



# HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## Hope Into Action

By Kate Gerry

When you consider the climate crisis, what emotions spring to mind? If doom and gloom are your first choices, you're not alone. Recent surveys conducted by Yale and George Mason earlier this year show that about 60 percent of Americans are at least somewhat worried about the climate crisis and 23 percent consider themselves "very worried." With the IPCC reports claiming we only have 11 years left to reverse climate change and headlines discussing droughts, sea ice loss, devastating fires and more, climate change fills many of us with despair.

Yet, it is our obstacles that test the full measure of our faith as a human race, whether that be our faith in ourselves as a species or in ourselves as creations in God's image. Our faith not only gives us the courage to withstand challenges, but the courage to respond. Further, the new year gives us the opportunity to change and strengthen our response.

What will we do this year to protect God's creation? How will we respond, both as Catholics and as humans? How will we turn our fear into hope and then our hope into

action?

Ancient Chinese philosopher and writer Lao Tzu said, "The journey of 1,000 miles begins with a single step." A resolution need not involve an enormous challenge worthy of the Nobel Prize. But where to begin? Climate change is all encompassing, as are the many solutions that encompass it. From changing the way we use electricity to the way we build to the way we eat, the solutions are endless.

Endless solutions, however, give us endless opportunities.

Your resolutions for going green could involve attending Holy Trinity's Green Team meetings every month and bringing a friend. It could involve starting a compost pile (whether you create the compost or drop it off at different locations throughout DC, depending on which farmer's market is hosting). It could involve buying less and buying used whenever possible. It could involve calling Pepco or Dominion Energy and switching to renewables as much as possible. It could involve reducing the amount of meat and animal products you consume. It could involve supporting your children in striking on Fridays (or striking yourself). It could involve switching to LED lights. It could involve registering voters and contacting your local, state, and federal officials about environmental issues. It could involve volunteering at one of the many environmental initiatives in DC. As Christ teaches us, even faith the size of a mustard seed can move mountains.

So, what will your resolution be? What will you do to help heal and restore our planet? What will you do to secure our future and that of our children? And what will you do to emulate our Holy Father and care for creation? The will required to save the planet may seem impossible. Yet nothing is impossible with God.

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## Have You Made Your 2020 Pledge?

The Parish Pledge supports not only our own parishioners, but also our DC community through our Social Justice tithe. Other programs like Shepherd's Flock, Ignatian retreats, faith formation and catechist training are all made possible through contributions to the Parish Pledge. Pledge today at [www.trinity.org/pledge](http://www.trinity.org/pledge)

### MISSION STATEMENT

We are a Jesuit Catholic parish that welcomes all to accompany one another in Christ, celebrate God's love and transform lives.

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## Living Our Mission: Celebrating God's Love

by Karelia Pallán, Director of Communications

Growing up, many kids count down the days until Christmas, and I certainly was no exception. But my favorite holiday was actually Epiphany, or *Día de los Reyes Magos* as it is more commonly known in Mexico. Celebrating the Magi (which we call Three Kings), the day captured my young imagination with its mystical story, magic and traditions.

Many of you have probably taken down your Christmas decorations by now, but in Mexico, every family still has theirs up. We know that liturgically, Christmas Day is only the beginning of the Christmas season—but in the U.S. we don't necessarily practice or celebrate that in our traditions at home.

In Mexico, the narrative of the Nativity and Jesus' early life is a cultural mainstay, ingrained in nearly two months of festivities combining Catholic and prehispanic traditions. The celebrations start December 16 with *Las Posadas*, celebrating Mary's pregnancy and Mary and Joseph's journey to seek shelter. They continue with *Nochebuena* (Christmas Eve) and Epiphany, and finally end with *Día de la Candelaria* on February 2, celebrating the presentation of Jesus at the Temple. Every tradition prepared you for the next part of the story of Jesus, celebrating His love for you and vice versa.

One of my favorite ones was taking care of a small ceramic figure of baby Jesus that each family gets during the holidays. At first, He would be hidden until Christmas, at which point I could place Him in the crib in the Nativity scene. Then, around Epiphany, we would go choose and outfit (there are entire stalls in established markets and pop-up Christmas markets in public squares selling multitudes of tiny outfits!). On Candlemas, I would dress the Christ Child in the special outfit, and place Him in a small wooden chair, signifying His growth as an infant.

American culture and goods permeated Mexico in the latter half of the last century, and with it the tradition of Santa Claus. But before, *el Niño Jesus* would bring you presents of clothes on Christmas (a very practical gift giver), and the Magi would bring you the more "extravagant" gifts of toys and candy—if you left your shoe out for them overnight!

The Magi are figures just as present as Santa Claus in Mexico, and I would go get my picture taken with them in the public square and take a ride on a donkey, which was a common attraction as well that represents their long journey.

I also loved that Epiphany was very centered around family. While on Christmas, only children received gifts from *el Niño Jesus* or Santa Claus, on Epiphany the whole family received something suited just for them. We would then drink hot chocolate together and eat a *Rosca de Reyes*, similar to a Mardi Gras King Cake but with candied fruits representing the jewels in a crown. You would take turns picking a specific part of the cake and the width of your slice, because if your slice had the tiny figure of the baby Jesus, you would have to host a party on Candlemas with tamales.

