

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 12th
3rd Sunday of Advent (Year C)



"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor."

Liturgy Schedule

December 11th– December 17th, 2021

Holy Trinity - Bandon

Saturday Vigil Mass (livestreamed).....5:00 pm
Sunday Mass.....10:30 am
Wednesday Advent Penance Service.....6:30 pm
Thursday Mass.....12:00 pm
Friday Mass.....12:00 pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturdays.....3:30-4:45 pm

St. John the Baptist - Port Orford

Sunday Mass.....8:30 am
Thursday Mass.....9:30 am
Thursday Penance Service.....10:00 am
Sacrament of Reconciliation.....Sunday 8am –8:30am

Highlights this Week

Advent Penance Service is this Wednesday, Dec. 15th at 6:30pm @ Holy Trinity and Thursday, Dec. 16th at 10:00 am @ St. John's. To help you prepare, please read the reflection "**Why Go To Confession.**"

Advent Retreat is taking place on Saturday, December 18. The theme is Finding Hope & Joy in Jesus Christ. Mass begins at 9am followed by Talk in the Parish Hall at 9:30am and the Benediction at 11:30 am.

Children's Gift Exchange / Christmas Party is on December 18th at 3:00pm followed by Mass at 5:00pm

Christmas Flower Envelopes are in the pews for those who would like to donate toward Christmas poinsettias in memory of a loved one. Place the envelope in the collection basket or bring to the parish office.

The Knights of Columbus are selling See's Candy in the Vestibule. All proceeds go towards the continued outreach programs the Knights contribute to. Starting at \$2.50—\$26.00 and they also make wonderful Christmas presents.

RCIA/Adult Faith Formation: Wednesday class will begin at 5:30pm followed by Advent Penance Service at 6:30pm. There will be no 5:00pm Mass. There will be no Religious Education class for children until January 5th.

The Season of Giving!

The blessing of 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. Make a one-time or recurring donation to your church by check or online.

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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 27-28 Collections

Holy Trinity Weekly Goal \$2700

Regular Collection \$2415

Flowers 380

Building Fund \$120

St. John's Weekly Goal \$450

St. John the Baptist \$586

Maintenance \$172

*Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse,
That there may be food in my house.
Put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts,
and see if I do not open the floodgates of
heaven for you,
and pour down upon you blessing
without measure! Malachi 3:10*

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

5 pm Saturday Vigil Dec. 18th

Lector: Allison Hundley

Sacristan: John Freitag Jr

10:30 am Sunday Mass Dec. 19th

Lectors: Jeff Turner

Sacristan: Jeff Turner

Mass Intentions this Week

Holy Trinity

Sat Vigil 12/11

Sun 12/12

Wed 12/15

Thu 12/16

Fri 12/17

St. John the Baptist

Sun 12/12

Thu 12/16

+ Cecilia Hofmann

+ Christine Foley

+ Pete Torres

+ Souls In Purgatory

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+ Souls In Purgatory

+ Babies Lost to Abortion

Pastor's Message

Cry Out with Joy, for the Lord is Near

1st Reading: Zep 3:14-18a

2nd Reading: Phil 4:4-7

Gospel: Lk 3:10-18

GROW: Although spontaneous outbursts of joy are not part of our liturgy, today's readings alert us that we have much reason to rejoice. Even in times of anxiety, we can rely on the words of St. Paul, who writes that we can rest assured that "the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard [our] hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." As we prepare for his coming during this Advent season, we don't need to leap out of our pews and make a show of our praise (but go for it, if that's your style!). However, in our hearts and in our prayer, we can follow the psalmist's lead and "cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel." We can praise God in many ways, through fervent prayer, simple acts of kindness and, as John the Baptist did so well, sharing the Good News.

GO: "What should we do?" The crowds asked John the Baptist a deceptively simple question many of us wrestle with today. How do we prepare for Christ's coming? How should we spend the next hour, the day, the next year, the next five? John the Baptist answers without reservation: Share what you have. Don't be greedy. Do not falsely accuse others. In other words, get it together! The Lord is coming. Advent is a wonderful time to do just that, and St. Paul reminds us that we don't have to know all the answers. "The Lord is near," he writes, "Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God." Last week, the readings encouraged us to discern what is truly valuable in our lives as Christians. Today's readings encourage us to ask the Lord: "What should we do?" Just as John the Baptist showed the people how to prepare for Christ's coming, the Lord shows us how to live out and share our faith through the Scriptures and in the silence of prayer.

ACTIONS: Remember the last time you felt unadulterated joy? As we move through Advent, we can reawaken a sense of childlike joy as we prepare to celebrate Christ among us. As you light the Advent candle, take time to share with one another something that gave you joy within the past week.

Reflecting on Next Sunday's Readings ~

4th Sunday in Advent - December 19th, 2021.

