

# 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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## May 16, 2021 The Ascension of the Lord



"I am with you always, until the end of the age." - Matthew 28:20

## Liturgy Schedule May 15-21, 2021

### Holy Trinity - Bandon

Saturday Vigil Mass (livestreamed).....5:00 pm  
Sunday Mass.....10:30 am  
Wednesday Mass.....5:00 pm  
Thursday Mass.....12:00 pm  
Friday Mass.....12:00 pm

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday (Church).....3:30 - 4:45 pm

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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.....9:30 am

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday.....8:00 - 8:30 am

## Highlights this Week

- **First Holy Communion:** We congratulate and offer our prayers for Jobe Castro, Max Converse, Leo Jimmerson, and Tre Devereaux on the reception of their First Holy Communion this Sunday. Stay close to Jesus every day - He is your best friend!
- **Religious Education & Faith Formation:** This Wednesday, May 19, will be the last day of class for this school year. Classes will resume in September.
- **New COVID-19 Directives:** Please see inside this bulletin the latest coronavirus directive from our archbishop.
- **Piano Player Needed:** We are seeking a piano player for the Saturday Vigil Masses. If interested, please contact the parish office, 541-329-0697 or holytrinitybandon@yahoo.com.
- **Chair Yoga Dance:** Are you ready for some happy activity? Join us for musical chair yoga in the Parish Hall on Fridays at 11 am.
- **FORMED:** Please see the back page of this bulletin for our current FORMED recommendations. Getting started with FORMED is easy: Download the app to your phone and search for our parish, or you can go to [holytrinitybandon.formed.org](http://holytrinitybandon.formed.org). Once you've found our parish sign-in page, enter your email address to create an account. Then go to your inbox, click the link in the message generated by the request, and start watching! This week we learn about Our Lady of Fatima. Her feast was May 13.

## Online Giving

Holy Trinity Parish accepts one-time and recurring donations conveniently on our website. You can make your secure donation via electronic check or debit/credit card by simply visiting [www.holytrinitybandon.org/donate](http://www.holytrinitybandon.org/donate).

## Prayer Intentions

Pierre Duprée, Daniel McDermott, Guy Lawrence, Vern and Priscilla Lang, Devin Duprée, Marty Dietel, Tricia & Kirk Brown, Marilyn Hunt, Bernie Karlin, Tosh Barry, Roseann Gates, Kathy Welch, David Willis, Frank White, David, Nancy LaBay, Lee Taylor, Steven White, Jr., Todd Cook, John Freitag Jr, Travis Holden & family, Loretta Brammer, Tom Lindstrom, Skip Thomas, all who are suffering with illness, those who serve us in health care and essential services, everyone on Holy Trinity and St. John's Prayer Chains.

**Almighty and ever living God, through the love of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Christ, Your Son, in your mercy, restore the spiritual, emotional, and physical health of all those mentioned above. Amen**

## May 8-9 Collections

*Holy Trinity Weekly Goal \$2700*

**Regular Collection \$1345**

**Holy Trinity Building Fund \$125**

*St. John's Weekly Goal \$450*

**Regular Collection \$373**

***Thank you & God bless you!***

## Sunday Collections

Weekly collections have recently fallen short of our parish goal to meet ongoing expenses. Summer is coming, with family vacations and recreation. Please consider increasing your donation a bit and/or setting up a recurring online donation through the parish web site. It is easy for you and helps ensure we keep the lights on at Holy Trinity!

## Liturgical Ministers Schedule

**5 pm Saturday Vigil 5/22**

Lector: Mike Hennick

Sacristan: John Freitag

**10:30 am Sunday Mass 5/23**

Lectors: Kathy Cowan

Sacristan: Kevin Kroll

## Mass Intentions this Week

### Holy Trinity

**Sat Vigil 5/15:** +Lorna Bennett

**Sun 5/16:** +Barbara Leland

**Wed 5/19:** +Shirley Quella

**Thu 5/20:** +Clem Quella

**Fri 5/21:** +James Reilly

### St. John the Baptist

**Sun 5/16:** Intentions of Marie Burkartova

**Thu 5/20:** The Souls in Purgatory

## Parish Priest's Corner

### Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

*The Faithful Servant*

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Acts 1:1-11

**| 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Eph 1:17-23

**| Gospel:** Mk 16:15-20

**GROW:** "Why are you standing there looking at the sky?" the Apostles are asked. Well, hello! The risen Jesus, who had once again walked among the Apostles, "was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight." Of course the disciples would look up, to gaze once more upon the Son of God whom they loved. Today's feast reminds us, however, that to look for Jesus is not to stand around looking up, but to engage with others in the world in which he remains present. Even as he sits "at the right hand of God," Jesus dwells among and within us. For God is not some distant figure, but One who desires to walk alongside us in the person of his Son, Jesus, and give us the gift of the Holy Spirit as our help and advocate. Even in times when we experience doubt, complacency, or simply feel distant from God, Jesus is at our side. Once we open our hearts to his presence, we cannot help but share the Good News of God's love in our families, workplaces, and everyday encounters with others.

