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JANUARY 15, 2023

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Monday–Wednesday: 9am—8pm

Thursday & Friday: 9am—5pm

(Closed for lunch 12:30–1:00 pm)

Saturday: 1pm—3:45pm

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am and 11:00 am

Monday: 11:00am

At Westpark Healthcare Campus

4387 W. 150th St.

Tuesday: 8:30am

Wednesday: 8:30am

Thursday: No Mass

Friday: 8:30am

RECONCILIATION

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY AT THIS TIME

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Blessed Trinity Parish is an open and welcoming Catholic community, centered in the Eucharist and celebrating God's gift of Diversity. We bring God's love to one another and support one another in responding to the challenge of living the Gospel. We strive to deepen participation and encourage all parishioners to take ownership for the everyday life of their church, especially Spiritual Growth, Community Life, the Building of a Just Society, and Service to All God's People.



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Psalm 40: Here I Am

Refrain



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From the Desk of Fr. Doug

The Gospel of Matthew

This year the Sunday readings are taken from Cycle A. The Gospel of Matthew is highlighted throughout this year. The evangelist who wrote the Gospel of Matthew (whom we shall call “Matthew” in spite of his anonymity) was very much interested in the teaching of Jesus. For him, Jesus bears the usual divine titles (Christ, Lord, Son of God, Son of man, and Son of David), and there is a story to tell about him. But above all, Jesus is the teacher of Israel in his earthly ministry and teacher of the church after his resurrection.

The Gospel of Matthew is rightly called the “church gospel.” It is the only gospel in which the word “church” appears, and it is filled with teachings that gave shape to the early church and that continue to do so in the present. Other themes include

1. The Kingdom of Heaven. The phrase appears thirty-two times in the Gospel of Matthew. Although like the other synoptic evangelists, Matthew uses the term “kingdom of God”, he prefers to use “kingdom of heaven.” The most probable reason is that, for him, it is more reverential. In major Jewish traditions, if a person can avoid using the word “God” and can make a substitute for it (such as “the Holy One” or “heaven”), it is good to do so.

Jesus revitalized the concept of the reign of God, affirming that it is both a *present* reality and a future hope. It is dawning already, so that its effects are made known in the healings that Jesus performed; and the ethic that he taught was essentially a “kingdom ethic,” that is, a declaration of what life under the rule of God entails. As the dawn precedes the rising of the sun, but its effects can be seen as lighting up the present, so the ministry of Jesus was, in this way of thinking, a time in which the effects of the kingdom could be seen, even if its coming in its fullness had to be awaited as a future event. This theme is at the center of Jesus’ proclamation in the Gospel of Matthew. It is mentioned in nine of Jesus’ parables in that gospel.

2. Parables. Parables are a form of teaching. There are twenty in the Gospel of Matthew. Of these, thirteen are assigned for reading in Year A. Eight of these parables begin with the phrase “the kingdom of

heaven is like” or a similar expression. That does not mean that the kingdom is like a man who sowed seed or whatever the next phrase might portray. That to which a comparison is being made is the story that is narrated as a whole. To paraphrase, one could say: “the kingdom of heaven is like this,” followed by the story. In any case, within these parables the meaning of God’s kingdom is explored in various dimensions that have to do with the character of God, the ways that God works, and what God expects.

3. The Law and Righteousness. Matthew could never for a moment consider the law of Moses other than having come as revelation from God, because of his background in Judaism and his understanding of the Christian movement as deeply attached to Jewish tradition. The Mosaic law expresses the divine will for human life; it is the pathway to righteousness. The key issue for Matthew in regard to the law is how to interpret it. This is to drive the hearer to a new reappraisal of what God wills. Against the interpretive traditions that had obscured the meaning of the law, Jesus provides his own explanation, the Double Commandment of Love, ending with a punch-line that appears only in the Gospel of Matthew: “On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets”. The command to love God and the command to love one’s neighbor are the “clothespins” on which all the teachings of the law and the prophets hang.

4. Love Ethic. The Double Commandment of Love is the prime ethical teaching of this gospel. It is anticipated earlier at 7:12, the Golden Rule: “In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets.” This love ethic is to be played out within the community of disciples. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus declares to his disciples that the love ethic is to be extended to every person, even one’s enemies.

5. Finally, the Gospel of Matthew is above all a story about Jesus. It portrays Jesus as the Davidic Messiah, the Son of God; he is a regal figure, one who has authority on earth. But he is a suffering Messiah, one who suffers for his people. In this gospel Jesus is both royal and compassionate. He gives his life for the people. He came “to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many”. Jesus is the liberator, lawgiver and leader of God’s people.

