

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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November 28th, 2021
1st Sunday of Advent (Year C)



"There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on earth nations will be in dismay, perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. When these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand."

Liturgy Schedule

November 27th—December 3rd, 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
First Friday Mass.....6:00 pm
First Saturday Devotion.....8:00am
Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturdays.....3:30-4:45 pm

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

Highlights this Week

First Friday: There will be a First Friday Healing Mass this Friday, December 3rd at 6:00pm. Join us as we adore the Lord and pray for his Sacred Heart to bring us healing of mind and body.

Our First Saturday, December 5th, devotion begins with 8:00am - Confessions, 8:30am - Rosary & Liturgy of the Hours, and Mass - 9:00am.

2nd Collection: Next Weekend, Dec 4th & 5th, there will be a 2nd Collection to help our parish maintain our buildings and grounds. The upkeep of this beautiful place entrusted to us by God for evangelization will not be possible without your financial support. Please give generously next Sunday. Thank you for your generous support.

A Family of Faith follows a four-year cycle: one pillar of the Catechism is covered per year from September through May. Parents are given a detailed picture of authentic and vibrant Catholic family life, the tools to implement this life in their home, and age-appropriate readings, games, crafts, and other activities to help them deepen among their children a love for Christ and His Church. Each year is self-contained, and so families may join at any time in the cycle. After four years, families will have been guided through the entirety of the Catechism and will have developed a broad understanding of the Church's teachings. Families then cycle through the program again in order to deepen their knowledge and develop the habits needed for life-long spiritual growth. You can visit their website:

<https://sophiainstituteforteachers.org/shop/family-of-faith>

Our Parish is thrilled about this new adventure for our children and families.

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

Marty & Marilyn Hunt, Waller Family, Michelle Greenway, Dan Fenger, Clayton Duvall, Tom Simas, Hannah Gibson, Guy Lawrence, Alexander Shenkin, Bernie Karlin, Steven White, Jr., John Freitag Jr, 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. If you would like to add or remove a name, contact the parish office at 541-329-0697

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

November 20-21 Collections

Holy Trinity Weekly Goal \$2700
Regular Collection \$6239
Building Fund \$100
St. John's Weekly Goal \$450
St. John the Baptist \$365

Psalm 37:16-17

*16 Better the little that the righteous have than the wealth of many wicked;
17 for the power of the wicked will be broken, but the LORD upholds the righteous.*

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

5 pm Saturday Vigil Dec. 4th

Lector: Mike Hennick
Sacristan: John Freitag

10:30 am Sunday Mass Dec. 5th

Lectors: Mike Hahn
Sacristan: Mike Hahn

Mass Intentions this Week

Holy Trinity

Sat Vigil 11/27 + Babies Lost to Abortion

Sun 11/28 + John Anthony Procetto

Wed 12/1: + James Reilly

Thu 12/2: + Souls in Purgatory

Fri 12/3: + Souls in Purgatory

St. John the Baptist

Sun 12/28: + Souls in Purgatory

Thu 12/2: + Babies Lost to Abortion

Pastor's Message

Maranatha: Come, Lord Jesus!

My dear friends in Christ,

Today marks the beginning of a new liturgical year with the start of the Season of Advent. Advent comes from the Latin word "Adventus," which means "Coming" or "Arrival." It is a time the Church celebrates Christ's coming in a threefold manner.

First, Advent season is a time we prepare to celebrate the first coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ in human flesh (the incarnation). This first coming of our Lord is celebrated at Christmas, but we use Advent Season to prepare our hearts for this great celebration.

