

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Washington, DC

December 10, 2023

Second Sunday of Advent

A Pilgrim's Journey by Kathleen Bashian

A tourist travels seeking adventure, escape, or maybe even bragging rights. A pilgrim journeys in search of something different — a spiritual journey, richly laden with mystery and surprise. The call to travel might be the compelling testimony of another or an internal quickening which beckons, and we somehow know this travel is right.

Once we committed to a pilgrimage, the journey had already begun. Our pilgrim group knows this from experience as we traveled to Turkey and Greece. Under Fr. Ben Hawley's pastoral care and guidance, we began our preparation through monthly meetings, readings, and prayer. We explored such subjects as Eastern Orthodox Mysticism, Desert Prayer, Icons, Turkish history, and Pauline theology. Fr. Ben introduced us to the Jesus Prayer, and this became a regular with us: "Lord Jesus Christ,



Son of the living God, have mercy on me." It became the leitmotif for the pilgrimage, and I continue this practice upon my return.

A pilgrim group differs from a tourist group in other ways; a pilgrim group is generally more forgiving of the common

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We invite you to share your gifts with others in our parish community!

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DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY - FRIDAY: 8:00 AM - Chapel 5:30 PM — Chapel

SATURDAY: 8:00 AM — Chapel

SATURDAY (VIGIL): 5:30 PM — Church SUNDAY: 7:30 AM — Church 9:00 AM — Church, Trinity Hall, and Livestream 11:30 AM — Church 5:30 PM — Church SACRAMENT OF

RECONCILIATION: Saturdays, 4:30 - 5:15 PM — Church

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everyday foibles of humanity-the latecomer, the slow mover, or the puzzling questioner of what seems to be obvious. Pilgrims are generally more tolerant of inevitable interruptions, cancellations, or delays. A group that prays together seems to be more compassionate with one another, knowing that God is working on the rough edges in each of us.

Fr. Ben asked us to complete a form in advance about our expectations for the journey. Upon our return he asked us to revisit that document (typical Ignatian practice) and compare the expectation with the aftermath. I expected to learn more about St. Paul and to deep dive into Pauline theology. Instead, I had a profound experience at Patmos and a call to wrestle with St. John's purported text of Revelation. The experience of Christian Orthodox Spirituality, praying with icons, has also given me new insight into Visio Divina. Western Christians will marvel at the aesthetic beauty of a painting which mirrors a religious theme. For Orthodox Easterners, an icon is a window to delve deeper into the divine. The icon itself is considered sacred, and Easterners will kiss this sacred object with reverence and awe.

We visited the home of Mary in Ephesus, if indeed she lived there. The real happening occurred outside of the home when Fr. Ben invited us to unite our own lives with the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary. We all receive Annunciations that are puzzling and fearsome. We need to ponder them in our hearts and then go on Visitation to have them questioned or confirmed. We can then expect to experience a Nativity of new life, which we must Present to God with thanksgiving and to our world. Although we might lose sight of our calling and become Lost in the Temple, we can be assured that we will find our way once again, just as Jesus was lost to his parents, but found once again teaching in the temple.

While visiting the Hagia Sophia in Istanbul, I learned how this sacred place has been transformed over the centuries. In the 4th century, Constantine commissioned a church on this site on the foundations of a pagan temple. That church was destroyed and rebuilt until in the 6th century the Byzantine Emperor Justinian I replaced it with this present building. When the Turks conquered the Byzantine empire in 1453, they converted it into a mosque. In 1934 the building became a museum, and in 2020 it was converted into a mosque once again. This marvelous architectural wonder witnesses to how Almighty God is enduringly praised through the ages in many denominational forms, be they pagan, Christian or Muslim. The Divine spark engenders remarkable works of art that know no boundaries.

A pilgrim feels a sense of privilege and responsibility imposed by the blessings of pilgrimage, and there is a whispered mandate -"To whom much is given, much is expected." Each of us is discerning the aftercall of our spiritual journey. We are gathering once again to discuss this call and to support each other in our endeavors. A bond of fellowship was forged on our journey which will hopefully endure and intensify as we go forth to wherever the Lord may lead us.

