

Holy Trinity Church



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Holy Trinity Catholic Church
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Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00 p.m.
Saturday Spanish Mass: 7:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass: 10:00 & 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday Mass: 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday-Friday Mass: 9:00 a.m.

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Confessions:

- Saturday afternoons 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.
- Sunday mornings 9:00 - 9:45 a.m.
- First Saturday of each month before Mass at 8:15 a.m. and after the 9:00 a.m. Mass.
- Heard upon request.

Sunday, November 29, 2020

First Sunday of Advent

We are the servants of God, each with his or her own task. We will be judged good stewards if, at His coming, He finds us ready and conscientiously pursuing the tasks to which we have been called.

Prayers for the Week

- Father, grace us to say what we mean and mean what we say.
- Jesus, You call Your disciples to feed Your people. I will thankfully distribute Your blessings.
- Father, may I obey You this Advent as never before.
- Father, may I consider it a privilege to work for You, Your Son, and the Spirit. May I put in a good day's work for You today and every day.
- Jesus, help me to still and quiet my soul, "When cares abound within me, Your comfort gladdens my soul".

CCD Class Times (In Trinity Hall):

- Pre-School thru 6th : 9:00 - 10:15 a.m. Sunday
- Grades 7th thru 12th : 7:00 - 8:15 p.m. Wednesday

Meetings:

- Council of Catholic Women: 2nd Monday of Month at 7pm
- Knights of Columbus: 4th Tuesday of Month at 7:15 pm
- Bible Study: Every Wednesday after 9:00 am Mass
- Spiritual Life Committee: 2nd Tuesday of Month at 7:15 pm
- AA meetings Sundays in Trinity Hall at 6:00pm

Baptism:

- Please contact Fr. Patrick or the Church Office at least 4 weeks prior to the desired baptism date.
- Completion of the Baptismal Class is required.

Weddings:

- There is a six-month marriage preparation period in the Diocese of Knoxville.
- Contact Fr. Patrick for an appointment.

Planning to Move?

- Please keep your address and telephone number current on our church records.
- If you move out of the parish, we will need a forwarding address for your year-end contribution statements.

Parish Registration:

- If you attend Holy Trinity Church on a regular basis, you should complete a registration form.
- Remember that in order to receive sacraments (other than Confession or Eucharist), or to be a Godparent or Sponsor, you must be registered.
- Registration forms are available in the narthex & the church office & provide for the optional receipt of offertory envelopes. You may fill out the form in the office, mail it, or drop it in the collection basket

Dear Parishioners:



Don't lose the wonderful season of Advent. If you do, you aren't prepared for Christmas. "No ear has ever heard, no eye has ever seen, any God but you doing such deeds as those who wait for him." Isaiah 63:3 (and the first reading for the First Sunday of Advent).

We hear in the Gospel reading for today that we should "Be Watchful, be alert!" This is the season the Church in her wisdom gives us to prepare for Christmas but not yet to celebrate it. We do all things better if we prepare for them. Athletes train for their sports. Lawyers prepare at length for a trial. Students must do their homework, their reading to be prepared for class and for examinations. We should not stroll haphazardly into Christmas but rather prepare for it by prayer, reading, and meditating in order to fully celebrate—and fully gain from—Christmas. Carts before horses don't work very well.

Our Jewish fore bearers spent generations upon generations waiting for the arrival of the Messiah. The waiting created a hunger for his coming. Israel longed for the Messiah.

Advent is intended to be the time when we renew the experience of waiting, and longing, for the Messiah. Waiting, anticipation, makes us appreciate something even more. During Advent, we are invited to enter more frequently, more deeply, into prayer and reflection, into Scripture reading, and into the sacramental life of the Church, all in preparation for Christmas. By doing so, we will gain much more from Christmas than we would otherwise. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says that the goal of Advent is to make present for our families and ourselves "the ancient expectancy of the Messiah...by sharing in the long preparation for the Savior's first coming. Don't lose Advent.