The second coming of our Lord is known as the "Parousia," when he will come again in glory to gather all God's children into the peace of God's kingdom where we will see God face to face. The Parousia will be unmistakable because it will be accompanied by unprecedented signs as the Gospel tells us. However, we are called to avoid pointless speculations about the time, the details of the signs, the nature of the difficulties that may accompany the signs. Instead, we are invited to use the Advent Season to focus on the need for living the Gospel so as to be prepared. Jesus tells us in today's gospel "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. ... Watch, therefore; for you do not know when the lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'" We are watching and waiting not in fear, trembling or sadness but with joy. That is why we use rose color vestment on the third Sunday of advent to signify that we are waiting in joyful hope for the second coming of Christ. At his first coming, Christ was wrapped in linens, laid in a manger, and endured the cross, heedless of its shame; at his second coming he will be robed in glorious light surrounded by the angels. Thus, let us not stop at his first coming but look forward to his second.

For the people of God there is a third coming that lies between the first and the second, namely, his daily presence in our hearts. Christ appears in our hearts when we read and listen to his words in the scripture, when we receive him in the Eucharist, and when we strive to do good, grow in virtue and see his face in the people we meet. So, Advent is a time of conversion; a time when we clean the house of our hearts. In as much as Advent is allowing God to "arrive" once again in our hearts, it is also a time to find our way back to God's embrace. It is a two-way process of "coming/arriving," that is, coming home once again to God so that his presence permeates our whole being.

There are many ways we can find our way back to God's embrace. When was the last time you went to confession before receiving Communion? Do you plan to make a retreat this Advent (virtual or in-person)? Try attending more than the weekend Mass, devote at least ten minutes of your time each day to prayer, forgive someone this Advent or ask for God's grace to enable you to forgive, think of and pray for a homebound person or someone who is sick and those more vulnerable to this pandemic, pray for our frontline workers, showing more love, be a part of the solution, write or reach out to an estranged family member, don't let politics take the place of God in your life and/or bring rift between you and a loved one, be an instrument of peace by helping to reconcile two people, give to someone without expecting anything in return. I also invite you to look through the Lighthouse kiosk at the back of the church (Holy Trinity) and you will find great spiritual resources to strengthen your faith during this Advent Season.

Do not let anything prevent you from coming home to God's embrace? Make this year's Advent Season more enriching and fruitful than last year's.

Nothing should separate us from the love and mercy of God.

May the Lord strengthen you this Advent Season.

--Fr. Anthony Ahamefula

Advent Calendar



Advent Christmas Schedule / Program

December 3rd First Friday Healing Mass
6:00 pm—Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
6:30pm—Mass



December 4th First Saturday Mass
8:00am— Confessions
8:30am— Rosary/Liturgy of the Hours
9:00am— Mass



December 15th Advent Penance Service
6:30 pm



Advent Retreat at Holy Trinity
Theme: Finding Hope & Joy in Jesus Christ
9:00am Mass
9:30am Talk in the Parish Hall
11:30am Benediction



Christmas Program

5:00pm Christmas Eve Mass at Holy Trinity
8:30am Christmas Day Mass at St. John
10:30am Christmas Day Mass at Holy Trinity

Here are some spiritual resources for you and your family! They make Great Christmas Presents as well!

Lighthouse...Our Story

Our story is a simple one: God works powerfully through a sincere Yes! From a wooden box of cassette tapes in the back of one church as Lighthouse Catholic Media, to over 7,500+ parishes distributing our CDs, books, and other media with our kiosk – it has been an incredible journey! Having merged with the Augustine Institute in 2015, we are now able to reach more souls than ever to accomplish our mission.

Mission

Our mission is to help Catholics understand, live, and share their faith. All of our programs and offerings, including our video-based study programs, FORMED, our Graduate School of Theology, as well as our books and Lighthouse Talks help our Apostolate reach souls for Christ.

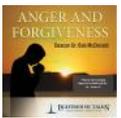
The Kiosk is in the entry of the church



Fr. Michael Schmitz, a renown and beloved speaker and spiritual guide to the Young Church, discusses the all-important topic of God's existence. Armed with his usual repertoire of lively humor and sound philosophy, Fr. Mike reveals the incredible implications of the question which Christ asks all of us: "Who do YOU say that I Am?"