AFTER THIS WEEKEND'S MASSES: MEET YOUR PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) continues to seek ways to increase parishioner participation in the PPC's mission. Beginning this weekend, December 9-10, a PPC member will be present to meet parishioners after each Mass. PPC members will be available once a month, on the Sunday before each scheduled PPC meeting. Members are here to listen to any information that parishioners and visitors would like to pass on to the PPC. They will also have handouts with information on how to attend the PPC meeting (virtually or in person) and contact information for PPC officers.



Thank you to all the volunteers who generously give of their time to bring this important ministry to the Parish



YAC MASS AND CAFE

December 10 | 7:15 PM, St. Ignatius Chapel The Young Adult Community will hold its December Mass this Sunday, December 10 at 7:15 pm in St Ignatius Chapel. All those in their 20s and 30s are invited to attend and join the potluck in McKenna Hall afterwards. For more information about the Young Adult Community, please go to *trinity.org/ young-adults*.



GIVING TREE - THANK YOU!

Thank you for helping us fulfill the wishes of our Giving Tree partners! All gifts are due no later than December 10th, so the elves may wrap and package them for delivery on December 15. Please e-mail *aklick@trinity.org* if you have questions.

We are grateful for your support of this annual project to bring joy to families throughout our region and beyond! This year we are providing gifts to Casa Chirilagua, Fr. McKenna Center, Georgetown Ministry Center, Holy Family Hospital of Bethlehem Foundation, Hope & a Home, Mary House, Northwest Center, Spanish Catholic Center, St. Ann's Center, Maria Madre and St. Jean Baptiste Sister Parish.



Concerts at Holy Trinity

CONCERTS AT HOLY TRINITY PRESENTS: THE THIRTEEN

December 16 | Doors 7:00pm/Concert 7:30pm, Church

The highly-acclaimed choral ensemble "The Thirteen" return to Holy Trinity for a Christmas concert featuring choral masterworks under the baton of Matthew Robertson.

Ticket information available at *trinity.org/concerts*

CHRISTMAS CAROLING IN GEORGETOWN

December 11 | 6:30 pm, Upper School Cafeteria Come join parishioners of all ages for Christmas Caroling around the Georgetown neighborhood. Meet in the Upper School Cafeteria at 6:30pm to gather and pick up a song sheet. No singing experience is necessary, only holiday cheer. Afterward, Jay Keese will coordinate the firepit to toast s'mores and sip hot chocolate. For information, email Sara Keese at *swkeese5@msn.com*

ADVENT PRAYER BOOKS AVAILABLE

Advent Sacred Space books, which contain daily prayers from the Irish Jesuits, are available at the back of the church. You are invited to take one to pray with this Advent. These books are made available due to the generosity of those who participate in the Parish Pledge program.

LGBTQIA+ MINISTRY DECEMBER MEETINGS

LGBTQIA+ Families and Friends December 10 | 10:15 AM, Neale Room



Topic:Happy New (Liturgical) Year! What's Your Wish?

LGBTQIA+ Ministry Men's Discussion

December 11 | 7:00 PM.

We invite you to join us in Brookland for cider and snacks. Please contact Joey at *lgbtqia+men@trinity*. org for details.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETS THIS WED. December 13 | 7:00-9:00 PM, this week zoom only.

The Parish Pastoral Council is meeting this Wednesday evening. Every meeting of the Council is open to all and there is reserved time at the beginning of the meeting for parishioners to bring any questions or concerns they may have to the council. Any parishioner also may come to listen to topics being discussed. For more information, please visit: *trinity.org/parishpastoral-council/*

MASS WITH SHEPHERD'S FLOCK

December 16 | 4:30 PM, Chapel All are invited to the Mass with Shepherd's Flock next Saturday in the chapel.

Shepherd's Flock serves families with children and teens who have special needs. Please scan the QR code to read more about this important ministry:



PRAYING IN SACRED SPACE

Saturdays in Advent: December 9, 16, 23, 4:00 -5:00 PM, Zoom

In this hour of prayer and faith sharing, all are invited to encounter the Advent scriptures in a way St. Ignatius gave to us in the Spiritual Exercises. During the hour, savor the contemplative silence and share with others who are seeking God's presence. Come to one session or all — no preparation necessary. All are welcome! Register at *trinity.org/ignatian-spirituality/ invitations-to-pray*. For more info, contact Catherine Heinhold at *cheinhold@trinity.org*.