**GO:** For anyone wishing to grow in their understanding of what evangelization looks like, today's readings offer as good a playbook as any. As we celebrate the Ascension, we may be tempted to see it as a kind of "farewell party" for Jesus. But while on the surface, it may appear that Jesus "left" the Apostles, he promises to remain with them through the gift of the Holy Spirit. What does that mean for us? Today's Gospel sums it up, quoting Jesus' words immediately before he was taken up to heaven: "Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature." As Catholics and Christians, that's our bottom line. I read somewhere that "proclaim" goes beyond mere words and encompasses living out the Gospel by sharing God's love. Jesus remains at our side, encouraging us to use the gifts God has given us to build up the Church.

**PRAY:** Today's feast reminds us that we have an advocate in Jesus and the Holy Spirit. As you enter a challenging situation or even just a typical day, remember to ask Jesus to give you a "spirit of wisdom."

## New COVID-19 Directives From the Archbishop

- Effective immediately in our church, fully vaccinated people may attend Masses and faith gatherings without wearing masks or social distancing.
- There will be a designated area for those who have not been fully vaccinated and are required to wear masks and maintain 6 feet of distance between households.
- Eased restrictions will be implemented on the honor system.
- If you are fully vaccinated but wish to mask and socially distance at church, you are welcome to do so.
- One is fully vaccinated when at least two weeks have passed from the second shot of the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines and one shot of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine.
- Percentage of capacity limits for churches (previously at 50% per the archbishop's directive) are no longer in force.
- Priests and ministers who are fully vaccinated will still wear masks during distribution of Holy Communion at Mass. Greeters and ushers will continue to wear masks.
- Our parish staff will also continue to wear masks when meeting parishioners in the office.

## Ongoing Programs

### *Reflecting on Sunday's Readings*

Pentecost Sunday - May 23, 2021

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

Reading I: Acts 2:1-11

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 104

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

Gospel: John 20:19-23



### **Monday Rosary**

Come to the adoration chapel to pray the Rosary every Monday at 1:30 pm.

### **Come, Join Our Bible Study!**

Join the Bible study group this Thursday, May 20, at 10:45 am in the Parish Hall. Class is finished in time to attend the 12:00 pm Mass. This will be the last class of the year. For more information, contact Kathy Cowan at 541-347-3031.

### **Altar Society**

The Altar Society's next meeting will be September 15 at 1 pm in the Parish Hall. **The annual rummage sale will take place two weekends in June, and donations will be accepted beginning Monday, May 24.** Lots of volunteers are needed to help with this event during the weekdays. Please set aside time to pitch in!

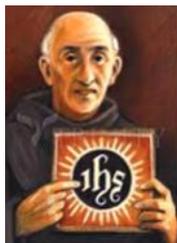
### **Knights of Columbus**

Our Knights of Columbus Council meets every third Thursday of the month, next on **May 20**, in the Parish Hall. The rosary begins at 6:30 pm, and the meeting at 7:00 pm. Contact Mike Hahn at 541-347-6680 or [mikehahn47@outlook.com](mailto:mikehahn47@outlook.com) for information.

### ***Saint Bernardine of Siena ~ Feast on May 20***

Most of the saints suffer great personal opposition, even persecution. Bernardine, by contrast, seems more like a human dynamo who simply took on the needs of the world. He was the greatest preacher of his time, journeying across Italy, calming strife-torn cities, attacking the paganism he found rampant, attracting crowds of 30,000, following Saint Francis of Assisi's admonition to preach about "vice and virtue, punishment and glory." Compared with Saint Paul by the pope, Bernardine had a keen intuition of the needs of the time, along with solid holiness and boundless energy and joy.

