



HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Washington, DC

August 22, 2021



A Laudato Si' Action Plan

Marking the fifth anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical on care for the environment, the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington launched the "Laudato Si' Action Plan: Embarking On A Seven-Year Journey Promoting An Integral Ecology." The action plan offers easy, moderate, and advanced strategies for individuals, parishes, schools and other institutions to work toward protecting the Earth, our common home, and all human life.

A result of 18 months of work by the laity-led Care for Creation Committee and the archdiocesan Office of Social Concerns, this local action plan is to be used throughout the archdiocese. It is a call to people of faith to "embrace environmental science and the science of climate change to protect and preserve the environment for future generations because the Earth is God's

wondrous creation and gift to humanity" (*Laudato Si' Plan p. 6*).

Crafted for the people of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington, this local Laudato Si' Action Plan seeks to work toward an integral ecology – the concept that says that caring for our fellow human beings is connected to our concern for the environment (Laudato Si' No. 139). The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington Laudato Si' Action Plan aims to reflect an integral ecology in the life of its parishes, Catholic schools, and with the faithful.

In an opening letter in the Laudato Si' Action Plan, Cardinal Wilton Gregory, Archbishop of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington, writes, "This action plan is for all of us! We are all called to protect our common home according to our ability and means" He goes on to invite everyone to study the plan "and be challenged to protect and restore our fragile Earth and our natural resources."

The plan includes simple, low-cost steps that households, parishes and others can take to conserve water and electricity and to protect natural resources. It also has relevant videos and links to resources such as grant applications, study guides and local environment-focused events. It ranks suggested activities on a scale from "easy," such as "cut down on single-use plastics," to "moderate," including "incorporate justice and care for our common home into faith formation programs at all levels," and a few "advanced" activities including "compost food scraps."

Genevieve Mougey, director of the Archdiocese's Office for Social Concerns, put the action plan in context of the August 9 United Nations (U.N.) report on the dire threat to the world from climate change. "While the U.N report illustrates the gravity of the situation we are facing, it behooves us as Christians to remember the core tenet of our faith is hope. Hope moves us forward to live in God's call of love and the care for our common home. The reality of what it means to be a Christian is that we live in hope. That's what the encyclical and this action plan call us to do – act out of hope and faith in God's love for us and our planet." ✝

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Learn More About the Laudato Si' Action Plan

Read the action plan, find resources and see upcoming events at adw.org/laudatosi

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: ACCOMPANY ONE ANOTHER IN CHRIST

The Choice to Commit to Jesus is Yours by Jaime L. Waters

Today's readings are somewhat disconnected in content, theme and style, yet the Lectionary encourages us to read them side-by-side to find potential connections. Each reading broaches a difficult topic with a group and then offers an opportunity for personal acceptance and affirmation.

In the first reading, Joshua, the Israelite leader after Moses, calls on the community to affirm their commitment to God. Joshua recounts ways that God intervened in their lives and in the lives of their ancestors, and he reprimands the people for their continued service to other gods. Joshua declares, "As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." His declaration inspires the Israelites to affirm the same, renew their covenant with God and agree to keep the statutes and ordinances that are required.

The Joshua reading may be paired with Ephesians based on Joshua's speaking on behalf of his household. The second reading offers guidance for establishing a Christian household, beginning with a call for couples to "be subordinate to one another out of reverence for Christ." The writer hopes to inspire people to submit themselves to each other as a sign that God should lead the household. While there may be some value in this premise, terms like "subordinate," "subject" and "submit" can have damaging effects, especially for women, who are more often on the receiving end of dishonorable and abusive actions. Moreover, although the passage begins with a mutual subordination, it becomes clear that wives are especially charged with this duty while husbands are instructed to love. As has been addressed previously when discussing similar rhetoric in Colossians (see 12/23/19), passages with a potential for misuse and abuse should be avoided, especially when shorter options are available that eliminate some of the problematic language.

