

# Holy Trinity Catholic Church

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# St. John the Baptist

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*Mission Statement: To be a welcoming Catholic community committed to love, prayer, and service.*

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**December 15, 2019**  
**3rd Sunday of Advent, Year A**



“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.  
Indeed, the Lord is near.”

*Entrance Antiphon, 3rd Sunday of Advent*

**Liturgy Schedule**  
**December 14-20, 2019**

### Holy Trinity ~ Bandon

Saturday Vigil Mass.....5:00 pm  
Sunday Mass.....10:30 am  
Monday Weekday Prayer (Chapel).....9:30 am  
Tuesday Mass (Chapel).....5:00 pm  
Wednesday Mass (Church).....5:00 pm  
Thursday Mass (Chapel).....12:00 pm  
Friday Mass (Chapel).....12:00 pm

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Wednesday (Church).....4:30-5:00 pm  
Saturday (Church).....3:30-4:30 pm

### **Adoration & Benediction**

Thursday (Chapel).....12:30-8:00 pm  
Friday (Chapel).....9:30 am-12:00 pm

### St. John the Baptist ~ Port Orford

Sunday Mass.....8:30 am  
Thursday Mass.....9:00 am

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Sunday.....7:45-8:15 am

### **Highlights this Week**

- Come over to the hall for coffee and donuts after the 10:30 Mass Sunday, hosted by the Bible Study group.
- Don't miss our last community inner and Religious Education/RCIA classes of 2019, on Wednesday, December 18. Come to Mass at 5 pm and then to the hall for our December Birthday & Anniversary Celebration. Classes begin at 6:15. See you there!
- Jeff & Deanna Moore will host a social for the Knights of Columbus and their spouses Thursday, Dec. 19, at 6 pm. Please see inside for more details.

### **Online Giving Now Available**

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[www.holytrinitybandon.org/donate](http://www.holytrinitybandon.org/donate).

## Holy Trinity Activities



### Monday 12/16

9:30 am.....Weekday Prayer, Chapel  
1:30 pm.....Rosary, Chapel

### Tuesday 12/17

5:00 pm.....Mass, Chapel

### Wednesday 12/18

1:00 pm.....Altar Society, Hall  
5:00 pm.....Mass, Church  
5:30 pm.....WCN Dinner, Hall  
6:15 pm.....Religious Ed/RCIA, Hall

### Thursday 12/19

9:00 am.....Mass, St. John's  
10:45 am.....Bible Study, Hall  
12:00 pm.....Mass, Chapel  
12:30-8:00 pm.....Adoration, Chapel

### Friday 12/20

9:30 am-12:00 pm.....Adoration, Chapel  
12:00 pm.....Mass, Chapel

## December 8, 2019 Collections

Regular Collection \$2025

Building Fund \$103

St. John's \$436

*We sincerely thank you, our parishioners and visitors, for your ongoing contributions and support. You are a blessing!*



### Holy Trinity:

**Sat 12/14:** +Barry Sollish

**Sun 12/15:** +Perry Yun

**Thu 12/19:** +Pete Torres

**St. John the Baptist**

**Sun 11/24:** +Brent Ahern

## Liturgical Ministers December 21-22

### Saturday Vigil 12/21

Lector: Allison Hundley  
EMHC: Elaine S. & Lupe C.  
Sacristan: Elaine S. & Lupe C.

### Sunday 12/22

Lector: Mike Hahn  
EMHC: Bella S. & Carol H.  
Sacristan: Mike Hahn

## *Remember in Prayer*

Todd Cook, Tricia Brown, Lee Taylor, Patty Hernjak, Feliz Trevino, Priscilla & Vern Lang, Pierre Dupree, Sister Monica, David Willis, Tom Lindstrom, Steven White, Jr., John Freitag, Jr, Nancy LaBay, Skip Thomas, Frank White, Greg, and everyone on Holy Trinity & St. John's Prayer Chains.



## Parish Priest's Corner: Has My Faith Been in Vain?

Dear Brothers and sisters in Christ,

Today's gospel presents us with an aspect of John the Baptist's life that we can all identify with. John the Baptist asks this question of Jesus: **"Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?"** This question speaks volumes about what was going on in John's mind at the time. We could say that although he was in prison, the solitude of the prison walls offered him a moment of reflection. We could see in John's question that he was filled with doubt about who Jesus was. Is he truly the promised Messiah? Jesus' public ministry does not have the semblance of a powerful leader or king everyone was expecting. John begins to ponder about his purpose here on earth. He may have been somewhat disappointed that what he spent his entire life doing, preparing the way for the Messiah, may have been the wrong calling. He wonders how well he has carried out the vocation/calling God gave him. He was filled with uncertainty and doubt to the point of sending his disciples to confront Jesus. Their witness of the transforming power of Christ – the blind regaining their sight, the lame walking, lepers being cleansed, the deaf hearing, the dead being raised, and the proclamation of the good news to the poor – reassures John that his mission was not in vain.

