



HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 1, 2024

First Sunday of Advent



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Christmas Caroling – A Trinity Tradition Centuries in the Making

By Jay Keese, Parish Life Committee

“He who sings, prays twice.” A phrase often attributed to St. Augustine, it tells us that song adds to our praise and worship of God and our voices are gifts to make music to the Lord. Holy Trinity Parish has a wonderful way to carry on this ancient tradition with our annual celebration of Christmas caroling in the Georgetown neighborhood, followed by merriment and more song around the fire on the grounds of the church. This year’s festive outing will be on **Monday December 9**, departing at 6:30 p.m. at It’s a magical evening enjoyed by children of all ages.

As we enter Advent and Christmas, when the days grow short and we gather around the fire for warmth and comfort, many of us remember this as a magical time when both church and home are decked with fragrant pine, and song fills the air. But where did this tradition of the Christmas Carol come from? The word *carole* is



Old French derived from the Latin *choraula*, meaning a dance accompanied by singers. The first Christmas carols probably date to around AD 129 when Telesphorus, the bishop of Rome, decreed that “In the Holy Night of the

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OFFERTORY

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



Christmas Caroling *continued from page 1*

Nativity of our Lord and Savior, all shall solemnly sing the “*Angel’s Hymn*” from Luke 2:14: “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

By the 10th century, rhymed Christmas “sequences” were introduced in Northern European monasteries, under the abbot Saint Bernard of Clairvaux. In the 12th century, a Parisian monk, Adam of Saint Victor, began to take this tradition to the people in the form of popular songs, introducing something closer to the traditional Christmas carol. This tradition of song and praise to God at Christmas was popular among the faithful and continued to grow.

In the 13th century Saint Francis of Assisi encouraged a tradition of popular Christmas songs in regional native languages. Christmas carols in English first appear in a 1426 work by “Blind John” Awdlay, an English priest and poet who lists twenty-five “*Caroles of Cristemas*,” which were sung by groups of “wassailers,” who went from house to house. “*Here We Come A-Wassailing*.” These beloved songs— which had their roots as monastic Latin chants —were now literally pouring out into the streets.

The Hymn, “*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*,” was widely popularized in an 1851 translation from the Latin, “*Veni, Veni Emmanuel*.” But it has its origins over 1,200 years ago in monastic life. Seven days before Christmas Eve monasteries would sing the “O antiphons” in anticipation of Christmas. Another of the “O” carols, “*O Come, All Ye Faithful*” (*Adeste Fideles*) was likely composed by Cistercian monks in the Middle Ages, but it was John Wade, an English Catholic layman, who translated the first English version. Wade fled to France following the Jacobite rising of 1745 and penned the hymn in exile.

Another favorite, “*Silent Night*,” dates to 1818 when a young Austrian priest, Father Joseph Mohr, asked a church organist, Franz Gruber, to set his poem “*Stille Nacht*” to music to be sung by two voices and a guitar because the organ was broken.

By one count there are almost 10,000 Christmas

carols—9,274 songs to be exact... and since the average song runs approximately 3.5 minutes, it means you would have to sing Christmas songs 24/7 from December 1 to December 24 to sing them all.

We promise you won’t have to sing them all, but please join us to celebrate this wonderful Christmas tradition on **Monday, December 9**. We will gather in the Upper School cafeteria and depart at 6:30 p.m. before returning to campus for s’mores, hot chocolate, and other treats. Last year, over 100 attended – and we’d love to have you there this year!

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Monday, December 9 | 8:00 AM & 6:30 PM, Church

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, which is usually observed on December 8th, has moved to Monday, December 9 for this year. Mass will be held in the Church at 8:00 AM and at 6:30 PM. (*Note: There will be no daily Mass in the Chapel on Monday, December 9*)

SACRED SPACE BOOKS FOR ADVENT

Sacred Space books from the Irish Jesuits which contain daily prayers for the season of Advent are available at the back of the church. You are invited to take one and use it as a prayer guide during Advent. These books are made available due to the generosity of those who participate in the Parish Pledge program.

GIVING TREE

Each year, Holy Trinity parishioners partner with local organizations to bring the joy of Christmas. We are working with the following organizations: Fr. McKenna Center, Friendship Place, Georgetown Ministry Center, Hope and a Home, Mary House, Northwest Center, Sasha Bruce Youthworks, Spanish Catholic Center, and St. Ann’s Center for Children, Youth and Families. We also invite monetary support for the Holy Family Hospital of Bethlehem Foundation. Tags are available on the trees and through our virtual giving tree. Please return all gifts to Holy Trinity by **December 15**. Online Giving Tree donations and an Amazon wishlist can be found by scanning the QR Code at right. Thank you!





