

# Holy Trinity Catholic Church

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# St. John the Baptist

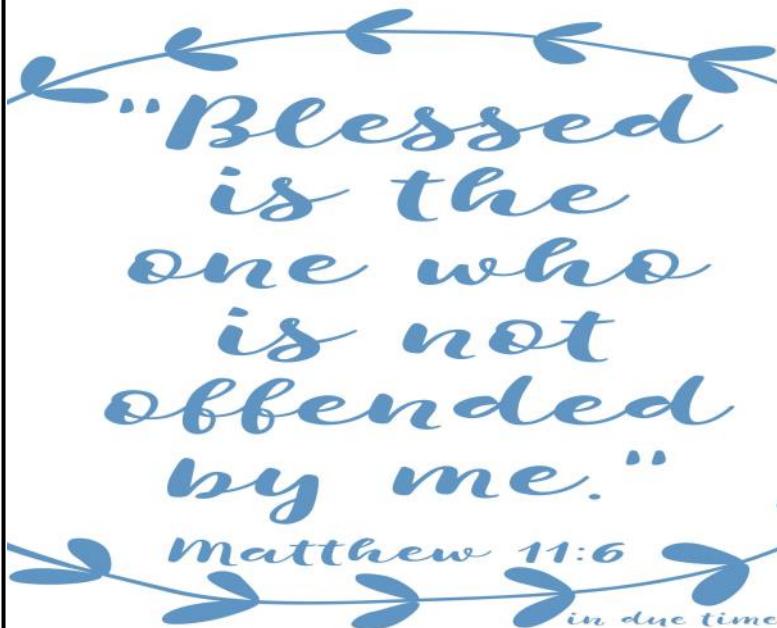
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*Mission Statement: To be a welcoming Catholic community committed to love, prayer, and service.*

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Dec. 11, 2022: 3rd Sunday of Advent, Year A



**Liturgy Schedule: Dec. 10 –Dec. 16, 2022**

## Holy Trinity - Bandon

### Mass

Saturday Vigil .....5:00 pm  
Sunday .....10:30 am  
Wednesday .....5:00 pm  
Thursday.....12:00pm  
Friday .....12:00 pm

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays.....3:30—4:45pm

## St. John the Baptist - Port Orford

### Mass

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

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sundays.....8:00—8:30 am

## *Highlights this week*

- **Advent:** The holy season of Advent continues. It is a time of profound spiritual preparation for the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. We will be sending Advent activities for the children and families and Advent prayers for all.
- **Eucharistic Adoration:** Thursday 12:30pm - 8:00pm & Friday 9:30am - 12:00pm.
- **Penance Service:** Wednesday, December 14th at 6:30 pm.
- **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.
- **Family Christmas Party:** on December 17th. At the Parish Hall after Saturday Vigil Mass.
- **Rome/Holyland Pilgrimage** If you are considering going on the pilgrimage to Rome and Holyland, registration has started and space is limited. You don't want to miss this great opportunity to walk in the footsteps of Christ. Sign up now at [www.holylandtoursllc.com](http://www.holylandtoursllc.com).

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### *Mass Intentions this Week*

#### **Holy Trinity**

Sat Vigil 12/10 + Tom Russo  
Sun 12/11 + Lupe Converse  
Wed 12/14 + Lupe Converse  
Thurs 12/15 + Betty McNeil  
Fri 12/16

#### **St. John the Baptist**

Sun 12/11 + Tom Lindstrom  
Thurs. 12/15 + Dan Fenger

To request Mass for yourself or a loved one, you may contact the parish office at 541-329-0697 or stop by the office Tues, Thurs, Fri 9-3:30. A suggested donation of \$10 is asked.