Just like John the Baptist, we naturally want to see the fruits of our labor. And when the results are not forthcoming or are not what we expected, we can be doubtful of whether we have done well. This applies to our faith too. "Do we ever doubt our faith in God? Do we ever think that maybe we have been wrong in the way we have lived our lives? We were baptized and confirmed. We attend Mass regularly and partake of the Eucharist. We try to be good to ourselves and our neighbors. We love and honor God. We read and listen to scripture and pray daily. When those moments of doubt hit us, we find ourselves questioning just like John: has our faith been in vain?" Our faith is never in vain because it is God working in and through us. Remember the words of St. Paul: "I planted, Apollos watered, but God caused the growth (1 Corinthians 3:6)." I encourage you to continue being steadfast in your faith at all times, and trust in God.

### **Appreciation**

This weekend, we were spiritually enriched through the inspiring words of our parish Advent retreat moderator, Fr. Stephen Clovis. On behalf of Holy Trinity and St. John's parishioners, I thank Fr. Stephen for strengthening our faith and helping to prepare our hearts this Advent for the celebration of Christ's coming.

I also would like to thank Mike Hennick for building the beautiful tabernacle stand in our church at Holy Trinity. It truly makes the tabernacle stand out. Thank you.

The Lighthouse kiosk in the vestibule of the church, which has wonderful resources for our spiritual growth, was provided to our parish by Trish Freitag. I am very grateful to Trish for such a rich spiritual gift to our parish. I encourage everyone in our parish to always visit the kiosk. You will always find a book, booklet, CD or other resource that will inspire you.

The Festival of Angels last Sunday was a spectacular and joyful event. I thank Alice Stadelman for organizing it and decorating the hall together with Sarah Stadelman. Thank you to all who brought some food to share, a gift to exchange and joy to spread.

May the joy that comes with waiting for our Savior fill your hearts and homes.

**Fr. Anthony Ahamefule, Parish Priest**

## Ongoing Programs

### Reflecting on Sunday's Readings

4th Sunday of Advent, Year A ~ December 22, 2019

To help you prepare for Mass next weekend, here are next Sunday's readings:

**Reading I:** Isaiah 7:10-14  
**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 24  
**Reading II:** Romans 1:1-7  
**Gospel:** Matthew 1:18-24



### Coffee and Donuts Schedule

Coordinator: Jennifer Schulz 541-404-1825

Date	Group	Point Person
December 15	Bible Study	Kathy Cowan, 347-3031
December 22	No Coffee & Donuts	Christmas is near!
December 29	No Coffee & Donuts	Merry Christmas!

### Come, Join Our Bible Study!

Bible Study class will meet on **Thursday, December 19**, in the Parish Hall. We gather at **10:45 am** with a social time, followed by study of the upcoming Sunday's Scripture readings at 11:00. Class is finished in time to attend daily Mass at Noon. For more information, please call Kathy Cowan at 347-3031. **All are welcome!**



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 "It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas," as the familiar holiday song goes. But what does that look like at your house? Most of us anticipate great sales at the mall, stringing lights on the outside of our homes and decorating the inside. But how exactly are we preparing our hearts for the greatest gift we've ever been given? Through an exploration of the mystery of the Incarnation, the Virgin Birth, and the events surrounding the arrival of Jesus, this Advent study offers an opportunity to experience the joy of the true meaning of Christmas.

Go to [holytrinitybandon.formed.org](https://holytrinitybandon.formed.org)  
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## Announcements

### Upcoming Events

**Lighthouse Media:** NEW TO OUR PARISH! Take a minute to check out our Lighthouse Catholic Media kiosk in the vestibule. Engaging CD's, available for purchase, to inspire us to grow in faith ~ also pamphlets and books to choose from. How perfect that it has arrived in time for this Advent season!

**Christmas Concert at Holy Redeemer:** "The Song of the Angels" is a joyous celebration featuring vocal and instrumental music that will be presented at Holy Redeemer Church in North Bend on **Sunday, Dec. 15, at 2 pm**. There will be a reception in the Parish Center following the concert. Come and enjoy!

**Reverse Advent Calendar:** You are invited to participate in the Altar Society's "Reverse Advent Calendar." Parishioners are asked to fill the basket at the back of the church with nonperishable food items each week of Advent. After Christmas these items will be given to Good Neighbors for those in need.



**Knights of Columbus Social:** On Thursday, Dec. 19 all Knights and their spouses are invited to the home of Jeff & Deanna Moore, 88690 Weiss Estates Lane in Bandon. Come at 6:00 pm for a social to celebrate the Advent Season.



**Calendar Correction:** The parish office will be closed Thursday and Friday, December 26 and 27. The office will be open on Monday, December 30.





