

# HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**December 24, 2023**  
*The Fourth Sunday  
of Advent*

and

**December 25, 2023**  
*The Nativity of the Lord*

## MASS SCHEDULE

Mon – Fri 8:15am  
Wednesday 2:05pm (*School*)  
Saturday 5:30pm  
Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:15am  
Holy Days 8:15am, 7:00pm

## RECONCILIATION

Friday 8:45-9:30am  
Saturday 4:00-5:00pm

## PARISH OFFICE

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Mon – Fri 8:00-4:00pm

## SCHOOL OFFICE

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## FOOD CLOSET MINISTRY

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Tue, Wed, Fri 10:00-12:30pm



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## GREETINGS FROM FR. BILL

Merry Christmas! Today, we celebrate one of the greatest miracles and signs of God's love for humanity. By becoming one of us, Jesus Christ became the Savior who knew, personally, what we experience. He is not a distant god, but the Lord who is willing to rescue us personally, as if we each were the only one, in order to break the bonds of sin and death that plague us.

Christmas is not just a day, but a season of great joy. While that is the case, all the more we must recognize those for whom such joy is hard to find. Maybe this is the first Christmas without that special person in your life. Maybe your health or your employment situation is worse than last year. Maybe this season brings more struggles than peace. Whatever burdens you carry, know that, because of our faith, we desire to help you experience the awesome and life-changing love of God that can heal all things.

It is my sincere desire that our celebration of Jesus' birth and the Eucharist we share will pierce any obstacles in your way and bring you the joy and peace of Christ that is beyond understanding. May this Christmas be a time that helps you grow in faith with Jesus. Remember: He loves you and desires the best for you!

## FOOD CLOSET MINISTRY

HOLY TRINITY FOOD CLOSET IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER.

### NUMBER OF PEOPLE SERVED

Food Closet		Backpack Program	
Week of December 11 <sup>th</sup>	561	Week of December 11 <sup>th</sup>	98
Since January 1 <sup>st</sup>	26,007	23-24 School Year	900

### DONATED AMOUNT OF FOOD, DIAPERS, BAGS, ETC.

Week of Dec. 11 <sup>th</sup>	3,491 lbs.
Since July 1 <sup>st</sup>	27,169 lbs.

### PRODUCE HARVESTED FROM FC GARDEN

Week of Dec. 11 <sup>th</sup>	0 lbs.
Since July 1 <sup>st</sup>	986 lbs.



**Donate these items to make an immediate impact!**

- ☒ Peanut Butter
- ☒ Canned Fruit & Soup
- ☒ Rice — 1 or 2 lbs.
- ☒ Toilet Paper

## BRETT'S TWO CENTS

Merry Christmas, everyone! What a great gift it is to be here with all of you as we celebrate our God who chose to come and be with us. In his book Lord, Teach Us to Pray, Fr. Jeff Kirby, STL, wrote:

*"In the hustle and bustle of our lives, it is a great consolation that the Lord Jesus takes the initiative and approaches us. The providence of God, His fatherly care for us, is a humbling mystery that allows us to know of His presence in our lives. The Lord shows us this providence and comes directly to us 'on the road' of our lives, of our suffering, confusion, anxiety, and of our joys, accomplishments, and hopes. The Lord is with us. . . He walks with us, listens to us, cares for us, and desires to be with us along the road of our lives."*

As we celebrate this great feast, I encourage all of you to ask God for eyes to see His presence and power working in your lives. Trusting Him and His providence is a lesson that needs to be learned again and again, but He never tires of teaching us.

Blessings on you and your loved ones!

## HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Our school was filled with so much joy and happiness as students came in for their last day before Christmas break! Families were welcomed at the front doors by a living Advent wreath and serenaded with Christmas music from the piano. Their joy for the season was evident as it was shared with everyone who entered our school, and I wish to pass along that joy and light to each of you. Merry Christmas, Holy Trinity!

