



HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Washington, DC

February 9, 2020

Presupposition

...it should be presupposed that every good Christian ought to be more eager to put a good interpretation on a neighbor's statement than to condemn it.

Further, if one cannot interpret it favorably, one should ask how the other means it.

If the meaning is wrong, one should correct the person with love;

if this is not enough, one should search out every appropriate means through which, by understanding the statement in a good way, it may be saved.

Adapted from the Spiritual Exercises [22] by Katherine Dyckman, Mary Garvin, and Elizabeth Liebert in The Spiritual Exercises Reclaimed

An Ignatian Approach to Relationships

By Catherine Heinhold

How many times have you felt that something you said or did was misunderstood by someone else? And, not only misunderstood, but interpreted in such a negative way that it had nothing to do with what you really meant or intended? It's enough to make you start to question the other person's motives, even questioning their good will towards you.

At the beginning of the book, *The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola*, Ignatius gives an instruction to the one who is guiding the retreatant and the one who is making the Exercises about how they are to relate to one another. We've come to call this instruction the "Ignatian Presupposition." A version of this Presupposition is printed in the box above. Essentially, it asks the guide and retreatant to: 1) give the other the benefit of the

doubt; 2) ask clarifying questions when unsure about the position of the other; 3) correct the other with love, when necessary; and 4) search for mutually acceptable solutions.

Sounds like this approach would help the relationship along, right? Fortunately, there's no need to confine this way of proceeding to the experience of the Spiritual Exercises retreat. The Presupposition is a fundamental attitude towards others, choosing to see their God-given goodness before anything else. It is not an invitation to others to walk all over us or an excuse to ignore evidence of a malicious intent. Practicing the Presupposition expresses a desire to find common ground so as to work together to further the flourishing of the reign of God.

Some parishioners may be familiar with the blue cards printed with the Presupposition that are given out at some parish meetings and activities. As a parish community we are endeavoring to deepen our practice of the Presupposition in our daily lives. The parish's Ignatian Spirituality & Jesuit Identity Committee is in the final stages of developing a training on the use of the Presupposition that it will offer to interested parish committees and groups. A group of parish staff members are also exploring how the use of the Presupposition could enhance working relationships. And members of our Young Adult Community are already practiced at gently reminding each other when they've strayed from the Presupposition.

This week, I invite you to try the Presupposition in your own life. How might the Holy Spirit invite you to relate to others differently?



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Holy Trinity School Gala & Auction

All parishioners are invited to the annual Gala & Auction on **February 29** at 7pm in Sequoia (on the Georgetown Waterfront). This leap day, expect the unexpected. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.trinity.org/gala.

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: Celebrate God's Love

*Written by Moira Duggan,
Baptisms and Weddings Coordinator*

Within the first six months in my role at Holy Trinity, I have logged 25 Baptisms and 16 weddings. Of those 16 weddings, most were in the chapel last summer while the church was closed. Since reopening, there have been five weddings in the church. More to my point, though: of those 25 Baptisms, 22 took place as regularly scheduled in the chapel as a Liturgy of the Word. These communal Baptisms account for 79 babies being baptized!

These celebrations are the workhorse of Baptism here, though you may not be familiar with the format. As one priest likes to say, these are sacred but not solemn occasions. There are often siblings or other small children attending, and this liturgy is perfectly safe for them. Many priests ask people to stay seated through the short liturgy. There is a worship aid to join in singing. At the end, there is applause, Baptism certificates, and many family photos.

In contrast to weddings, though, these Baptism liturgies are exactly the same, every single time. The real joy in having the same liturgy time and again is this: the only variable is the families coming to baptize their child, the child they are bringing into our Church. One priest likes to ask families additional questions at the beginning of the liturgy—in particular, he likes to ask the parents to explain *why* they chose this name for their child. This brief sharing moment allows everyone to know each family and each new Christian just a little better. Beth, who was previously in my role, told me I would quickly memorize the Baptism liturgy. I scoffed. With age and small children, my mental acuity is not in college form. However, she was right—the words of the Baptism liturgy are, at this point, thoroughly ingrained in my mind. In a way, the liturgy has become my prayer.

Recently, during Baptism of the Lord, the Sunday Gospel reading was the same as used in these communal baptism celebrations (*Mark 10:13-16*: “And a voice came from the heavens, ‘You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.’”). That weekend, as he baptized eight babies in two different weekend masses, Father Campbell delivered a broader message in his Homily, saying:

Each and every Christian has the right to hear “this is my beloved Son, my beloved Daughter, with whom I am well pleased” addressed to him or her by God. And this is clearly what God is saying to the children we are about to baptize. Wouldn’t it make a huge difference if the first thing we allowed ourselves to hear every morning was “You are My Beloved”, not because we deserve it or have earned it, but simply because we know that is how God looks upon us and loves us in Christ.

