



HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Diversity: A Journey with the Whole Person

By Thea C. Bruhn, Ph.D.

Can we truly accompany one another in Christ if one feels they cannot bring their authentic self on the journey? This is not a theoretical question.

I grew up in a rural town where diversity meant different hair and eye color. As a shy, sensitive five-year-old, visibly little different from the other children, my first day of kindergarten should not have been the making of nightmares. Yet, with a name that was regularly (and still is...) mispronounced and a foreign accent, it was the beginning of an education about difference that has followed me throughout my life.

Though born in the U.S., I spent my early childhood with my Swiss French-speaking godmother and grandmother while my parents worked. French was thus my first spoken language and I arrived at school with noticeably accented English. The teacher gave me a "D" in speech (yes, kindergarten gave grades then). She did little to stop other children from mocking either my name or the way I spoke. This was the first—though by no means last—time that my mother, a veritable force of nature, stormed the school.

First grade brought new challenges. While we learned to write cursive, Sr. Mary James would regularly tilt my paper to the left instead of allowing me to tilt it to the right as is natural for left-handed writing. As the only lefty in the class, I was an outlier. It was still a time when children were 'urged' to switch to the hand that was not seen as sinister. My parents were having none of it.

As Depression-era children growing up in ethnically and racially diverse cities, my parents shared an attitude of live and let live. I was fortunate to have them as advocates, since being seen as 'different' meant I was marked throughout school as a target for bullying and exclusion. During the half-mile trudge to the bus stop, I would routinely recite a litany of *Our Fathers* and *Hail*

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A Prayerful Reflection taken from *Laudato Si* and adapted for our Lenten Practice

You are invited to consider engaging with this reflection for ten minutes each day during Lent. Allow the words to touch your heart and then share your thoughts and feelings with God.

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. *When did I find you in the most vulnerable of your creatures?*

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. *When did I encounter your creation with gentleness and humility?*

Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. *When did I receive your love so I could shelter what is beautiful and good?*

Fill us with peace that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. *When was I filled with peace so to live non-violently in word and action?*

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten on this earth, so precious in your eyes. *When did I do some small act of justice for the most vulnerable of the cosmos?*

Bring healing to our lives, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. *When was I open to being healed, so I mirrored beauty and not toxicity?*

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. *When did I have the courage and openness to engage with individuals who seek profit only for themselves?*

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey toward your infinite light. *When did I experience awe and wonder at being in deep communion with you and your creation?*

We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace. *I bow deeply to you, all-powerful and kind God.*

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Living Our Mission: Celebrate God's Love

By Rebecca Hoesterey, Youth Ministry Coordinator

In college, I was a part of a faith sharing group. We were about to enter into Lent, so we spent time reflecting on God's call for us during this season. Reflection quickly turned into the classic talk of "What do I give up?" and we were sucked into a conversation of comparison and whose fast would be holier than thou.

Lent is once again upon us, beginning this Wednesday.

Many of us may be jumping to the same question of "What do I give up?" and then fretting over if our sacrifice will level up to those of our peers. It is easy to fall into the trap of viewing Lent as a second shot at our New Year's resolutions. We overburden ourselves with impressive sacrifices, and it feels like a marathon to the Easter season.

Come that glorious Sunday, we emerge from the drowning to gasp for air and rejoice, only to often sink right back into our sin. God does not intend for us to inflict suffering on ourselves, however—He has pure intentions behind our Lenten actions.

In the Ash Wednesday Gospel from *Matthew 6*, Jesus reminds us of the Lenten call to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Instead of a display of public piety, it is a call to inner renewal of self.

The Church gives Lent to us as a time to look more deeply at our current location on the journey to Heaven. It is not just about the outward signs, like the boldness of our ash and fasting from meat, but also about the inner awareness, conversion, and repentance.

Lent involves our whole being—a bodily and spiritual union of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Our prayer is focused on an examination of the sin in our life that distances us from God. Towards what is our inner compass oriented? From there, we make a conscious choice to empty ourselves in fasting in order to give of ourselves to God in almsgiving.

We reap the spiritual benefits of Lent when this prayer, fasting, and almsgiving is done with the intention of growing in personal love for Christ. *Key words: personal love.*

Rather than thinking of an ultimate and unattainable sacrifice, I invite you to reflect on the purpose of Lent, turn around the question of fasting, and ask, "How is God calling me to better love Him?"