## St. John's Coordinators

<b><u>Emergencies:</u></b>	<b>Gary Dietel.....</b>	<b>332-0139</b>
<b><u>Women's Guild:</u></b>	<b>Priscilla Lang.....</b>	<b>253-6166</b>
<b><u>Prayer Chain:</u></b>	<b>Lynda Dietel.....</b>	<b>gmdietel@icoud.com or 332-0139</b>
<b><u>Hospitality:</u></b>	<b>Nancy O'Donnell.....</b>	<b>373-9504</b>
<b><u>Music:</u></b>	<b>Lynda Dietel.....</b>	<b>332-0139</b>
<b><u>Communion Ministers/Lectors:</u></b>	<b>Patricia Huntzinger.....</b>	<b>404-8071</b>
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*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel!*





## New Lighthouse Media Kiosk

After Mass be sure to take a look at our new Lighthouse Catholic Media kiosk in the vestibule of the church. You'll find engaging CDs available for purchase as well as pamphlets and books to inspire and help you grow in faith. How wonderful that we have this available during the Advent season!



## ADVENT & CHRISTMAS: SEASONS OF GIVING



The Advent season is upon us and soon it will be Christmas!  
Don't forget to add Holy Trinity Parish or St. John's Church to your "nice list" this year.

### *Online Giving*

Make a one-time or recurring donation online.  
It's quick, easy, and convenient!

- Go to [www.holytrinitybandon.org/donate](http://www.holytrinitybandon.org/donate) using any device.
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- Select your preferred form of payment (electronic check or debit/credit card).
- Enter your information.
- Submit your donation.

### *Holy Trinity's Christmas Wish List*

- A laptop for office use.
- Landline telephones for the office.
- Luna holder for the Blessed Sacrament.

Many thanks to those who have pledged toward candle stands for the new tabernacle.

The Catholic Church is fully funded on the generosity of our faithful parishioners. Please remember to include Holy Trinity and St. John's parishes in your end of year gifts and donations.

If you are over the age of 70½, you can direct your annual distributions or withdrawals from your retirement account to make tax-free donations. This provision is known as a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD). Holy Trinity and St. John's parishes are qualified public charities 501(c)(3) and can therefore receive your Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD).

Your gifts and donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Please consult your tax expert, and we will send you a tax receipt and/or acknowledgement.

Thank you in advance for considering Holy Trinity and St. John's parishes in your financial plans.



## Catechetical Nuggets

### O Antiphons of Advent:

The Roman Church has been singing the "O" Antiphons since at least the eighth century. They are the antiphons that accompany the *Magnificat* canticle of Evening Prayer from December 17-23. They are a magnificent theology that uses ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming Christ as the fulfillment not only of Old Testament hopes, but present ones as well. Their repeated use of the imperative "Come!" embodies the longing of all for the Divine Messiah.

#### December 17

O Wisdom of our God Most High,  
guiding creation with power and love:  
come to teach us the path of knowledge!

#### December 18

O Leader of the House of Israel,  
giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai:  
come to rescue us with your mighty power!

#### December 19

O Root of Jesse's stem,  
sign of God's love for all his people:  
come to save us without delay!

#### December 20

O Key of David,  
opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom:  
come and free the prisoners of darkness!

#### December 21

O Radiant Dawn,  
splendor of eternal light, sun of justice:  
come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and in  
the shadow of death.

#### December 22

O King of all nations and keystone of the Church:  
come and save man, whom you formed from the dust!

#### December 23

O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law:  
come to save us, Lord our God!

From *Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers*

## Catechetical Corner

### A Reflection on Advent

For the last several years, Advent has become increasingly meaningful to me. A time my heart is filled with expectation and wonder. It's fitting that Jesus, The Light of the World, comes to us during the darkest time of the year. There have been times over this past year, when enduring trials and sorrow, that I have lost my way. My faith faltered and hope dimmed. Even as Advent approaches, I find myself struggling. Yet, in the quietness of my heart I marvel at the angel's words to the shepherds in Luke 2: 10-11, "But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born **to you**; he is Christ the Lord."

This changes everything. Truly, Jesus came to bring us out of darkness, into His light of love. He is our Hope and because of this, I can join with Mary, The Mother of God, in saying, "My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior." (Luke 1: 46). This is my prayer, that I may open my heart fully to Christ this Advent season, as I wait in wonder and expectancy at what He longs to show me.

May this prayer be yours this Advent. God bless you.

