

# Holy Trinity Church



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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, December 6, 2020

## Second Sunday of Advent

John the Baptist's call to repentance is echoed in the U.S. bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship: "Christians must beg God for the grace of conversion: the grace to know who they are, to whom they belong, how they are to live – the grace to repent and change and grow, the grace to become good disciples and stewards."

## Prayers for the Week

- Jesus, baptize me in repentance. Send the Spirit to search my heart. May I repent on the deepest level.
- Father, may I no longer let sin rule my body, but may I offer it to You as a weapon for justice.
- Father, thank You for waiting for me when I deserved to be left behind.
- Father, may my life bring You much honor and glory in the sight of all.

## CCD Class Times (In Trinity Hall):

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

## Meetings:

- Council of Catholic Women: 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of Month at 7pm
- Knights of Columbus: 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of Month at 7:15 pm
- Bible Study: Every Wednesday after 9:00 am Mass
- Spiritual Life Committee: 2<sup>nd</sup> 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:

Advent began last Sunday and so we are officially in the season of Christmas, unlike the rest of the world that began two months ago. I have always loved this time of year. My parents thoroughly decorated the house, inside and out. My favorite item to put up was a manger that was built by my grandfather who got the wood from the Black Forest in Germany while serving in WW1. The china figurines had been broken and glued back together many times and yet managed to last through 6 kids. My fondest memory is of those early Christmas specials like Rudolph narrated by Burl Ives as a robust snowman wearing a bowler hat and carrying an umbrella or the pre-MTV music videos like Rosemary Clooney's Susie Snowflake and Stuart Hamblen's Hardrock, Cocoa and Joe. And yes, we had Cyber Monday, when the Montgomery Wards' and the Sears' toy catalogs arrived.

This is also the time to watch cheerful Christmas movies. Do you know what are in the top 20 Christmas movies of 2020? Nos. 1, 2 and 3 are "It's a Wonderful Life (1946)", "A Christmas Story (1983, although the movie depicts Christmas in 1939)", and "A Charlie Brown Christmas (1965) by Charles Schultz who wrote a daily and most wonderful comic strip. But here are a couple others in the top 20: "Bad Santa (2003)", "Trading Places (1993)", and yes, "Die Hard (1988)". The first two of these beat out "White Christmas (1954) and "Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street (1947). Missing from the list is "A Christmas Carol", which has been made 22 times, including 7 animated versions. I think it should have made the list. I love this movie and I have my favorite renditions, but they are all worth watching. Last night I watched one I have never seen. It is the 4<sup>th</sup> one produced, filmed in 1913, and recently colorized, although I prefer leaving them in B&W. It's a simple story, written by Charles Dickens in 1843 and recounts the story of Ebenezer Scrooge, an elderly miser who is visited on Christmas Eve by 3 spirits, Christmas Past, Present and Yet to Come. Ebenezer comes to realize that his life has been wasted because he chose to worship wealth over all else. He is changed at the very heart of his soul and becomes a wiser, kinder, and giving person for the rest of his life. There are many things to admire in this film, too many to mention here. But if you do nothing else this year, check out one or all of these nearly 30 renditions of "A Christmas Carol" with your family, especially your children and grandchildren. The true meaning of Christmas is there just as Jesus said, "Love God with all your heart, mind and soul, and love your neighbor as yourself." May this season see you drawn closer to our Lord and Savior!

*Deacon Matt*

## Holiday Mass Schedule

- **Immaculate Conception (Holy Day):  
Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**
  - 9:00am Mass in English
  - 6:30pm Mass in Spanish
- **Our Lady of Guadalupe:  
Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**
  - 5:30am Rosary in the Church in Spanish
  - 7:00pm Mass in Spanish
  - A reception will follow Mass in the Parish Life Center. COVID-19 safety procedures will be enforced. Face masks required, social distancing, prepackaged food and no more than 50 people allowed.
- **Christmas Eve: Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**
  - 5:00pm Mass in English
  - 8:00pm Mass in Spanish
  - 10:00pm Mass in English
- **Christmas Day: Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**
  - 10:30am Mass in English
- **Mary Mother of God:  
Thursday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**
  - 5:00pm Vigil Mass in English
  - 7:00pm Vigil Mass in Spanish
- **Mary Mother of God:  
Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**
  - 10:30am Mass in English

## Second Week of Advent



Father, in the wilderness of the Jordan you sent a messenger to prepare people's hearts for the coming of your Son. Help me to hear his words and repent of my sins, so that I may clearly see the way to walk, the truth to speak, and the life to live for Him, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.



**During this Advent season** as we celebrate the new relationship between God and his people, may that be mirrored in our renewed relationships with spouses, children, family and those near and dear to us. May we speak tenderly to each other amidst all the rush of the season and transform the shopping days until Christmas into the true Advent of Christ.

## Our Weekly Mass Schedule

First Saturday December 5 <sup>th</sup>	Mass at 9:00am For Andy Ladner by the parishioners
Saturday December 5 <sup>th</sup>	Mass at 5:00pm For Debbie Edwards+ by Marie Ward
Saturday December 5 <sup>th</sup>	Mass at 7:00pm For the parishioners by Father Patrick
Sunday December 6 <sup>th</sup>	Mass at 10:00am For Diane Longo+ by Dick Murray
Sunday December 6 <sup>th</sup>	Mass at 11:30am For Kathy Schroer+ by Joyce Haigh
Tuesday December 8 <sup>th</sup>	Mass at 6:30pm For Our Country by Hal & Trish Morrill
Wednesday December 9 <sup>th</sup>	Mass at 9:00am For Lee Webster+ by Evangeline Webster
Thursday December 10 <sup>th</sup>	Mass at 9:00am For Kathy Schroer+ by Betty Conroy
Friday December 11 <sup>th</sup>	Mass at 9:00am For Frank West+ by Father Patrick
Saturday December 12 <sup>th</sup>	Mass at 5:00pm For Kathleen Austin+ by the parishioners
Saturday December 12 <sup>th</sup>	Mass at 7:00pm For the parishioners by Father Patrick
Sunday December 13 <sup>th</sup>	Mass at 10:00am For Kathy Schroer+ by Hal & Trish Morrill
Sunday December 13 <sup>th</sup>	Mass at 11:30am For Helen Lamb+ by Marie Ward