The Meaning Of Advent And The Advent Wreath

The importance of the Advent season remains to focus on the coming of our Lord. (Advent comes from the Latin *adventus*, meaning 'coming.') The Catechism stresses the two-fold meaning of this 'coming': 'When the Church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Savior's first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for His second coming' (No. 524). Therefore, on one hand, the faithful reflect back and are encouraged to celebrate the anniversary of the Lord's first coming into this world. We ponder again the great mystery of the incarnation when our Lord humbled Himself, taking on our humanity, and entered our time and space to free us from sin. On the other hand, we recall in the Creed that our Lord will come again to judge the living and the dead and that we must be ready to meet Him. A good, pious way to help us in our Advent preparation has been the use of the Advent wreath. (Interestingly, the use of the Advent wreath was borrowed from the German Lutherans in the early 1500s.) The wreath is a circle, which has no beginning or end: So we call to mind how our lives, here and now, participate in the eternity of God's plan of salvation and how we hope to share eternal life in the Kingdom of Heaven. The wreath is made of fresh plant material, because Christ came to give us new life through His passion, death, and resurrection. Three candles are purple, symbolizing penance, preparation, and sacrifice; the pink candle symbolizes the same but highlights the third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday, when we rejoice because our preparation is now half-way finished. The light represents Christ, who entered this world to scatter the darkness of evil and show us the way of righteousness. The progression of lighting candles shows our increasing readiness to meet our Lord. Each family ought to have an Advent wreath, light it at dinnertime, and say the special prayers. This tradition will help each family keep its focus on the true meaning of Christmas. In all, during Advent we strive to fulfill the opening prayer for the Mass of the First Sunday of Advent: 'Father in Heaven, ... increase our longing for Christ our Savior and give us the strength to grow in love, that the dawn of His coming may find us rejoicing in His presence and welcoming the light of His truth.'

Fr. Patrick

Our Weekly Mass Schedule

Saturday November 28 th	Mass at 5:00pm For Charlotte O'Donovan+ by Ed & Jan Krasinski
Saturday November 28 th	Mass at 7:00pm For the parishioners by Father Patrick
Sunday November 29 th	Mass at 10:00am For Ed Kertis+ by Ed & Jan Krasinski
Sunday November 29 th	Mass at 11:30am For Joe Lavelle+ by Ed & Jan Krasinski
Tuesday December 1 st	Mass at 6:30pm For Our Country by Hal & Trish Morrill
Wednesday December 2 nd	Mass at 9:00am For Kathy Schroer+ by CCW
Thursday December 3 rd	Mass at 9:00am For Giving Thanks by Gary & Sandra Dube
First Friday December 4 th	Mass at 9:00am For Brande Boyles by the parishioners
First Saturday December 5 th	Mass at 9:00am For Andy Ladner by the parishioners
Saturday December 5 th	Mass at 5:00pm For Debbie Edwards+ by Marie Ward
Saturday December 5 th	Mass at 7:00pm For the parishioners by Father Patrick
Sunday December 6 th	Mass at 10:00am For Diane Longo+ by Dick Murray
Sunday December 6 th	Mass at 11:30am For Kathy Schroer+ by Joyce Haigh



ADORATION OF THE HOLY

EUCCHARIST will take place on **December 5th** beginning with Mass at 9am, followed by recitation of the Rosary, Adoration beginning at 9:30am, ending with Benediction about 4:55 p.m. There is much for which to pray during these uncertain times—our Church, our country and those who have lost their ability to differentiate good from evil, especially our leaders. Use this precious, quiet time to help prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus.

FIRST FRIDAY PRAYER AT PLANNED

PARENTHOOD, December 4th, 10am - 12pm, Cherry St., Knoxville. Join Pastor Cecil Clark in his tenth year of praying and witnessing to moms in crisis pregnancy situations, each Friday at Planned Parenthood, except Fridays close to holidays. Help reach out to the community in peaceful prayer to end abortion, the most egregious human rights abuse of our time.

Empty Manger Christmas Caroling - On Friday, December 18th there will be the annual

Empty Manger Christmas Caroling



event in front of Planned Parenthood, **10 - 11am**. Fr. Tim Sullivan of Immaculate Conception Church will lead the Rosary at 10am, Mark Reda

will play the guitar, and Katie Helms will play the bagpipes. Music sheets will be available. Cookies, coffee and hot chocolate will be provided by the ladies of Immaculate Conception. Masks will be worn. The empty manger in every Christmas nativity represents the joyful anticipation of the coming of our Savior; our hope and prayer is that each new precious gift of life would be equally welcomed with joy. Prepare to welcome Jesus into your heart with joy, lift your voice in praise and hopefully, we change hearts and minds of women and **SAVE A LIFE!**

Saturday December 5 th 5:00pm	
Deacon	Jack Raymond
Lector	Andy Ladner
Servers	
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	