Coffee & Donuts

Please visit McKenna Hall for coffee and donuts following the 9:00AM and 11:30AM Masses.

Venmo & PayPal now accepted for donations.
Thank you!



Thanks to all the volunteers who generously give of their time to bring this important ministry to the parish.

PRAYING WITH THE WOMEN OF ADVENT

Thursday, December 5 | 6:30 PM, McKenna Hall
Come and experience the co-mingling of the 12 Steps with Ignatian spirituality. Share a simple meal, fellowship, and prayer with the women who make Ignatian Spirituality Project retreats. The Ignatian Spirituality Project invites those recovering from homelessness and addiction to experience God's unconditional love. RSVP at trinity.org/ignatian-spirituality/isp. To volunteer at this event, please contact Catherine Heinhold at cheinhold@trinity.org.

ICONOGRAPHY EXHIBIT

Sunday, December 8 | 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM, Parish Center, 1st floor

Holy Trinity's Iconographers' Guild presents the annual exhibit of their work. Learn more about Christian iconography and see the icons the guild members have written throughout the year. (Image: *Guardian Angel*, icon written by Dan MacDougall)



CHRISTMAS CAROLING - DECEMBER 9

Monday, December 9 | 6:30PM, beginning in HTS Cafeteria

All are welcome to go Christmas Caroling around the parish's Georgetown neighborhood. Come to the Upper School cafeteria at 6:30pm to pick up a song sheet and get prepared. No singing experience is necessary, only holiday cheer! Afterward, we'll gather around the firepit for s'mores, hot chocolate, and other treats.

PRAYING IN SACRED SPACE

Saturdays in Advent: **December 7, 14, and 21** | 4:00 -5:00 PM, on Zoom

During this hour of guided prayer and faith sharing, you are invited to savor the contemplative silence and encounter the Advent scriptures in the way St. Ignatius gave us in the Spiritual Exercises. Come to one session or all — no preparation necessary. All are welcome! Register by scanning at QR code at right. For more information, please contact Catherine Heinhold at cheinhold@trinity.org.



MASS WITH THE MIGRANT FAMILIA

Saturday, December 7 | 5:30 PM, Church
Since 2020, members of the Migrant Familia have gathered to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. This year, we will celebrate the 2nd Sunday of Advent together at the **December 7** Mass at 5:30pm. Our tradition of cookies and dancing with Santa will also continue immediately after Mass. All are welcome!

SHOP FOR A CAUSE

Sunday, December 8 | After morning Masses, McKenna Hall

The annual Christmas Pop Up returns with more participants! Members of the Migrant Familia, St. Jean Baptiste Committee, and Maria Madre Committee will be joined by RE student bakers, Fr. Peter Gray, and more. Pupusas, Haitian coffee, chocolate, art, and crafts will be available in McKenna Hall following the morning Masses.

RESTORATION IMMIGRATION LEGAL AID (RILA): COMMUNITY MEAL

Holy Trinity is partnering with RILA to provide a meal to 40 guests on **December 2**. RILA supports immigrants with low-cost legal services, even when they can't afford it - and is a valued partner to our Holy Trinity Migrant Familia.

Please sign up to prepare and serve the RILA community members by scanning the QR code at right:





THANKS *for* GIVING

WHY WE SUPPORT THE HOLY TRINITY PLEDGE *Frank and Fran Butler, Parishioners*

Participating in the Holy Trinity annual pledge drive has been integral to our involvement in the parish since we joined Holy Trinity twenty-four years ago. We are honored to be invited to share reflections on how responding to the annual pledge drive contributes to our sense of belonging to this remarkable faith community.

We are committed to the call to share time, talent, and treasure with Holy Trinity. Our involvement and sense of belonging have deepened our gratitude to God, our priests, and our fellow parishioners for the spiritual nourishment we receive from being a part of Holy Trinity.

Our motivation for participating in Holy Trinity's annual pledge goes beyond its practical benefit to the parish - enabling the parish, for example, to budget carefully for its array of extraordinary pastoral and social ministries and opportunities for worship and prayer life. Our motivation for participating is also part and parcel of our spiritual lives -- in our desire to say thank you for God's immeasurable love for us and the abundant blessings we have received in our lives -- including this faith community of Holy Trinity. The worship experiences, the Ignatian spirit of generosity and service -- all are so life-giving. We look upon our participation in the annual pledge drive as an important part of our prayer life and worship.

A deep appreciation of the blessedness of our community at Holy Trinity invites each of us to consider how the annual pledge offers another opportunity to give thanks as we strive to grow and be ever more generous and loving.

