



HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Washington, DC

August 29, 2021



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To Live the Gospel, Stand for (and with) the Vulnerable

By Jamie L. Waters

Less talk and more action! Today's readings remind us not only to preach the Gospel but to live it. The readings encourage us to prioritize care of vulnerable groups and to avoid corruption, which damages relationships with one another and with God.

The Letter of James addresses a Christian community, offering guidance on how to live out their faith. James states that generous acts done by people are a way that God works in the world: "All good giving and every perfect gift is from above." When we help others, we facilitate divine care and love in the world.

James speaks of what Christian faith and practice require, emphasizing care for orphans and widows. In the Bible, orphans and widows are often mentioned in tandem as groups afforded intentional human and divine care because of their financial, emotional and legal challenges. Orphans and widows

are associated with vulnerable, disenfranchised and oppressed peoples. Isaiah, for instance, criticizes his community for its disregard of people in need, stating that they should "learn to do good; make justice your aim: redress the wronged, hear the orphan's plea, defend the widow" (Is 1:17). The Letter of James challenges us to reflect and act. Who are the orphans and widows of today? What groups in our society are vulnerable and most in need? Scripture is clear in calling on us to fight for and alongside them.

The Gospel of Mark also speaks to how people live and engage in the world. Jesus interacts with Jewish leaders who are critical of his followers for not following prescribed laws and customs. Jesus is critical of the leaders and their intentions and shifts the discussion to preach on broader human behavior, not just formal religious observance. Jesus condemns acts that corrupt people and inflict harm, such as theft, murder, malice, greed and arrogance. These types of actions, and sin more generally, not only defile the individual and the human-divine relationship but also damage the community.

As the world is filled with much suffering, we are called to action. We should ask ourselves the Vincentian question, "What must be done?" How do we put faith in Christ into practice? Scripture requires support of people who are most in need, offering resources and advocating for changes that will help all people to thrive. Likewise, Jesus' emphasis on morality reminds us to be mindful and intentional about our actions, doing good and avoiding evil.✠

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**"Be doers of the word and not hearers only."
(James 1:22)**

Liturgical Day

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Readings

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

Prayer

- What can you do to care for the most vulnerable in society?
- How can you encourage others to be more mindful of their actions?
- How do you live out the Gospel in your daily life?

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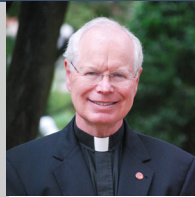
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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The start of the new school year, which begins this Monday, reminds me of how often elementary school teachers during their first weeks of classes ask the students to write an essay describing what they learned during their summer vacation. Well, folks, I'd like to describe one such experience of my summer, which I am inclined to believe has some parallels with learning to pray. You see, this summer I started to learn how to fish!

Perhaps my motivation emerged from the seeds planted when as a child my Irish immigrant father on summer mornings in Sea Isle City, New Jersey, would often take me to see the fishing boats full of fish return after a night of fishing. This summer I finally got "hooked" on fishing. In June, I headed to a fish and tackle store and for the first time purchased a fishing rod and some bait.

Soon, I was casting a line with a baited hook off a small pier at our Jesuit villa located along the Corsica River in Centreville, Maryland. The first several times I cast the weighted and baited line into the water I caught nothing. But after some wise advice from my colleague Dino Campagnari, our Director of Facilities, I adjusted the bait, learned how to sense the fish bite, and then reel in the fish. One evening I caught five fish — four perch and one catfish.

However, upon catching the fish, I then discovered a dilemma of what to do with them. I learned that it is one thing to catch a fish; it is another to fillet it. Not possessing this skill I decided instead to use the fish as bait for my next project, namely, to catch some fresh and juicy Maryland blue crabs! You see, our Jesuit villa has a couple of crab cages and so I carefully cut up the fish into pieces and used them as bait. I then placed the cages into the river and after several days raised the cages. Lo and behold there they were, five beautiful blue shell crabs!

But then like my fish dilemma, I did not know what to do with them? How does one move live crabs from the cage to a pot and then from the pot to the plate, without losing a finger? After some assistance, however, I managed to "paralyze" the squirming crabs and then sprinkle them with a healthy amount of Old Bay Seasoning and after 30 minutes of steam I had several delicious crabs to feast upon.