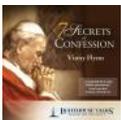
In one of the most inspiring CDs we have ever offered on the Virgin Mary, Dr. Scott Hahn reveals incredible insights on the Biblical basis for the Catholic teachings regarding Mary as the Ark of the New Covenant. This presentation will help shatter many misconceptions and clearly demonstrate how Catholic teachings are unmistakably rooted in Sacred Scripture.



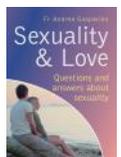
Catholic psychotherapist Deacon Dr. Bob McDonald provides a spiritual and psychological prescription for overcoming the sinful anger that poisons the mind of Christ within, causing alienation and division. His practical wisdom shows that only by learning how to forgive can we hope to promote healing and understanding in our relationships and enjoy the blessings of a forgiving heart.



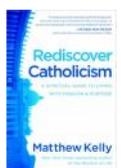
In this captivating presentation Fr. Shannon Collins discusses the essential character of the Holy Spirit and the role the forgotten Person of the Blessed Trinity has played since the creation of the world. Drawing upon Scripture and tradition, Fr. Collins explains the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit and how he works in the lives of believers. Listeners are sure to come to a better appreciation for this "sweet guest of our soul" who seeks to bring us closer to Christ and eternal salvation.



In this inspiring presentation, popular speaker Vinny Flynn explores the "hidden" truths of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, presenting what to many will be a whole new way of approaching Confession, inviting you to begin an exciting personal journey to healing and holiness. If you do not yet look forward to Confession in the same way you look forward to Communion, this will change your life.



This booklet tackles some of the most difficult questions and shows how Christianity offers real freedom in living, rather than placing unreasonable limits on our behaviour. Catholic belief and understanding in this area follows Christ in teaching people how to live out a generous, honest love that is free from selfishness and inherent deceit.



Over the past 20 years, Matthew Kelly has seen more of the world than most presidents and more of the Church than most bishops. Now, in this unique and timely book, he proposes that Catholicism is not a lifeless set of rules and regulations, but a way of life designed by God to help each person reach his or her full potential. With remarkable insight, Kelly dispels dozens of myths that surround the rejection of Catholicism today . . .

Faith Formation

Wednesday Evenings beginning with Mass at 5 pm

Are you considering becoming Catholic?

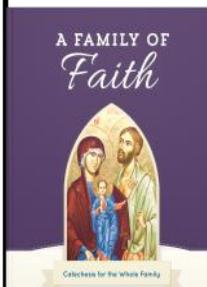
Are you a Catholic interested in being confirmed?

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!**



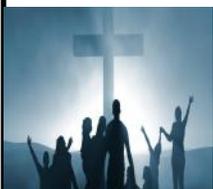
What is A Family of Faith? Basically, it's a Family Catechesis program- as in the WHOLE family grows in faith. Instead of a drop off once a week, you are trained once a month in how to teach your children the Catholic faith as parents. This goes so well with St. JP II's message of the domestic church "Catholic parents must learn to form their family as a "domestic church," a church in the home as it were, where God is honored, his law is respected, prayer is a normal event, virtue is transmitted by word and example, and everyone shares the hopes, the problems and sufferings of everyone else. All this is not to advocate a return to some outdated style of living: It is to return to the roots of human development and human happiness! Also, as a homeschooler- I was obviously ecstatic about what is basically homeschooling religious ed. We are doing that anyway, so this is just an added on bonus.

Engage Families



Many parishes are looking for ways to help families practice their faith and participate fully in the parish. 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

Learn to Follow Jesus



As families continue to come together to learn about the life of Jesus Christ, His teachings, and the Catholic Faith, they desire to know Him better. The home becomes the place of deep learning as families desire to follow Jesus more closely. Families are introduced to the spiritual treasures of the home, the domestic church. Parents can learn and share with their children practices such as grace before meals, reading and praying with Scripture, and learning about the lives of the saints. All these are included in the monthly *Our Catholic Home* feature.