To give to the annual pledge, please scan the QR code at right, or visit trinity.org/give



RCIA IS BECOMING OCIA

By Anne Koester, OCIA Coordinator

When someone comes to Holy Trinity wanting to explore the possibility of becoming Catholic, whether they are not yet baptized or are baptized in another Christian community, we encourage them to begin the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). Or for older children and youth – generally around age 7 and up – RCIA Adapted for Children. “RCIA” is one of the best-known acronyms in the Catholic Church and beyond (i.e., Christians from other faith communities and scholars from various traditions know this acronym). Such has been the case for decades.

A little background – In 1972, the Church issued the first Latin edition of the *Ordo initiationis christianae adultorum*. The first English translation came out in 1974. The 1974 text was eventually retranslated and reorganized, and rites were added for baptized candidates for full communion. This gave us the 1988 text – the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

The time came several years ago for a new translation of the text, and this work has recently been completed. The title (translated from the Latin) is now the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, which more closely matches the Latin original and better reflects that an “Order” is a collection of “Rites.” You will also see the use of a new acronym – OCIA.

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults has been approved for first use on December 1, 2024 (the First Sunday of Advent) with mandatory use on March 5, 2025 (Ash Wednesday). The newly translated order does not change the structure of the process nor the approach we take at Holy Trinity with accompanying our inquirers, catechumens (those seeking baptism), baptized candidates (those baptized in another Christian community), and baptized Catholics looking to complete initiation sacraments.

For more information, please visit trinity.org/become-catholic or contact the OCIA Coordinator Anne Koester (akoester@trinity.org).



THE ORDER OF CELEBRATION

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Saturday, 5:30 PM
 Sunday, 9:00 AM & 11:30 AM

Entrance *CANTOR/CHOIR SINGS THE VERSES ~ ALL SING THE FOLLOWING REFRAIN TOGETHER*

Ma - ra - na - tha, ma - ra - na - tha. Come, O Lord and set us free.

Presentation of the 1st Advent Candle

Penitential Act

Collect

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading *Jeremiah 33:14-16*

Responsorial *Psalm 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14*

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul, to you, I lift my soul.

Second Reading *1 Thessalonians 3:12—4:2*

Acclamation before the Gospel

Gospel *Luke 21:25-28, 34-36 13:33-37*

Homily

Nicene Creed

Universal Prayer

Come, O Lord, and set us free.



THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory

Christ, Be Our Light

1. Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
 2. Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
 3. Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
 4. Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
 5. Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the

truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants

your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come.

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark - ness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gath - ered to - day.

At 11:30 MASS Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring, J.S. Bach
Holy Trinity Choir

The Eucharistic Prayer *From the Missa Emmanuel*

CANTOR ALONE: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, Holy Lord God of hosts.

THEN ALL TOGETHER: Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.

CANTOR ALONE: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

THEN ALL TOGETHER: Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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CANTOR ALONE: *Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.*



THEN ALL TOGETHER: Ho-san - na in the high - est, ho-san-na in the high - est.



We pro - claim your Death, O Lord, and pro - fess your



Res - ur - rec - tion un - til you come a - gain.



A - men, a - men, a - men, a - men.

The Communion Rite

ANTIPHON

Psalm 85: 2-5, 7,8,10-12



The Lord will be-stow his boun - ty, and our earth shall yield its in-crease.

CANTOR/CHOIR SINGS INVOCATIONS THEN ALL RESPOND AS INDICATED

Come to us, O Emmanuel



Come to us, O Em - man-u - el. Come to us, O Em - man-u - el.



Come to us, O Em - man-u - el.



Come to us, O Em - man-u - el.

ALL SING TOGETHER

Eye Has Not Seen, *Gather* #728

Prayer after Communion

THE CONCLUDING RITES

Announcements

Solemn Blessing for the Advent Season, Blessing and Dismissal



Concluding Processional

When the King Shall Come Again



1. When the King shall come a - gain, all his pow'r re - veal - ing,
 2. In the des - ert trees take root fresh from his cre - a - tion;
 3. Strength - en fee - ble hands and knees, faint - ing hearts, be cheer - ful!
 4. There God's high - way shall be seen where no roar - ing li - on,



splen - dor shall an - nounce his reign, life and joy and heal - ing:
 plants and flow'rs and sweet - est fruit join the cel - e - bra - tion;
 God, who comes for such as these, seeks and saves the fear - ful.
 noth - ing e - vil or un - clean, walks the road to Zi - on.



earth no long - er in de - cay, hope no more frus - trat - ed;
 riv - ers spring up from the earth, bar - ren lands a - dorn - ing;
 Deaf ears hear the si - lent tongues sing a - way their weep - ing;
 Ran - somed peo - ple home - ward bound, all your prais - es voic - ing,



this is God's re - demp - tion day long - ing - ly a - wait - ed.
 val - leys, this is your new birth, moun - tains, greet the morn - ing!
 blind eyes see the life - less ones walk - ing run - ning leap - ing.
 see your Lord with glo - ry crowned, share in his re - joic - ing!