It later occurred to me that fishing in certain ways resembles praying. One needs to first prepare the lines of prayer with the proper purpose; then cast off into the deeper waters through petition, and praise; then wait patiently for the Holy Spirit's often subtle bites and movements; and when they happen then reel in the grace!

Of course, I am still learning how to fillet God's graces. I have a hunch; however, that Jesus chose several of his first apostles because as fishermen he knew that they would prove to know how to fish for the Holy Spirit!

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 August 30, 2021

Monday	8:15am	Jim Walter+
	5:30pm	Jamie Brown+
Tuesday	8:15am	Frances White
	5:30pm	
Wednesday	8:15am	Theresa White
	5:30pm	
Thursday	8:15am	
	5:30pm	Eugenia O'Neill+
Friday	8:15am	President Biden & Family
	5:30pm	
Saturday	8:15am	

Pray for those who are sick: *Michael Begala; Brian Perez Palma*

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



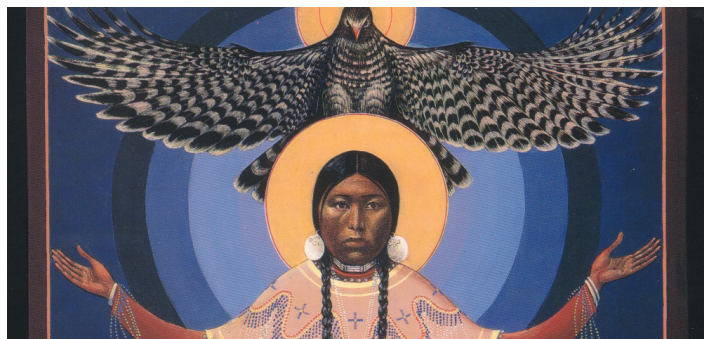
Abiding in God's Love

September 26 - October 2

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 7:00pm. Please mark your calendars! Registration is required. Please visit the social justice ministry pages of our website and select Women Who Stay to register.

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.



Ignatian Family Teach-In for Justice

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**.

SERVE

Afghanistan Refugee Response

The HT Migrant Team welcomed Hadia, a 25 year-old woman from Afghanistan, to our migrant familia. Donations in support of Hadia's rent and expenses may be made through the HT Migrant Fund. Holy Trinity has donated twin beds and mattresses to Homes Not Borders. We are "on call" for support with Homes Not Borders and Lutheran Social Services. At this time, both organizations are looking for cash donations.

Groceries for Migrant Individuals and Families

While many of our families are back at work and have children returning to school, your donation of gift cards for the "singles" in the asylum process who are not eligible to work, and your purchase of healthy fruits, vegetables, and proteins for our larger families, is deeply appreciated. We are changing up our support opportunity in September! Please consider signing up for a gift card, a protein purchase, a fruit or vegetable box, and miscellaneous items. Items may be dropped off at Holy Trinity by 10:00am for distribution on Wednesdays. We do have freezer and refrigerator options for advance drop-off. Visit the sign-up at signupgenius.com/gol/2021support.

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.

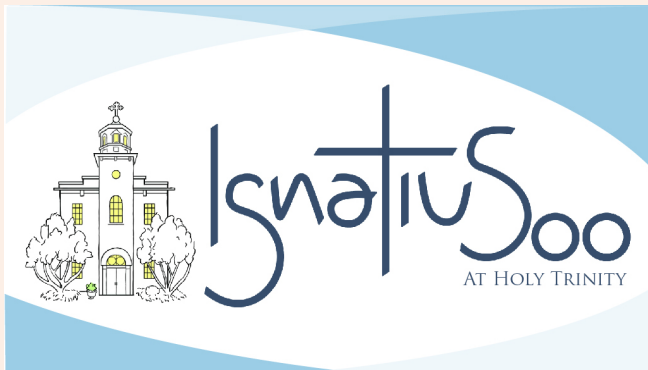
Youth Ministry Volunteers Needed!