Saints Trivia!

Do you Know?

To whom is the book of Revelation credited in the Bible?

- A) Matthew
- B) Mark
- C) Luke
- D) John

St. Sir Thomas More was put to death for refusing to recognize King Henry VIII of England as the head of the Church. How did he meet his martyrdom?

- A) Hanging
- B) Beheading
- C) Burning at the Stake
- D) He was imprisoned for life

Which saint is thought to be the maternal grandfather of Jesus Christ?

- A) St. Joseph
- B) St. Anne
- C) St. Joachim
- D) David

Who is the patron saint of the United States?

- A) St. Christopher
- B) St. Katherine Drexel
- C) St. Brendan the Navigator
- D) Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception

What saint has a square at the Vatican named after him?

- A) St. Michael the Archangel
- B) St. Francis
- C) St. Paul
- D) St. Peter

Enjoy this Trivia with your family during this time!

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

Announcements

World wide Synod

As you are aware, Pope Francis has called on all dioceses to participate in a worldwide Synod. Archbishop Sample is responding to the Holy Father's call by initiating in the Archdiocese of Portland a process where we will journey together in faith by engaging in prayer, listening, and discernment. The theme for the Synod is: Communion, Participation and Mission. By joining together in prayer and unity, listening to one another, and discerning the will of the Holy Spirit for the Church in our times, the people of God in western Oregon will be able to accomplish the work of the Synod and fulfill our primary mission of evangelization. Early in 2022, the Archdiocese of Portland, will organize widespread listening sessions and other opportunities for participation in the Synod. Please stay tuned.

Reflecting on Next Sunday's Readings ~

1st Sunday in Advent - November 28th, 2021

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

Reading I: Zephaniah 3:14-18a

Responsorial Psalm: Isaiah 12:2-3,4, 5-6

Reading II: 1 Philipians 4:4-7

Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

1st Sunday of Advent



For us Catholics, the new Liturgical Year commences with the first Sunday of Advent. In this new liturgical year, the Church not only wishes to indicate the beginning of a period, but the beginning of a renewed commitment to the faith by all those who follow Christ, the Lord. This time of prayer and path of penance that is so powerful, rich and intense, endeavors to give us a renewed impetus to truly welcome the message of the One who was incarnated for us. In fact, the entire Liturgy of the Advent season, will spur us to an awakening in our Christian life and will put us in a 'vigilant' disposition, to wait for Our Lord Jesus who is coming:

'Awaken! Remember that God comes! Not yesterday, not tomorrow, but today, now! The one true God, "the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob", is not a God who is there in Heaven, unconcerned with us and our history, but he is the-God-who-comes.

The Season of Advent is therefore a season of vigilant waiting, that prepares us to welcome the mystery of the Word Incarnate, who will give the 'Light' to the womb of the Virgin Mary, but essentially this

time prepares us not only to welcome this great event but to incarnate it in our lives. We could say that the true light enters the world through the immaculate womb of Mary but it does not stay there. On the contrary, this light flows out into our dark, obscure, sinful lives to illuminate them, so that we can become the light that illuminates the world. For this reason, let us live this time of waiting not only to celebrate a historical memory but to repeat this memory in our lives and in the service of others. To wait for the Lord who comes, means to wait and to watch so that the Word of Love enters inside us and focuses us every day of our lives.

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THE CATHOLIC FAITH. ON DEMAND.

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 Adventure Catechism 1: "Who Made the World?"



Adults

The Augustine Institute Show - Preparing for Advent - Dr. Ben Akers
Ask your questions below in the chat or text them to 720-650-0100.



How should we prepare for the liturgical season of Advent? Join Dr. Tim Gray and his guest Dr. Ben Akers to discuss how we can prepare our hearts for Advent. Watch Dr. Barber's reflections on "[The True Meaning of Christmas](#)" on FORMED. Reflections begin this Saturday!



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