Sunday, December 6 th 10:00am / 11:30am	
Deacon 10:00	Jack Raymond
Lector 10:00	Karin Collins
Deacon 11:30	Jack Raymond
Lector 11:30	Roger Mynatt

Holy Trinity's Parish Stewardship

Attendance for	5pm	7pm	10am / 11:30am
11/22/2020	52	37	59 / 36

Envelope and Offertory Collections

	Weekly	Month-to-Date
Collection:	\$ 3,448	Collection: \$ 18,211
Fixed Expense:	\$ 5,692	Fixed Expense: \$ 22,768
Difference:	\$ (2,244)	Difference: \$ (4,557)



Food Pantry — Next weekend, **December 5th & 6th**, is our monthly collection of food. Your gift of food helps those in need in our local counties.

Ask the Pastor takes place on **Sat., December 5th** after the 5pm Mass. Please join Fr. Patrick for this time of sharing. Any question is welcome. We look forward to seeing you in the Parish Life Center.

"The Eucharist is the secret of my day. It gives strength and meaning to all my activities of service to the Church and to the world."

Pope Saint John Paul II

Rediscover the joy in preparing for Christmas
by signing up at
<https://dynamiccatholic.com/best-advent-ever>
for daily videos during Advent.



Poinsettias - A tradition at Holy Trinity is for parishioners to purchase a poinsettia(s) in honor of, or in memory of a loved one. The poinsettias are used to decorate the sanctuary during the Christmas season.

Cost of the poinsettias is \$15 each. There are printed envelopes in the narthex and you can put your check or cash in one and fill the front out. Please be sure to mark your check or envelope with poinsettia if you don't use a preprinted envelope.

#iGiveCatholic on Dec. 1st Gratitude and generosity are divinely interwoven in the souls of Catholics. Called to receive God's gifts gratefully, we share them, lovingly, in service to one another. **Please consider**



making a gift on 12/1/2020 #iGiveCatholic to celebrate and assist your Catholic parish in our community. Through our grateful and faith-filled response, we unite, giving back, and Giving Catholic. Your gift makes a critical difference, impacting for good the lives of all in our community. May God bless you!



"My Fair Lady" is the featured movie on Friday December 4th.

(1964) In this beloved musical, pompous phonetics professor Henry Higgins (Rex Harrison) is so sure of his abilities

that he takes it upon himself to transform a Cockney working-class girl into someone who can pass for a cultured member of high society. His subject turns out to be the lovely Eliza Doolittle (Audrey Hepburn), who agrees to speech lessons to improve her job prospects. Higgins and Eliza clash, then form an unlikely bond -- one that is threatened by an aristocratic suitor (Jeremy Brett). Come join us in the Parish Life Center at 7pm.

"The Late Show" a virtual lock-in for high school youth. Come join us for a fun night with "Among Us" and "Tonight Show" games! The event is on **Friday, December 11th from 10pm to Saturday, December 12th at 1am.** You can register at [Eventbrite.com/e/the-late-show-a-virtual-high-school-lock-in-registration-129495042157](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-late-show-a-virtual-high-school-lock-in-registration-129495042157). Be sure to download Zoom in advance.



Advent Prayer

O God as light comes from this candle,
may the blessing of Jesus Christ come to us,
warming our hearts and
brightening our way.

May Christ our Savior bring life
into the darkness of this world,
and to us, as we wait for his coming.



Wedding Anniversaries December 2020

Raymond & Helen LaShier	12/05/59	61 yrs
Roger & Kristine Mynatt	12/14/91	29 yrs
Ken & Raissa Symington	12/14/02	18 yrs
Ray & Pam Brostean	12/20/75	44 yrs
Eric & Kirsten Perry	12/23/88	32 yrs
Stan & Dagmar Szalkiewicz	12/31/71	49 yrs



Let's Welcome our newest parishioner in November
Frederick & Gail Brosk

During each Mass, prayers are said for your loved one or for the repose of the soul of your loved one. Please call the church office at 865-471-0347 if you would like to reserve a Mass.



The Road to Bethlehem on FORMED - This is a digital

discipleship program designed to lead you into an encounter with Christ and his love throughout Advent. This is free for FORMED parishes and users. Sign up at [FORMED.org/Advent](https://www.formed.org/Advent) for the daily reflections and enrichment for an Advent journey for the entire family.

