on weekends!

Likely the next step in reopening will allow us to have up to 250 people in church at each Mass. That’ll be a progress, and we have measured it out carefully to see if we can do that safely with the 6’ spacing. We can — though it will take a bit of effort with our Greeters and staff to help everyone with the spacing. It gets a bit complicated because of course family groups are welcome to sit together without spacing, and we will need to use all our seating area to the maximum.

Here’s our current set up:

- Weekend Masses require signing up via our website (call our office if you need help).
- Daily Masses only require that you sign in when you come. All are welcome!
- Recorded Mass will be posted by Sunday morning and takes place at Saturday’s 5:30pm Mass.

Confessions have resumed in the church after three months of doing outside drive-up confessions. Thanks to all of you for adapting along the way. Using the Reconciliation Room does require us to sanitize door handles, kneeler, and chair after each use. Easy to do!

For all who are getting impatient with all of this, here are the words from St. Teresa of Avila, with the center line in bold print to remind us how important it is!

**Be not afraid; be not disturbed.**

All is passing; God does not change.

**Patience attains all.**

One who holds onto God lacks nothing.

God alone is enough.

Blessings to Zoe Parker, who was baptized this weekend!

**Mass Intentions**

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<td>8:15am  In Thanksgiving for the doctors, nurses, grocery store clerks, warehouse workers, and all individuals working on the frontlines of the COVID-19 pandemic</td>
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It’s good to be free from my cage again! And don’t tell this to Deacon Brett, but all it really takes to get me to go anywhere is food…

I was recently asked some questions about the rosary. As I was responding, I thought to myself, “I should find a way to share these thoughts with other people who might have the same questions.” So, here are some questions and answers about the rosary.

Q. Why do we pray the rosary?
A. For a variety of reasons:
   ✐ Repeating the same prayer over and over again is a help for meditation, calming and focusing our minds and bodies, and allowing the words to sink into us through repetition.
   ✐ Jesus has given great authority to Mary to work in the world. For example, at Fatima in 1917, Mary told the three visionaries Lucia, Francisco, and Jacinta, “Pray the Rosary every day in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary to obtain peace in the world . . . for she alone can save it.”
   ✐ The different mysteries opportunities to meditate on different parts of Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection.
   ✐ The rosary is a way to honor Mary, just as Jesus honored his own Mother.

Q. Does the rosary need to be blessed?
A. The physical rosary does not need to be blessed, but it is helpful to have it blessed. Blessing objects which we use in prayer helps them to help us to come to God. In a pinch, ten fingers can easily be used to pray the rosary (this is what I normally use, as I like to pray while walking). Praying is more important than the object we use to help us pray. Actually praying the rosary is way more important than having your rosary blessed!

Q. How do you care for a rosary?
A. A blessed rosary, just like any blessed object, should be treated well. But more importantly, it should be used for its primary purpose which is praying. Carrying a blessed rosary loose in your pocket and praying with it is much better than putting it in a safe place and never using it.

This last question leads me into a brief rant: Do you or someone you know have a “Family Bible” which is in pristine condition because nobody has ever opened it, and it’s just “on display?” A bible is meant to be read, studied, picked up, opened, accidently dropped, earmarked, etc. Maybe there’s some coffee stains, maybe you’ve written notes in the margin to remind you of prayers you wanted to pray or questions you want to consider or thoughts about how it connects to something in your life. Maybe you’ve underlined (or even highlighted!) inspirational quotes. The physical object is meant for a greater purpose, to be used; it is a tool. So use it!!! Sure, we should take care of bibles and rosaries and other religious items, but not if it means we don’t put them to the use for which they were created.

The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, July 3rd in observance of Independence Day.
This week, I’d like to share with you one of my all-time favorite saints: St. Moses “the Black”, the patron saint of Africa and one of our most inspiring redemption stories.

Moses was leader of a gang of desert bandits that prowled the highways around the Nile River, robbing travelers during the late Roman Empire. His gang was especially violent; when Moses attacked a caravan, he would kill not only the people but even the animals! One day, Roman soldiers set a trap for him. Moses escaped and fled into the desert, looking for a place to hide. Stumbling upon a small, dark building, he climbed in through an open window, found a man sleeping in his bed, and said, “Make any noise and you’re dead!”