Do not get bogged down with how God is asking others to love Him because we are all on different walks of holiness. Just as each of our prayer looks different, so should our "Lents."

A great way to love God during this Lent is to participate in a Simple Supper. (The dates of all our Simple Suppers are listed on page 4.)

Youth Ministry is hosting a dinner on Friday, **March 6** from 6-8pm. It will be an evening of fasting from a big meal, giving of your time to the parish, and uniting in prayer. If you are interested, please contact rhoesterey@trinity.org.

May we see God's will of love for us in Lent, and pray, fast, and give with joy.

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 24, 2020

Monday	7:00am	Kevin B. Coleman+
	5:30pm	Christopher Flajser+
Tuesday	7:00am	Susan Beauvois+
	5:30pm	Patrick Plante+
Wednesday	8:00am	
	5:30pm	
Thursday	8:00am	Gianna Bryant+
	5:30pm	Elizabeth Weiss+
Friday	8:00am	Alice Williamson+
	5:30pm	The Mauser Family
Saturday	8:00am	Fely Castillo+

Pray for those who are sick: *Linda Van den Akker; Lawrence & Johanna Perin*

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

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.

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.

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

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

Baptisms and Weddings:

- To schedule a Baptism or Wedding, contact Moira Duggan at (202) 903-2806 or mduggan@trinity.org.

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.

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.

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.



A Lenten Journey at Holy Trinity

Ash Wednesday

All liturgies will be celebrated in the church and ashes will be distributed

Eucharist: 7am, 8am, 10:30am (HTS), 5:30pm
Evening Prayer: 7:30pm

Stations of the Cross

Fridays, 6pm, Chapel of St. Ignatius

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.

Adult Faith Formation: How Jewish Traditions Influenced the Eucharist

March 1, 10:10am, Chapel of St. Ignatius

Fr. McDermott will examine the Jewish roots of the Eucharist, which are critical for appreciating what Jesus was and is offering his friends: a new Passover, a new Manna and a new Bread of Presence. On **March 8**, come back for the second part, when he will offer a theological reflection on the Eucharist. In this Lenten season, Fr. McDermott will help us come to a greater understanding of Eucharist.

Stations of the Cross and their Symbolism

March 4, 7pm, Church

Join Fr. Gillespie and parishioner and art historian Dr. Nora Heimann in praying the Stations of the Cross on through the lens of our church's newly restored stations. Together, they will lead prayer, contemplating Jesus' journey to the tomb through the gestures and movements found in our church's historic stations. Confessions will be heard starting at 6:30pm.

Share a Simple Supper

Enjoy a simple meal and prayerful conversation; select Fridays, 6pm, McKenna Hall

- March 6** Hosted by Youth Ministry
- March 13** Hosted by Sister Parish Committees with guest speaker Monsignor Ray East
- March 20** Hosted by Movie Moments of Grace Film: *In Bruges*, 6:45pm, Trinity Hall
- March 27** Hosted by Religious Education Stations of the Cross: 7pm, Church

Communal Penance Service: Care of Our Common Home

March 18, 7pm, Church

In *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis calls for a radical reorientation of the role of humanity with creation. He says that we have "come to see ourselves as [the Earth's] lords and masters, entitled to plunder her at will. The violence present in our hearts, wounded by sin, is also reflected in the symptoms of sickness evident in the soil, in the water, in the air and in all forms of life" (LS, 2). Join with fellow parishioners in prayer and penance for the times when we have not contributed to the flourishing of the earth and look forward to the day when an ecological metanoia might be fulfilled to the benefit of the earth, humankind, and the poor.

PRAY

Young Adult Community Mass

March 8, 7:15pm, Chapel

The Young Adult Community (YAC) will gather for Mass in St. Ignatius Chapel, followed by our potluck YAC Café for food and fellowship in McKenna Hall. All are welcome! Bringing food to share is appreciated!

SERVE

Compost at Holy Trinity

Globally, 30 percent of food grown is wasted, and food waste accounts for 8 percent of total global greenhouse gas emissions. This Lent, give up food waste! Inspired by the green efforts of Holy Trinity School students, the parish center has established a compost station in the McKenna Hall kitchen. Please join our efforts by disposing of food waste, compostable products, coffee grounds, coffee filters, and tea bags into the bins. Veterans Compost will take our food scraps to Whitehall Farm in Clifton, VA where they will become a key ingredient in some of the best stuff on earth—Veteran Compost's organic compost and vermicompost. Receive weekly tips on how to reduce your food waste footprint and use prayer and advocacy resources on your Lenten journey at www.trintiy.org/fast.

