

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 15, 2024

Third Sunday of Advent



Remembering

by Suzanne Noonan, Holy Trinity History Team

The stories of David and Philis Thomas, Lucy and Liddy Butler, Anne Marie Becraft, and members of the Belt family, some of Holy Trinity's early African American parishioners, are now told on a handsome new memorial panel hanging in the hallway just outside the St. Ignatius Chapel.

From Holy Trinity's founding in the 1790s until the mid-19th century, the Chapel was our parish church. It was a segregated space. Approximately one-third of the congregation was made up of Black Catholics, some free and some enslaved, yet these parishioners had to enter the church from an outside staircase, sit in designated balconies, and take Communion after the White people.

Segregated seating continued in our current main church when it opened in 1851. Finally, in the 1920s, hundreds



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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 Saturdays, 4:30 - 5:15 PM — Church

RECONCILIATION:



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of Black parishioners left Holy Trinity to found Epiphany Catholic Church in Georgetown because of the disdainful treatment they experienced here.



The new memorial is one more step on our parish's collective journey to discover and remember the lessons of slavery, segregation, and race which are so deeply embedded in the story of Holy Trinity. As the new memorial panel describes this painful but very real history, let us reflect on our past and discern its implications for our present and our future.

The panel invites parishioners to remember all our African American brothers and sisters and the rich contributions they made to the parish and the wider Georgetown community.

We ask forgiveness for the sins of racism and the hurt they caused to parishioners like the Thomases, the Butlers, the Becrafts, and the Belts.

This new panel has been carefully and beautifully crafted with materials that correspond to the existing

Donor memorials in the Chapel hallway which date back many decades.

On **Monday, December 16**, following the 5:30 pm Mass in the Chapel, Father Kevin Gillespie will bless and dedicate the new memorial panel. The brief ceremony will be followed by a reception in the parish center rotunda. All are warmly invited and encouraged to attend.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR ANNUAL GIVING TREE!

All gifts are due December 15.

Elves will be busily wrapping and organizing this week.

If you took a tag and are unable to fulfill the gift, please e-mail aklick@trinity.org.

If you missed a tag, we invite you to support Holy Family Hospital in Bethlehem. You can play a part in the Nativity story by making a gift of hope. Your generosity ensures the best care and excellent employment. Holy Family Hospital serves to maintain the ongoing presence of the Catholic community, whose forefathers paid homage while visiting the Holy Family just steps away from Holy Family Hospital. Take a tag and make a gift toward Bethlehem's most vulnerable, just like the Magi. For 2,000 years we've needed Bethlehem; this year Bethlehem needs us. 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.

NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS



CHRISTMAS CAROL STORIES

Sunday, December 15 | 10:15 AM, Trinity Hall To celebrate Gaudete Sunday, we'll be singing some

of our favorite Christmas carols together and talking about the theological ideas and spiritual treasures

within them at 10:15 am in Trinity Hall on Dec 15. No musical talent is required! We'll have hot chocolate and goodies, and childcare will be available. If you need childcare, please scan the QR code at right:



LGBTQIA+ MINISTRY CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday, December 15 | 1:00 PM, Neale Room The LGBTQIA+ ministry cordially invites you to join their annual Christmas celebration. All are welcome!

PRAYING IN SACRED SPACE

Saturdays in Advent: **December 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. All are welcome to join this final session of Advent.

Register by scanning the QR code at right, or at *trinity.org/ignatian-spirituality/invitations-to-pray*. For more information, contact Catherine Heinhold at *cheinhold@trinity.org*.



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETS THIS WEEK Wednesday, December 18 | 7:00PM, McKenna Hall

and via Zoom

The Parish Pastoral Council is meeting this Wednesday, Dec. 18. Every Council meeting 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. Any parishioner also may come to listen to topics being discussed. If you cannot attend in person in McKenna Hall, you may join via Zoom (Meeting ID: 896 2921 2316, Passcode: 963054)

This weekend: PPC Members will be available in the back of the Church and in McKenna Hall during coffee and donuts after this weekend's Masses to answer questions or communicate parishioner concerns at this week's meeting.

LGBTQIA+ MEN'S MINISTRY CHRISTMAS CONCERT AT NATIONAL SHRINE

December 21, 7:00 PM

Join us for a casual dinner followed by the annual choral Christmas Concert at Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. This free event takes place in the Crypt Church of the Basilica. RSVP to <code>lgbtqia+men@trinity.org</code>.



Those who are gluten intolerant and wish to receive Holy Communion should speak with a Mass coordinator before the start of Mass. The Mass coordinator is stationed near the entrance of the Church.



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve — Tues. December 24

4:00pm (Church* and Trinity Hall)

5:45pm (Church)

7:30pm (Church)

9:30pm (Church)

11:30pm Lessons & Carols followed by Midnight Mass (Church) Christmas Day — Wed. December 25

9:30am (Church)

11:30am (Church*)

(Note: There will be no 5:30pm daily Mass on December 25th.)