### *Offertory Collection*

*Nov. 26th & 27th*

**Holy Trinity Weekly Goal \$2700**

**Regular: \$1717**

**Maintenance: \$648**

**Building: \$600**

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

**Regular: \$242**

**Maintenance: \$157**

*"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. " **Matthew 6:21***

### *Prayer Intentions*

Margie Boak, Bryson Hanson, Lisa Stewart, Taletta Evans, Elaine Stohler, Jack Stohler, Joe Zahora, Carry Roeder, Carol Holden, Francis Stadelman, Loretta Brammer, Nick LaBelle, Julie Visser, Davis Family, Lupe Converse's Family, Denise Zeller & Trevino Family, Tom Lindstrom's family & all who are ill.

*If you would like to add or remove a name, contact the parish office at 541-329-0697 please.*

### *Liturgical Ministers Schedule*

**Saturday Vigil Dec. 10, 5:00pm**

Lector: Denise Daigre

Sacristan: John Freitag Jr.

**Sunday Dec. 11, 10:30am**

Lectors: Lani Martin

Sacristan: Kevin Kroll

## **REJOICE**

**1st Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10 (7a) || 2nd Reading: James 5:7-10 || Gospel : Matthew 11:2-11**

Today many of us light a rose Advent candle as we celebrate Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete means "rejoice," and today's readings hint at the joy of Christ's coming. Who among us can't relate to the concrete examples from the prophet Isaiah that give us many reasons for hope and joy as we anticipate Christ's birth. Those of us who have experienced fear or doubt find reassurance: "Be strong, fear not!" During the holidays when many will grieve those who have died this past year, we hear that "sorrow and mourning will flee." In today's Gospel, John the Baptist points us to the source of our joy in the person of Jesus Christ. As we continue to prepare for his coming, we can take comfort knowing that God is with us now and for eternity. As we hear in today's Psalm, "The Lord God keeps faith forever."

Patience can be difficult for many people. Waiting in the slow grocery line raises my heart rate, and having to use cruise control in 35 mph zones (it works!). Despite my impatience sometimes, I've grown to love planting a garden in the spring and never cease to be amazed at watching it grow. As St. James reminds us, we can learn from the farmer who patiently waits for the rains. "You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand." Whether we have patient personalities or not, we can rest assured that the Lord is with us for the long game. Just as the rains help our tomatoes to come in – a miracle that still surprises me each summer – our faithfulness, prayer, and good works can nurture our hearts and our souls. They also remind us of the true joy of the season: Our Savior, Jesus Christ, has taken on our humanity for our salvation. "Lord, come and save us."

**Action:** Need something to brighten your living area during the deep of winter? You can find amaryllis "bulbs in a box" online. They bloom inside and can be moved outside when spring comes, serving as a visible reminder that patience pays off. This can also be a nice gift for a friend or perhaps an elderly relative who does not have access to a garden.



## *New To the Parish?*

Welcome to Holy Trinity and St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. If you are new to the parish or have updated information, please cut out this form, fill in the information, and bring it to the Parish Office or put it in the collection basket.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ New Parishioner   ☐ New Address   ☐ New Phone #   ☐ I would like Fr. Anthony to call me.  
☐ I'm interested in parish ministries   ☐ I would like to receive offertory envelopes

# happy birthday!

December 1 Donna Reilly

December 2 Robert Dunn

December 3 Bernie Karl

December 4 Tamie Farinacci, Lisa Turner, Sara White, Bryson Hanson

December 6 Tre Devereaux, Julia Martin (1yr)

December 10 SoSoo Lee-Dunn

December 12 Guy Hawthorne

December 13 Samantha Martin

December 14 Barbara Farey

December 16 Joan Goodbrod

December 18 Aaliyah Hennick, Alana Hennick, Aubury Hennick

December 23 Margaret Carver

December 24 John Edwards

December 25 Josh Freitag

December 26 Maria Lupe Escalante Munoz

December 28 Barbara DeCato, Mary Duncanson, Halena Osinski, Sarah Stadelman

December 30 Lauren Perotti

## Advent & Christmas: Seasons of Giving



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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.

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.