My family is now scattered across the globe in four different cities in three different countries, but I love that our whole Christmas season lasts so long and would (and still does) bring everyone together at least once a year, with traditions celebrating God's love, and with the promise of reuniting again soon.

## 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 January 6, 2020

Monday	7:00am	Roger Smith
	5:30pm	Tilcia Osorio+
Tuesday	7:00am	Kala Thaivalappil +
	5:30pm	Francoise Frings+
Wednesday	8:00am	Mihir Patel& newborn baby
	5:30pm	Deepthi Moula & newborn baby
Thursday	8:00am	Eddy Brazil+
	5:30pm	Jane Arrisi+
Friday	8:00am	Lee Meas+
	5:30pm	Alma Glower+
Saturday	8:00am	Charles F. Gill+

**Pray for those who are sick:** *Hanna Margaret Lee; Mary Kardauskas*

**Pray for those who are dead:** *David Blee; Margaret 'Peg' Lefevbre*

## PRAYER REQUESTS

To add a name to these prayer lists, please email [parishlife@trinity.org](mailto:parishlife@trinity.org) or call (202) 903-2801. 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 Moira Duggan at (202) 903-2806 or [mduggan@trinity.org](mailto:mduggan@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](mailto:readmin@trinity.org), (202) 903-2808
- First Reconciliation/Eucharist: Judith Brusseau, (202) 903-2807
- Adult Confirmation: Judith Brusseau, (202) 903-2846
- Youth Confirmation: Rebecca Hoesterey, (202) 903-2846

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

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 at [akoester@trinity.org](mailto:akoester@trinity.org) or (202) 903-2825. Holy Trinity also offers RCIA adapted for children and youth who are not Baptized (ages 7 through high school). Please contact Judith Brusseau at [jbrusseau@trinity.org](mailto:jbrusseau@trinity.org) or (202) 903-2846 for more information.

## NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION

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

New parishioner orientations are held several times throughout the year. See the bulletin, eLetter (sign up at [www.trinity.org/eLetter](http://www.trinity.org/eLetter)) and website for announcement of dates and times.

## LGBTQIA+ MINISTRY

Holy Trinity's commitment to accompany one another in Christ invites us to be more deeply aware of the diversity of our community and more welcoming to those who are marginalized by society or the Church. Our lay-led ministry embraces individuals who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning/queer, intersex, asexual and their families and friends. More information and upcoming meetings can be found at [www.trinity.org/lgbtqia](http://www.trinity.org/lgbtqia) or by emailing [LGBTQIA@trinity.org](mailto:LGBTQIA@trinity.org).

## 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. Contact President Chris Hannigan at [ppcpresident@trinity.org](mailto:ppcpresident@trinity.org) and Vice President Jim Thessin at [parishcouncil@trinity.org](mailto:parishcouncil@trinity.org).

## PRAY

### Young Adult Faith Sharing

The Young Adult Community's weekly Thursday Faith Sharing resumes for the new year in St. Ignatius Chapel at 7 pm on **January 9**. We use the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday as a starting point for a discussion of faith in our own lives. Dinner and fellowship in the Georgetown area to follow. All are welcome and no preparation is required. Contact: Chuck and Brian at [yacs+faithsharing@trinity.org](mailto:yacs+faithsharing@trinity.org)

## LEARN

### Historical Perspectives on the Laity in the Church

**January 12**, 10:10am, Trinity Hall  
Fr. John O'Malley, S.J. will offer a quick overview of that history and then show how the abuse crisis and Pope Francis promotion of "Synodality" raise the laity to a new prominence for our times.

### Sacramental Preparation

Adult Confirmation preparation is offered for any adult Catholic who desires to be confirmed. The sessions will begin **January 8**. The registration form and calendar information can be found at [www.trinity.org/adult-confirmation](http://www.trinity.org/adult-confirmation). A Baptism preparation session will be offered **January 11** at 10am in McKenna Hall. Please register at [www.trinity.org/infant-baptism](http://www.trinity.org/infant-baptism).

### Women in the Bible Series

Save the Dates! The Women in the Bible Winter Series: The Women Who Stood Up will begin **February 3**, at 7pm in McKenna Hall. Additional dates include **February 10**, **February 24** and **March 2**. All are welcome! For more information, please email [aklick@trinity.org](mailto:aklick@trinity.org).

### God's Abiding Love Retreat in Daily Life February 2-8

Registration deadline is **January 19**  
Are you curious about Ignatian spirituality? Do you desire a closer relationship with God? Do you want to engage your intellect, feelings and imagination in prayer? Please consider making our Ignatian retreat made while you work, live at home and go about your daily activities. For more information, see the brochures as the entrances to the church and chapel or register online at [trinity.org/retreats](http://trinity.org/retreats)



### Building Your Toolbox for Justice

The next installment of Building Your Toolbox for Justice will focus on immigration advocacy and will be held on **February 1** from 10am-12pm in McKenna Hall.

