

Holy Trinity CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 22, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Advent





FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK by Fr. C. Kevin Gillespie, S.J.



HEART AND HOPE

It is that time again, to review the past year and to imagine the new! As I look back on the year 2024, I am grateful and as I look forward to 2025, I am hopeful.

Personally, 2024 was the year of the heart. As many parishioners know, this past year I had four cardiac procedures, including open heart surgery. By the grace of God, the prayers of many of you, and the competent care of my physicians, nurses and caregivers I have pretty much recovered. Pope Francis's recent encyclical Dilexit Nos about the spirituality of the Sacred Heart certainly helped me to appreciate more deeply the graces of our heart becoming more like Christ's Heart.

Pastorally, as I look back upon the last 12 months, it was



The logo for the 2025 Jubilee Year, Pilgrims of Hope

in many ways an historic year. One important endeavor was made possible through the labors of our History Committee as we dedicated two plaques dealing with Holy Trinity's racial history.

This past Monday, a new plaque was blessed to the memory of the early African Americans, some of them enslaved people and some freed, who worshiped at Holy Trinity,

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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

Saturdays, 4:30 - 5:15 PM — Church SACRAMENT OF

RECONCILIATION:



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albeit in segregation. It is located in the hallway outside of the Chapel of St. Ignatius.

Earlier in the year, we dedicated a plaque located near the steps to the front entrance of the church. This sign recognizes that a century ago our black parishioners left Holy Trinity and formed Epiphany Catholic Church located on the other side of Georgetown.

These two plaques complement three other signs located outside the Neale Room. They, too, address aspects of the segregated history of the parish. One describes the legacy of racial contradictions of Father Francis Neale, the first pastor of Holy Trinity. A second describes the parish's segregated seating and a third describes the heroic work of Ann Marie Becraft as being one of "the four mothers of social activism in Black Washington."

This past year was also historic for the Catholic Church worldwide as there occurred the second session of the Synod in Rome. In response to the conclusion of the Synod and to the published Synodal Report, last month we held a panel discussion which some 80 parishioners attended. This was followed by a synodal discussion at the November meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council.

One practical parish follow up to the Synod is inviting parishioners to several sessions in which we will read and reflect on the Synod Report. The sessions will be led by Richard Coll, a parishioner who attended the Synod. The first meeting via Zoom will take place on Tuesday evening, January 22 from 6:30-7:30 – with more details to come.

Looking further ahead to 2025 we hope to have a variety of activities surrounding the Church's historic Jubilee Year of being "Pilgrims of Hope." A Jubilee Year banner will soon be hung outside the church. The first parish-sponsored pilgrimage will take place the weekend of January 10-12, when some 30 parishioners will visit the Legacy Museum in Montgomery as well as several other sites in Alabama focusing on our nation's civil rights history.

On behalf of our parish staff and my fellow Jesuits, Fathers Clifford, Dennis, Earl, and Kelley, I wish you and yours a joyful Christmas and a hope-filled New Year!



Father Gillespie and his good friend Santa Claus wish you a Merry Christmas!

NO SUNDAY FAITH FORMATION

There will be no RE classes and no Shepherd's Flock on December 22 or December 29 due to the Christmas and New Year's holidays. We will see you again in the new year on **Sunday**, **January 5**!

Donut Pout, Donut Cry!

There are no donuts on Dec. 22 or Dec. 29, but they will return in the new year. Merry Christmas!



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





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

WINTER FAITH SHARING

You are warmly invited to join a small faith sharing group this winter. Participants gather together to reflect 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. Limited space is available in the Thursday Morning HTS Moms groups and the Monday evening group (open to all). Please visit trinity/ignatian-spirituality/ faith-sharing-groups or scan the QR ONLY O code at right for registration and more [16] information. Registration will close on



THE LAND IS NOT OUR OWN

January 2025

December 23.

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.

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

During the holiday season, many of us look forward to gatherings and traditions. However, for those who have lost a loved one, this time of year can bring feelings of grief and longing. The "empty chair" at the table serves as a poignant reminder of their absence.

Our bereavement ministry is here to help you through this time. Our faith reminds us of hope, healing, and the promise of eternal life. May you find peace in the memories of the deceased and strength in the love that surrounds you.

On Saturday, January 11 you are invited to join us at 10:00 a.m. in McKenna Hall for a grief support group "Navigating grief during the New Year".

We will also begin a six consecutive week grief support group on Saturday, February 1 through March 8.

These sessions will provide a safe and confidential place for sharing struggles with grief. It will provide patterns in the grieving experience and ideas for coping.

Should you be unable to attend these dates but are interested in participating at a different time or perhaps on Zoom, please let us know.

For more information and/or to register, please email bereavementministry@trinity.org or call 202-903-2808.



GIVING TREE - THANK YOU!

On behalf of Fr. McKenna Center, Friendship Place, Georgetown Ministry Center, Hope & A Home, Mary House, Sasha Bruce Youthworks, Spanish Catholic Center, St. Ann's Center, and the Migrant Familia, thank you for your support of the annual Giving Tree. Gifts of coats, games, gloves, dolls, bicycles, fire trucks, books and more are bringing joy to families across the DMV.