*Cynthia Kroll, Baptism Coordinator*

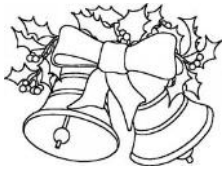
### South Coast Vicariate (Parishes) Penance Services

To help us prepare for the coming of Jesus at Christmas, here are the upcoming penance services:

**December 18:** St Mary, Our Lady of the Dunes in Florence @ 6 pm

**December 19:** St. John the Apostle in Reedsport @ 6 pm

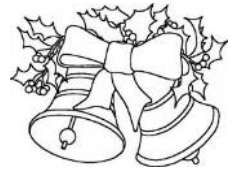
# *Christmas & New Year Mass Schedule*



*Christmas Eve at Holy Trinity ~ 5:00 pm*

*Christmas Day at St. John's ~ 8:30 am*

*Christmas Day at Holy Trinity ~ 10:30 am*



*New Year's Day, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God*

*St. John the Baptist ~ 8:30 am*

*Holy Trinity ~ 10:30 am*

## *Religious Education Advent Dinner December Birthdays & an Anniversary*

Our Advent Dinner, December 18, celebrating the coming of Christmas, is Holy Trinity's last WCN Dinner and Faith Formation classes of 2019! **Stephanie Arriola** will be the chef of our dinner. Her husband, **Tony Arriola**, and Stephanie will also sponsor the meal. What a wonderful Advent/Christmas gift! Thank you, Tony and Stephanie.

During our Advent Dinner, December birthdays and a wedding anniversary will be celebrated with cake and ice cream. Would you sponsor a birthday/anniversary cake?  
Call Sharon Hennick, 541-297-5555.

Classes will resume on January 8, 2020.



Thank You to our "Kitchen Angels" for last week's dinner  
before the Advent Penance Service:

Cook: Johauna Hennick

Helpers: Barbara Farey, Frank & Carry Roeder, Mike Hennick, Jr.  
Mike and Sharon Hennick

## Evangelization: My Role as a Parishioner

Although we often joke about “Chreasters” (people who only attend Mass on Christmas and Easter), the truth is that Advent is a time where we see the return of people who have fallen away from the faith, or perhaps never really had a strong relationship with the Lord in the first place. In order to capture the people who come through our doors this Christmas, we all need to work together — from staff to parishioners — to create a welcoming environment.

### What It Means to Be Hospitable

If we want to create a truly welcoming environment, we need to understand that this isn’t just a job for the ushers. As parishioners, we need to come to Mass prepared to smile at newcomers, direct people to where the bathroom or children’s room is located if asked, slide down the pew to make room for everyone, hand newcomers a missal and show them how to find the hymns and the order of Mass.

We can’t just wait for people to show up. Advent is the perfect time to invite family, friends, and neighbors to Mass and any events taking place that might interest them. Our loved ones will always respect our values.

### Gift Giving

A gift for Christmas and birthday? Tell your children and grandchildren that the Christmas/birthday gift you want from them is that they go to Mass with you.

### Service with a Smile

It can be easy for all of us to fall into a routine, especially when you’ve been in a volunteer role for many years. Instead of just the usual “greet and smile,” go the extra mile. Introduce yourself to unfamiliar faces, give a small tour to newcomers, and get to know them by asking where they’re from.

## Saint of the Week

### Saint Peter Canisius, Feast December 21



#### ***A story for kids:***

The year was 1564 and an important mission had to be accomplished. But who could do it? “We need a secret agent!” declared the church leaders. But who was brave enough to attempt it? The mission already had failed once before. What was the mission? To bring documents from the Council of Trent (an important meeting that the church leaders had in Italy) to the bishops scattered throughout Europe. This was a dangerous mission because whoever they chose must travel through hostile Protestant territory. It had been tried before and all the documents disappeared! **STOLEN!**

Who could travel through Europe as a priest and not be suspected of carrying these documents? Each document was 250 pages long! Father Peter Canisius was chosen. Did he wear a trench coat and dark glasses? Nope! He wore his priestly cassock. So why could he sneak through Europe and not be suspected? Well, Father Canisius started many universities throughout Europe, and he was a Jesuit monk. His disguise? To pretend to be checking up on the universities and monasteries in Europe.

“If I am going to travel all that way, I might as well bring some books to my universities,” declared Father Canisius. He packed **THREE** large sacks full of books! Then he had to add all the documents from the Council of Trent. He must have had countless sacks of stuff by the time he packed!

Did Father Peter Canisius deliver all the documents without being caught? Yes, he did.

#### ***And here is a quote from St. Peter Canisius for adults:***

*“Christmas Day is nothing if not a day of universal joy. Children should rejoice because on this day God Himself became as one of them; virgins, because a Virgin brought forth and remained unstained even after giving birth; wives, because one of their number became the Mother of God; sinners, because their Mediator and Savior and Healer has come to redeem them; the just, because their Reward exceeding great has been born into the world. In fine, all faithful Christians should rejoice that their Creator and Lord has taken on human flesh and begun His reign over the hearts of men, not only as God, but also as the Son of Man among the children of men.”*

***St. Peter Canisius, pray for us!***