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DECEMBER 3, 2023

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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

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

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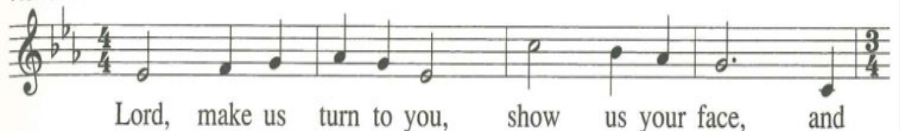
OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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.



Psalm 80/85/Luke 1: Lord, Make Us Turn to You

Refrain



Text: Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-20; Psalm 85:9-14; Luke 1:46-55; Marty Haugen





Getting in Touch with Myself

One of the best ways to prepare for the very special season of Advent is to "get in touch with ourselves." It may sound odd, but one symptom of our contemporary lives is that we can often be quite "out of touch" with what is going on in our very own hearts. We are about to begin our Advent, right at the time our Western culture begins Christmas preparations. It is a busy time, and our heads are filled with details to remember.

And, it is a time of emotional complexity that is part of this holiday season - with all of the expectations and challenges of family and relationships: who we want to be with and who we struggle to be with. So, our hearts are a bit tender, if not completely defended from experiencing anything deeply.

We are about to hear some very powerful and stirring readings from Isaiah, the Prophet. We will re-enter the ancient tradition of a people longing for the coming of a Savior. We may remember the days of our childhood when we longed for Christmas to come, because it was a magical time of receiving gifts. As adults, we have to ask ourselves: "What is it I long for now?" The answer won't come easily. The more we walk around with that question, and let it penetrate through the layers of distraction and self-protection, the more powerfully we will experience Advent.

We are about to read and pray about the expectant hope of Israel, as expressed through Isaiah. The images we will be using are about darkness and gloom - about thick clouds covering the people - and about hunger and thirst. They are images that attempt to capture a sense of what we feel when we are distant from our God. There are many images about war and conflict. They express the powerlessness and anxiety we experience when we feel vulnerable and defenseless. Most of all, there are images of a future day - a day that can only be called the Lord's - when all the tears will be wiped away, when there will be plenty to eat and drink, and when there will be no more conflict and no more war. God's salvation will be made known. God's victory will be complete.

These are very precious days for us to come into intimate contact with our own need for salvation. It is a time to make friends with our tears, our dark-

ness, our hunger and thirst. What is missing? What eludes my grasp? What name can I give to the "restlessness" in my heart? What is the emptiness I keep trying to "feed" with food, with fantasy, with excitement, with busyness? What is the conflict that is "eating at me"? What is the sinful, unloving, self-centered pattern for which I haven't asked for forgiveness and healing? Where do I need a peace that the world cannot give?

Coming to know where I need a Savior is how I can prepare for Advent. I am preparing to listen to the promises, listen to these rich texts announcing the liberation I can truly long for. When my heart is open, when my hands are open, when my mouth is open and ready to ask for freedom, healing and peace, then I am ready to begin Advent. Maranatha, come Lord Jesus.

Isaiah 35 says: The desert and the parched land will exult; the steppe will rejoice and bloom. They will bloom with abundant flowers, and rejoice with joyful song. The glory of Lebanon will be given to them, the splendor of Carmel and Sharon. They will see the glory of the LORD, the splendor of our God. Strengthen the hands that are feeble, make firm the knees that are weak. Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes with vindication; with divine recompense he comes to save you.

Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared; then will the lame leap like a stag, then the tongue of the dumb will sing. Streams will burst forth in the desert, and rivers in the steppe. The burning sands will become pools, and the thirsty ground, springs of water; the abode where jackals lurk will be a marsh for the reed and papyrus. A highway will be there, called the holy way. No one unclean may pass over it, nor fools go astray on it. No lion will be there, nor beast of prey go up to be met upon it. It is for those with a journey to make, and on it the redeemed will walk. Those whom the LORD has ransomed will return and enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy.

On another note, it seems like the money changers have entered the temple. There are so many asks and so many things for sale. Please don't feel pressured to buy everything or anything. They are just opportunities. But here's the list: the Advent collections, your reverse Advent calendar, raspberry jam



AROUND THE PARISH & OTHER PARISH NEWS



with or without chocolate, loofahs, mulberry jam, applesauce, the January calendar raffle tickets, buckeyes, and hats, mittens, gloves, socks, scarves for the clothes line by the bus stop.

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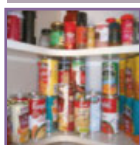
Please pray for:

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Gift Card Profit 11/19 & 11/26	\$ 556.73
Bountiful Basement 11/19	\$ 180.00
Haiti Mission 11/19	\$ 130.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 110.00

Gift Cards are a great gift for the Holidays. Don't forget about your special somebody this year. We now have \$10 Mc Donald's gift cards and \$10 Burger King gift cards are coming soon. Need something that we do not keep in stock or more than 10 of any one card? Special order forms are available at the gift card table and at the Rectory.



For the month of December the Bountiful Basement could use canned prepared meals. Thank You!!

