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CATHOLIC CHURCH



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MARCH 10, 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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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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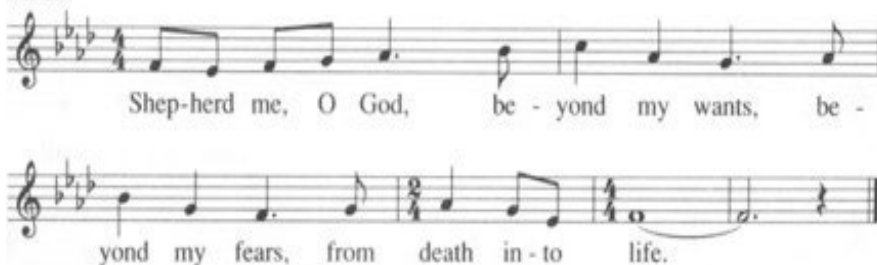
OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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 23: Shepherd Me, O God 35

Refrain



Psalm 23 Marty Haugen Music Marty Haugen 1986, GIA Productions INC.



From the Desk of Fr. Doug Jesus and Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

The three stories from cycle A, the woman at the well, the man born blind and the raising of Lazarus from the dead, show three aspects of Jesus' ministry. What we have in the story of the woman at the well is a rather complex encounter in which Jesus first approaches this woman on the level of human need. He asks her for water. They are equals, both thirsty. There was great theological discussion about living water, Jacob's importance, correct worship, prophets and the coming Messiah. But what really counted was that Jesus revealed himself to the woman and revealed her to herself. We don't know the extent of their dialogue, we only know that she came to believe he had come from God and proclaimed, "He told me everything I have done."

What's interesting about this is that we have a conversion story that doesn't focus at all on sinfulness or even traditional repentance but rather on being known and accepted. When the conversation about husbands began, the woman said she had none, and Jesus replied that she had known at least five. But there is no follow-up on the topic. No talk about straightening out her life, no discussion about laws concerning divorce and remarriage, nor about whether she could commune with him in her current state. In God's eyes Jesus and the woman are equal, each called to call others.

In the story of the blind man we have a story of diversity. The blind man was ostracized, made "other". His blindness was considered a result of his sinfulness. The purity of Judaism did not admit sinners into its life. Judaism was not diverse. All might have been well if it hadn't been for the onlookers. They represent a special brand of humanity, people whose world goes out of whack when things go too well for others. Their cosmos had been settled and stable and they knew the necessary number of poor, blind and lame people around to assure them that they themselves were God's blessed, whole-bodied favorites. But when the unchosen one was transformed everything went up for grabs. There's a particular type of human being that needs underdogs to prop up their identity: when there's nobody under

them, how can they feel important? Who could remain sure of being chosen when conditions could change with just a little mud and water? So they took the man-who-saw to the authorities, the Pharisee guardians of law and order.

After two interviews with the once-blind man the Pharisees lost their composure. The man-who-saw was incorrigible. He refused to appreciate their logic: that what had happened to him could not come from God because it was accomplished by someone who did not abide by the law. The man-who-saw had become identified with Jesus; he would have to be judged as the same kind of sinner as the healer.

Pope Francis has described the devil's kingdoms as the places where "everything comes under the laws of competition ... where the powerful feed upon the powerless" (*Evangelii Gaudium*, "The Joy of the Gospel," #53).

In next week's Gospel story of the raising of Lazarus, we are confronted with a crucial question, "Who is included in the kingdom of God, even the dead"? The answer is yes. Jesus tells Martha: "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

As its placement in John's Gospel suggests, this account is a clear foreshadowing of the Easter event that would soon follow. The question Jesus asks is not just about Lazarus but also about himself. Faith in the Resurrection is key to Christianity.

This goes beyond simply believing that Christ rose from the dead, for our religion rests on the pattern of death and resurrection at every stage of our lives. When we celebrate the third scrutiny with the Gary William, our elect, we are challenging him and us to base our lives on that motif, to be willing to embrace the multiple deaths that love demands with the faith that new life will arise each time we cast ourselves into the hands of our loving and life-giving God. We know of course, that as we challenge the elect, we also challenge ourselves, for we are all on the same journey of ever deepening conversion.