BIBLE STORY HOUR - NEXT SUNDAY

December 17 |10:15 AM, Lower School



Children ages 3-5, with a parent or guardian, are invited to explore wellknow Bible stories through hands-on

acitivites next Sunday, in the Lower School Room 108. Contact Sandy Nguyen, *rek8@trinity.org.*

DC JAIL VISITS WITH THE DOUGLASS PROJECT

The Social Justice Committee is coordinating D.C. Jail visits in collaboration with tithe recipient Douglass Project. The goal is to have 15 participants at either or both dates.

The January dates available are Monday, January 22 and Monday, January 29. All visits are from 1-3:30pm. Please scan this QR code to complete the form and share your availability/ interest:



THANK YOU FROM OLGA & ETIENNE

On behalf of our family, my wife and I would like to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for coming to celebrate with us last Saturday at our wedding. You impacted our lives in ways we cannot explain.

Your presence and involvement throughout the entire wedding process was incredible. Your generosity was amazing, you shared with us not only food, drinks and gifts, but also your love. You treated us like family members. We don't know how we could have done this without your valuable support and help.

My wife and I would love to mention all your names to thank you personally for everything you did for us, but we don't want to take the risk of forgetting other names. We want you to know that we are very grateful for everything you have done for us and our family.

May the Almighty God bless you and your beloved families,

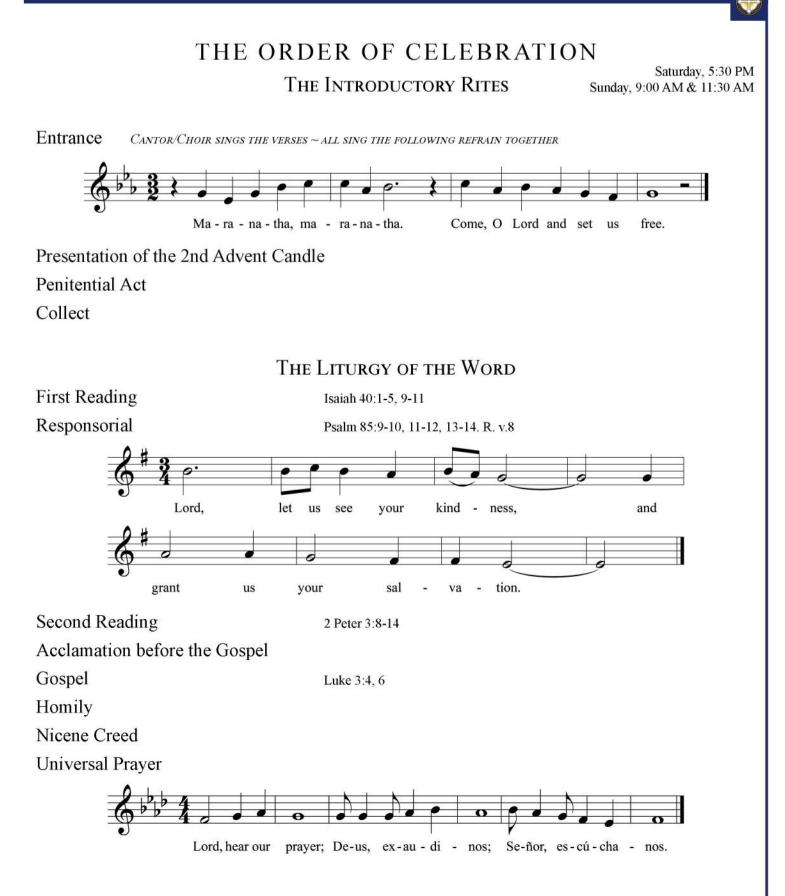
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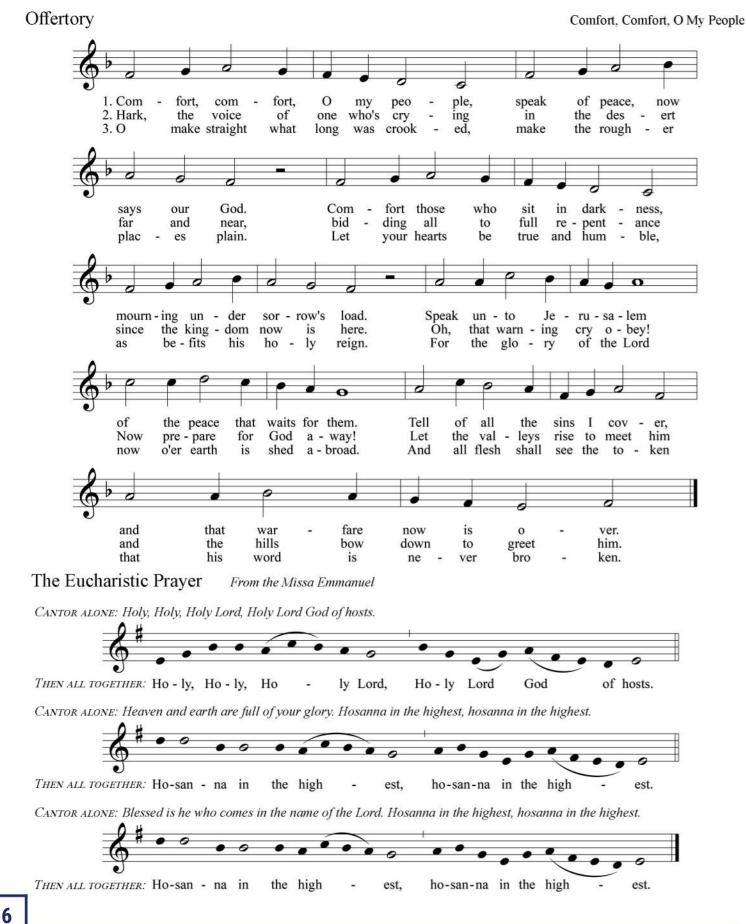
MORNING PRAYER ONLINE