We all need to hear that each day. (And you can listen to the entirety of Father Campbell’s Homily on our webpage at homilies.trinity.org.) I am always telling our kids to “Share! Share! Share!” but a wise Jewish friend from Texas often corrects me saying, “No—they must *take turns!*” In 2020, we will offer 21 of these celebrations. If you would like to become involved in the ministry of Baptism—which includes being an unofficial but very real welcoming committee to babies and their families—and serving as sacristan, lector and master of ceremonies, then please be in touch at mudggan@trinity.org. Then, we will “take turns” being reminded that we all begin as children of God.

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 February 10, 2020

Monday	7:00am	Cary Nourie
	5:30pm	Tim Golden+
Tuesday	7:00am	Mihir P. & Deepthi Moola
	5:30pm	David Blee+
Wednesday	8:00am	David Blee+
	5:30pm	David Blee+
Thursday	8:00am	Virginia Hermes+
	5:30pm	Todd Davies+
Friday	8:00am	Lee Meas+
	5:30pm	Nan Peck+
Saturday	8:00am	John & Helen Goldrick+

Pray for those who are sick: *Jean Roseboro; Joyce Nugent; Baby May Guzowski*

Pray for those who are dead: *Susan Beauvois; Robert Ward*

PRAYER REQUESTS

To add a name to these prayer lists, please email 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.

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/Eucharist: Judith Brusseau, (202) 903-2807
- Youth Confirmation: Rebecca Hoesterey, (202) 903-2846
- Adult Confirmation: Judith Brusseau, (202) 903-2807

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 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 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. Questions about registering can be directed to registration@trinity.org.

New parishioner orientations are held several times throughout the year. See the bulletin, eLetter (sign up at 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 or by emailing 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 and Vice President Jim Thessin at parishcouncil@trinity.org.

PRAY

Today! Registration Deadline

A Lenten Retreat: Drawn from the Spiritual Exercises

February 23- April 4. Have you made an Ignatian retreat in daily life? Or have you made the full Spiritual Exercises? Do you want to enter into the Lenten season with more intentionality? Consider making the parish's six week retreat in the comfort of your own home.

To register, visit www.trinity.org/retreats or pick up a brochure at the entrances to the church and chapel. Questions? Contact moshea@trinity.org.

"We keep our eyes clearly fixed on Jesus...In doing so, we become more like the One we walk with to Calvary: more loving, more faithful, more generous, and more compassionate."
—Rev. Kevin O'Brien, S.J.

Praying in Sacred Space: A Lenten Practice

Saturdays, 4-5pm, Chapel of St. Ignatius
February 29, March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4



You are invited to an hour of guided prayer using the Sacred Space booklets. Join our budding community of pray-ers as we reflect on Lenten Scripture passages. Registration is not necessary. Bring a friend! For more information, please contact Martina at moshea@trinity.org.

LEARN

Today!

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

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. Parishioners Dr. Roly Diaz, clinical psychologist and Dr. Thea C. Bruhn, a social scientist, will help parents develop a conversational framework to help their children begin to embrace inclusivity in keeping with our Catholic values. All are welcome. This presentation may include topics that are not appropriate for younger children. Childcare will be available in the Upper School Cafeteria.

Women in the Bible Series

The Women in the Bible Winter Series: The Women Who Stood Up continues **February 10**, February 24 and March 2. All are welcome! For more information, please email aklick@trinity.org.

Youth Ministry Service Learning Trip

Youth Ministry is holding a service learning trip to the Romero Center in Camden, NJ from July 20-25. We have 15 spots available for any rising 9-12 grade student. We are also seeking out two male chaperones and one more female chaperone. Email Rebecca Hoesterey at rhosterey@trinity.org if you are interested in attending and to learn more details.

SERVE

Today!

Green Team Meeting

All are welcome at the **February 9** meeting at 10am in the Lower School Big Room. Learn about Project Drawdown, a world-class research organization that reviews, analyses, and identifies the most viable global climate solutions, and shares these findings with the world. Through their programs and partnerships, they help educators and students of all ages to understand the solutions available to address the climate crisis and create new ways of teaching and learning.

