



HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Washington, DC

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First Sunday of Advent: Hope

By Colleen Brady

On this First Sunday of Advent, and as we near the celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe, patron saint of the Americas, we wanted to share with you a glimpse of our sister parish, Maria Madre de los Pobres in El Salvador.

Our Holy Trinity delegation's visit to Maria Madre wasn't simply a trip—it was a pilgrimage. Travelers go through places, people and sights, but pilgrims allow those people, places and sights to move through them. Everyone I met and everything I saw and learned about in El Salvador moved through my heart, driving me closer to God. My heart twisted in ways I didn't expect. It was shattered and the cracks were filled back up by all of God's visible love, leaving me in awe.

The community at Maria Madre reminded me that I believe in a God bigger than I can imagine—a God existing in the love between people, even people who don't speak the same language or live by the same customs. God communicates in a similar way to how I communicated in Spanish with the people of Maria Madre: I couldn't quite understand everything they said, but I understood it was all love.

As we walked around La Chacra—Maria Madre's neighborhood—my heart broke. The physical poverty is obvious: polluted streets, stray dogs, and humble homes. It hurt to see people trying to make a living when the economy is unbalanced, with the wages too low and the education fees too high. But the poverty here is more than just physical. I learned how common it was to have a father or grandfather who disappeared in the civil war, or a son who joined a gang. The darkness of poverty, government corruption and gang violence still loom.

At the same time, I didn't wonder where God was—the people of Maria Madre showed me God's love by living with a palpable, authentic joy and determination for a brighter future.

That kind of joy settled everywhere—in the bright Oscar Romero murals, in the generous sharing of meals, in hospitable hugs and in the life of the parish. The community buzzes with activities like parent formation meetings, grandmothers clubs, Masses and educational opportunities. When the community gathered, they celebrated being together. As they danced and played games before dinner, they pulled me in. Everyone was included, revealing a hospitality I don't often experience in DC. One of my favorite moments was when the children at CAPI, the parish school, performed a Salvadoran dance at morning assembly. For CAPI students, school is a place to be safe and happy—a break from any darkness at home or in the neighborhood.

At Maria Madre, we all walked on holy ground. Holiness seeped through the dirt on the ground, the smell of streets, the matted fur of stray dogs, the brightness of colorful murals and the green plants. I don't know how holiness seeps through dirt, but it does, like weaknesses becoming resilience.

Now that I've returned, I wonder how I can make the ground I walk on in Georgetown holier ground, how I can help

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Giving Trees Are on Display!

This year, we will assist 12 organizations that work with the homeless, children or the elderly. Please consider taking a tag **only** if you are able to return it wrapped no later than 1pm **December 16**.

Gifts may be left under the trees in the church and Trinity Hall. As a guideline, the value of each gift is a *maximum of \$50 per person*. Contact Kate Tromble for more information: ktromble@trinity.org

MISSION STATEMENT

We are a Jesuit Catholic parish that welcomes all to:

Accompany one another in Christ
Celebrate God's love
Transform lives

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Parish Open Forum for Action

The **Parish Open Forum for Action** continues. The 100+ parishioners who came together November 4 and discussed responses to the sexual abuse crisis in the Catholic Church proposed a number of practical actions in the five areas of concern: *transparency and accountability, Church structure, the role of the laity, support to survivors and families, and prayer.*

The parishioners who agreed to take the lead on these actions are meeting together and with Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) representatives to de-conflict ideas for actions, to educate ourselves on similar work that is already ongoing in other organizations and to (potentially) team up with other parishes on some of the actions.

The quickest way to add ideas, ask questions or join one of the action groups is to reach out to any one of the PPC representatives. Our special topic email addresses are open as well:

- transparency@trinity.org
- churchstructure@trinity.org
- laity@trinity.org
- survivorsandfamily@trinity.org
- prayer@trinity.org

As you may have seen in recent media coverage, the Archdiocese of Washington has removed Urbano Vazquez, OFM Cap. from ministry as parochial vicar at Shrine of the Sacred Heart in NW DC due to an allegation of sexual abuse. The case was also reported to the Metropolitan Police Department, which is investigating the claim. Since this claim, other allegations regarding Fr. Vazquez have been reported.

Our parish continues to hold all survivors of sexual abuse and assault and the parish community at Sacred Heart in prayer, and commits to ending the cycle of abuse in the Church however we can.

If you have any information that would be helpful in this case, the Archdiocese encourages you to contact Detective Eric Walsh, Youth and Family Services Division, Physical and Sexual Abuse Unit of the Metropolitan Police Department at (202) 568-1971.

We will continue to provide resources, information and follow-ups to our forum at www.trinity.org/resources.

Daily Mass Intentions

The parish community prays for all of the dead every day at Mass. However, we encourage parishioners to mention specific persons by name during the General Intercessions when invited to do so by the presider.

Parishioners may also request that a specific person be remembered by name at a particular weekday Mass by calling or visiting the receptionist's desk in the Parish Center during normal office hours.