AROUND THE PARISH & OTHER PARISH NEWS

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Fellowship Prayer Breakfast is **Saturday, January 21st** from 8:30am—10:30am in Fogarty Hall. We will also have Richard Salem as a speaker! All are welcome! Cost is only \$3 each, or 2 for \$5. So, bring a friend!



The Haiti Committee will be selling **Just Haiti coffee** after all the Masses this weekend (**Jan. 14/15**). Bags of Whole Bean or Ground are \$12 each and Boxes of "J" Cups are \$10 each. Thank you for your support!

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Please pray for all who are serving in the military, especially the men and women connected to our parish:

- * Brook Robinson (Navy), son of David & Michelle and grandson of Dolores Coleman
- * Kyle A. Riley (Air Force), nephew of Robert Hollowell
- * Greg Koch (Air Force), nephew of Nancy Koch
- * James Ashenhurst (Navy), stepson of Stephen Flynn and son of Jenny Simons
- * Yoshi Cacho (US Marine Corps), son of Medel & Marianne Cacho
- * Michael Duniec (Air Force), grandson of Dottie Schultz and nephew of Margie Pavone.



May the Peace of Our Lord be with Robert Baker, husband of Ana Baker. May God grant comfort to his family and friends.



THIS SUNDAY, join our parish community in Fogarty Hall for **coffee and donuts** following the 9am and 11am Masses!





This Week at Blessed Trinity

Sunday, Jan 15

- 9:00am—10:45am Level 1 Atrium & PSR Grs 1-3 (Atrium)
10:00am—10:45am PSR Grs 4-8 (Rectory Basement)
11:00am Mass Children's Liturgy of the Word
10:00am—1:00pm Coffee & Donuts (Fogarty Hall)

Monday, Jan 16

- All Day Martin Luther King Day
Office Closed**
9:30am—10:30am Legion of Mary (Church)
7:00pm—8:30pm Peace & Justice Mtg. (Joseph Cntr)

Tuesday, Jan 17

- 8:00am-8:30am Novena—Rosary (Church)
9:00am—11:00am IDCC (Joseph Center)
9:30am—12:00pm Bountiful Basement
10:30am—12:00pm AA Meeting (Rectory Basement)
7:30pm—10:00pm Holy Name Men's Ministry (Joseph Cntr)

Wednesday, Jan 18

- 4:00pm—6:00pm IDCC
5:00pm—6:45pm Bountiful Basement
7:00pm—8:30pm Tai Chi Easy (Fogarty Hall)

Thursday, Jan 19

- 11:00am—12:00pm AA Meeting (Rectory Basement)
7:00pm—8:30pm Stephen Ministry Group Mtg. (Rectory Library)
6:30pm—8:00pm Faith Sharing Prayer Group (Rectory Living Room)

Friday, Jan 20

- 1:00pm—3:00pm Stephen Ministry Leaders Mtg. (Rectory Library)

Saturday, Jan 21

- 8:30am—10:30am Fellowship Prayer Breakfast (Fogarty Hall)
9:00am—11:00am IDCC (Joseph Center)

Our guest speaker for the Holy Name Men's Ministry meeting will be David Wilson from Blessed Trinity. He will be sharing Landscape Architecture that is helping communities through art and public spaces. The date is on Tuesday January 17th in the Joseph center. Doors open at 7pm. Everyone is invited.

HOLIDAY GIFT GIVING We are grateful to St. Bernadette parishioners whose generous donations touched the hearts of 35 of our households. Donations from Blessed Trinity parishioners and anonymous donors extended our holiday outreach to 20 more families. We thank these friends for the "Merry Christmas" they brought to so many in our community!



WORSHIP

Saturday, Jan 14

4:00pm Blessed Trinity

Sunday, Jan 15 (Is 49: 3, 5-6; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34)

9:00am Eugene & Mary McSweeney
(Ron & Kathy Mickler)

11:00am Betty Kensick (Teri Crowe)

Monday, Jan 16

11:00am All Souls
**At West Park Healthcare Campus
4387 W. 150th St.**

Tuesday, Jan 17

8:30am All Souls

Wednesday, Jan 18

8:30am All Souls

Friday, Jan 20

8:30am All Souls

Saturday, Jan 21

4:00pm Robert J. Spevock (George Spevack)

Sunday, Jan 22 (Is 8:23-9:3; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23)

9:00am Blessed Trinity

11:00am James Burke (Ascension Village)

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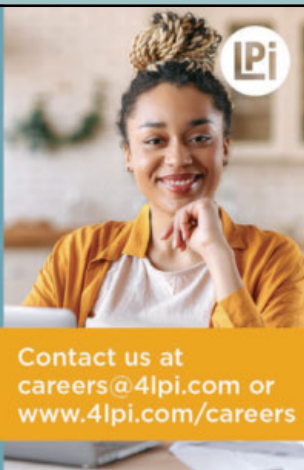
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