The man said to Moses, “You look like you’re in trouble. How can we help?” Moses had unwittingly broken into a monastery, and the man he threatened was a monk. The monks would welcome anyone who sought refuge and they invited Moses to stay as a guest — no questions asked. They shared food with him and included him in their community prayers. Moses was amazed at how the desert monks were content to live with few possessions and no wealth. He himself had spent his entire life violently seeking material things, and had never been happy! His surprise became curiosity, and then desire. After spending some time in the monastery, Moses asked to become one of the brothers.

Many years later, Brother Moses became leader of the monastery. He was sleeping in his bed one night when he was awakened by the skulking sound of someone climbing through his open window. The shadowy figure said, “Make any noise and you’re dead!” The monastery was being robbed — by his old gang! Moses fought off the intruder, and then single-handedly defeated the rest of the robbers, too. He saved the monks!

The story of St. Moses the Black reminds us that it’s never too late to give up sin and to commit one’s life to God. If the grace of God (and a few friends of faith) could turn a man as violent as Moses into a servant, a leader, and a protector, how much more could he accomplish with someone like you?

The Memorial of St. Moses is August 28th.
**FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP**

_A Joint Column by the HT Health & Social Justice Ministries_

Catholic Social Teaching: Rights and Responsibilities

In _Pacem in Terris_ (Peace on Earth) Pope St. John XXIII called on people of faith to embrace the individual rights and duties for every person, protecting the dignity of each individual as a unique human being. He held rights and responsibilities to be universal, never to be dishonored, writing, “Hence, to claim one’s rights and ignore one’s duties...is like building a house with one hand and tearing it down with the other.”

Referencing his predecessors, St. John XXIII cited inequalities between rich and poor and the need to provide security for those who are sick, unemployed, aged, and people with disabilities, teaching that rights and responsibilities also applied to the States of the world and political communities. Pope Francis has echoed this in calling individuals and nations to work in harmony to address climate change, highlighting it as an issue of health, social justice, and respect for life.

Now we must consider our rights and responsibilities in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. Is there cooperation among our global, national, and local neighbors? Do our communities have equal access to necessities? If not, what is our duty as Catholic individuals to intervene?

Watch a short USCCB video and learn more at h-t.org/catholic-social-teaching.

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

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Holy Trinity Food Closet is an Equal Opportunity Provider

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Last week I received a call from a local home health care provider. She was working with an elderly woman in our area who said she had received some food help from us in the past and that the woman was struggling with food insecurity again. I was able to learn that she was receiving food from Meals on Wheels, but that was her only source of food. The care provider wanted to know if there was anything we could do. I obtained contact information including an address and phone number and attempted to call the senior. I had already been told that she rarely answered the phone, but tried anyway. Sure enough, no answer. After packing up a couple bags of food including eggs, milk, soups, and more, I headed to her house.

Aware that a stranger showing up at her front door could be cause for alarm, I was trying to figure out how to approach without making her uncomfortable. I was a little relieved to find someone at the door talking to her when I drove up. I spoke with them and let them know who I was and why I was there. I placed the bags of food, for which they were very grateful, on a chair outside the door and included one of my business cards. I asked that they please call the senior. I had already been told that she rarely answered the phone, but tried anyway. Sure enough, no answer. After packing up a couple bags of food including eggs, milk, soups, and more, I headed to her house.

When I returned to Holy Trinity, I talked with Erin Nieves about the Homebound ministry contacting this person. Even though she is not a parishioner, I felt we should try to stay in touch. Erin wholeheartedly agreed and now has this woman on her list. I pray that she accepts our support.

If you, or someone you know needs help, please contact me. And, please, keep an eye out for your neighbors. They might need help, too.

**RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY**

_Gloria Bernard – 503.579.2562 – globernard2@gmail.com_

Join us in the USCCB’s nationwide effort called Walking with Moms in Need: A Year of Service, where Catholic parishes and communities “walk in the shoes” of pregnant and parenting women in need.

