

# Holy Trinity Church



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**Holy Trinity Catholic Church**  
**475 N. Hwy 92, P.O. Box 304**  
**Jefferson City, Tennessee 37760**

**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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**Parish Code: BFRHHH**

## 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 20, 2020

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

In the first reading, God promises King David that his house and his kingdom will endure forever. It is through Mary's "Yes" – "I am the handmaid of the Lord. Let it be done to me as you say." – that the promise finds fulfillment.

## Prayers for the Week

- Father, thank You for adopting me into Your family! May I please You and bring honor to Your family name.
- Father, may parents mirror the virtues of the Holy Family and the Holy Trinity to their children by their sacrificial love.
- Father, may I overflow with joy over the incarnate Jesus. Fill this last week of Christmas with silent reflection and deepening joy.
- Father, let surprises, conviction, persecution, sacrifice, and all else be done to me as You say.

## 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:



Here we are the last Sunday of Advent, the last Sunday before we celebrate the great feast day of Christmas. And yet, we hear in the Gospel of the Annunciation, a feast we celebrate nine months before Christmas on March 25 of each year. Why do we hear this part of the life of Christ when we are about to celebrate something that happens so many months later? There are many reasons.

From the time of the Annunciation, from the time of the conception of the human Jesus in her womb, Mary was on her Advent, her preparation for the birth of Christ. We have been on our Advent, our preparation for the birth of Christ. Ours is but four weeks, not even four full weeks most years. But we, too, have been on that journey. How wise the Church is to give us this period of preparation! Just as Mary had to prepare for the birth of Jesus, so we, too, need to prepare. No doubt, Mary spent a great deal of that time of preparation in prayer; so, too, we should have spent special time in prayer during this season to prepare. It is a time to meditate on how prepared we are to welcome Christ in our lives, at Christmas certainly, but daily as to live our lives as Christians and when we will meet him again at our particular judgment when we die. Are we ready for Christmas? Are we ready for our last day on earth? The wisdom of the liturgical calendar allows us to focus our attention in prayer and in our thoughts on the upcoming solemnity.

Only four more days after today before we will celebrate the Nativity of our savior. I hope all the gifts are purchased, all the presents wrapped, all the Christmas cards addressed and mailed, all the decorations prepared. Like a pregnancy, Advent proceeds. It is not the same at the beginning as in the middle or at the end. Expectation grows greater. The desire to greet the infant Jesus intensifies. Or it should.

Only five days left. Time to intensify our prayers. A daily Mass, perhaps. The praying of a special litany, perhaps such as the Litany of St. Joseph of the Litany of Loreto. If not doing already, a daily Rosary. There are so many needs, so many reasons to spend some extra time in prayer—the state of our country, conflict in the Middle East, terrorism throughout the world, persecution of Christians around the globe, the horror of the daily killing of thousands of innocent children in the womb. In the womb—as Jesus was on the journey to Bethlehem. We are on our journey to Bethlehem, too. Let us be prepared to arrive at Bethlehem, let us be prepared for the birth of Jesus. That's what Advent is for.

*Fr. Patrick*

## Holiday Mass Schedule

- **Christmas Eve: Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**
  - 5:00pm Vigil Mass in English
  - 8:00pm Vigil Mass in Spanish
  - 10:00pm Vigil 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



### **The Fourth Sunday of Advent.**

Today we light again the candles of **hope, love, and joy**, and the fourth **PURPLE** candle, the candle of **peace**. Christ is the Prince of peace, come to reconcile us with God and others. Christ helps us to see that peace is possible.

**Christmas Donations** given in a Christmas envelope prior to Christmas, and all donations given at the Christmas Eve Masses or Christmas Day Mass will have **50% remain at Holy Trinity and 50% sent to the diocese**. Please be mindful of this fact when making your year-end contributions.

**Year-end Charitable Giving:** Your year-end charitable donation must meet the following requirements. #1) the check must be **dated 2020**, and then if you mail your check, it must be **postmarked in 2020!** Then #2) if you decide to hand your check into the church office, or collection basket, the check must be turned in *on or before* **December 31, 2020**. Thank You.

**Contribution Envelopes for 2021** are in the narthex. If you currently do not receive envelopes, but would like to, please call the church office at 865-471-0347. Also, if you prefer not to use an envelope for your contribution and you currently receive them, please call the office to let us know.