AT THE 9 AM MASS

In the Day of the Lord



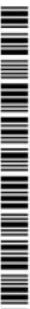
In the day of the Lord, the sun will shine like the dawn of e - ter - nal



day. All cre - a - tion will rise to dance and sing the glo - ry of the Lord.

1. And on that day will justice triumph, on that day will all be free:
free from want, free from fear, free to live! TO REFRAIN
2. Then shall the nations throng together to the mountain of the Lord:
they shall walk in the light of the Lord! TO REFRAIN
3. And they shall beat their swords to plowshares; there will be an end to war:
one in peace, one in love, one in God! TO REFRAIN

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The Social Justice Ministry will host The Land is Not Our Own beginning **January 2025**. Join us in standing with Indigenous communities to protect our sacred land, air, and water. The Land is Not Our Own: Seeking Repair Alongside Indigenous Communities is a small group dialogue, spiritual reorientation, and entryway into a lifelong commitment to honoring God's Creation and protecting Native rights. It is an **8 week commitment** that will meet virtually on Tuesday evenings at 7pm. E-mail Ashley at aklick@trinity.org if you are interested in learning more.

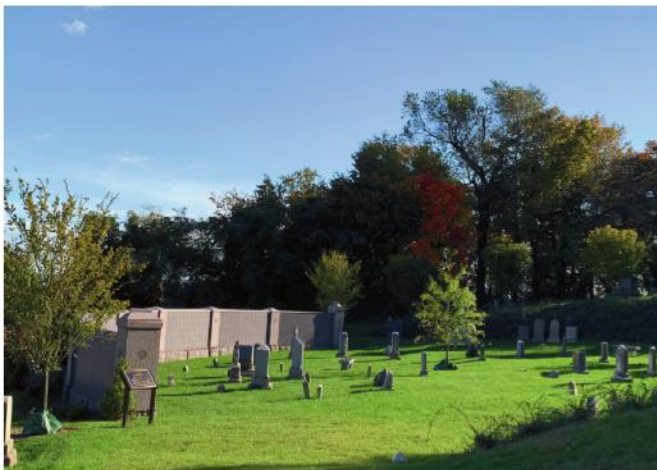
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HOLY TRINITY COLUMBARIUM: A SACRED SPACE OF FINAL REPOSE

Holy Trinity's Columbarium at Holy Rood Cemetery is located at 2126 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, on a hillside overlooking Georgetown, about a mile from the church. The Columbarium is open to all, and nearly three-quarters of the niches have been sold.

For more information, please visit the Holy Trinity Columbarium website at holyltrinitycolumbarium.org, or e-mail htcolumbarium@trinity.org.



MASS INTENTIONS

WEEK OF DECEMBER 2, 2024

MONDAY	8:00 AM	Pres. Biden Family & Country
	5:30 PM	Gene Calnan +
TUESDAY	8:00 AM	
	5:30 PM	Rose M. Roginski +
WEDNESDAY	8:00 AM	
	5:30 PM	Catesby Woodford Clay +
THURSDAY	8:00 AM	Buz Gorman +
	5:30 PM	Mary Charlotte Daniel +
FRIDAY	8:00 AM	
	5:30 PM	
SATURDAY	8:00 AM	

DAILY READINGS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Jeremiah 33:14-16 | 1 Thes 3:12—4:2 | Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

MONDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

Isaiah 2:1-5 | Matthew 8:5-11

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3

MEMORIAL OF SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER

Is 11:1-10 | Luke 10:21-24

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

WEDNESDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

Isaiah 25:6-10a | Matthew 15:29-37

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

THURSDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

Isaiah 26:1-6 | Matthew 7:21, 24-27

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

FRIDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

Isaiah 29:17-24 | Matthew 9:27-31

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

MEMORIAL OF SAINT AMBROSE

Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26 | Matthew 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8



MISSION STATEMENT

We are a Jesuit Catholic parish that welcomes all to accompany one another in Christ, celebrate God’s love and transform lives.

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION

Welcome to Holy Trinity!
We invite you to join our parish. You may register at www.trinity.org/register or scan the QR code using your phone:



ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) 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 OCIA adapted for children and youth who are not Baptized (ages 7 through high school). Please contact Anne Marie Kaufmann at akaufmann@trinity.org (202) 903-2832 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 PPC President Gail Louis at parishcouncil@trinity.org with any questions.

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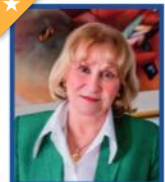


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