

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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October 24th, 2021
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Jesus said "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied, "Master, I want to see." Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and followed Him on the way.

Liturgy Schedule
October 23rd-October 29th, 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.....3:30-4:45 pm

St. John the Baptist - Port Orford

Sunday Mass.....8:30 am
Thursday Mass.....9:30 am
Sacrament of Reconciliation.....Sunday 8am -8:30am

Highlights this Week

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RCIA is an ongoing Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults that is held on Wednesdays beginning with Mass at 5pm followed by class at 5:30-6:15pm. We are looking forward to our continued education on this glorious journey that we are a part of.

Adoration takes place on Thursdays 12:30—8pm and Fridays 9:30—12 noon in the Chapel.

Faith Formation has begun! Every Wednesday beginning with Mass at 5pm. We are looking forward to this year's events.

Reminder: The need for silence. The Church is a sacred space.

- ◆ As part of preparation for mass, we ask the faithful to maintain silence upon entering the church and at the end of Mass.
- ◆ In place of maintaining silence, say some prayers or go through the readings as you prepare to participate in the sacrifice of the Mass.
- ◆ Part of confessing what we believe is to recognize our Lord Jesus preserved in the tabernacle and our silence while in the church is a sign of that recognition and the respect for the real presence of Christ.

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

Prayer Intentions

John Holden, Marty & Marilyn Hunt, Johnny Waller & Family, Michelle Greenway, Jessica Dupree, Crystal Hawkins, Dan Fenger, Clayton Duvall, Pierre Duprée, Tom Simas, Hannah GibsonGuy Lawrence, Devin Duprée, Alexander Shenkin, Vern and Priscilla Lang, Bernie Karlin, Roseann & Bob Gates, Frank White, Nancy LaBay, Steven White, Jr., John Freitag Jr, Travis Holden & family, Tom Lindstrom & family, all who are suffering with illness, those who serve us in health care and essential services, everyone with 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 mentioned above. Amen

October 16-17 Collections

Holy Trinity Weekly Goal \$2700
Regular Collection \$2141

St. John's Weekly Goal \$450
St. John the Baptist \$250

Proverbs 11:24-25 Give freely and become more wealthy; be stingy and lose everything. The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed. 9. Matthew 5:7 Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

5 pm Saturday Vigil Oct. 30th

Lector: Allison Hundley

Sacristan: John Freitag Jr

10:30 am Sunday Mass Oct. 31st

Lectors: Kevin Kroll

Sacristan: Kevin Kroll

Mass Intentions this Week

Holy Trinity

Sat Vigil 10/23: + Johnny Waller

Sun 10/24: + Clayton Duval

Wed 10/27: + Holy Innocence

Thu 10/28: John Holden

Fri 10/29: +James Reilly

St. John the Baptist

Sun 10/24: + Holy Innocence

Thu 10/28: + Souls in Purgatory

Pastor's Message

Persist in Prayer

1st Reading: Jer 31:7-9 | 2nd Reading: Heb 5:1-6 | Gospel: Mk 10:46-52

GROW: How often do we pray with abandon? Perhaps when turbulence makes us wonder if our plane's going down, when a friend or loved one faces a difficult diagnosis or life-threatening injury, when we face a setback, a major decision, or a heartbreak. On some days, though, have we been guilty of just going through the motions when we pray? Not so for Bartimaeus. "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me," he repeatedly implores, ignoring the shushing of the crowd. When Jesus asks him what he wants, the blind man doesn't beat around the bush. "I want to see." Recognizing his faith, Jesus heals him. Bartimaeus could not see, yet he had recognized Jesus as the Messiah and persisted in prayer. His example reminds us to be persistent in prayer, holding nothing back from Jesus who desires to make us whole.

GO: While Bartimaeus faced physical blindness, this did not prevent him from recognizing Jesus as the Son of David, the Messiah. In our modern-day world so filled with distractions, we can become blind to the face of Jesus, or simply take his abundant love for us for granted. As the psalmist reminds us, "The Lord has done great things for us. We are filled with joy." Looking back on our lives, we can probably see a few miracles – the birth of a child, the stunning beauty of a sunrise over the mountains or the arborvitae in our backyards, the beautiful sunset along the horizon of the ocean, the friends who walk alongside us through each chapter of life. Today's readings encourage us to open our eyes to the face of Jesus in our lives, and in turn to reflect his steadfast love to those we encounter.