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

Reading I: Micah 5:1-4a

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 80

Reading II: 1 Hebrews 10:5-10

Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

Advent Christmas Schedule / Program



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Advent Penance Service

Wednesday December 15th at 6:30 pm Holy Trinity

Thursday December 16th at 10:00 am St. John  
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Advent Retreat at Holy Trinity

Theme: Finding Hope & Joy in Jesus Christ

Saturday December 18th

9:00am Mass

9:30am Talk in the Parish Hall

11:30am Benediction
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Children's Christmas Gift Party

Saturday December 18th at 3:00 pm followed by Mass at 5:00 pm  
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Christmas Program

Friday December 24th Christmas Eve Mass: 5:00pm at Holy Trinity

Saturday December 25th Christmas Day Mass: 8:30am at St. John the Baptist

Saturday December 25th Christmas Day Mass: 10:30am at Holy Trinity
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Saturday January 1st New Year's Day Program

Confessions @ 9:30 am

Rosary & Liturgy of the Hours @ 10:00 am

Mass @ 10:30 am

**No Vigil Mass**  
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Sunday January 2nd Mass

8:30 am at St. John the Baptist

10:30 am at Holy Trinity

Parish Advent Prayer

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a wonder at the wisdom and power of Your Father and ours. Receive my prayer as part of my service of the Lord who enlists me in God's own work for justice.

Come, long expected Jesus. Excite in me a hunger for peace: peace in the world, peace in my home, peace in myself.

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a joy responsive to the Father's joy. I seek His will so I can serve with gladness, singing and love.

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me the joy and love and peace it is right to bring to the manger of my Lord. Raise in me, too, sober reverence for the God who acted there, hearty gratitude for the life begun there, and spirited resolution to serve the Father and Son.

I pray in the name of Jesus Christ, whose advent I hail. Amen.

Children's Christmas Gift Party

It's Christmas Party Time!! Our children have been busy. Not only have they begun a new Faith Formation program including their parents, they had an amazing Advent party and now, on December 18th, at 3pm, they are having a Children's Christmas Gift Exchange Party. It has been wonderful to witness such joy and happiness on those precious faces.

The more the merrier, so grab your grandkids, kids, nieces, nephews and come join us!

When: December 18

Time: 3:00 pm (followed by Mass at 5:00 pm)

Where: Parish Hall

Bring: A gift for the exchange (no more than \$10)

There will be a gift exchange along with snacks and games. Ready to play some Wii games? Some board games? Or bring something you think the others would love to play.

Any questions, call the Parish Office at 541-329-0697

3rd Sunday of Advent ~Gaudete~

The third Sunday of Advent is called "Gaudete Sunday." "Gaudete" means "Rejoice!" This is the theme expressed by St. Paul in his Letter to the Philippians: "Rejoice in the Lord always!" The word "rejoice" is composed of two words: "re" (again) and "joy". So St. Paul repeated his exhortation: "I shall say it again: rejoice!" Why does St. Paul insist that we rejoice? We must remember that he wrote this Letter to the Philippians while he was in a dark Roman prison and without any certainty that he can still come out alive.

Definitely, there was nothing to rejoice about in that situation. But joy is a virtue and a gift of the Holy Spirit. It is not dependent on any external condition. Rather, it all depends on one's intimate relationship with God. Rightly, then, that St. Paul said: "Rejoice in the Lord always. Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near"(4:4-5).

A person who knows the Lord is with him at all times, that the Lord is near, always has the reason to rejoice, that is, to be filled with joy. And that spirit leads him to be more kind and understanding towards others. Rejoicing in the Lord is not just a matter of thanking and praising God. Rather, it means two things.

First, it is an attitude of trust in the midst of life's difficulties and troubles. Worries and anxieties have no part in the life of a Christian. Instead, St. Paul said: "Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God" (Phil 4:6).

Secondly, rejoicing should manifest itself in acts of kindness. Again, St. Paul said: "Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near." St. John the Baptist, therefore, calls us to action. When asked by his listeners what they ought to do, John the Baptist mentioned examples of acts of kindness: giving clothes to those who have none, avoiding extortion and cheating and being of better service to others.

Christmas is always the busiest season of the year. While others are stressed and anxious about so many things, we are reminded to focus our attention on Jesus, the center of this joyous season, the cause of our rejoicing. There is no reason for worries and anxieties. Whatever problems and difficulties we may encounter, we take them all up to the Lord in prayer. Turn worries into prayers. "Then," St. Paul said, "the peace of God which surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus" (Phil 4:7).

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. JPII'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.

The children of our Parish are working on

The Creed this year:

- September: The Role of Parents in Education
- October: What is Faith, Who is God
- November: Created in God's Image
- December: Annunciation, Immaculate Conception
- January: Who is Jesus
- February: Paschal Mystery
- March: The Holy Spirit
- April: Marks of the Church, Communion of Saint
- May: The Way of the Creed



Lighthouse Media Kiosk

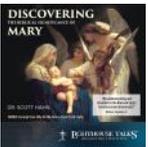
Our Light house Kiosk has been updated in time for Advent!
Stop by and browse the selections currently available. Feel free to call or test Trish Freitag at 541-290-2282 with requests for additional topics, or slip a note into the donations slot. It contains wonderful spirited resources for you and your family. They make Great Christmas Presents as well!