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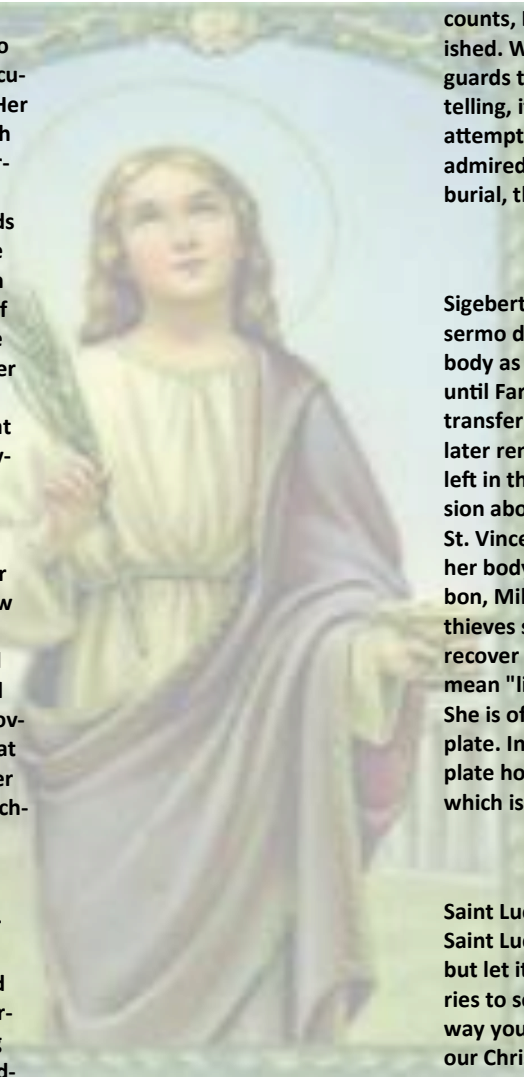
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## ST. LUCY

DECEMBER 13TH

Lucy's history has been lost and all we really know for certain is that this brave woman who lived in Syracuse lost her life during the persecution of Christians in the early fourth century. Her veneration spread to Rome so that by the sixth century the whole Church recognized her courage in defense of the faith. Because people wanted to shed light on Lucy's bravery, legends began to crop up. The one that has passed the test of time tells the story of a young Christian woman who vowed to live her life in service of Christ. Her mother tried to arrange a marriage for her with a pagan and Lucy knew her mother could not be swayed by a young girl's vow, so she devised a plan to convince her mother that Christ was the better partner for life. After several prayers at the tomb of Saint Agatha, Lucy saw the saint in a dream. St. Agatha told Lucy her mother's illness would be cured through faith, which Lucy used to persuade her mother to give the dowry money to the poor and allow her to commit her life to God. While Lucy and her mother were grateful to God, the rejected bridegroom was deeply angered and betrayed Lucy's faith to the governor Paschasius. The governor attempted to force her into defilement at a brothel, but the guards who came to take her away were unable to move her, even after hitching her to a team of oxen. The guards heaped bundles of wood around her but it wouldn't burn so they finally resorted to their swords, and Lucy met her death. Though details of her life remain unknown, it is widely known that during her lifetime Christians were persecuted for their faith. They were forced to endure horrific torture and often met painful ends during Diocletian's reign. Though the details surrounding her death remain only as legends, it is all modern-day Christians can rely on. Lucy's legend



did not end with her death. According to later accounts, Lucy warned Paschasius he would be punished. When the governor heard this he ordered the guards to gouge out her eyes; however, in another telling, it was Lucy who removed her eyes in an attempt to discourage a persistent suitor who greatly admired them. When her body was being prepared for burial, they discovered her eyes had been restored.

Sigebert (1030-1112), a monk of Gembloux, wrote *sermo de Sancta Lucia*, in which he described Lucy's body as remaining undisturbed in Sicily for 400 years until Faroald II, Duke of Spoleto, seized the island and transferred Lucy's remains to Abruzzo, Italy. It was later removed by Emperor Otho I in 972 to Metz and left in the church of St. Vincent. There is much confusion about what happened to her body after its stay at St. Vincent's, but it is believed that several pieces of her body can be found in Rome, Naples, Verona, Lisbon, Milan, Germany, France and Sweden. In 1981, thieves stole all but her head but police were able to recover them on her feast day. Lucy, whose name can mean "light" or "lucid," is the patron saint of the blind. She is often seen with the emblem of eyes on a cup or plate. In paintings, she is often depicted with a golden plate holding her eyes and often holds a palm branch, which is a symbol of victory over evil.