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
- * 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
- * A.J Butler. (Army) Grandson of Nancy Butler



MobilePantry/Produce Give Away
Dec 6, 2023, 4:30--6:30 p.m. Contact Katie to help at 2:30pm to set up. Disciples also needed 3:45--6:30pm. Clients may be in line to receive **Pantry/produce after**

Advertiser of the Week:
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This Week at Blessed Trinity

Saturday, Dec 2

9:30am– 11:00am Ragamuffin Faith Group (R Liv Rm)

Sunday, Dec 3

9:00am-10:45am CGS level 1 Atrium
 9:00am– 10:45am PSR 1-3 Grades (A)
 9:00am– 10:45am PSR 4-5 Grades (R B)
 9:30am-10:00am RCIA (R Lib)
 10:00am—11:00am Breaking Open The Word (R Liv Rm)
 11:00am-12:00pm CLW church atrium

Monday, Dec 4

9:00am-10:30am Legion of Mary (Church)
 7:00pm-8:30pm St. Vincent De Paul Society Meeting (R Liv)

Tuesday, Dec 5

8:00 am - 8:30 am Novena - Rosary (Church)
 9:00 am – 11:00 am IDCC (Joseph Center)
 9:30 am - 12:00 pm Bountiful Basement (BB)
 10:30am-12:00pm A.A Meeting (RB)

Wednesday, Dec 6

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm IDCC (Joseph Center)
 5:30pm- 6:30pm Mobile Pantry/ Produce Giveaway (Pk Lot)
 5:00 pm - 6:45 pm Bountiful Basement (BB)
 7:00pm-8:00pm Tai Chi Practice (FH)

Thursday, Dec 7

11:00am-12:00 pm A.A Meeting (R B)
 2:00pm-4:00pm Stephen Minister Peer Group (R Lib)
 6:30pm—8:00pm Faith Sharing Prayer Group (R Lib)
 7:00pm– 8:30pm Bible Study (R Liv Rm)

Friday, Dec 8

Have a Fantastic Friday !!!!!

Saturday, Dec 9

Have a Blessed Weekend !!!!!

Sunday, Dec 10

9:00am -10:45am CGS Level 1 Atrium
 9:00am– 10:45am PSR 1-3 Grade (A)
 9:00am—10:45am PSR 4-6 Grades (R B)
 9:30am—10:00am RCIA (R Lib)
 10:00am– 11:00am Breaking Open The Word (R Liv Rm)
 11:00am– 12:00pm CLW Church Atrium
 12:00pm– 1:00pm Community Meal (FH&K)

Early bulletin announcement deadlines for the holidays :

If any ministry/ organization has announcements coming up for December 10th– December 31st our deadlines are as follows: **For Dec 10th bulletin, deadline Dec 1st, For Dec 17th bulletin, deadline Dec 7th, For Dec 24th bulletin, deadline Dec 12th, For Dec 31st bulletin, deadline Dec 18th**

2023 Tree of Remembrance.—Saturday, December 16th at 5PM, the Walter Martens & Sons Funeral Home in partnership with Slone & Company Funeral Directors will hold A Tree of Remembrance ceremony. We invite anyone who has experienced a loss to come to our new office located at 13132 Lorain Avenue between 10 AM and 7PM by December 15th and place a memorial inscription on an ornament provided by us, to hang on our holiday tree. This ornament is yours to take home after the ceremony. This is free and open to all. Please contact Wally or Victoria Martens at 216-281-7111 for more information.

WORSHIP

Saturday, December 2

4:00pm Blessed Trinity

Sunday, December 3 First Sunday of Advent Is 63:16b-17, 19b;64:2-7 1Cor 1:3-9 Mk 13:33-37 (2)

9:00am Henry Reiting Jr. (Family)

11:00am Kevin Boyer

Monday, December 4

11:00am All Souls

**At West Park Healthcare Campus
4387 W.150th St.**

Tuesday, December 5

8:30am Joanne Stevens (Stanley Gromek)

Wednesday, December 6

8:30am All Souls

Thursday, December 8 No Mass

Friday, December 8 Immaculate Conception

12:05 pm Blessed Trinity

Saturday, December 9

4:00pm Robert J Spevock (George Spevock)

Sunday, December 10 Second Sunday of Advent Is 40:1-5,9-11 2 Pt 3:8-14 Mk 1:1-8 (5)

9:00am Blessed Trinity

11:00am Nicola & Alberto Pirozzoli
Rose Pirozzoli & Family)

December 8 is the feast of the Immaculate Conception. It is the patronal feast of the United States and is a holy day of obligation. There will be no vigil Mass and one Mass at 12:05pm on December 8th.

Blessed Trinity apparel for children and adults will still be available for purchase this week and next after all the Masses

Caring Corner



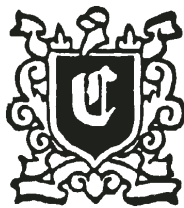
On November 5, our Stephen Ministers attended a continuing education session on anger, based in large part on a web page titled "Masters of Self: Cultivating Gentleness in an Age of Outrage." We learned that anger inflames our public discourse, disrupts our families, and distorts the Church's witness to the world. Anger is among the severest spiritual afflictions of our age, and gentleness is among the most needful spiritual medicines. Far from weakness or mere "niceness," gentleness is self-mastery flowing from humility and the fear of the Lord. Christians cultivate gentleness in union.

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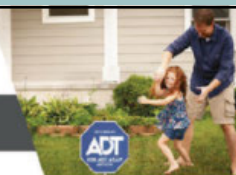
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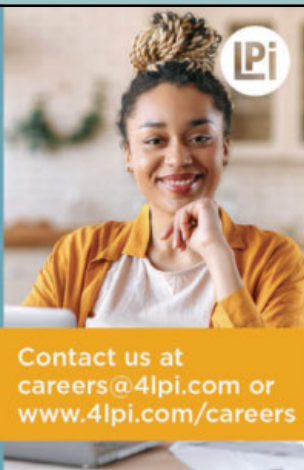
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