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**MARCH 26, 2023**

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**Monday–Wednesday: 9am—8pm**

**Thursday & Friday: 9am—5pm**

*(Closed for lunch 12:30–1:00pm)*

**Saturday: 1pm—3:45pm**

## **MASS SCHEDULE**

**Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm**

**Sunday: 9:00am and 11:00am**

**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 130: With the Lord There Is Mercy**

**Refrain**



With the Lord there is mer-cy, and full-ness of re - demp-tion.



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## From the Desk of Fr. Doug

### *It's Women's History Month Written by Sr. Joan Chittister in 1977*

Through the women's movement, women have come from being owned to being owners, from being kept to being keepers, from being led to being leaders. But in the language of the church, women do not exist at all. God comes to save "men," the texts say. We are all "sons" of God. We pray for the absent "brethren" and celebrate our "brotherhood" in Christ with "fraternal" joy.

Language shapes thought and attitudes. Theorists have questioned for years whether thought follows language or language follows thought, but oppressed people regularly point out the effect of terminology on acceptance and social rights. The failure to name women in the same way in which men are identified in sacrament, liturgy and prayer simply overlooks half the Christian assembly. To pray in the assembly, it is necessary to be what you are not, or to be nothing at all. The most popular defense of the present practice is that the sexist terms "men," "brothers," and "sons" are simply generic, and that the issue is unimportant.

In that case, two questions have to be asked: 1) Who decided which terms were generic? 2) Since it is not important, why not try it the other way for a while, since women are a majority of the population, anyway? Let's pray, for example, that God came to save all women, that we are all daughters of God and that the church should be a model of sisterly love. The change should be easy if it is really not important.

Clearly, the consistent use of male vocabulary blurs the development of the female self-image in the Christian community. One of the factors that shape the human personality and self-image is the response to self that persons receive from others. Not to notice persons, not to reflect on their presence at all, is to communicate that they are unimportant, ineffective objects who are socially second-class.

As long as women continue to go unmentioned and uncalled, their presence as a responsible resource will also go unnoticed. Not only will the present generation lack a sense of women's place in the church, but future generations as well will likely find the intrusion of women into the theological and administra-

tive arenas of the church awkward and suspect, despite all theory to the contrary.

Social scientists repeatedly document the fact that because their self-esteem is low, women consistently give themselves and their own needs little priority. The gifts and vision and contributions that can be made by this part of the church are therefore dependent on the self-image it nourishes in its female members. This perpetuation of differences in human status and roles will ultimately weaken the church as the secular society that surrounds it becomes more and more conscious of the equal dignity of the sexes and less and less tolerant of different valuations.

What is being proposed here is that a universal language be adopted for use in church documents, rites, liturgies and hymnals rather than the generic terms that derive from male definitions and refer to all persons at once. To speak of "humankind" or "personhood" is surely just as easy as referring only to "mankind" or "manhood," or to sing that Jesus came for "them" instead of just for "men." The printing of hymns with sexist vocabulary can be stopped immediately. The use of prose that is actually indicative of only half the church can be stopped immediately. There is no theological obstacle to the simple suggestion that male terminology be eliminated in favor of universalism or equivalence in address. If we are really serious about the role and value of women in the church, then changing the language of the church is an action that is tangible, achievable and without philosophical uncertainty. Bishops can change it; priest celebrants and preachers can change it; women can change it themselves for the sake of the growth of the church and the dignity of other women; publishing houses can change it easily.

The point is not that historical documents should be rewritten. Scriptural exegesis, translation and interpretation is a discipline that strives consistently to preserve historical accuracy and maintain relevance and meaning as well. As the understanding of the place of woman grows, these exegeses will take care of themselves. What is important at this time is not that old books or classic texts of scriptural revelation be altered, but that this church now—talking to this church now—talk to all of us so that all persons are dignified and included in the church's understanding of itself. Either women do exist in this church, or they do not. The language of the church is clear and simple evidence of its answer to the implied question.