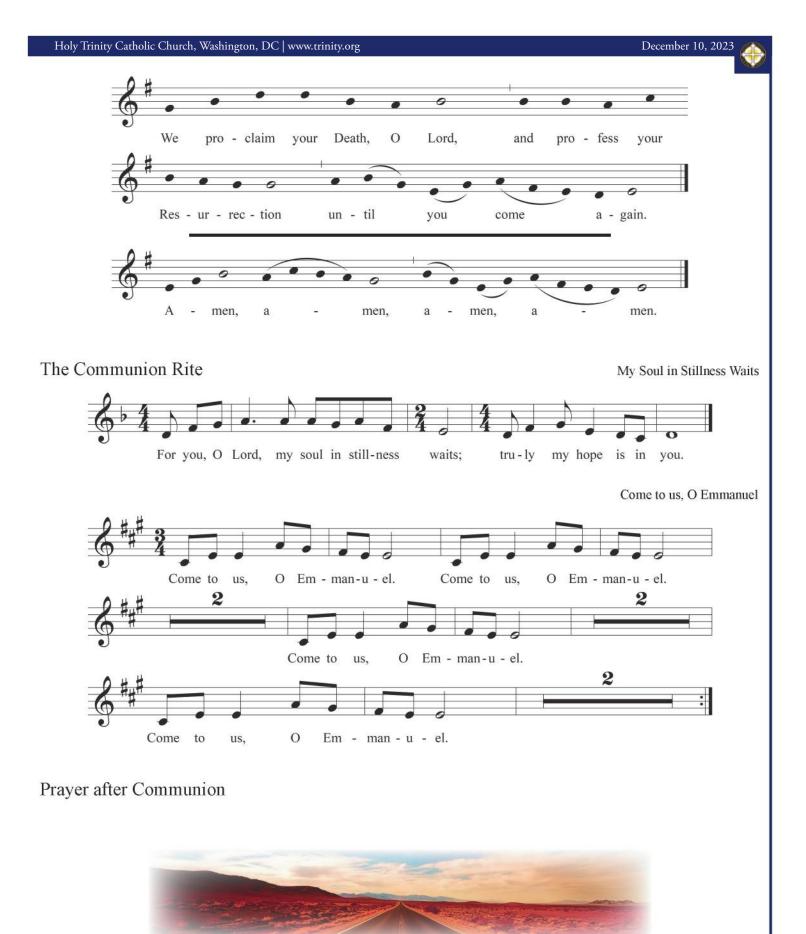
Mondays and Fridays 9:00 AM, Zoom

Morning Prayer is celebrated on Mondays and Fridays 9-9:45 am via Zoom. All are warmly invited to join whether once, occasionally, or regularly. Go to *trinity. org/morningprayer* for information and the link.