Green Team Tips

Calculate your carbon footprint. Popes Francis, Benedict XVI and John Paul II have all spoken of the need to address climate change. It's influenced by the amount of heat trapping CO₂ and other greenhouse gases (GHGs) in the atmosphere. Small atmospheric GHG % increases can have a significant impact on Earth's temperature rise. Every day—across everything you do and buy—you contribute to GHG emissions. Calculators can help you better understand how much carbon is produced by different activities. Then, if you decide to reduce your emissions, you'll know where you can generate the biggest impact. Start with this easy to use calculator: www3.epa.gov/carbon-footprint-calculator.

Power of One is June 6

At Holy Trinity, our faith and Ignatian tradition call us to build a more just world that upholds dignity, equality and access to social and economic opportunity for all. Our social justice ministry supports and facilitates living a life of justice and peace, and once a year we try to do this together as a parish. We call it the Power of One. This year, we will celebrate and serve together on Saturday, **June 6**. We are working to create opportunities for service around the DC Metro area that day. If you would like to be part of the planning, please contact Ashley Klick at aklick@trinity.org.

Volunteer with Housing Up on February 22

Volunteers are needed to create toiletry kits for the 700 residents Housing Up serves. Housing Up's mission is to provide families with opportunities to transform their lives and thrive through affordable housing and support services. Sign up at trinity.org/volunteer.



Fund a Scholarship for St. Jean Baptiste

Holy Trinity collaborates with our sister parish in Haiti, St. Jean Baptiste, to offer scholarships for students who want to continue their studies after graduating from the parish's secondary school. Thanks to your generosity, our current awardees are studying nursing, law, engineering, political science, teaching and pharmaceutical science at universities and career schools. Following the success of graduates from the past four years, we will continue to make post-secondary study a viable option for future graduates. Tuition fees are \$1,500/year for university and \$500/year for career school. The HT/SJB Haiti Committee hopes to enlarge our team of sponsors, each of whom commits to donating \$200/year for four years. We will offer as many scholarships to the Class of '20 as our total funding received by June 1 will allow. To become a scholarship sponsor or learn more about the projects of the committee, contact Ashley Klick at (202) 903-2836 or StJeanBaptisteHaiti@gmail.com.

CONNECT

Today!

LGBTQIA+ Ministry Meeting

February 9, 2pm, Neale Room

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Grief Support Group Meetings

The Holy Trinity Grief Support Group starts meeting on **February 29**. The group will meet for six consecutive Saturdays from 10:30am-12:30pm. For details and registration information, please consult the Parish website under Parish Life.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stewardship Update

Next weekend, Holy Trinity and the Archdiocese of Washington will ask you to prayerfully consider your gift to the ADW's 2020 Annual Appeal. This weekend, brochures and frequently asked questions about the Annual Appeal are available in our church to help inform your giving. You may also visit the Annual Appeal website at appeal.adw.org.

The Annual Appeal supports more than 60 ministries and programs that benefit countless women, men, children and families in the Church of Washington, including within our own parish and local community. As in every year, 100% of your contribution to the ADW Annual Appeal will be designated to the ministries and programs supported by the Appeal. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

Baptism Preparation

A session will be offered **February 10** at 7pm in McKenna Hall. Please register www.trinity.org/infant-baptism or contact REadmin@trinity.org for more details.

Marriage Preparation Session

Are you planning on being married in the Catholic Church? You should begin sacramental preparation for your wedding at least six months prior to your wedding. Holy Trinity's six-class marriage preparation session begins **February 20** and prepares you and your spouse for this lifetime commitment to each other within the faith community. Classes meet on Thursday evenings and one Saturday morning. Advance registration is required. Please register right away; sessions fill up quickly. Learn more at www.trinity.org/marriage.

VIRTUS Training

February 23, 12pm, Trinity Hall. Register online at www.virtus.org. This training is required for all those who work with youth as coaches, chaperones or catechists. Contact REadmin@trinity.org for questions.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Do you know someone who might be interested in exploring the possibility of becoming Catholic? It's up to all of us to invite people who might be interested in learning more about living the Christian life in the Catholic tradition (whether they are unbaptized or already baptized in another Christian communion) to inquire, that is, to ask questions and engage in personal conversations with our faith community. Anyone who wants to learn more is welcome to come to the RCIA inquiry meetings held **every Tuesday evening** at 7pm in the Faber Room. Parishioners are welcome to accompany potential inquirers to these meetings to help them feel at ease as they begin the process of looking at the Catholic Church. Contact Anne Koester at akoester@trinity.org or visit www.trinity.org/RCIA to learn more.