



# HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## On the Path to Sainthood: Father Augustus Tolton (1854-1897)

By Ashley Klick

On June 12, 2019, Fr. Augustus Tolton, the runaway slave-turned-priest, advanced along the path to sainthood. Pope Francis recognized the heroic virtue of Fr. Tolton making him “venerable” within the Church, only two steps away from canonization. With the decree, Catholics are now authorized to pray directly to Tolton as an intercessor before God.

Augustus Tolton was born into slavery in Missouri in 1854. He was baptized in the Catholic Church by the family that owned him. While his father was away fighting the Civil War, Augustus’ mother escaped with him from Missouri to Illinois through the Underground Railroad.

A Franciscan priest, impressed by Augustus’ intelligence, tutored him in the catechism, the classics and languages. Although called to the seminary, Tolton was not permitted into an American seminary due to his race. In 1880, he traveled to Rome for his seminarian studies and was ordained a priest at the Basilica of St. John Lateran.

Due to the race relations at the time in the United States, Father Tolton surprisingly was sent back to Illinois, his Cardinal insisting, “America has been called the most enlightened nation; we will see if it deserves that honor. If America has never seen a Black priest, it has to see one now.”

Assigned to a small black parish in Quincy, Illinois, Fr. Tolton was sought out by black and white parishioners alike for his counsel and his rousing sermons. His popularity angered the white clergy, and Fr. Tolton endured years of physical and emotional suffering while spreading the truth about being black and Catholic.

In 1889, the Archbishop of Chicago invited Fr. Tolton to build the new parish of St. Monica in the impoverished south Chicago slums. Although he continued to face



racism and discrimination, Fr. Tolton persevered in his task to show that blacks Catholics have much to offer the Church if given the chance.

Tolton died of heat exhaustion on the streets of Chicago in 1897. He was only 43 years old. He never wrote a book. He never founded a seminary. His is not a name

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### Role of the Laity: A Follow-Up Conversation

**Today! January 19, 10:10am**, HTS Cafeteria  
Parishioner and Georgetown University Theology  
Professor Dr. Anthony Tambasco will lead the  
discussion engage in conversation about how the  
current realities align with vision of Vatican II.  
How can we play an active role in the life of the  
Church? Come and share your thoughts!

## 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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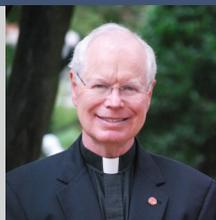
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## From the Pastor's Desk

What an amazing year 2019 was for the parish! In celebrating the 225th Anniversary of our chapel, we remembered our parish's grace-filled past. Inspired by this past week's *Jeopardy: Greatest of All Time Tournament*—did you watch any of the fantastic shows?—I have come up with a series of Jesuit Jeopardy-style clues to test your memories and look back on the year:

1. The 200th/225th Anniversary Benefit was held at this restaurant on the Georgetown waterfront.
2. Holy Trinity received this nonprofit's 2019 Community Leadership Award at their annual Living in the City benefit.
3. The Georgetown recently named this collective group as "Georgetowners of the Year" because they are a "work in progress and in love."
4. The Holy Trinity Columbarium at Holy Rood was blessed and opened on this Holy Day.
5. The parish staff last year included this pair, the youngest and the oldest Jesuits to serve in 2019.
6. Last spring, this parish speaker discussed her service on the Papal Commission, exploring the possibility for women's diaconate ordination.
7. This Jesuit coordinated the meeting of cardinals in Rome as well as served on a panel with Holy Trinity parishioners.
8. The most recently-installed Auxiliary Bishop in the Archdiocese of Washington, this priest came to the parish last year to confirm more than 100 Holy Trinity 8th graders.
9. The first Catholic pilgrims to the colony of Maryland settled in this city, where Holy Trinity parishioners visited in 2019 as part of a history bus tour.
10. Like the Nationals, this team of Holy Trinity School students was crowned champions after winning the City Tournament.
11. At midnight Mass, the Resurrection of Jesus was celebrated when this church symbol functioned properly for the first time in years.
12. In August, *America* magazine published an article written by this parishioner that describes the parish's "Season of Discernment" in response to the sexual abuse crisis.
13. Named for "Ol' Blue Eyes" and because he likes to do things his way, this parish late night security creature helps keep the mice away.
14. The parish's anniversary timeline, installed last January, features these three presidents related to Holy Trinity's history.
15. Inspired by historical figures, this event added a distinct form of drama in the newly-repaired church.