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THE CONCLUDING RITES

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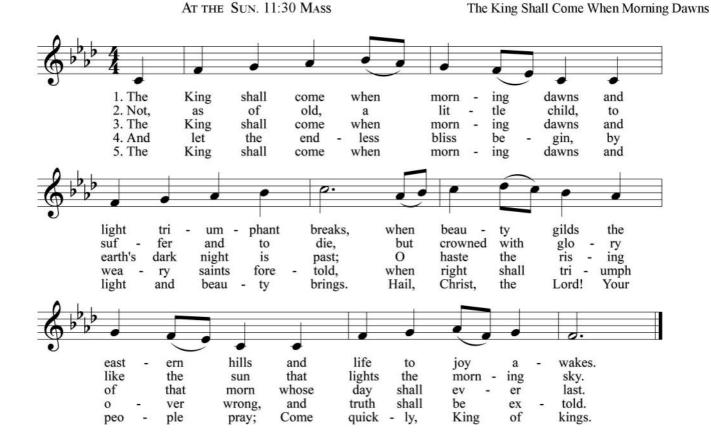
Solemn Blessing for the Advent Season

Dismissal

Concluding Processional

AT SAT. 5:30 PM, SUN. 9:00 AM

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2024 PARISH PLEDGE - THANK YOU!

A heartfelt 'Thank You' to all who have made a 2024 Pledge to Holy Trinity Parish! The below list represents the most recent round of pledges received since last week's bulletin. (*If you made a 2024 Pledge and your name does not appear, please contact Rock Schuler at rschuler@trinity.org. Note: pledges sent via mail or dropped in the Offertory basket will take longer to appear.*)

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YOUR PLEDGE TRANSFORMS LIVES

Years ago, Holy Trinity decided to commit 1 of every 10 dollars donated for general operations to our tithe fund in support of social justice. That amounts to more than \$450,000 per year and has resulted over the years in nearly \$5.5 million being distributed to benefit individuals and communities in need.

Learn more about our tithe fund and social justice ministries at *trinity.org* > Ministries > Social Justice. These ministries reflect how we are working to transform the lives of those in need by tangibly and concretely demonstrating God's Love. To make your 2024 Pledge and support the life-changing Social Justice work of our parish, mail your pledge card to the office, scan the provided QR Code, or email your pledge intention to Rock Schuler, Director of Stewardship at *rschuler@trinity.org*.

You can also set up your pledge online at *trinity.org* > Give > Parish Pledge (note you can choose from 2 forms, one for making a pledge only, and one for making a pledge with automated, recurring payments). Questions? Call Rock at 301-455-5437.



MASS INTENTIONS

WEEK OF DECEMBER 4, 2023

MONDAY	8:00 AM
	5:30 PM Anita Marie Faubion +
TUESDAY	8:00 AM
	5:30 PM Carol Myles +
WEDNESDAY	8:00 AM
	5:30 PM James F. Dobbins
THURSDAY	8:00 AM
	5:30 PM K K Piper +
FRIDAY	8:00 AM Rita Walsh +
	5:30 PM Ann Dunleary-Gannon +
SATURDAY	8:00 AM

DAILY READINGS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 | 2 Peter 3:8-14 | Mark 1:1-8

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

MONDAY OF THE SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT Isaiah 35:1-10 | Luke 5:17-26

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE Zechariah 2:14-17 | Luke 1:26-38

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

MEMORIAL OF SAINT LUCY Isaiah 40:25-31 | Matthew 11:28-30

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

MEMORIAL OF SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS Isaiah 41:13-20 | Matthew 11:11-15

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

FRIDAY OF THE SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

Isaiah 48:17-19 Matthew 11:16-19

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

SATURDAY OF THE SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11 | Matthew 17:9a, 10-13

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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