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

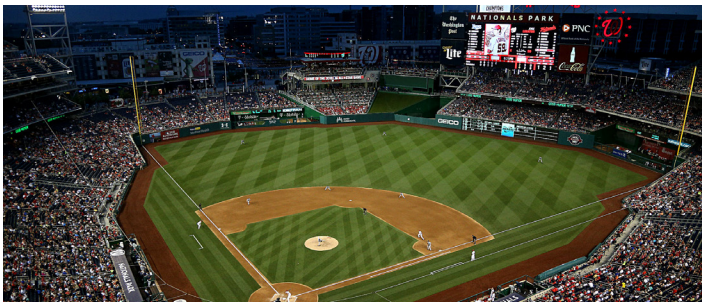
Please consider joining the Faith Formation program as a catechist. Classes begin in September and run through mid-May. Learn more about becoming a catechist and submit an interest form at trinity.org/calledtobeacatechist. We are also in need of volunteers who are willing to share our faith with 3-5 year olds for Children's Bible Story Hour. Please contact Sandy Nguyen at snguyen@trinity.org if you are interested.

CONNECT



Holy Trinity Ignatian Year Ministry Fair

September 11 & 12 after all Sunday Masses (including the Saturday Vigil) in the Parish Center Courtyard. Our parish community gathers to share its gifts! Staff and parishioners involved in our parish ministries will be present with information about Ignatian spirituality, social justice and service, religious education and adult faith formation, liturgy and music, as well as social events — and avenues for you to participate. Explore the Jesuit Universal Apostolic Preferences and the ways our ministries offer opportunities for all to “see all things new in Christ.”



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

Thank You for Your Support!

Thank you for your donation to our Haiti relief efforts. As of publication, we have collected \$16,840 in donations. Last weekend, Holy Trinity sent \$8,000 to Food for the Poor to cover the expense of a medevac helicopter to provide food, medical supplies and tents to the area most in need. The balance will be mailed this week to provide food and essentials to Jeremie and surrounding cities.

The Judith Brusseau Faith Formation Fund



Judith Brusseau 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 \$25,000 for the **Judith Brusseau Faith Formation Fund** in support of our Religious Education ministry, including Montessori training for additional Shepherd's Flock catechists – Shepherd's Flock, of course, being one of Judith's signature accomplishments.

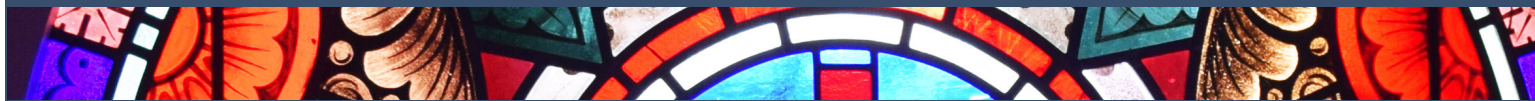
This is your last chance to join those who have already given in honor of Judith and to support our RE children!

- Donate online via our Virtual Collection Basket or via the banner at the top of our website.
- Scan the QR Code below and follow the prompts



- Text 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
- Mail 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. Thank you!



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

Monday, August 30

MONDAY OF THE TWENTY-SECOND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 | Luke 4:16-30

9:00am

Morning Prayer

Zoom

7:30pm

Separated Divorced and Widowed

Zoom

Tuesday, August 31

TUESDAY OF THE TWENTY-SECOND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, 9-11 | Luke 4:31-37

7:00pm

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

McKenna Hall

7:30pm

Pray the Rosary with Fr. Gillespie

Zoom

Wednesday, September 1

WEDNESDAY OF THE TWENTY-SECOND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Colossians 1:1-8 | Luke 4:38-44

7:00pm

LGBTQIA+ Ministry Family Discussion

Zoom, lgbtqia@trinity.org

Thursday, September 2

THURSDAY OF THE TWENTY-SECOND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Colossians 1:9-14 | Luke 5:1-11

6:15pm

Centering Prayer

Chapel of St. Ignatius

7:00pm

Young Adult Faith Sharing

Parish Center Library

7:15pm

Book Discussion Group

Zoom, grobertstewart1@mac.com

Friday, September 3

MEMORIAL OF SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT

Colossians 1:15-20 | Luke 5:33-39

9:00am

Morning Prayer

Zoom

Saturday, September 4

SATURDAY OF THE TWENTY-SECOND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Colossians 1:21-23 | Luke 6:1-5

7:30am

Zen Meditation

Zoom, rdruecker@aol.com

Sunday, September 5

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 35:4-7a | James 2:1-5 | Mark 7:31-37