Everyone should know how to help moms in difficult circumstances! Learn more at h-t.org/respect-life-ministry, where the Listen to Your Heart brochure is published — it has many great resources to help pregnant women!

Did you know? Members of the HT Respect Life Ministry joined a virtual baby shower in June for a young couple from Idaho. They had traveled to an abortion clinic in March but changed their minds after talking with a sidewalk counselor. We continue to offer financial and emotional support to all mothers and fathers who choose life for their unborn babies. See how you can help during this year of Walking with Moms in Need.
Ministry News

Fr. Freddy Ocun from St. Vincent's Hospital is the chaplain for the Knights of Columbus Msgr. Charles P. Taaffe Council here at Holy Trinity. A native of Uganda, he established the Showers Foundation Health Center ([www.showersfoundationhealthcenter.com](http://www.showersfoundationhealthcenter.com)) in his home town of Nebbi in 2009 with generous support from several donors. Serving a population of 20,000, it is the only medical clinic operating in an area of 1,200 square kilometers, and is known for never turning away a patient because they cannot pay. Each year, our council, along with individual Knights and their families, present Fr. Freddy with donations during our annual Christmas dinner to help support the clinic.

Last October, Fr. Freddy approached our council with a special request for help. Their ultrasound machine, in operation since the clinic opened, was now worn out, and repairing it again was not a viable option. Beyond other uses, the clinic (which does not do abortions) has helped young unmarried pregnant women change their mind and decide to keep their unborn child by showing them their child via the ultrasound machine. It's with continued good works in mind that the Knights and Holy Trinity came together and raised the money needed to purchase a brand new machine. In December, Grand Knight David Wills and Fr. Hans presented the funds to Fr. Freddy before he returned to Uganda for his winter break (see right).

After delays imposed in large part by the COVID-19 pandemic, the ultrasound machine finally arrived at the clinic in mid-June. It is now setup, ready to help patients and save lives — and has already brought joy to a young mother-to-be (see below). Thank you to our Knights and the parish community for making this happen!

Clockwise from top left:
The new ultrasound machine arrived at the clinic on June 14th. The team at the clinic had it setup and ready to use that Thursday.

Their first patient to use it came in just a few days later. 20 years old and 23 weeks pregnant, she was grateful to have the chance to see her child, giving Fr. Freddy permission to share the photo taken from that moment.
Summer Blood Drive
Tom Stoffel – 503.806.1816

According to the American Red Cross, someone in the U.S. is in need of blood every two seconds — and that was before the COVID-19 pandemic began. Now, they are in urgent need of blood donations to help prevent a blood shortage in the future. Though the Red Cross has always followed the highest standards of safety and infection control, they have increased their safety protocols (learn more at: redcrossblood.org/donate-blood/dlp/coronavirus--covid-19--and-blood-donation.html). And, for a limited time, the Red Cross will be testing all blood, platelet, and plasma donations for COVID-19 antibodies as an additional health service to donors.

Our Summer Blood Drive will be on Friday, July 17th, from 2:00-7:00pm in Fireside. Sign up now at redcrossblood.org and enter HolyTrinityBeaverton as the sponsor to see the available donation times (most are still open). Many thanks to our Knights of Columbus for coordinating these quarterly drives!

Parish Blood Drive
Holy Trinity’s Knights of Columbus would like to acknowledge and thank outgoing Grand Knight David Wills for his service to our community! Described by a fellow Knight as one of the “most active Grand Knight’s we have ever had,” David’s hard work and dedication led the council in countless projects over the last two years.

From installing new playground equipment, keeping score during the Free Throw Contest, and assisting at events like Bingo Night and Back to School Night at our school; to serving coffee and doughnuts on Sundays, volunteering at the quarterly Blood Drive, and helping with setup and cleanup for parish-wide events and large funerals, David is well-known for his willingness to lend a hand whenever and wherever help is needed. His disposition to lead by example extended to the wider community as well, whether that meant painting classrooms at Beaverton HS, building a ramp for a parishioner unable to use their front steps, or buying items for the Food Closet during the pandemic.

Thank you for your service, David!
Our council’s new Grand Knight is Josh Ritcheson.

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