The Kiosk is in the entry of the church!



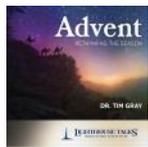
Jesus is...

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?"

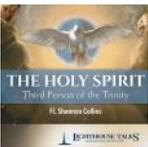


Discovering the Biblical Significance of Mary:

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.



Advent Rethinking the Season: Unlike most other seasons, it's a season that isn't about itself, but is instead about preparing for Christmas. But that reality often gets lost in the shuffle and stress of trying to find all the right gifts, decorations, and dinner ingredients. In this talk, Dr. Tim Gray uses storytelling and the readings of the Old Testament to explain that we need to live the 'pre-season' of Advent well, so we can be prepared to welcome and receive the greatest gift God the Father wants to give us at Christmas: His Son, Jesus.



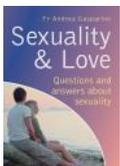
The Holy Spirit: Third Person of the Trinity

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.



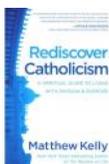
Love + Sacrifice + Trust ~ He Showed Us The Way

Fr. Mike Schmitz shares important insights on the meaning of Christ's Cross. He shows how God's rescue mission for us includes the need for each person to embrace his own cross in order to reestablish trust in the Father and the understanding that love requires sacrifice. It also includes a bonus segment on Stations of the Cross, which features reflections on the Lord's Passion and Death, accompanied by moving audio dramatizations from the Truth and Life Audio Bible.



Sexuality and Love:

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.



Rediscover Catholicism:

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 . . .

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

Advent Penance Service is Saturday Dec. 15th at 6:30 pm. Prepare for this opportunity to repent and recover the grace of friendship with God.

Children's Gift Exchange / Christmas Party is taking place Saturday Dec. 18th at 3:00 pm. Feel free to stop by before Mass at 5pm and say "Hi" and to show your support.

Christmas Decoration: We need help after the 10:30am Sunday Mass to bring Christmas decorations from the garage to the church. The church will be decorating for Christmas on Tuesday, December 21st, starting at 10am. All help will be greatly appreciated.

There will be no Religious Education / Faith Formation on Dec. 22nd and 29th for Christmas Break.

Christmas Flower Offerings

In Memory Of:

Michael C & Brooke Hahn
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Shirley Shelton

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Why Go To Confession?

For many of us Catholics, both those brought up in the Church since childhood and those formerly of Protestant or non-Christian faiths, the Sacrament of Reconciliation can seem a bit frightening. Perhaps it has been a long time since we've made a confession. Perhaps we struggle with disbelief, with despair, with human weakness, with addictions, or with lingering resentment or grief. And yet, how wonderful it would be to be freed from these chains!

What, then, is the heart of confession? Yes, without a doubt, there is the confession of sins, after which one receives pardon, absolution, and a penance of healing. But there is something deeper, something much more profound. What brings me to confession, to what the Fathers of the Church called "second Baptism"? It should be the same thing that brought me to my first Baptism: faith. When I approach a priest for the healing sacrament, I confess—really, I profess—my faith, my trust in the God who forgives and heals me, the God of eternal mercy and love.

Finally, what results from a good confession, that is, a confession of sins following a genuine confession of faith and trust? None other than the confession (or profession) of praise. 16 God, as it were, brings us back to life—heals our hearts, wounded in their ability to "speak," to express love—so that we might be free to glorify him anew. Thus what begins as a frightening experience for many ends in joy—the gift of praise restored. "At the name of Jesus every knee should bend . . . and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Phil 2:10-11). "The glory of God is a human being fully alive" (St. Irenaeus).

So if you come regularly to confession, know that Our Lord and I are grateful—please continue with this practice. If you haven't been to the sacrament in a while, please come back. Invite others to come as well—after all, this is the time for a New Evangelization, for proclaiming Glad Tidings anew. Jesus tells us, "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest" (Mt 11:28). Isn't his message the very essence of the Good News? Friends, please hear Jesus' call, and come to have your burdens lifted in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Come, be healed and restored. Jesus, our most merciful, loving, forgiving God will be waiting.

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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

The Christmas Pageant that Almost Wasn't

A Brother Francis Christmas Special



Adults

Adventus: A Spiritual Pilgrimage

Advent • 33m

On behalf of the Augustine Institute, we are offering Adventus: A Spiritual Pilgrimage to everyone this Advent and Christmas Season. In light of the separation we face as communities, this special documentary allows Catholics all around the world to unite and make a spiritual pilgrimage to the Holy Land to see the places associated with Christ's Birth.



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