## AROUND THE PARISH & OTHER PARISH NEWS

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*Holy Week begins next weekend beginning with the Palm Sunday liturgies. Weather permitting, we will once again gather outside for the blessing of palms and then have the solemn procession into the church.*

**THANK YOU** for supporting our youth who are preparing for sacraments! Over the past few weeks you have taken prayer cards home with you, acknowledged the Children of Light Greeters, and blessed all of these youth at Masses. The support our Community offers is a major component of this sacramental journey. Thank you! The 12 youth who will be celebrating sacraments during this Easter Season are: Full Initiation at the Easter Vigil -- Eloise and Flannery Belcher and Ella O'Malley; First Eucharist April 15 -- Florence Atabong, Ezra Betz, Isla Collins, Lochlainn Geraghty, Leo Gromek, and Gavin Hovey; First Eucharist April 16 -- Maisie McPartland; Confirmation May 28 -- Cara DuBois and Owen Konjura. Your prayers and support mean so much! Plan to join in these celebrations.

### *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
- \* Francisco Cacho (Police), son of Medel Cacho and Stepson to Marianne Cacho.
- \* Michael Duniec (Air Force), grandson of Dottie Schultz and nephew of Margie Pavone
- \* James Andrews (Navy), nephew of Bob and Kathy Grega

### **Holy Week Taize Prayer**

Join us for Taize Prayer on April 4, Tuesday of Holy Week. We will gather at 7 pm at Lakewood Baptist Church, 14321 Detroit Ave. in Lakewood. Taize is led by members of our parish choir. Come to beautiful chants, scripture readings, and meditative silence!





## This Week at Blessed Trinity

### **Sunday**

3/26/2023 9:00 AM Atrium Level I/PSR Grs. 1-3  
(Atrium)  
3/26/2023 10:00 AM PSR Grs 4-8 (Rectory Basement)  
3/26/2023 10:00 AM Planning for the Future Workshop  
(Fogarty)  
3/26/2023 11:00 AM CLW (Church)

### **Monday**

3/27/2023 9:30 AM Legion of Mary (Church)  
3/27/2023 4:00 PM Stephen Min. Peer Grp. (Rectory  
Library)  
3/27/2023 7:00 PM Finance Committee Mtg. (Joseph  
Center)

### **Tuesday**

3/28/2023 8:00 AM Novena - (Rosary Church)  
3/28/2023 9:00 AM IDCC (Joseph Center)  
3/28/2023 9:30 AM Bountiful Basement (BB)  
3/28/2023 10:30 AM A. A. Meeting (Rectory Basement)  
3/28/2023 6:30 PM Centering Prayer Group  
(Joseph Center)

### **Wednesday**

3/29/2023 4:00 PM IDCC (Joseph Center)  
3/29/2023 5:00 PM Bountiful Basement (BB)  
3/29/2023 7:00 PM Tai Chi Easy (Fogarty)

### **Thursday**

3/30/2023 9:00 AM Lent Chosen Series (Church)  
3/30/2023 11:00 AM A. A. Meeting (Rectory Basement)  
3/30/2023 7:00 PM Lent Chosen Series (Church)

### **Friday**

3/31/2023 5:30 PM A Forester Event (Joseph Center)  
3/31/2023 5:30 PM Fish Fry (Fogarty)

### **Saturday**

4/1/2023 9:00 AM IDCC (Joseph Center)  
4/1/2023 9:30AM Ragamuffin Faith Sharing Grp.  
(Rectory Living Room)

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der and liquid. Thank you!



## WORSHIP

### **Saturday, Mar 25**

4:00pm Eleanor Flick (Family)

### **Sunday, Mar 26 (Ez 37:12-14;**

**Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45)**

9:00am Blessed Trinity

11:00am All Souls

### **Monday, Mar 27**

11:00am All Souls

**At West Park Healthcare Campus**

**4387 W. 150th St.**

### **Tuesday, Mar 28**

8:30am Vernie & Bill Zales  
(Ron & Kathy Mickler)

### **Wednesday, Mar 29**

8:30am Sigmund Sesplankis  
(Sesplankis & Barrett Family)

### **Friday, Mar 31**

8:30am All Souls.

### **Saturday, April 1**

4:00pm All Souls

### **Sunday, April 2 (Mt 21:1-11 (37); Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54(38)**

9:00am All Souls.

11:00am Blessed Trinity

## THEOLOGY ON THE ROCKS WEST

For Adults 40 & Over

Join us Monday, Apr. 10 at Copper Cup  
(Ironwood Café) at 688 Dover Center in  
Westlake.

Fr. Joe Menkhaus will present, The Language  
of Angels: Music & Prayer  
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wrote the Communion hymn, “Lord I Am Not  
Worthy”.

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