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**JANUARY 14, 2024**

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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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

**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.



### Psalm 40: Here I Am

Refrain



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Just got home from El Salvador after a wonderful trip. What a difference forty years makes. In 1980, Saint Oscar Romero had his funeral interrupted at the national plaza. People scattered in all directions as bullets flew by. They never finished the funeral mass. The team pushed Bishop Hickey back into the cathedral for protection. During those years, people lived in fear. Tourism was nonexistent. The beaches were filled with rocks and sewage. There were curfews. 80,000 people disappeared or were killed.

When I left in 1986, the civil war was raging. When the war ended, the gangs took over and terrorized the people. Those who had not fled during the war fled because of gang threats. The fear was worse than before. People were afraid to leave their homes for work. Gang members took a percentage of small business's profits and often they took a pretty girl for their pleasure.

Then came a new president in 2020. The beaches got cleaned up. Parks were built. He invested in the small person. The national park where Romero's mass was interrupted is now a vehicle free zone. There is a beautiful park. There is a walking path, dancing fountains, and a new five story library. People walk around with pride in their country, free from fear of gang members.

In the city of La Libertad, where I used to live and work, there are now 150 restaurants along the coast. The beaches are filled with tourists. Surfers come from all over the world for international competitions. There are new hotels. You can catch an Uber or a taxi. All those restaurants mean jobs as chefs, waiters, dishwashers, janitors, and security that did not exist before. The govern-

ment built a kiddie park like Memphis Kiddie Park. It has 8 rides, a roller coaster, a Ferris wheel, and other rides I don't know how to describe. That means jobs as mechanics and quality control. There are ponies for little children. The park is closed on Mondays and Tuesdays. On Wednesdays it is open only for school field trips. All the rides are free. School children come from all over the country to enjoy this one of a kind place in El Salvador.

Cerro Verde, which means "the green mountain," has been completely renovated. There is a beautiful hotel and several restaurants that overlook the extinct volcano, Izalco. It is breathtaking. I was there years ago when everything sat in disarray and maybe there were three other cars. There were no less than 150 cars when we visited this time.

The capital, San Salvador, is no longer listed as one of the 50 most dangerous cities in the world. Last year, 200 people died by gunshot. There were no mass murders. That's in a country whose population is 8 million. In greater Cleveland, there were over 300 murders last year. Many Salvadorans are leaving the United States to return home. It is safer for them.

Forty years is a long time to wait for peace and prosperity. But there was a time when the paradise that El Salvador is now was but a pipe dream. Perhaps the same can happen in Gaza in 40 years.

*CPO Raffle Winners For December*

Cas Robertson

SVDP

Jerry Masek

Kathy Plautz

Sr. Judith Wood





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*May the Peace of Our Lord be with  
Eugene & Loretta Leach and Carlos Delgado  
May God grant comfort to their family and  
friends.*

Happy New Year! Our next Guest speaker for our Holy Name meeting will be Cas Robertson, sharing with us the things that the Red Cross does for people in need. Please join us Tuesday Jan. 16th, at the Joseph center. Doors open at 7pm. All Women and Men are invited.

**We Welcome Into Our  
Blessed Trinity Family:**  
Sharon Ronyak

## *Please pray for:*

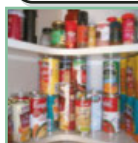
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*Please pray for all who are serving in the military, espe-  
cially the men and women connected to our parish:*