### Saint Lucy's Prayer:

Saint Lucy, you did not hide your light under a basket, but let it shine for the whole world, for all the centuries to see. We may not suffer torture in our lives the way you did, but we are still called to let the light of our Christianity illumine our daily lives. Please help us to have the courage to bring our Christianity into our work, our recreation, our relationships, our conversation -- every corner of our day. Amen



## Parish Christmas Wish List



As the holiday season is upon us and the end of the year draws near, please consider remembering your parish in your end-of-the-year charitable donations. The following is a list of things that our parish is in need of.

- A piano for the Parish Hall so we can have major events.
- A tool chest with basic tools (\$600)
- Four Altar Servers Outfit (Cassock and Surplice) (\$800)
- Two 8x11 rugs for children's classrooms (\$300)
- A larger rug for the conference room (\$300)
- Two Solo Stove Patio Heaters (\$800)
- Industrial mop for the Parish Hall (\$300)

If you would like to donate toward one of the above, please write a check to Holy Trinity Parish, and write the item's name on the memo line. Thank you so much, God bless you, and may you have a blessed Advent and Christmas Season!

## **2022 Advent and Christmas Activities**

We invite each parishioner to prepare and ready oneself for the gift and presence of Jesus during this Christmas season. The following Advent activities and opportunities will be provided.

### **During Advent:**

- Weekly prayer messages sent out over Flock note.
- Penance Service on December 14th at 6:30 pm at Holy Trinity.

### **Parish and Community Christmas Events:**

- December 17th : Family Christmas Party. At the Parish Hall after Saturday Vigil Mass.

### **Christmas Masses:**

- December 24th : Christmas Eve Mass at 5:00
- December 25th : Christmas Day Mass: St. John's 8:30 am and Holy Trinity 10:30 am.

**Current and ongoing: As you seek greater peace and desire to grow in love, imagine and consider committing to the below practices during the season of Advent.**

- Monday afternoon Rosary.
- Thursday and Friday Adoration.
- Weekday Masses on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, including first Friday and Saturday Masses the first week of December.
- Reconciliation every Saturday afternoon at Holy Trinity and Sunday Morning at St. John's.
- Thursday Bible Study, reflecting and learning about the weekend scripture readings.

What is special about the Third Sunday of Advent? For much of the Church's history, this Sunday had a special name: "Gaudete" Sunday. The traditions surrounding this Sunday go back as far as the fourth or fifth century, as does the season of Advent itself. Advent, our preparation for Christmas, was originally a forty-day penitential season like Lent. In fact, since it used to begin on November 12 (just after the Memorial of St. Martin of Tours), it was called "St. Martin's Lent." "Gaudete Sunday" was the Advent counterpart to "Laetare Sunday," which marks the midpoint in Lent.

On Gaudete Sunday, the season of Advent shifts its focus. For the first two weeks of Advent, the focus can be summed up in the

# **Gaudete Sunday**

phrase, "The Lord is coming." But beginning with Gaudete Sunday, the summary might be, "The Lord is near." This shift is marked by a lighter mood and a heightened sense of joyous anticipation.

Liturgically, the colors lighten as well. The priest usually wears rose-colored vestments, a hue seen only on Gaudete Sunday and Laetare Sunday. On this day, we light the third candle of the Advent wreath, which is also rose-colored, or if you prefer, pink.

The word "Gaudete" is Latin for "Rejoice." In times when the focus of our anticipation is often on the negative and fearful, this celebration is a reminder that God who loves us is still in charge and that we await his coming not with fear, but with tremendous joy.