—Sarah Dummer, Principal

Considering Catholic education for your child? We would love to have your family become part of Holy Trinity Catholic School! Applications for the 2024-25 school year are due February 1, 2024. Our admissions timeline, requirements, and tuition details can be found online at [bit.ly/HTSCH24-25](http://bit.ly/HTSCH24-25). You can also scan the QR code below. Please reach out if you have any questions — we are eager to speak with you!

**SCAN FOR HT  
SCHOOL 24-25  
APPLICATION DETAILS!**





# MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM YOUR HOLY TRINITY STAFF!

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## Holiday Events & Masses

**New Year's Day Mass** Monday, January 1st  
 9:00 (live streamed)

**Epiphany Party** Sunday, January 7th  
 12:30pm in the Cafeteria



The nativity scene reminds us that God did not remain invisible in heaven, but came down to earth and became man. To set up a nativity scene is to celebrate the closeness of God, to rediscover that God is real, concrete; He is humble Love that came down to us.

4:30 AM - 23 Dec 2019

## PARISH FINANCES

*Due to publishing constraints ahead of the Christmas holiday, the collection details for the weekend of December 16-17 will be published in the next bulletin.*

## THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

### Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

- ✦ 8:00 & 9:30am, Church — Mass: Fourth Sunday of Advent (*no 11:15am Mass today*)
- ✦ 4:00, 6:00 & 8:00pm, Church — Mass: Christmas Eve

### Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

**Parish Office is closed for the Christmas holiday**

- ✦ 9:00am, Church — Mass: Christmas Day

### Tuesday, December 26<sup>th</sup>

**Parish Office is closed for the Christmas holiday**

- ✦ 3:15-7:30pm, Gym — CYO: Basketball practice
- ✦ 6:30-8:00pm, via Zoom — Centering Prayer Group
- ✦ 7:00-8:00pm, via Zoom — HT Zoom Bingo (*email Debbie at [debbie.a.m.gray@gmail.com](mailto:debbie.a.m.gray@gmail.com) to join the fun!*)

### Wednesday, December 27<sup>th</sup>

- ✦ 11:00am, Church — Funeral for Dan O'Leary
- ✦ 3:15-8:30pm, Gym — CYO: Basketball practice
- ✦ 7:00-8:30pm, Fireside 4 — Legion of Mary

### Thursday, December 28<sup>th</sup>

- ✦ 3:15-7:30pm, Gym — CYO: Basketball practice
- ✦ 6:00-8:30pm, Fireside — Young Adult Ministry: End of Year Potluck
- ✦ 7:00-8:30pm, Church — Filipino Chorale rehearsal

### Friday, December 29<sup>th</sup>

- ✦ 3:15-8:30pm, Gym — CYO: Basketball practice

### Saturday, December 30<sup>th</sup>

- ✦ 9:00-6:00pm, Gym — CYO: Basketball practice
- ✦ 4:30-5:30pm, Fireside — Small Faith Grp. (*Nwajagu*)
- ✦ 6:30-8:00pm, Gym — Young Adult Basketball



Holy Trinity Parish & School strives to support the faith journey of all people — from questioning non-Catholics to the newly-baptized to the cradle Catholics — at every age, so each person may come to know God in a personal way.





Rich in diversity and united in faith, our community exudes a joyful spirit of deep affection for Christ, for each other, and for the world at large, driven by an enthusiastic desire to help each other grow in our faith and relationship with Jesus.





That spirit shines brightest in our efforts to go forth and make a difference in our world: in our families and neighborhoods, in our workplaces and schools, in the lives of those we know and the lives of strangers we may never meet. For everyone in our HT family — for each of *you* — we give thanks this Christmas!





# FAITH FORMATION & MINISTRY NEWS

## SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY

Eileen Sleva – 503.713.7939 – [eileen.sleva@gmail.com](mailto:eileen.sleva@gmail.com)

### Preparing the Way: The Fourth Week of Advent

From the [Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns Advent Reflections](#)

“Let us all encounter the body of Christ on the periphery. Let us embrace the living body of Christ, left under the bridges. Let us open our doors for those knocking for a meal, a coat, a shower, a glass of water. It is you and me whom Christ must use to reach our brothers and sisters. . . Do not oppress a stranger[;] you were once strangers too.”