We also invite you to support Holy Family Hospital in Bethlehem this season. Holy Family Hospital is a maternity hospital located just 1,500 steps from the birthplace of Christ. Your gift provides life-saving medical care and brings hope to expectant mothers and newborns in a time of great uncertainty. Together this Christmas, we can magnify hope and build a bridge beyond conflict to peace. Through our support of Holy Family Hospital, we can accompany our brothers and sisters in Bethlehem, transforming lives where the Prince of Peace was born. Donate: www. birthplaceofhope.org/

FREDERICK DOUGLASS PROJECT

Over the past year, a group of parishioners has been exploring relationships with the Frederick Douglass Project, Freedom House and Friends of Guest House. We will continue to develop these relationships in 2025. Through the Frederick Douglass Project parishioners are invited to visit the DC Jail in person for a conversation with the incarcerated men and women. Holy Trinity will host this in person gathering on January 13 from 1-3:30pm. The team is also working to secure a virtual date with the Bend Correctional Facility in March. If you are interested in signing up for the January visit or would like to join the email list for updates on this work, please email aklick@trinity.org.

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, January 23 | 9:00 - 10:30 AM

The final HTS Admissions Open House will begin with a presentation from Principal Katy Williams, followed by a tour of the campus led by HTS students and parent volunteers. Please register by scanning the QR code at right:



ABIDING IN GOD'S LOVE: AN IGNATIAN RETREAT IN DAILY LIFE

January 26 - February 1

Registration deadline: January 12

This week-long retreat, made at home in the midst of daily life, invites you into a deeper relationship with God through prayer in the tradition of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Learn more and register at trinity.org/ignatianspirituality/gods-abiding-love-retreat.

2024 HAITI SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES

Meet our 8 new scholarship awardees for the Class of '24. (We're waiting to hear whether one other student is accepted into the nursing school in Jeremie.)



Unfortunately, the violence and challenges in Haiti have caused some students to discontinue or suspend their studies. This makes 39 (hopefully 40) students we're currently supporting with full tuition scholarships.

Since its inception in 2016, the St. Jean Baptiste Scholarship Program has graduated 11 students (one may still have some final graduation requirement to complete); received support from 88 donors; and assisted students attending 11 different postsecondary institutions in Haiti.

Thank you for your support and prayers for these inspiring young men and women at our sister parish. For more information, please email parishioner Mike Conway at mikeconway 72@gmail.com.

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.



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 4th Advent Candle

Penitential Act

Collect

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Micah 5:1-4a

Responsorial

Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19



Second Reading

Hebrews 10:5-10

Acclamation before the Gospel

Acciamation before the dosper

Gospel Luke 1:39-45

Homily

Nicene Creed

Universal Prayer





THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Wait for the Lord



AT THE 11:30 AM MASS

Ave Maria, *Tomas Luis de Victoria* Holy Trinity Choir



The Eucharistic Prayer

From the Missa Emmanuel

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



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

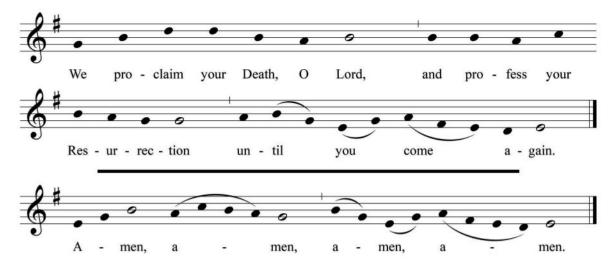


CANTOR ALONE: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.



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





The Communion Rite

Lord's Prayer

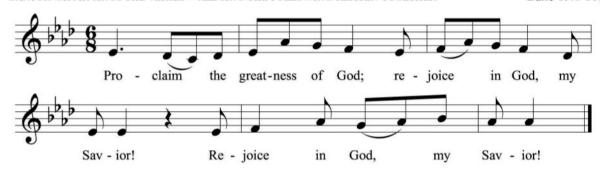
Sign of Peace

Lamb of God

Communion Processionals

Cantor/Choir sings the verses ~ all sing the following refrain together

Luke 1:46-55, Magnificat



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

O Come, Divine, Messiah!



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

Thank you!





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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*.



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.

MASS INTENTIONS

WEEK OF DECEMBER 23, 2024

MONDAY 8:00 AM Dorothy Ann Gallick & John T.

Gallick +

5:30 PM Stephanie Flanagan +

TUESDAY 8:00 AM

5:30 PM

WEDNESDAY 8:00 AM

5:30 PM

THURSDAY 8:00 AM Francisca Diez de Rivera +

5:30 PM Mylene Magno +

FRIDAY 8:00 AM

5:30 PM Ross Chomiak+

SATURDAY 8:00 AM

DAILY READINGS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Micah 5:1-4a | Hebrews 10:5-10 | Luke 1:39-45

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

MONDAY OF THE FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT

Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24 | Luke 1:57-66

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

TUESDAY OF THE FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 | Luke 1:67-79

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Isaiah 52:7-10 | John 1:1-18

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26

FEAST OF SAINT STEPHEN

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 | Matthew 10:17-22

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27

FEAST OF SAINT JOHN

1 John 1:1-4 | John 20:1a and 2-8

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS

1 John 1:5-2:2 | Matthew 2:13-18



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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