If you think you know all (or most) of the correct responses, please send your guesses to [communications@trinity.org](mailto:communications@trinity.org) by **January 21**. Although it may not be quite as good as the \$1 million Jeopardy GOAT prize, I will treat the winning parishioner to dinner on a mutually agreeable date!

—The Jeopardy Jesuit,  
 Rev. C. Kevin Gillespie, S.J.

## 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 20, 2020

Monday	7:00am	Francis Degnan+
	5:30pm	Rosemary Cummings
Tuesday	7:00am	John R. Cryan+
	5:30pm	Constance W. Courtney+
Wednesday	8:00am	Violeta Delgado Moya
	5:30pm	Josephine Conaty+
Thursday	8:00am	Trudy Paslick+
	5:30pm	Virginia L. Duesterberg+
Friday	8:00am	Monica Ennis+
	5:30pm	Alicia Delgado Moya+
Saturday	8:00am	Jean Ronan+
		Maria Jose Carneiro Frota+

**Pray for those who are sick:** *Terry Jack; Elizabeth Bares; Daniel Vallejos; Joe Dean*

**Pray for those who are dead:** *Jane Saunders; Santana Vallejos; Jack King; Lucas Barrales; Eileen Sullivan; Robert Rosecrans*

## 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) 903-2807
- 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) 903-2807 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

### Today! Registration Deadline

#### God's Abiding Love Retreat in Daily Life

**February 2-8.** 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 at the entrances to the church and chapel or register online at [www.trinity.org/retreats](http://www.trinity.org/retreats).

### Sunday Mass with Anointing of the Sick

On **January 26** at the 1:15pm Mass, the parish will celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick. Those who are experiencing serious, chronic or worsening illness, the effects of advanced age, or who are soon to undergo surgery are welcome to participate in this Mass with anointing. All are welcome, and feel free to invite friends or neighbors who might benefit from this sacrament which reminds us of God's presence despite illness and suffering.

## LEARN

### Chapel Chat: Eucharist on Our Hearts and on Our Feet

**January 26**, 4pm, McKenna Hall. The Young Adult Community invites the wider parish community to an interactive, on-your-feet workshop on the Mass led by Fr. Ben Hawley, S.J. The workshop will explore cosmic significance of the Mass for all people and all time, as well as we who live and pray together in this time and place. Best prep for the workshop: Ask yourself, Why do you come to mass? Who do you say that He is?

### Building Your Toolbox for Justice Immigration 301: What Now?

Did you know that Holy Trinity is sponsoring individuals and a family from Nicaragua and Honduras? That some of our tithe money addresses the root causes of migration? That there is a place for you at this table of support for the migrants among us?



Join Holy Trinity's Migrant Support Team and special guests on **February 1** from 10am-12pm in McKenna Hall. Hear the wisdom of the migrants among us, learn what Holy Trinity has been and will be doing to support newcomers to the US, and discover the surprising things *you*—whether you're single, married, with/without children—can do occasionally, once, or on an ongoing basis to make a difference. Please RSVP to Ashley Klick at [aklick@trinity.org](mailto:aklick@trinity.org) by **January 30**.

### Women in the Bible Series

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).



### MOVIE MOMENTS OF GRACE

Presents

#### BlackKlansman

**February 8**, 6:30pm, Trinity Hall

Refreshments/Discussion follow in McKenna Hall Incredible if it were not true, the story of the first African-American detective to serve in the Colorado Springs Police Department. Determined to make a name for himself, he sets out on a dangerous mission: infiltrate and expose the Ku Klux Klan and take it down. RSVP to [htm Mog@gmail.com](mailto:htm Mog@gmail.com). Trailer: [www.trinity.org/MMOG](http://www.trinity.org/MMOG).

#### Raising Faith-Filled Kids: Building Inclusive Communities by Understanding Differences

**February 9**, 10:10am, Trinity Hall. Having conversations about respecting diversity in many areas can be a sensitive topic for parents to discuss with their children. Yet, it is necessary in order to be welcoming to everyone. Clinical Psychologist Dr. Roly Diaz and parishioner Thea Bruhn, Ph.D., will help parents develop a conversational framework to help their children begin to embrace inclusivity in keeping with our Catholic values. All are welcome.