Names must be submitted one week in advance. Persons to be so remembered at weekday Masses this week are:

Week of December 3, 2018

Monday	7:00am	Dorothy Mead+
	5:30pm	Kenneth & Delores Bellis+
Tuesday	7:00am	Hilary Laytham Vice+
	5:30pm	Mary Charlotte Daniel+
Wednesday	8:00am	James Carney+
	5:30pm	Milton V. Harris+
Thursday	8:00am	Christopher Brown
	5:30pm	Bill Noonan+
Friday	8:00am	Charles Hitchcock+
	5:30pm	Alyssa de la Torre+
Saturday	8:00am	Monsignor William Kane+

Pray for those who are sick: *For those we hold in our hearts*

Pray for those who are dead: *For those we hold in our hearts*

PRAYER REQUESTS

To add a name to these prayer lists, contact Lisa Dittmeier at ldittmeier@trinity.org. You must be an immediate relative of the one to be remembered, or have express permission in order to add a name to these lists. The names on this prayer list will be mentioned aloud at Sunday Mass during the General Intercessions and will be published in the parish eLetter and bulletin.

SACRAMENTS

Mass Schedule (*Check bulletin or website for Holy Days*)

Weekdays: 7am (Monday & Tuesday), 8am (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday) & 5:30pm (in the Chapel on N St.)

Note: Please see schedule for daily Mass times.

Chapel is open on weekdays between Masses.

Saturday: 8am — Chapel; 5:30pm Vigil — Church

Sunday: 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:30am, 1:15pm & 5:30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Every Saturday from 4:30pm—5:15pm or by appointment

Sacrament of the Sick

Communal anointing is celebrated seasonally in the St. Ignatius Chapel. Call the parish to request the sacrament at home or in the hospital.

Baptisms and Weddings:

- To schedule a Baptism or Wedding, contact Beth Gray at (202) 903-2806 or bgray@trinity.org.

Sacramental Preparation:

Persons desiring to receive certain sacraments at Holy Trinity need to be registered parishioners and are expected to participate in a preparation program. For more information or to register, contact the appropriate staff person:

- Infant Baptism: readmin@trinity.org, (202) 903-2808
- First Reconciliation: Judith Brusseau, (202) 903-2807
- First Eucharist: Judith Brusseau, (202) 903-2807
- Marriage Prep: readmin@trinity.org, (202) 903-2808
- Adult Initiation (RCIA): Anne Koester, (202) 337-2840 x128
- Children's Initiation (RCIA): Judith Brusseau, (202) 903-2807
- Adult Confirmation: Judith Brusseau, (202) 903-2807
- Youth Confirmation: Judith Brusseau, (202) 903-2807

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION

Welcome to Holy Trinity! We invite you to join our parish. You may register at www.trinity.org/register. Questions about registering can be directed to registration@trinity.org.

New parishioner orientations are held several times throughout the year. See the bulletin, eLetter and website for announcement of dates and times.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process of conversion and faith formation for individuals who are interested in living the Christian life in the Catholic tradition. Those who want to learn more about the possibility of becoming Catholic are welcome to come to the Inquiry meetings held every Tuesday evening at 7pm in the Faber Room, Holy Trinity Parish Center. Please contact Anne Koester akoester@trinity.org for more information or visit our website.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC)

PPC members share leadership responsibility with our pastor. As advisors to the pastor, PPC members assist the pastor in discerning, articulating and communicating to other parishioners the identity and mission of the parish, and they assist the pastor in assuring fidelity to that identity and mission.

President Ellen Toups ppcpresident@trinity.org

Vice President Chris Hannigan parishcouncil@trinity.org

First Sunday of Advent God's Justice

God of justice, you surprise us with your choices
of the smallest nation to bless the world,
a shepherd boy to be their king,
and a baby born in a stable to be the King of Kings.

Give us a heart like yours
that loves the least among us
and values them as the greatest.

Teach us your justice
that will always forgive
and bring forth life from death.

We make our prayer through Jesus,
the long-awaited Messiah,
the fulfillment of the promise from all ages.

Amen.

WORSHIP

Journey in Prayer

There are many opportunities to pause, reflect and prepare for God's love over the coming weeks:

Pray in Sacred Space: Messengers of Joy December 8, 15*, 22, 4-5pm, Chapel of St. Ignatius

*Hosted by the 5th Week Group:
Living the Spiritual Exercises*
You are invited to take one hour during each week of Advent to pray with Advent Scripture passages using the Advent Sacred Space books. All are welcome. Registration is not necessary— come as you are! Please contact Martina O'Shea at moshea@trinity.org.