As for the Gospel, we continue to hear reactions to Jesus calling himself the bread of life and comparing himself to manna from heaven. Today, his followers complain and question Jesus' demanding and complex statements. Jesus states that people who believe in him are called by the Father in heaven, but not everyone is called. Perhaps surprisingly, the Gospel concedes this point, saying, "Many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him." Jesus recognizes the difficulty and complexity of the Gospel, as he challenges how people think, live and believe. Many people, when confronted with these difficulties, opt out. At the end of today's reading, we hear the apostles' responses to these events; they affirm their desire to continue to follow Jesus, recognizing that his words lead to eternal life.

Today's readings offer us an opportunity to think about how we react to complex and difficult statements, texts and choices. They remind us to take ownership of our lives and decisions and remain committed to ourselves, our community and to God.

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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 president.

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 August 23, 2021

Monday	8:15am	Lucy Walker
	5:30pm	Pedro Arrocha Bonilla+
Tuesday	8:15am	Lawrence Grady Sr.
	5:30pm	Melinda Harrison+
Wednesday	8:15am	Fred Wheeler
	5:30pm	David Lucas Yates+
Thursday	8:15am	Jenyll White
	5:30pm	Edgar White
Friday	8:15am	
	5:30pm	
Saturday	8:15am	Joe Coffey+

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, 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: 8:15am & 5:30pm (in the Chapel on N St.)

Note: Please see schedule for daily Mass times.

Chapel is open on weekdays between Masses.

Saturday: 8:15am — Chapel; 5:30pm Vigil — Church

Sunday: 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:30am, 5:30pm — Church; 6:00pm — Holy Rood Cemetery

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: Anne Marie Kaufmann, (202) 903-2846
- Youth Confirmation: Anne Marie Kaufmann, (202) 903-2846
- Adult Confirmation: Anne Marie Kaufmann, (202) 903-2846
- Marriage Preparation: readmin@trinity.org, (202) 903-2808

Baptisms and Weddings:

- To schedule a Baptism or Wedding, contact Moira Duggan at mduggan@trinity.org.

Sacrament of the Sick

Communal anointing is celebrated seasonally in the Chapel of St. Ignatius. 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 Anne Marie Kaufmann at akaufmann@trinity.org (202) 903-2846 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 Tania Chomiak-Salvi at parishcouncil@trinity.org.

PRAY



Abiding in God's Love September 26 - October 2, 2021

Registration deadline: **September 12**

Our parish has been offering this introductory Ignatian retreat in daily life for forty-three years. We now offer you a refreshed version of the retreat with new Scripture passages and music. During the retreat, you will be invited to reflect on the Mystery of God's love spilling over into creation; become aware of God's comforting presence in your life; listen to God's call to you to be a receiver and giver of Divine Love; and become God's friend. For more information or to register go to trinity.org/ignatian-spirituality/retreats Questions? Contact moshea@trinity.org.

LEARN

Women Who Stay: Women Who Weave in the Spirit

Our fall Women Who Stay series will begin in September and will feature the voices of Native American women. The series will remain virtual on **Mondays at 7pm**. Please mark your calendars!

September 13: Jody Roy, Director, The Saint Kateri Center
September 20: Barbara Aston, Former Executive Director of Tribal Relations, WSU & Benedictine Oblate
September 28: Germaine Little Bear, Diocese of Rapid City
October 4: Mona Susan Power, Standing Rock Sioux author of *The Grass Dancer* and *Sacred Wilderness*

Register for Sunday Morning Religious Education

Registration for the 2021-2022 Religious Education year for grades K-8 is underway. Please be sure to register now to ensure placement in fall classes, which will be held in-person on campus. Learn more and enroll online at trinity.org/enroll.

Baptism Preparation Sessions for Parents and Godparents

Baptism Preparation sessions have resumed in person. See the calendar and register at trinity.org/infant-baptism.