- \* 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

## *Advertiser of the Week:*

**Catholic Cemeteries Association**



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





## This Week at Blessed Trinity

<b>Saturday, Jan 13</b>	Have a Wonderful Weekend!!!
<b>Sunday, Jan 14</b>	
9:00am-10:45 am	CGS Level 1 ( Atrium)
9:00am-10:45am	PSR 1-3 Grade ( A)
9:00am-10:45am	PSR 4-6 Grade ( R B)
9:30am—10:00am	RCIA ( R Liv)
10:00am-11:00am	Breaking Open the Word ( R Lib)
11:00am-12:00pm	CLW ( Church Atrium )
11:00am-12:00pm	CL Rite of Enrollment ( Ch )
12:00pm-1:00pm	Community Meal ( FH & K )
12:00pm-1:15pm	CL Session ( Atrium )
<b>Monday, Jan 15</b>	
9:00am-10:30am	Legion of Mary ( Ch )
12:00 pm	Stephen Min Peer <u>ZOOM</u> Mtg.
7:00pm-8:30pm	St. Vincent DePaul Mtg ( R LivRm)
7:00pm-8:30pm	Peace & Justice Mtg. ( JC Lg)
<b>Tuesday, Jan 16</b>	
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	AA Meeting ( R B )
6:30pm– 8:30pm	Holy Name Society ( JC Lg)
<b>Wednesday, Jan 17</b>	
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	IDCC (Joseph Center)
5:00 pm - 6:45 pm	Bountiful Basement (BB)
7:00pm– 8:30pm	Tai Chi (FH)
<b>Thursday, Jan 18</b>	
11:00am-12:00 pm	AA Meeting ( R B)
6:30pm– 8:00pm	Faith Sharing Prayer Grp. ( R Lib)
6:30pm– 8:30pm	Women's Faith Sharing Grp. ( JC Lg)
<b>Friday, Jan 19</b>	
1:00pm-3:00pm	Stephen Leaders ( R Lib)
<b>Saturday, Jan 20</b>	
8:30am-10:30am	Fellowship Prayer Breakfast ( FH & K )
<b>Sunday, Jan 21</b>	
9:00am-10:45 am	CGS Level 1 ( Atrium)
9:00am-10:45am	PSR 1-3 Grade ( A)
9:00am-10:45am	PSR 4-6 Grade ( R B)
9:30am—10:00am	RCIA ( R Liv)
10:00am– 1:00pm	Coffee & Donuts ( FH & K )
10:00am-11:00am	Breaking Open the Word ( R Lib)
11:00am-12:00pm	CLW ( Church Atrium )
12:00pm-1:15pm	CL Session ( Atrium )



## WORSHIP

### **Saturday, Jan 13**

4:00pm Dolores Tabor ( Joan & George Sobczak)

### **Sunday, Jan 14 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**1Sm3:3b-10-19 1Cor6:13c-15a,17-20 Jn 1:35-42 ( 65 )**

9:00am Blessed Trinity

11:00am Sharon & John Vertal ( Family )

### **Monday, Jan 15 All Souls**

11:00 am Westpark Healthcare campus  
4387 W.150th Street

### **Tuesday, Jan 16**

8:30am Kathleen Scott ( Donna Casey )

### **Wednesday, Jan 17**

8:30am All Souls

### **Friday, Jan 19**

8:30am All Souls

### **Saturday, Jan 20**

4:00pm Marlin (Chip) Hall ( Family)

### **Sunday, Jan 21 Third Sunday In Ordinary Time**

**Jon 3:1-5.101Cor 7:29-31 Mk 1:14-20 (68)**

9:00am Blessed Trinity

11:00am Ma-an Samonte ( Family )

### **Caring Corner**



When circumstances seem too overwhelming even to know how to pray, start with one word. Settle yourself and bring one word into focus. Words like: help, resilience, patience, courage, stillness, breathing, hope, serenity. Then, sit with God and keep the word present in your mind. The centering experience of a simple one-word prayer with God can help calm any anxieties you may be feeling.

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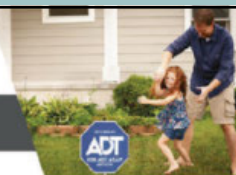
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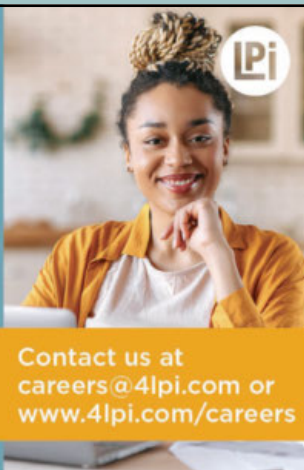
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