Saturday December 12 <sup>th</sup> 5:00pm	
Deacon	David Oatney
Lector	Cheryl Ladner
Servers	
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	

Sunday, December 13 <sup>th</sup> 10:00am / 11:30am	
Deacon <b>10:00</b>	Jim Prosak
Lector <b>10:00</b>	Jim Knox
Deacon <b>11:30</b>	Jim Prosak
Lector <b>11:30</b>	Joyce Haigh

### Holy Trinity's Parish Stewardship

Attendance for	5pm	7pm	10am / 11:30am
11/29/2020	55	43	56 / 46

### Envelope and Offertory Collections

	Weekly	Month-to-Date w/Vanco
Collection:	\$ 4,551	Collection: \$ 25,490
Fixed Expense:	\$ 5,691	Fixed Expense: \$ 28,458
Difference:	\$ (1,140)	Difference: \$ (2,968)



Feeding the Community

**Food Pantry** — Thank you for your contribution of food this weekend. Your gift of food helps those in need in our local counties.

## Do not Miss Little Bethlehem Wood



**Carving** Little Bethlehem will be here next weekend, **December 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>**. This is a wonderful opportunity to purchase beautifully crafted items from the Holy Land. They will be set up in the Parish Life Center before and after Mass. COVID restrictions are to be observed.

## Retirement Fund for Religious Collection

is next weekend **December 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>**. This national collection assists religious institutes in providing for the retirement needs of senior religious priests, brothers, and sisters. The fund also helps religious institutes plan and manage their retirement needs and programs. Please be generous in helping to care for our priests and religious who dedicated their lives to caring for us.



## The first Mass at Holy

**Trinity** was held December 7<sup>th</sup>, 1996. We have been greatly blessed by God throughout the years. Holy

Trinity thrives because of our parishioner's willingness to give of their time, talent and treasures. We are grateful to our new parishioners who continue to help us serve the needs of Holy Trinity. Please keep our parish community in your prayers.



## 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.

**Holy Trinity Penance Service** will not be held this year due to COVID-19 restrictions.

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

## THE SPIRITUAL ADOPTION OF THE UNBORN PROGRAM

signups will be "virtual" this year during the month of December due to the pandemic. As most of you know from years past, the Spiritual Adoption of the Unborn program involves a promise to pray daily for nine months a short prayer composed by Bishop Fulton Sheen for moms and babies in danger of abortion. At the end of the nine months, generally in August, a "baby shower" is held in the narthex; the gifts collected are donated to LOC Resources, our local pregnancy assistance center. Following is the prayer which you should cut out and place in an area where you will be sure to see and pray daily.

***Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much.  
I beg you to spare the life of the unborn child  
that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger  
of abortion. -Bishop Fulton Sheen***

### Advent - Praying Over My To-Do List

I sit here with my list, Lord, and I know I need help finding a balance. I am so looking forward to Christmas Day, with the family here, the company, the wonderful celebration. But, Lord, there is SO much to do! When will it all get done? How will I maintain any semblance of inner peace in this "peaceful" season? I think, Lord, that I need some balance in my life. I feel so torn between wanting to cook and fill my house with wonderful welcoming smells, and wanting to finish decorating the house. I have shopping to do, the house to clean and cards to write and mail. When? How?

Help me, guide me, Lord. Help me to set priorities around doing those things that will bring me closer to You. Maybe my house really is clean enough, or maybe I can ask my family for help. Can the cards wait until a quiet afternoon after Christmas? Can my house decorations be simpler? Is there more than a little ego involved when I want so desperately to have my house "magazine perfect" for the holidays?

Help me rediscover the joy of simplicity, Lord. Help me to remember what I am celebrating. Help me to find it in my heart to call out, "Come, Lord Jesus."

**"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 11<sup>th</sup> from 10pm to Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Empty Manger Christmas Caroling - On



**Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup>** 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!

## Our Lady of Guadalupe



Official Catholic accounts state that on the morning of December 9, 1531, a native American peasant named Juan Diego saw a vision of a maiden at a place called the Hill of Tepeyac, which would become part of Villa de Guadalupe, a suburb of Mexico City. Speaking to him in his native Nahuatl language (the language of the Aztec empire), the maiden identified herself as the Virgin Mary, "mother of the very true deity" and asked

for a church to be built at that site in her honor. From her words, Juan Diego then sought out the archbishop of Mexico City, Fray Juan de Zumárraga, to tell him what had happened. The archbishop instructed him to return to Tepeyac Hill, and ask the lady for a miraculous sign to prove her identity. The first sign she gave was the healing of Juan's uncle. The Virgin also told Juan to gather flowers from the top of Tepeyac Hill, which was normally barren, especially in December. Juan followed her instructions and he found Castilian roses, not native to Mexico, blooming there. Juan arranged the flowers in his tilma, or cloak, and when Juan Diego opened his cloak before archbishop Zumárraga on **December 12<sup>th</sup>**, the flowers fell to the floor, and on the fabric was the image of the Virgin of Guadalupe.

**It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope.**  
**Pope Benedict XVI**