* Livestreamed Mass



THANKS for GIVING

Thank You For Your Faith And Your Support

As we gather to celebrate the season of Christ's birth, I want to take a moment to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas and invite you to join us in a special way during this holy time.

The message of Christmas—the birth of Christ our Savior—resonates deeply in each of us. When we hear the words, "Christ the Savior is born," we are reminded that God's boundless love entered the world, lighting a path of hope for every generation. Jesus, born in humble surroundings, became a beacon of compassion, justice, and mercy. He taught us how to live in service to others, to reach out with open hands, and to embody God's love in all we do.

Here at Holy Trinity, we strive to live out Christ's example every day. Through our ministries, we support and care for one another, nurture spiritual growth, and reach beyond our church walls to serve those in need. From faith formation to Ignatian spirituality, from educating the young to providing a warm meal to the hungry, our parish embraces the call to be Christ's hands and feet in the world.

It is only through the generosity of parishioners like you that we can continue this work. Your faith and support ensure that we have the resources to not only sustain our current ministries but also to dream and grow in response to the needs of our community. Together, we create a place where all are welcome, where the Gospel is proclaimed, and where faith is put into action.

This Christmas, let us share the joy of Christ's birth with all who seek His light. May we give generously as we have received, and may our contributions ripple outward, touching lives in ways we may never see but which Christ surely will.

Thank you for being part of this sacred community. May the peace of Christ dwell in your heart and home, and may His love fill you with hope and joy this Christmas and always.

Christ the Savior is born!

With deep gratitude,

Rev. C. Kevin Gillespie, S.J.

Re. C. Kemi Sulagrie, S.

Pastor

Holy Trinity Catholic Church

The parish giving page and process have been streamlined to eliminate any confusion and make the process of pledging simple and straightforward.

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

Thank you!



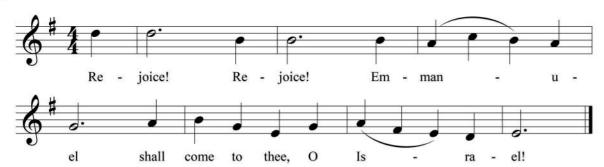


THE ORDER OF CELEBRATION

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



Presentation of the 3rd Advent Candle

Penitential Act

Collect

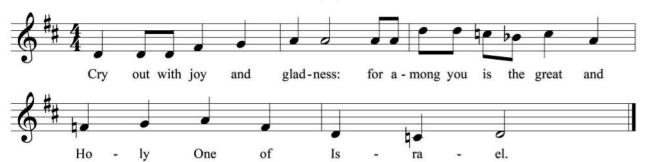
THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Zephaniah 3:14-18a

Responsorial

Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6



Second Reading

Philippians 4:4-7

Acclamation before the Gospel

Gospel

Luke 3:10-18

Homily

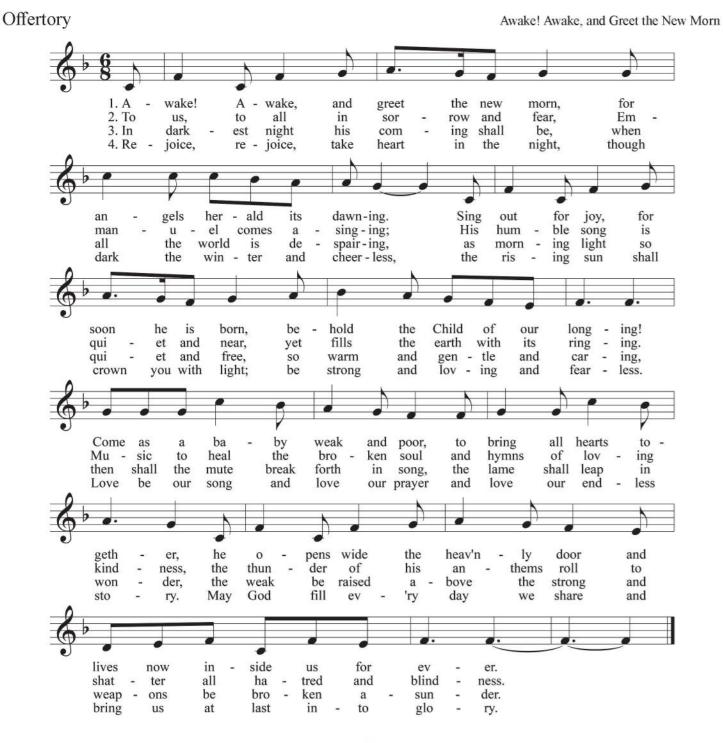
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Universal Prayer



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THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