Ignatian Family Teach-In for Justice

Save the Date! The Ignatian Family Teach-In for Justice will be held in DC on **November 6-8**. If you would like to be part of the Holy Trinity in-person delegation, please email aklick@trinity.org by **September 1**. Registered delegates will also have the opportunity to participate in the virtual series the week of **October 16**. Visit the website to see confirmed speakers.

SERVE

Youth Ministry Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for volunteers to help with our high school youth ministry program. If you would like to help guide high school youth in deepening their own faith and becoming more engaged in our parish community, please consider joining our youth ministry team. For more information, please contact Anne Marie Kaufmann, at akaufmann@trinity.org.

Volunteer With Our Religious Education Program

Please consider joining the Faith Formation Program as a catechist. Classes begin in September and run through mid-May. Learn more about becoming a catechist and submit an interest form at trinity.org/calledtoobeacatechist. We are also in need of volunteers who are willing to share our faith with 3-5 year olds. Do you love to explore Bible stories? Are you comfortable with hands-on activities, music, and drama? If so, we need you! Contact Sandy Nguyen at snguyen@trinity.org if you are interested.

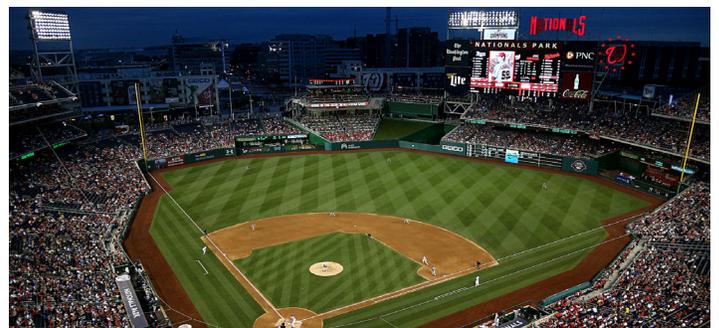
Groceries for Migrant Families

Our migrant families are thriving with the gift of fresh fruits, veggies and proteins. Thank you! As their unemployment continues, we will continue to supplement their weekly groceries. If you would like to purchase groceries or donate a gift card, please sign up at trinity.org/do-something-good-for-your-neighbor. Consider partnering with a neighbor or your troop/team. Gift cards may be dropped off at Holy Trinity or in Alexandria, VA.

Back to School Drive for Hope and a Home

We are collecting backpacks and other back to school items for our friends at Hope and a Home. Please leave at the parish center front desk or shop the Amazon wishlist at trinity.org/wishlist and ship to Holy Trinity c/o Social Justice, 3513 N Street, NW, Washington, DC 20007.

CONNECT



Holy Trinity at Nationals Park!

All parishioners are invited to our annual baseball outing on **September 18** at 4:05pm to see the Nats take on the Rockies. Tickets are \$11 each and may be purchased at trinity.org/pay/natspark. The purchase deadline is August 27 and tickets will be available for pickup at Holy Trinity the week of September 13. Questions? Contact Helene Flanagan at hflanagan@trinity.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome Hadia!

The HT Migrant Team welcomes Hadia to our migrant familia. Hadia is a young woman from Afghanistan who will be mentored by Lorri Culhane and Elizabeth McDaniel. Thank you to Catherine Shaw for the short term housing! Hadia joins Julien Patrick, Mario J., Bernadette & Marie, Mugahid, Yanilson, the Sevilla Family, and the Mbala Family. If you would like to learn more about supporting our families, please contact Ashley Klick at aklick@trinity.org and join our next meeting on **August 23**. Donations of grocery and Target gift cards are also appreciated. Please keep all of our migrant family members in your prayers!