## Our Weekly Mass Schedule

Saturday December 19 <sup>th</sup>	Mass at 5:00pm For Joseph & Genevieve Giedrycz by Bonita Giedrycz
Saturday December 19 <sup>th</sup>	Mass at 7:00pm For the parishioners by Father Patrick
Sunday December 20 <sup>th</sup>	Mass at 10:00am For Joe Reynolds+ by Marie Ward
Sunday December 20 <sup>th</sup>	Mass at 11:30am For Ivan Ojeda+ by Marie Ward
Tuesday December 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Mass at 6:30pm For Our Country by Hal & Trish Morrill
Wednesday December 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Mass at 9:00am For Sgt. Kevin Davis+ by Father Patrick
<b>Thursday December 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Christmas Eve Mass at 5:00pm</b> For Kathlyn Bonner+ by Bill & Linda Bonner
<b>Thursday December 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Christmas Eve Spanish Mass at 8:00pm</b> For the parishioners by Father Canos
<b>Thursday December 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Christmas Eve Mass at 10:00pm</b> For Donald & Mary Zodrow+ by Jill Zodrow
<b>Friday December 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Christmas Day Mass at 10:30am</b> For Sharon Kay Hisey+ by Bill & Linda Bonner
Saturday December 26 <sup>th</sup>	Mass at 5:00pm For Fr. Paul Valleroy+ by Marie Ward
Saturday December 26 <sup>th</sup>	Mass at 7:00pm For the parishioners by Father Patrick
Sunday December 27 <sup>th</sup>	Mass at 10:00am For Al & Sandie Caldiero by Jennifer LaMonte
Sunday December 27 <sup>th</sup>	Mass at 11:30am For Richard George+ by Jennifer LaMonte

Saturday December 26 <sup>th</sup> 5:00pm	
Deacon	David Oatney
Lector	Vicky Van Ormer
Servers	
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	

Sunday, December 27 <sup>th</sup> 10:00am / 11:30am	
Deacon	David Oatney
Lector	Hal Morrill
Deacon	David Oatney
Lector	Roger Mynatt

### Holy Trinity's Parish Stewardship

Attendance for	5pm	7pm	10am / 11:30am
12/13/2020	61	65	51 / 36

### Envelope and Offertory Collections

	Weekly	Month-to-Date
Collection:	\$ 8,189	Collection: \$ 13,402
Fixed Expense:	\$ 5,691	Fixed Expense: \$ 11,382
Difference:	\$ 2,498	Difference: \$ 2,020

**The Church office** will be **closed** Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup> and Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup> for the Christmas holiday.

## Advent Prayer for "When it's hard to slow down"



Loving God, the days are drawing close to the birth of your son. There is a lot we still need to "do" but help us to simply "be" and to slow down and savor these days. You know the anticipation we feel. Help us to deepen that sense and to allow it to build in our hearts. We are grateful for this great gift of your son in our lives. Continue to offer us the gentle nudge of your grace so we cherish that gratitude in the busy-ness of our days, and let it move us to be more generous to those around us.



**The First Day of Winter** is Monday December 21, 2020. It is also known as the winter solstice in the northern hemisphere and the summer solstice in the southern hemisphere due to the seasonal differences. It is the day with fewest hours of sunlight in the whole year.

### First Christmas in Heaven

*I see the countless Christmas trees  
around the world below,  
with tiny lights like heaven's stars  
reflection on the snow.*

*The sight is so spectacular  
please wipe away that tear,  
for I am spending Christmas  
with Jesus Christ this year.*

*I hear the many Christmas songs  
that people hold so dear,  
but the sound of music can't compare  
with the Christmas choir up here.*

*I have no words to tell you  
of the joy their voices bring,  
for it is beyond description  
to hear the angels sing.*

*I know how much you miss me  
for I feel your breaking heart,  
but through our memories dear  
we're never far apart.*

*I can't tell you of the splendor  
or the peace here in this place,  
can you just imagine Christmas  
with our Savior face to face?*