**Reflect:** How is God calling you to welcome others?

**Respond:** Join the Church’s efforts to ensure that those forced to flee are not left behind: [migrants-refugees.va](https://migrants-refugees.va).

**Pray:** Lord, no one is a stranger to you. Help us pour out your love and compassion to all our brothers and sisters.

Find the full reflection at [h-t.org/advent#reflect](https://h-t.org/advent#reflect)

## HOLY FATHER’S INTENTION FOR DECEMBER

### For Persons with Disabilities

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

[Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> & Monday 25<sup>th</sup>](#)

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day

Is 9:1-6 | Ti 2:11-14 | Lk 2:1-14

[Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>](#)

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59

Mt 10:17-22

[Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>](#)

1 Jn 1:1-4 | Jn 20:1a, 2-8

[Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>](#)

1 Jn 1:5 – 2:2 | Mt 2:13-18

[Friday 29<sup>th</sup>](#)

1 Jn 2:3-11 | Lk 2:22-35

[Saturday 30<sup>th</sup>](#)

1 Jn 2:12-17 | Lk 2:36-40

[Sunday 31<sup>st</sup>](#)

Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3

Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19

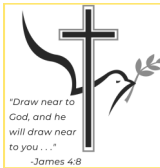
Lk 2:22-40

## CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH (CRHP)

### WOMEN’S WEEKEND RETREAT

Helen Hamilton, Registration Coordinator – 503.807.2597

Allison Connelly, Financial Asst. – [crhp.women.ht@gmail.com](mailto:crhp.women.ht@gmail.com)



This Christmas, give your mother, sister, aunt, cousin, or friend (or even *yourself*) the gift of a peaceful weekend with the Lord by attending our CRHP weekend retreat on **March 9-10, 2024!** Our theme for the weekend is inspired by Colossians 3:12 and St. Paul’s directive to “*clothe yourself with compassion*”. At the nearby Our Lady of Peace Retreat House, you’ll share the Gospel, attend Mass, walk the gardens, have the opportunity for confession, visit the gift shop, experience the love of Christ, and build lasting friendships with the other attendees. Pick-up a brochure with more details at the Information Desk in the narthex, or simply go online to learn more (and to register!) at [h-t.org/crhp](https://h-t.org/crhp).

## RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

Jerry & Vicky Maurseth – [vjmaurseth@gmail.com](mailto:vjmaurseth@gmail.com)



St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish (3145 SW 192<sup>nd</sup> Ave.) will offer a special Mass celebrating the Feast of the Holy Innocents on Thursday, December 28<sup>th</sup> to honor all deceased children, especially those who have died before birth or baptism and due to abortion. The Rosary will be prayed at 6:30pm, with Mass beginning at 7:00pm. All are welcome!

## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY END OF YEAR POTLUCK

DECEMBER 28 | 6 - 8:30 PM

Holy Trinity Fireside Room

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF FUN, FOOD & FELLOWSHIP! IF YOU ARE ABLE TO BRING A DISH OR SIDE, SIGN UP WITH THE QR CODE!



## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

5:30pm +Prisca Varela

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>**

8:00am Holy Trinity Parish

9:30am +Joseph de Bienassiss

4:00pm Blessings to Phyllis Mulluenberg as she celebrates her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday!

6:00pm +Joseph Truong

8:00pm +Bob & +Toni Bruno

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup>**

9:00am Holy Trinity Parish

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>**

8:15am +Anna Thu T. Co

and

+Mia Osorio

and

+Ethan Corgry

and

+Dick Drilling

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>**

8:15am +Merlie David

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>**

8:15am Birthday Blessings to

Emalia S. Rubyono

and

Al & Cathie Schmitt

and

+Marsha Bozich

and

+Annet Rozestraten

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup>**

8:15am Birthday Blessings to

Nancy Matthews





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