## SERVE

### Weekend Dinners for the Marginalized

Holy Trinity participates with six other Georgetown churches to offer a sit down meal each Saturday and Sunday to those in need. Since 2013, we've been serving men and women each weekend afternoon between 5pm and 6pm. The "Saturday Suppers" are offered at Mt. Zion United Methodist Church (1334 29th St. NW). The "Sunday Dinners" are provided at Georgetown Presbyterian Church (3115 P St. NW). The volunteer commitment is from 4:15-6:15pm and involves preparing and serving your menu item along with some light set up and clean up duties. Each volunteer is expected to bring one menu item. Children need to be at least 10 years old. We're averaging 70 guests each Saturday and over 80 guests each Sunday. Holy Trinity coordinates the program and is responsible for catering 4 to 6 meals a month. Sundays also provide the distinct opportunity of being a "dishwasher" from 5:15-6:45pm. If you are interested in participating, please contact Mike Conway at [mikeconway72@gmail.com](mailto:mikeconway72@gmail.com).

### 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).



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MLK Weekend Closings

There will be no Religious Education classes  
**January 19.**

The Parish Center will be closed **January 20** in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.



### 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).

### 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 tours led by current parents and students. RSVP at [www.htsdc.org/visit](http://www.htsdc.org/visit).



### Holy Land Pilgrimage Gathering

Please join Father Kevin and former pilgrims to the Holy Land on **January 26** at 10:10am in the Chapel of St. Ignatius. Hear from those who have experience the pilgrimage and learn more about the June Pilgrimage with Father Brendan Lally, S.J. No RSVP is required.

### First Eucharist Parent Meeting #2

**January 26**, Trinity Hall, 10:10 am. Student resources and materials for parents will be distributed. All parents and guardians who will accompany their child on the journey of preparation need to attend. For more information, please contact Judith Brusseau.

### RE Room Parent Meeting

**February 2**, 10:10am, Upper School Cafeteria  
The parents who serve as room parents should attend this meeting to assist in the ongoing support of the Sunday Morning Religious Education Program. Additional materials will be emailed to you. Contact [REAdmin@trinity.org](mailto:REAdmin@trinity.org) for additional information.

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most Catholics recognize. He was not chosen by his community or his country, but he was chosen by God. Fr. Tolton did not deter from his calling and found success in addressing the racial attitudes of the day.

Most Reverend Joseph N. Perry, auxiliary bishop of Chicago and diocesan postulator for the Tolton cause stated last summer, "Fr. Tolton's story represents the long and rich history of African American Catholics, who have lived through troubling chapters and setbacks in our American history.

"Lessons from his early life as a slave and the prejudice he endured in becoming a priest still apply today with our current problems of racial and social injustices and inequities that divide neighborhoods, churches and communities by race, class and ethnicity.

"He is a model for priests and laity while they strive to work for harmony and peace among all regardless of their color, their origin, their language. His work isn't done."

After two miracles through their particular intercession are verified by the Vatican, Father Tolton can be declared a saint. For more information on the life and canonization of Fr. Tolton, visit [tolton.archchicago.org](http://tolton.archchicago.org).

### Prayer for Fr. Tolton

O God, we give you thanks for your servant and priest, Father Augustus Tolton, who labored among us in times of contradiction, times that were both beautiful and paradoxical. His ministry helped lay the foundation for a truly Catholic gathering in faith in our time. We stand in the shadow of his ministry. May his life continue to inspire us and imbue us with that confidence and hope that will forge a new evangelization for the Church we love.

Father in Heaven, Father Tolton's suffering service sheds light upon our sorrows; we see them through the prism of your Son's passion and death. If it be your Will, O God, glorify your servant, Father Tolton, by granting the favor I now request through his intercession (mention your request) so that all may know the goodness of this priest whose memory looms large in the Church he loved.

Complete what you have begun in us that we might work for the fulfillment of your kingdom. Not to us the glory, but glory to you O God, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord; Father, Son and Holy Spirit, you are our God, living and reigning forever and ever.

Amen.

*Francis Cardinal George, OMI  
Archdiocese of Chicago*