*I'll ask Him to lift your spirit  
as you lift your eyes above.*

*Please let your hearts be joyful  
and let your spirit sing,*

*for I am spending Christmas in Heaven  
and I am walking with the King.*

*1998 by Wanda Bencke*

## The poinsettias in the sanctuary were donated by:

- ❖ John Archambault in memory of John Archambault, Misti Brown and Violet Kemp
- ❖ Diane Arcuri in memory of Fred & Millie Arcuri
- ❖ Fred & Billie Bitner in memory of Our Parents
- ❖ Fred & Billie Bitner in memory of Our Son & Grandson
- ❖ Jeanne & Gloria Bohrer in memory of Barbara Tinman
- ❖ Bill & Linda Bonner in memory of Kathlyn Bonner & Sharon Bradbury
- ❖ Ken & Karen Booker in honor of Our 6 children
- ❖ Jason & Cathy Boothe in memory of the Boothe & Roddy Family Members
- ❖ Mary Brady in memory of Terry Brady
- ❖ Rose Brady in memory of Charles Keyser
- ❖ Diana Brang in memory of Joseph Brang
- ❖ Diana Brang in memory of my Parents
- ❖ Karen Collins in memory of Ed & June Collins
- ❖ Dick & Ginger Curran in memory of Bernie and Ed Ihlow
- ❖ Dick & Ginger Curran in memory of Jack & Eileen Curran
- ❖ Peter & Alice Dodge in memory of Richard Dodge
- ❖ Pat Duda in memory of Helen Clark
- ❖ Pat Duda in memory of Annie & Lee Leapheart
- ❖ Pat Duda in memory of Peggy Morrissey
- ❖ Luz Duites in honor of Felix & Fermina
- ❖ Luz Duites in honor of Ramon Sr. & Reynaldo
- ❖ Gene & Donna Dunn in memory of Family and Friends
- ❖ Doug & Sally Emmons in memory of our daughter Jenny Emmons and in memory of Sally's mom Ethel Bowen
- ❖ James Fernandez in memory of Louis & Mary Fernandez
- ❖ Greg & Polly Freund in memory of Lucille Perkins Dyer
- ❖ Greg & Polly Freund in memory of Sybil Freund
- ❖ Ivin & Emilia Gaubert in memory of my brother
- ❖ Bonita Giedrycz in memory of Giedrycz & Janczak Families
- ❖ Bonita Giedrycz in honor of Faith & Adrian Giedrycz
- ❖ Joyce Haigh in memory of Lou Haigh
- ❖ Darryl Hall in memory of Judy Hall
- ❖ Ralph & Marlene Holt in memory of the Holt & Masserant Families
- ❖ Margaret Hornyak in memory of Richard Hornyak
- ❖ Bill & Sharon Jurkonie in honor of Our Grandchildren
- ❖ Tom & Pat Karpick in memory of Our Parents
- ❖ Tom & Pat Karpick in honor of members of the Barker & Karpick Families
- ❖ Peggy Kertis in memory of Helen & Mike Kertis. and all the Christmas's we shared
- ❖ Peggy Kertis in memory of Florence & Leslie Leibenguth and all the Good Times we shared with them
- ❖ Peggy Kertis in Honor of our children, Mike, Edmund, Kimberly, Melody Kertis and loving memory of Edward Kertis
- ❖ Marie King in memory of the Breach family
- ❖ Marie King in memory of the Milkovich Family
- ❖ Marie King in memory of the King family
- ❖ Anna Laarz in memory of Diana Laarz, Carol Bueti, Kenny Lyon, Rinaldi & Laarz Families
- ❖ Andy & Cheryl Ladner in memory of the Ladner family
- ❖ Andy & Cheryl Ladner in honor of the Lemoine Families
- ❖ The LaMonte Family in memory of Richard George, Charles LaMonte Jr. & Charles LaMonte III
- ❖ June Lich in memory of Jim Lich
- ❖ Frank Longo in memory of Diane Longo

- ❖ Carol MacKintosh in memory of Wayne MacKintosh, Harry & Katherine Preston, George & Francis MacKintosh
- ❖ Gordon & Kathy Marshall in memory of M.G. & Thelma Marshall, Donald & Elizabeth Pratt
- ❖ Karen Meadows in memory of Lorraine Haley
- ❖ George Morin in honor of Mary Morin
- ❖ Burt & Elaine Morris for the deceased members of the Sykes & Morris Family
- ❖ Gerry & Eileen Mundelein in memory of Mundelein Family
- ❖ Gerry & Eileen Mundelein in memory of Neary Family
- ❖ Roger & Kristine Mynatt in memory of Joy Borchers
- ❖ Roger & Kristine Mynatt in memory of Gladys Mynatt
- ❖ Gary & Betty Noel in memory of the Noel & Kauffman families
- ❖ Dave & Anne Orzechowski in memory of Anna Rigoni, Barbara Orzechowski, Ed Orzechowski, Paul Rigoni, & Chris Rigoni
- ❖ Deacon Matt & Margo Pidgeon in memory of Myra Ewen, Robert Ewen and Fred Pidgeon
- ❖ Janet Potts in memory of Carole Smith on her Christmas Birthday
- ❖ Janet, Tim and Megan Potts in memory of the Potts & Thomas Families
- ❖ Deacon Jim, Cheryl & Chloe in memory of Ed & Angie Prosak, John Prosak, Lillian & Charles Joly
- ❖ Jim & Peggy Ray in memory of Joan Superson
- ❖ Tom & Jessica Richards for the members of our parish
- ❖ Chris & Katy Richards in memory of Pete & Carolyn Heck
- ❖ Chris & Katy Richards in memory of Thomas & Rose McHugh
- ❖ Carol Root in memory of Paula and Frankie
- ❖ Jim & Therese Shannon in memory of our Parents who chose life
- ❖ Pete & Vickie Van Ormer in memory of William & Catherine Van Ormer and William & Jean Stachow
- ❖ Lorrie Vance in memory of William & Odette Horsley
- ❖ Agnes McEwen Wareham in memory of Peter McEwen, Tara Rodriguez and Hal Wareham
- ❖ Evangeline Webster in memory of the Webster & Ciraulo Families and in honor of our Children, Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren
- ❖ Emilie Wee-Eng in memory of Dr. Joseph Wee-Eng
- ❖ Marlene Yurick in memory of deceased members of the Kaczor & Yurick families



## Birthdays presents for

**Jesus--** you can present Jesus with these birthday gifts during Advent: Volunteer at church; Volunteer at a food pantry;

Thank someone, Thank God for anything; Talk to a cashier, mentioning their name; Tell someone you love them; Surprise someone with a cake or casserole; Offer to babysit; Smile all day to everyone you see; Be kind to anyone that does you a service; and Call or send a note to someone who is sick.