ACTIONS: Read today's psalm response: "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy." Reflect on the people and experiences that have brought you closer to God – friends, family, a priest, for example. Write them a note or say a prayer of thanksgiving.

Reflecting on Next Sunday's Readings

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 31, 2021

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

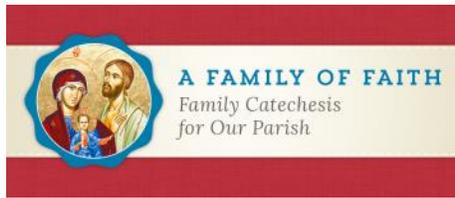
Reading I: Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Responsorial Psalm: 18

Reading II: Hebrews 7:23-28

Gospel: Mark 12:28b-34

Faith Formation/Religious Education for Children Come and See!



Faith Formation/Religious Education is simply a journey to heaven. When children come to Religious Education, they start a journey to heaven. As parents, you love your children and want what is best for them. Is heaven the worse or the best thing you can lead your child(ren) to? Do you want to see your child(ren) in heaven? As a parent, where are you on that journey? We do not want you to miss out.

This year in our parish, faith formation/religious education will focus not just on children but on the entire family. We will be using a program known as ***A Family of Faith***. *A Family of Faith* was created to help develop strong Catholic families in which children learn the joys of following Jesus Christ and the truths of our Faith through the witness of Christian life given by their parents.

Studies tell us that parental involvement in the faith-life of their child is by far the most important element in ensuring that a child develops into a practicing Christian. *A Family of Faith* provides both the parish catechist and the parent with an easy-to-use solution to catechizing the whole family and helping parents lead their children to Heaven; which is the main goal of parents!

With ***A Family of Faith***, families come together regularly — growing in relationship with one another and learning the truths of the Catholic Faith and how to apply them in their lives. In the parish and at home parents and children have the opportunity to build strong relationships through discussion and reflection on topics that matter in their lives. Come and see.

Family of Faith—Frequently asked Questions (FAQ)

Why did Holy Trinity/St. John's Parish make this change in religious education?

To put it bluntly - our "traditional" Religious Education program, which was successful in the past, doesn't quite work today. Its past success depended on families regularly participating in Sunday Mass and actively practicing their faith at home...but these can no longer be taken for granted. *A Family of Faith* fosters both.

How does *A Family of Faith* work?

A parent session is held on the First Wednesday of the month, designed to help parents deepen their knowledge of the Catholic faith. We encourage both parents to attend. Children will be learning in their classrooms during parents' session. There are two at-home lessons to be completed per month, with a few additional activities to help make the Catholic faith a part of your family's daily life. During the month there are three community meetings that are for the entire family (parents and children together), building community, and ensuring accountability.

Where is this all happening? And what's the schedule? We're a busy family!

There's a lot more flexibility in *A Family of Faith* than in a traditional religious education program. Parent sessions will be held on the First Wednesday of the month, from 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm. The community meeting time is on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th Wednesdays from 5:30 - 7:00 pm. During the month, you the parents, determine when to do the two monthly lessons at home, on your family's schedule, and at your child's level. The program runs from October to May. *A schedule for the year will be provided.*

Who is this for? What if we don't have children or our kids are grown.

The at-home lessons are geared for kids in grades K-5... but all parishioners are most welcome to get involved. *Adults can come and benefit from the teaching during the parent sessions, and those without their children might consider volunteering to accompany and mentor another family that could use a helping hand.*

Some parents may express, “But I’m not trained as a teacher! And I’m worried I don’t know enough about our religion!”

As Jesus told us so often, I repeat: Do not be afraid! Religious education has been taught all these years by parents just like you! Sure, a few of them have had careers as teachers...but it's been pretty rare to find a trained theologian among them. Our catechists will work with you and your children, and will provide with the material and tools you need to accomplish this crucial task. And there is something more that you've already been given. *God has given you his grace to do this!* And that is something no teacher in the classroom could ever claim.

A Family of Faith is completely turn-key for the parents, giving them the easy-to-understand content and step-by-step instructions for each activity, helping them to gain knowledge of the Faith and confidence as they teach it. Various tools are also available to help parents turn potentially problematic situations into successes, such as what to do when a child asks a question you do not know.

Shouldn't the religious education of children be left to the parish?