Reversing Global Warming: An Introduction to Drawdown

March 8, 3-5pm, McKenna Hall

Join us for an inspiring and thought-provoking workshop to learn what actions you can take to be part of the solution to climate change. Project Drawdown is a coalition of more than 200 researchers and other experts from 22 countries led by author, environmentalist, and entrepreneur Paul Hawken. Attend this two hour workshop hosted by the HT Green Team to learn more about this comprehensive plan and meet others in our community who are actively working toward making a difference. RSVP is required at www.trinity.org/RSVP.

LEARN

Today!

Continuing the Conversation: Raising Faith-Filled Kids

February 23, 10:10am, Lower School Big Room
Building Inclusive Communities by Understanding Differences. Drs. Thea Bruhn and Roly Diaz will facilitate conversation following up on the February 9 presentation. This session is to offer time for further discussion on how we can continue to build an inclusive community at Holy Trinity.

Children's Bible Story Hour

February 23, 10:10am, Lower School Library
Children ages 3-5 are invited to attend Bible Story Hour in the Lower School Library. No registration is required; drop-ins are welcome.

Dying to Live: Stories from Refugees

March 1, 4pm, Chapel of St. Ignatius
Join Danielle Vella, Jesuit Refugee Service's Reconciliation Program Director, to discuss her book *Dying to Live: Stories from Refugees on the Road to Freedom*. Featuring stories from across the globe, the book reveals the extraordinary courage, compassion and hope of the refugees and those who help them along the way. RSVP to aklick@trinity.org.

CONNECT

Today!

New Parishioner Orientation

Please join Fr. Gillespie and the ministry staff of Holy Trinity for the winter New Parishioner Orientation on Sunday, **February 23** at 2:30pm in McKenna Hall. Learn more about the parish, meet other new parishioners and take a tour of the campus. Light refreshments will be served and children are most welcome. No RSVP required.

Holy Trinity School Gala & Auction

Please join the Holy Trinity community for the annual school auction and gala on Leap Day, **February 29** at 7pm at Sequoia. Last year's joint anniversary celebration provided a wonderful opportunity for fellowship across our many ministries. We hope that all parishioners will join the festivities as we enjoy the company of one another and support scholarship at Holy Trinity School. Tickets may be purchased at: www.trinity.org/gala. We look forward to seeing you there!

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 www.trinity.org/parish-life.

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Marys to pray that nothing would happen that day. I made it to adulthood. Not all children who face an environment inhospitable to difference do, but I am acutely aware how that school experience affects the adult. I live with a persistent wariness about whether others will ever accept me as God does. I am still visibly little different from the mainstream. I grew adept at 'passing'—at blending in so my differences are not so obvious. Those mentioned here among others are part of who I am—as God calls me—and they matter.

Rejection for being different is real and present. So I ask the question: Can one be effective at accompanying others in Christ if one feels they cannot bring their 'authentic' self – if to be invited in I must leave out part of who I am during that journey? As the adult as well as the child who is outside looking in, I would posit that the answer is "no."

As a faith community, we have the opportunity—the privilege, even—to educate children and each other about the whole person, as a whole people. That means examining ourselves, our openness and acceptance of other's differences, even when we do not understand them. Learning to accept, respect, and even love others as Christ does only serves to enrich our lives and bring new ideas and energies to our world. This is why diversity matters. ▪

Dr. Thea C. Bruhn, a longtime Holy Trinity parishioner whose daughter went through the RE program, is a 30 plus year U.S. Department of State (DOS) employee. The positions she has held include being members of the teams that worked to make DOS's workforce more diverse and developed programs to train leadership and staff in diversity and managing differences.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

"Name the Mural" Contest Winner

Congratulations to 5th grade HTS student, Olivia Tirol! She is the winner of the Founder's Day Mural Contest with the title "The Rainbow of God's Children." Thank you to all of the youth who put forth effort and creativity and submitted a title. Each HTS student who submitted a title will also receive house points.



Baptism Preparation

A Baptism Preparation Session will be offered **March 7** at 10:10am in McKenna Hall. Please register at www.trinity.org/infant-baptism or contact REadmin@trinity.org for more details.