## SERVE

A new decade offers the opportunity to commit to service. If supporting social justice is a new year's goal, consider these upcoming opportunities!

### Monthly Service Opportunities

Each month Holy Trinity partners with an organization to provide service opportunities for parishioners. We are currently finalizing the schedule for the first part of 2020. Visit the social justice ministry page to volunteer.

### Learn about the Care of Our Common Home

Learn more about the Care of our Common Home with the HT Green Team. Meetings will resume on **January 12** at 10am in the Lower School Big Room with a presentation on harnessing wind energy from our oceans. All are welcome! For more information, email John Hisle at [htgreenteam@trinity.org](mailto:htgreenteam@trinity.org).



### Support our Sister Parishes

Learn more about our efforts in Haiti at the next committee meeting on **January 12** at 10:15am in the Upper Room. The first committee meeting for Maria Madre will be on **January 15** from 6:30-8pm in the Parish Center Library. All are welcome!

### Accompany the Stranger

Interested in supporting our Migrant Team? Participate in the bi-weekly conference calls as we accompany an asylum seeker from Nicaragua and a larger family from Honduras. The next call is **January 6**. For more information contact Margie Legowski at [margielegowski@gmail.com](mailto:margielegowski@gmail.com).

### Experience the Power of One 2020

Power of One is scheduled for **June 6**. If you are interested in being part of the planning committee, please contact Ashley Klick at [aklick@trinity.org](mailto:aklick@trinity.org).

### Volunteer with So Others Might Eat



Holy Trinity parishioners serve every month at S.O.M.E., the fourth Sunday lunch and lunch on Thanksgiving Day. This is a 46 year old service that Holy Trinity initiated when S.O.M.E. and Fr.

McKenna began its service to the homeless of Washington. If you would like to participate during the year, you will be added to the monthly volunteer email list and may sign up as your schedule permits. To learn more or join the email list, please email Patrick McCourt at [cpatrickmccourt@netscape.net](mailto:cpatrickmccourt@netscape.net)

### Support the Fr. McKenna Center

The Fr. McKenna Center serves men struggling with homelessness and families in Ward 6 dealing with food insecurity. On the second weekend of every month, please bring your non-perishable food items to the bins outside church. They are always in need of baked beans, jelly, soup and canned fruit.

### Be Green at Holy Trinity

**Reduce use of plastic bottles.** In 2020, Holy Trinity endeavors to eliminate plastic bottle use on campus. With three sources of filtered water (outside Trinity Hall, McKenna Hall Kitchen, and Lower School First Floor), bring your travel mug for Sundays and meetings.

**Choose to Recycle.** Place your paper in the blue recycle bins in McKenna Hall and throughout campus. Avoid tearing and folding bulletins and worship aids and place them in the rear for the next Mass.

**Volunteer in the Garden.** Join the HT gardeners throughout the year to keep our trees and plants healthy!

**Attend the HT Green Team Meetings.** The growing HT Green Team meets monthly at 10am in the Lower School Big Room. The meeting includes updates on Holy Trinity initiatives, updates from the Archdiocesan Care for Creation Committee, and a speaker.

## CONNECT

### Holy Trinity School Open House

Please join us for an Admissions Open House on **January 23** at 9am in McKenna Hall! This is a great opportunity to learn more about our curriculum and student life, meet the principal and our admissions team, and take a campus tour led by current parents and students.

### Connect with the 50+ Group

The Holy Trinity 50+ Group has an exciting schedule of activities organized for parishioners who are 50 or over, married or single, working or retired. We have a large, active, and fun group of folks who participate and hope you will join us. If you would like to get on the email list to receive information



## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Contest: Name the Founder's Day Mural

Youth Ministry will be hosting a contest to name this Pope Francis-inspired mural. The contest is open to any K-12 grade student. Please see contest rules and submit your title nomination at [www.trinity.org/mural](http://www.trinity.org/mural). Submissions are due **January 26**. Questions? Contact Rebecca Hoesterey at [rhoesterey@trinity.org](mailto:rhoesterey@trinity.org).

### Becoming Catholic

Anyone who wants to learn more about the possibility of becoming Catholic is welcome to come to the RCIA Inquiry Meetings held **every Tuesday evening at 7pm in the Faber Room**.



### Purchase a Niche at the Holy Trinity Columbarium at Holy Rood Cemetery

To learn more about the columbarium or to make a purchase, visit [www.holytrinitycolumbarium.org](http://www.holytrinitycolumbarium.org). Entombments will be scheduled Monday-Friday at 1pm. Questions? Email [HTcolumbarium@trinity.org](mailto:HTcolumbarium@trinity.org) or call (202) 903-2836.

### A Call to Welcome All

The Holy Trinity Ambassadors Program is comprised of parishioners who reach out to new members to welcome them in to the parish community. We need people of all ages: families, singles, new and older married couples, and students. Volunteer once a month or once a year. Contact Lisa Dittmeier at (202) 903-2801 or [parishlife@trinity.org](mailto:parishlife@trinity.org) to learn more.