*Held in McKenna Hall on December 15

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration December 7, 4:30pm, Chapel of St. Ignatius

Eucharist on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation) December 8, 10am, Church

Youth Mass December 9, 9am, Chapel of St. Ignatius

Our Lady of Guadalupe December 12, 10:30am, Church (with Holy Trinity School) and 7pm, Church (Evening Prayer)

Christmas Eve Mass Schedule December 24, 4pm, Church & Trinity Hall 5:45pm, 7:30pm, 9:30pm, Church 11:15pm, Lessons & Carols Midnight Mass

Christmas Day Mass Schedule December 25, 8am, 10am, 11:30am, Church

IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY

The Ladies of ISP Want to Meet You December 6, 6:30pm, McKenna Hall



Many Holy Trinity parishioners have supported the Ignatian Spirituality Project (ISP) through donations of hospitality bags or shawls -- and the women who receive them have expressed a desire to meet you! All parishioners, whether you've previously participated or not, are invited join the ladies who participate in ISP for Praying with the Women of Advent.

This evening of supper, fellowship, and prayer brings together Ignatian and 12-step traditions. A simple meal of soup and bread will be followed by prayer and discussion. ISP is a Jesuit ministry that seeks to end homelessness through offering retreats in the Ignatian tradition.

Icon Exhibit: Holy Icons

December 9, 10am – 2pm, Chapel Gallery

You are invited to join the Iconographers' Guild for a prayerful exhibition of icons they have written/painted on the grounds of Holy Trinity. The exhibit includes the work-in-progress which the iconographers are writing for our 225th anniversary. For additional information, contact Dan MacDougall at danmacdoug@aol.com.



SOCIAL JUSTICE

Shop for a Cause Today!

Our parish has developed a rich relationship over the years with two sister parishes, Maria Madres de los Pobres in El Salvador and St. Jean de Baptiste in Haiti. We collaborate on numerous projects from supporting peace-building and school efforts to helping farmers expand their coffee growing and make it sustainable. Today, **December 2** in McKenna Hall after all Masses, show your support for our sister parishes while you shop for names on your "Nice" list. We will be selling coffee and alternative greeting cards and 225th Anniversary commemorative items will. Cash, checks and credit cards accepted.

Virtual Giving Tree

In addition to the gifts tags available on the trees in the Church and Trinity Hall, you may access our virtual Giving Tree on the Social Justice webpage.

Receive Weekly Updates!
www.trinity.org/eLetter

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/ FAITH FORMATION

Thomas Merton

December 10, 10:10am, Chapel

“On the last day of January, 1915, under the sign of the Water Bearer, in a year of a great war, and down in the shadow of some French mountains on the border of Spain, I came into the world.” These opening words from the spiritual classic, *The Seven Story Mountain*, served as the way by which Thomas Merton's described his birth; on December 10, 1968 the world was shocked with Merton's sudden death while on a pilgrimage to Thailand. On the occasion of this 50th anniversary of Merton's death, Fr. Kevin Gillespie will offer an overview of Merton's life and legacy. A discussion will follow the presentation.

Youth Confirmation

The first session will be held on **December 12** from 6:30-9pm in Trinity Hall. Parents will begin in prayer at the Our Lady of Guadalupe prayer service and then return to Trinity Hall for the conclusion. This session is for all candidates and their parents.

Children's Bible Story Hour

Children's Bible Story Hour will be offered on **December 16** at 10:10am in the Lower School Big Room. The Nativity Story will be featured.

Jesse Tree Prayer Service

On **December 16**, you are invited to a prayer service led by the RE 6th graders to remember the lineage and family history of Jesus. The service will begin at 10:25am in the church.



PARISH LIFE

Carol in Georgetown

December 10, 6:30-9pm

No singing experience required and all ages welcome! Meet in the Upper School Cafeteria. We will visit the sisters of Visitation and home-bound parishioners. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served! Contact Lisa Dittmeier at ldittmeier@trinity.org for more details.

The Holy Trinity Columbarium at Holy Rood Cemetery

Holy Trinity and Georgetown University have announced a plan to restore Holy Rood Cemetery on Wisconsin Avenue, including repairs to existing infrastructure, enhancements to landscaping and improvements to the cemetery entrance. The plan will also allow Holy Trinity to build a columbarium at the cemetery. If you are interested in learning more about the project or purchasing a niche, please visit www.holytrinitycolumbarium.org or contact Rock Schuler at (202) 903-2843.

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those fleeing from violence and poverty, and how I can stop social injustices from happening. I want to carry the rich spirit the people of Maria Madre carry every day and I want to practice that kind of radical gratitude, generosity, hospitality, and love they showed me.

If you would like to learn more about Maria Madre or our upcoming trip taking place **January 24-30**, please contact Margie Legowski at margielegowski@gmail.com.

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL



The HTS Musical Theatre Club will present Disney's The Lion King Jr. **December 6** at 7pm in Trinity Hall. Admission is free, with a suggested donation of \$5 per ticket. Disney's The Lion King, Jr. is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI, www.MTIshows.com.

Holy Trinity Time Capsule



Parish Hall (Former Theater)

The Parish Hall (former Theater and current Trinity Hall) was completed in 1921 following the “Haul for a Hall” campaign. The regular use of the hall began with meetings of the Holy Name Society. The Stellar Dramatic Players presented the first play, *A Full House*, in 1923.