Since the current faith formation and religious education model is struggling to transform family life, and since many young people who go through faith formation are leaving the faith, we are proposing a new model (which is actually an ancient model) where the parish focuses on catechizing the parents in order to strengthen parent/child engagement in the Faith. This increases the likelihood that a child will receive an authentic education in the Faith and develop into a knowledgeable and practicing Catholic. Countless studies have shown that parental engagement with the child is the single most effective way to develop young people into disciples of Christ.

But what if parents don't want to be bothered and remove their child from religious instruction altogether? Wouldn't we be better off just maintaining the status quo?

While it is true that some parents will likely decide to offer no instruction at all rather than to participate in this program, many families find *A Family of Faith* to be far more flexible, enabling them to transform the family activities they already do into encounters with God. Parents are able to enter into those “teachable moments” of everyday life. *A Family of Faith* leads parents into conversion to Jesus Christ, which is beneficial to the parish, but most of all to the children they are raising.

For what age children has this program been developed?

Because this program focuses on teaching the faith to parents and helping them make it an organic part of family life, it is perfect for parents with children of all ages. For example, a monthly feature called “Your Catholic Home” gives specific advice for ways to make the Faith a regular part of each day. The Children’s Activity Books are recommended for children in grades K-6 and feature engaging activities at various grade levels. Parents can skip the activities they believe are too elementary or too advanced for their child.

Does my child have to be a strong reader?

No. Although readings and written activities are offered, the Children’s Activity Book and Parent's Guide offer a wide variety of activities using numerous strategies to impart and assess the knowledge that does not rely on reading or writing.

What tools does the program offer to ensure accountability?

A Family of Faith offers several options, along with a planning worksheet for parish teams to determine how they will build accountability. For example, families are given a year-long project that they will add to each month; catechists may require parents to bring these projects in occasionally to check progress. Community meetings begin with a Q & A session with children, which gives the catechist a chance to assess the knowledge of individual children. Finally, the last session of each year features a fun and interactive game with dozens of questions covering content from the whole year.

What about First Penance and First Holy Communion?

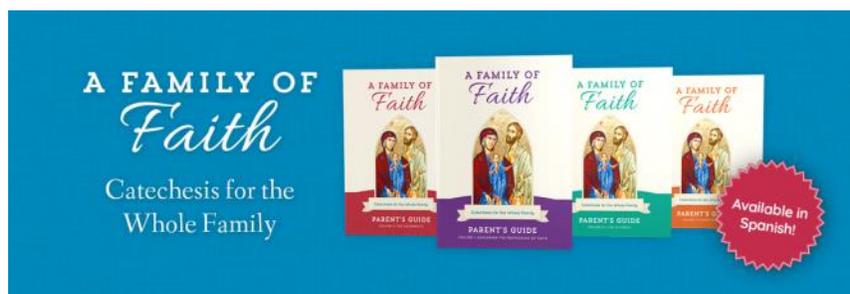
Sacramental preparation has always been the responsibility of the Parish. Specific preparation to receive these Sacraments is **separate** from *A Family of Faith*, additional information will be provided.

Who is running this program?

A team of volunteers from the parish is coordinating *A Family of Faith*. Thank them when you meet them at parent sessions and community gatherings, and pray for them as you benefit from all of their hard work behind the scenes.

How will I know my children are learning?

You will undoubtedly see your children learn as they memorize Scripture verses and are able to define keywords of our Catholic Faith. Children will demonstrate in conversations their understanding of concepts of the Faith, and you’ll see them begin to live their faith through service projects, an enriched prayer life, and a deepening relationship with Jesus Christ. The child’s desire to know, love, and serve Jesus is proof that they are learning and becoming a disciple of Christ.



THE CATHOLIC FAITH JOURNEY

Are you considering becoming Catholic?
Are you a Catholic interested in being confirmed?
Are you a confirmed Catholic who's ready to
explore your faith anew?

Join Us for RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

This year we will embark on an exploration of faith in God. Knowing the faith and living the faith is what the Catholic life ought to be. RCIA is a process where some people are deciding if they are called into the Catholic Church; others have been Catholic all their lives and are now interested in discovering what this really means. Together we witness to the fact that our search for God is a lifelong journey, a journey on which we make the most progress when we walk it with others and with intention. Join Us!