Supporting Our Neighbors in Haiti & Afghanistan

Haiti: As you know, an earthquake struck Haiti over the weekend. While our sister parish was not impacted directly by the earthquake, the damage to roads will impact their food security. The St. Jean Baptiste Committee is working with our partner, Food for the Poor, to collect funds and help this nation already struggling with the challenges of the ongoing pandemic, food insecurity, and violent unrest. Food for the Poor is securing barges and has arranged for a humanitarian corridor to support satellite centers for distribution of food and medical supplies. You may make an online donation at trinity.org/social-justice/give by selecting St. Jean Baptiste General Fund or give in-person during the second collection at all Masses this weekend. Thank you.

Afghanistan: Holy Trinity is helping support a young Afghan women's rights activist who is seeking asylum through our Migrant Team. Donations to the Migrant Support Fund can be made at trinity.org/social-justice/give and will be used for legal, housing and mental health services.

We are also looking at ways to partner in projects helping with the new Afghan families moving into our area. Yesterday, Holy Trinity purchased twin bed frames and queen mattresses for Homes Not Borders. If you are interested in supporting this organization, your contribution will help to provide household items, including necessities like sheets, cookware and furniture to ensure that families can thrive here. To donate, please visit homesnotborders.org and to volunteer please email laura@homesnotborders.org.

The Judith Bruseau Faith Formation Fund



Judith Bruseau retired on August 6 as our Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation & Religious Education. To-date, as our "Thank You" to Judith for her 20 years of ministry, and to continue her legacy into the future, we have raised about \$15,000 for the **Judith Bruseau Faith Formation Fund** to support Religious Education and to train more catechists for Shepherd's Flock, our RE program for children with special needs that Judith began.

It's not too late to join those who have already given! To offer your donation in honor of Judith, join our peer-to-peer fundraising platform: **Community of Giving** at www.trinity.org/judith-bruseau-faith-formation-fund. Raising money among your family and friends is a great way to give thanks for the blessings of Judith's work that have touched your family and it will benefit our RE children now and into the future.

You may also give by:

- Donating online via our Virtual Collection Basket or via the banner at the top of our website.
- Scanning the QR Code below and following the prompts



- Texting GIVE to 202-991-GIVE (202-991-4483), select 'HOLY TRINITY PARISH' then scroll down. Return users: text an amount and fund keyword 'JUDITH' (e.g. 50 JUDITH) to 202-991-4483
- Mailing a check to the Attention of Development at Holy Trinity, 3513 N Street, NW, Washington, DC 20007

Questions? Call/text Rock Schuler, Director of Stewardship, at (301) 455-5437 or email him at rschuler@trinity.org.



Sunday, August 22

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b | Ephesians 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32 |
John 6:60-69

10:00am

Summer Coffee & Donuts
McKenna Hall

Monday, August 23

MONDAY OF THE TWENTY-FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 8b-10 | Matthew 23:13-22

9:00am

Morning Prayer
Zoom

7:00pm

HT Migrant Team Meeting
Zoom

7:30pm

Separated Divorced and Widowed
Zoom

Tuesday August 24

FEAST OF SAINT BARTHOLOMEW

Revelation 21:9b-14 | John 1:45-51

7:00pm

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)
McKenna Hall

7:30pm

Pray the Rosary with Fr. Gillespie
Zoom

Wednesday August 25

WEDNESDAY OF THE TWENTY-FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 | Matthew 23:27-32

Thursday, August 26

THURSDAY OF THE TWENTY-FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

1 Thessalonians 3:7-13 | Matthew 24:42-51

6:15pm

Centering Prayer

Chapel of St. Ignatius

7:00pm

Young Adult Faith Sharing

Parish Center Library

7:15pm

Book Discussion Group

Zoom

Friday, August 27

MEMORIAL OF SAINT MONICA

1 Thessalonians 4:1-8 | Matthew 25:1-13

9:00am

Morning Prayer
Zoom

Saturday, August 28

MEMORIAL OF SAINT AUGUSTINE

1 Thessalonians 4:9-11 | Matthew 25:14-30

7:30am

Zen Meditation
Zoom

Sunday, August 29

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8 | James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27 |
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

10:00am

Summer Coffee & Donuts
McKenna Hall