# Oh Come All Ye faithful

Saturday, December 17th

We invite all Parishioners and their families to celebrate the Christmas Season with a fun filled family event after the December 17th, Saturday vigil Mass at 6pm. Come and celebrate this joyous time of the year with family and friends. Please bring a batch of your favorite holiday dessert to share.

- ◆ The kids will be decorating gingerbread houses for a friendly competition. The winner will receive a movie night basket to enjoy with their family.
- ◆ Adults are encouraged to bring a wrapped white elephant gift to exchange. Please bring a spare piece of the wrapping paper to drop in the drawing box.
- ◆ Ugly sweaters are optional.... And strongly encouraged!
- ◆ The Best of all is... Santa Claus is coming to town!
- ◆ A traditional dinner of ham, mashed potatoes, green beans, and salad will be provided. Come and enjoy a wonderful homecooked meal.

- ◆ When: December 17th, 6p.m.
- ◆ Where: The Parish Hall after Vigil Mass
- ◆ Who: Everyone, this is a family friendly event



# Parish News

## Regular Meeting

- Please join us for coffee and donuts after Mass in the parish Hall
- Wednesday Night Dinner and Classes 12/14: There will be no dinner or classes this week or the following week.

## Chapel and Prayer Activities

- The Rosary continues on Mondays at 1:30 pm in the chapel. This is also an important and sacred prayer practice within our Catholic faith. Our Blessed Mother is a powerful as intercessor and compassionate Mother.
- Eucharistic Adoration: Hours for Adoration are Thursday- 12:30-7:00 pm and Friday 9:30-11:30 am. We need to fill each hour. If you feel called to sit before the Blessed Sacrament in adoration and prayer, please fill in one of the hours. Commit to an hour each week. We need all the prayer warriors we can get. Our chapel is available for prayer each day of the week outside of the set Adoration Hours. If you wish to have the code, please call the parish office during office hours (Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays 9:00am—3:30 pm).

## Giving Thanks

- Congratulations to the White, Martin, Hanson family on the Baptism of their children.
- We are grateful to the White Family for hosting and preparing dinner Wednesday Night and to Ted and Trish Freitag who sponsored the meal. And a special thank you to Mike and Karen Hahn for generously providing the birthday cake.
- A huge thank you to Sheila Howe and Cathy Upton for hosting the Volunteer Appreciation dinner. You truly out did yourselves! You are a blessing to this Parish and your treasure goes beyond measure.
- A very heartfelt thank you to those who helped to organize Dan Fenger's memorial service, we are truly humbled by your generosity and treasure. We especially thank Jane Schmaltz for her care in undertaking this matter.
- We also would like to thank all members of St. John's Women's Guild for working tirelessly for the Christmas Bazaar.



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## Coffee and Donuts Schedule

Dec. 11th ~ Religious Education  
Dec. 18th ~ Homebound

**Dec. 25th ~ Merry Christmas!** There are no coffee and donuts.



~ *Reflecting on Next Sunday's Readings* ~  
Dec. 18th, 2022: 4th Sunday in Advent



**Reading I: Isaiah 7:10-14 (10A)**

**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 24**

**Reading II: Romans 1:1-7**

**Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24**

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**Adults:****Symbolon Episode 7:**

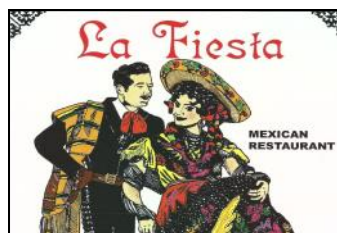
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Though Jesus saves us as individuals, he calls us to live out our salvation as members of a communion of believers. But that can be hard if we don't understand what the Church is and what it is meant to be. Why does the Church claim to have authority over what Catholics believe? How do we reconcile both the divinity and

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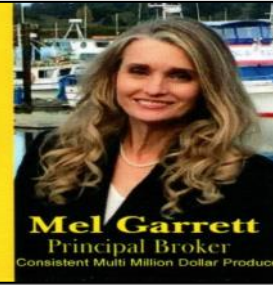
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