As an RCIA sponsor, my Catholic faith of 30+ years was enlivened. I learned new things, was strengthened in what I already knew, and experienced the joy of celebrating the beautiful Rites of Initiation.

When & Where:

Wednesdays 5:30-6-15pm
October 13, 2021—May 11,
2022

What:
Knowing & Living Faith

Who:
Non-Catholics & Catholics

Signup:
Fill out form on the other side.

Through RCIA I have come to understand and be face-to-face with Christ through Eucharistic Adoration. I can feel Him staring back into my eyes and into my heart. It is an experience and a feeling like no other, where I lose track of time and of the world around me. I am simply too busy adoring Him, speaking with Him, and feeling Him there with me. It's a state of peace, prayer, and

Ongoing Programs

Faith Formation is every Wednesday at 5:30-6:15

Look for upcoming information.

RCIA is on Wednesdays at 5:30—6:15pm in the Parish Hall after Mass.

Rosary is on Mondays in the Chapel at 1:30. All are welcome.

Altar Society meets on the 2nd Wednesday of every month, at 1:00 pm in the Parish Hall. All ladies are welcome.

Bible Study is on Thursdays at 11am in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

Adoration is on Thursdays at 12:30—8:00 pm and on Fridays 9:30am—12 noon starting October 7

A Ministry of Health & Well-being

Fresh air, movement, and sunshine It's time to join the parish walking group! The group meets every Wednesday at noon in the Jesus Courtyard -

all levels, all ages welcome!



Announcements

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Saint Simon and Jude, Apostles ~ Feast Day October 28th



There is often a crosshatch of bloody scratches on the right cheek of statues of the suffering Christ in Latin America. It's called the "Judas Kiss," a reminder of Judas Iscariot's act of both affectionately greeting Christ and betraying Him in one sinister gesture. No one kneels before a statue of Judas Iscariot in a Catholic church. No one lights a candle to Judas asking that he restore their lost sight or heal their child's cancer. But Judas Iscariot wasn't the only Judas among the Twelve Apostles. Today's Saint Jude (or Judas) was often confused with his unfaithful contemporary. Since Judas Iscariot was so despised and ignored, and since he shared a name with the good Jude, a tradition gathered over the centuries of petitioning today's saint only when all other saints had failed to answer one's prayers. Saint Jude became the Patron Saint of Hopeless Causes, then, probably because of the faithful's reluctance to seek the intercession of one whose misfortune it was to share a name with Christ's betrayer.

Out of confusion or an abundance of caution, Saint Jude thus became a saint of last resort. When the dam was barely holding, when a pulse could no longer be felt, when the rains wouldn't come, a candle was lit to Saint Jude, hoping against hope, that he would respond.

Saint Simon the Apostle is called the "Zealot" in Saint Luke's Gospel. This may describe his zeal for the house of the Lord or denote his membership in a radical Jewish sect. Zeal is, in any case, a virtue. It must be joined with prudence to ensure that it does not offend for the sake of offending. A zealous soul will, however, lovingly provoke others to consider the things of God through his words, actions, and appropriate silences. The intentional disciple understands zeal in its historical sense as a burning concern for perennial truths, not mere fads, and as a proactive form of love for all those things that lead mankind to God. God is a person, after all, and depends on His friends to defend Him.

Though little is known of the lives of Saints Jude and Simon, they and the rest of the apostles of Jesus evangelized and laid the foundation of faith we now enjoy and participate in. With gratitude, let us pray: *Saints Simon and Jude, we ask for your intercession in heaven as members of the Twelve Apostles. Approach the Lord Jesus with our needs in your hands. Answer the prayers we present. Fulfill the petitions we seek.*

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FORMED: This week's FORMED recommendations are below. Getting started is easy:
Download the FORMED app to your phone or go to holytrinitybandon.formed.org.

Click on our parish from the drop-down menu and enter your email address to create an account.
Then go to your inbox, click the link in the message generated by your request, and start watching!

Children

The Wonderful World of Benjamin Cello

Episode 2: A friend loves at all times.

When Cowgirl Pearl brings a wounded chicken named Hildegard to Benjamin Cello's cottage, Our Mellow Fellow takes the finely feathered patient to Pennywhistle Park for a lesson in friendship and how human beings are "made in the image of God".



Adults

The Chris Stefanick Show - 10/18/21

How to live out the joy of the Lord!



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