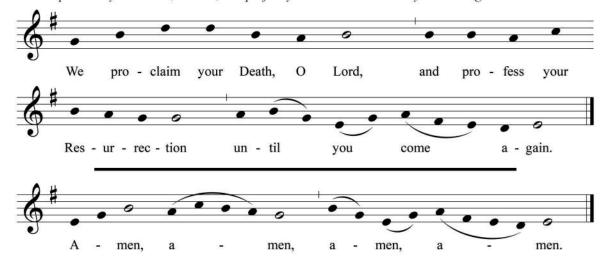




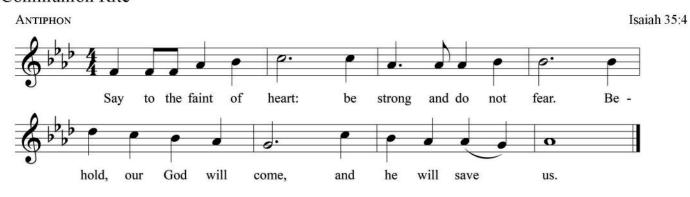


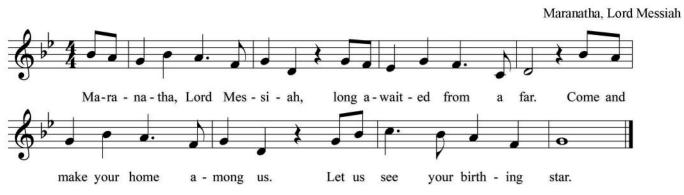
The Eucharistic Prayer From the Missa Emmanuel

CANTOR ALONE: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.



The Communion Rite





ALL SING TOGETHER

My Soul in Stillness Waits, Gather #415

Prayer after Communion



THE CONCLUDING RITES

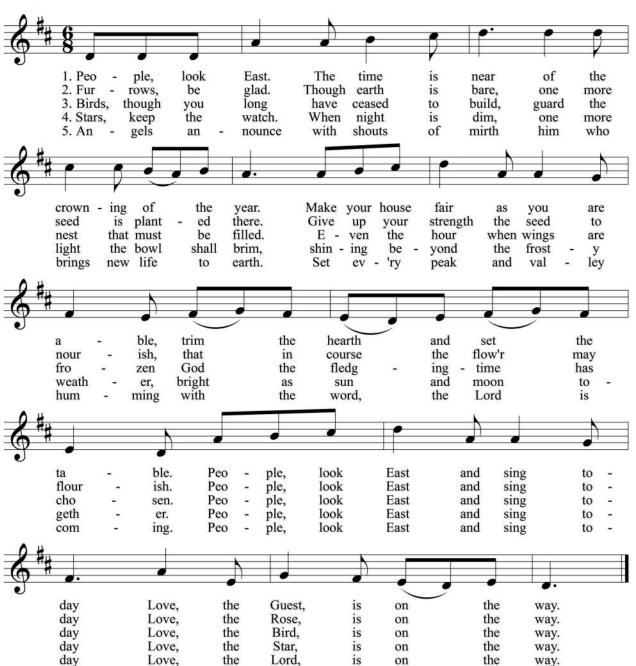
Announcements

Solemn Blessing for the Advent Season

Dismissal

Concluding Processional

People, Look East



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WINTER FAITH SHARING

You are warmly invited to join a small faith sharing group this winter. Participants reflect together on the Sunday scriptures and the ways they intersect with our lives. Trinity Faith Sharing groups will meet for one hour weekly for six weeks starting the week of **January**

6 through the week of February 10. Several time slots are offered but space is limited. Please contact Catherine Heinhold at *cheinhold@trinity.org* for more information. Registration will close on **December 23**.



THE LAND IS NOT OUR OWN

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.

HTS SEEKS HEALTH OFFICE SUBSTITUTE

Holy Trinity School is in search of a substitute for our health office on an as-needed basis. Please contact *principal@htsdc.org* if you are interested.

MORNING PRAYER ONLINE

Mondays and Fridays | 9:00 AM, Zoom

Morning Prayer is celebrated on Mondays and Fridays 9-9:45 am via Zoom. Visit *trinity.org/morningprayer* for information and the link.

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 *holytrinitycolumbarium.org*, or e-mail *htcolumbarium@trinity.org*.

MASS INTENTIONS

WEEK OF DECEMBER 16, 2024

MONDAY 8:00 AM

5:30 PM Jerry Howard +

TUESDAY 8:00 AM Richart Voigt +

5:30 PM Stuart Syms +

WEDNESDAY 8:00 AM Joan V. Elehwany +

5:30 PM Siobhan Sharkey +

THURSDAY 8:00 AM

5:30 PM Diane Kelly +

FRIDAY 8:00 AM The Bernat Family

5:30 PM

SATURDAY 8:00 AM

DAILY READINGS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Zephaniah 3:14-18a | Philippians 4:4-7 | Luke 3:10-18

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

MONDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a | Matthew 21:23-27

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

TUESDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

Genesis 49:2, 8-10 | Matthew 1:1-17

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

WEDNESDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

Jeremiah 23:5-8 | Matthew 1:18-25

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

THURSDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a | Luke 1:5-25

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

FRIDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

Isaiah 7:10-14 | Luke 1:26-38

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

SATURDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

Songs 2:8-14 | Luke 1:39-45



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 layled 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/lgtbqia 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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