St. Bernardine was known for his devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus, and he devised a symbol - IHS, the first three letters of the name of Jesus in Greek - in Gothic letters on a blazing sun. This was to displace the superstitious symbols of the day. He also composed the following prayer, shared here in honor of the year of St. Joseph declared by Pope Francis:



#### **ACT OF CONSECRATION TO SAINT JOSEPH** *by Saint Bernardine of Siena*

*O my beloved Saint Joseph, adopt me as thy child. Take charge of my salvation; watch over me day and night; preserve me from occasions of sin; obtain for me purity of body. Through thy intercession with Jesus, grant me a spirit of sacrifice, humility, self-denial, burning love of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, and a sweet and tender love for Mary, my mother. Saint Joseph, be with me living, be with me dying, and obtain for me a favorable judgment from Jesus, my merciful Savior. Amen.*

## Announcements

### **Report on the Archbishop's Catholic Appeal**

Holy Trinity parish has met and exceeded its ACA goal with donations totaling \$12,543, which is 106% of our goal! St. John the Baptist parish has exceeded its goal with donations totaling \$1190, or 107% of the goal! Again, CONGRATULATIONS and THANK YOU for your generosity and outstanding support of the Archbishop's Annual Catholic Appeal.

### **Seeking a Piano Player**

Holy Trinity is in need of a piano player for the Saturday Vigil Masses. If interested, please contact the parish office.

### **A Ministry of Health & Wellness**

Now that spring has arrived with better weather, it's the perfect time to be outdoors! **The Holy Trinity walking group meets Wednesdays at noon in the Jesus Courtyard for an easy walking workout** - all levels, all ages welcome.

We've added a class in chair yoga dance for those who would like to stretch and regain some flexibility. We promise lots of clapping and singing and moving to the groove! Come join us for fun and fellowship in a safe environment! **Chair Yoga Dance will meet on Fridays at 11:00 am in the Parish Hall.** Come have fun!

### **Lighthouse Media Kiosk**

Would you like to enrich your Easter joy? Peruse the selections in our Lighthouse Catholic Media kiosk at the back of the church. Thirty minutes of good listening or reading can be life-changing!

### ***Saint Rita of Cascia ~ Feast on May 22***

In 1381, Margherita was born as the only child of Antonio and Amata Lotti. In the local dialect, her name meant "pearl," but she was known simply as Rita. Baptized in the church of St. Augustine in Cascia, Rita became acquainted with the local Augustinian nuns of St. Mary Magdalene Monastery and was attracted to their way of life. But her parents arranged a marriage for her in order to provide safety and security, and so Rita obediently married Paolo Mancini with whom she had two sons.

In the troubling political climate of the times, there was often open conflict between families. Paolo was the victim of one such conflict, and he was murdered when their sons were still young. The expectation of society at the time was that the boys should avenge the murder of their father to defend family honor. Rita, however, pledged to forgive her husband's killers, but she faced a steep challenge in convincing her sons to do the same. Within a year, however, both sons succumbed to a deadly illness leaving Rita not only a widow, but also childless. Rita placed her trust in God. After 18 years of marriage, Rita felt called to a second but familiar vocation: to religious life in the Augustinian convent.

But the sisters at St. Mary Magdalene Monastery refused her request. Rita was not discouraged, convinced that she was called to the contemplative community. She returned and asked for entry again, but the sisters even more firmly refused, citing that although Rita had forgiven her husband's killers, her family had not. There were members of the rival family in the convent; her presence would be detrimental to community harmony. And so, Rita set out to make peace between the families. She went to her husband's family and exhorted them to put aside their hostility and stubbornness. They were convinced by her courage and agreed. The rival family, astounded by this overture of peace, also agreed. The two families exchanged a peace embrace and signed a written agreement, putting the vendetta to rest forever. A fresco depicting the scene of the peace embrace was placed on a wall of the Church of Saint Francis in Cascia, an enduring reminder of the power of good over evil and a testament to the widow whose forgiving spirit achieved the impossible.

At the age of 36, Rita finally was accepted into the Augustinian convent.

Read more at [saintritashrine.org](http://saintritashrine.org)



## For Children

### The Day the Sun Danced: The True Story of Fatima

In 1917, three children in Portugal experienced a great miracle. While herding a flock of sheep outside the tiny village of Fatima, the Blessed Mother visited them, not once, but many times, telling the children great and wondrous secrets that would affect all of creation. When the children tried to share the joyous news of Our Lady of Fatima, no one believed them, until the day the sun seemed to dance in the sky. It soon became clear that they had been chosen by the Blessed Mother to share her message with the entire world. 30 min



## For Adults

**Fatima: Hope for the World** is a 13-part video series that tells the story of Fatima from the apparitions in 1917 through the 20th century. It includes details of the apparitions, historical context, the secrets of Fatima, the children seers and their missions, Our Lady's specific requests and the importance of responding to her call. The 5-minute videos are intended for educational purposes and are appropriate for ages 12 and up.



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