AROUND THE PARISH & OTHER PARISH NEWS



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Please pray for:

Joan Andrews, Thomas Ausnehmer, Doris Eikens Az-zarello, Charlene Boyer, Mary Brennan, Jeanne Brent, Adele Burke, Callie Carley, Gladys Castro, Pat Chapin, Romualdo Cipro, Alex & Ashley Cornet, McKayla Coyne, Teri Crowe, Scherrie Damm, John Darmstadt, Martin Patrick Dugan, Dukles Family, Joseph Dunn, Barb Dylag, Edward Dzuro, Scott Eidam, Shirley Fago, Donald Flanagan, Marianna Fleming, Will Gibson, Vesna Goverdovski, Michael Graham, Dottie Green Family, Maria Guy, Donald Haluska, Robert Hardman, Linda Heaton, Catherine Heidinger, Susanne Heisey, Agnes Hocesvar, John Itayem, Eileen Kelly, Nicola Jandric, Roubir Jesri, Jr., Jim Jefferis, Vicki & Rudy Juris, Joanne Kauchuk, Dan Kemer, Tony Kernan, Diane Kortan, Karen Kraus, Linda Kreon, Fr. Dennis Kristancic, Ken Lesko & Family, Marilyn Lombardo, Karen Long, Mary Lynch, Eileen Mangan, Sr. Rita Mar-ra SND, Jerry Masek, George McKee, Margaret McMahon, Molly McQuillan & family, Andrea Medina, Betty Ann Menzing, Mary Jo Menzing, Tony Miller, Charles Miller, Michael Mitchell, Jim & Steve Moravcik, Genevieve Noar, Dave Norris, Tom O'Boyle, Terri Pastura, Lisa Prokopius, Jose Rivera, Carol Roberts, Matthew Rossman, Liz Rosa, Ron Ruble, Mary Salamon, Marilyn Samonte, Betty Schmidt, Vic Scigliano, Brandy Shuttera, Larry Sowders, Evana Stanonik, Christopher Stein, Roberta Steinbacher, Marilyn Spangler, Janet Tang, Kevin Thompson, Sherrie Thompson, Noreen Williams, Jesse Wilson, Monica Woodman, Jay Yesenko, Eileen Young, Jeala Youssef, Jacqueline Zambarano

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Bountiful Basement 3/3	\$ 148.00

**May the Peace of Our Lord be with
Joanne Welsh (younger sister of James Beesley)**
May God grant comfort to her family and friends.



Next SUNDAY, March 17, join our parish community in Fogarty Hall for **coffee and donuts** following the 9am and 11am Masses! From 10am to 1pm!!

Gift Card Raffle Winners February

Margaret Lopuszanski
Evelyn Nodge
Laura McCarthy
Maria Klemens
Evelyn Nodge

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

Advertiser of the Week:

Catholic Cemeteries Association



For the month of March the Bountiful Basement could use canned meat like Chicken, Beef, Pork, No Tuna. Thank You!!



This Week at Blessed Trinity

Saturday, Mar 9

11:15am-12:30pm CL Session (JC Lg)

Sunday, Mar 10

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 (RB)
 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)
 12:00pm-1:00pm Taize Practice (Church)
 12:00pm-1:30pm CL Sessions (JC Lg)

Monday, Mar 11

9:00am-10:30am Legion of Mary (Church)
 12:00pm-1:30pm Stephen Min. Peer Grp. Zoom
 7:00pm-8:00pm Adult Education (Church)

Tuesday, Mar 12

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)
 10:00am-11:00am Adult Education (Church)
 10:30am-12:00pm AA Meeting (RB)
 6:30pm-8:00pm Centering Prayer Group (JC Lg)
 7:00pm-8:30pm LGBTQ Faith Sharing Grp. Mtg.
 (R Liv Rm)

Wednesday, Mar 13

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm IDCC (Joseph Center)
 5:00pm-6:45pm Bountiful Basement (BB)
 7:00pm-8:00pm ` Tai Chi (FH)

Thursday, Mar 14

11:00am-12:00 pm AA Meeting (RB)
 7:00pm– 8:30pm Bible Study (R Liv Rm)

Friday, Mar 15

1:00pm-3:00pm Stephen Leaders (R Lib)
 2:00pm-5:00pm Fish Fry Set Up (FH&K)
 5:30pm-7:30pm Fish Fry (FH&K)

Saturday, Mar 16

Have Wonderful day!!!!

Sunday, Mar 17

9:00am-10:45 am CGS Level 1 (Atrium)
 9:00am-10:45am PSR 1-3 Grade (A)
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 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)
 10:00am-11:00am Coffee & Donuts (FH)

Blessed Trinity Reverse Raffle, April 20, 5pm-11pm, Fogarty Hall. \$45 admission includes chance at the \$1500 jackpot, sideboards, and a catered meal with beer, wine and pop included; “dinner only” ticket \$25. We need your support! Can’t attend? The “Absentee Drawing” ticket lets you donate to the fundraiser and have a chance to win (\$10 to win \$1000). Tickets sold after Mass or from the rectory. (tickets will NOT be sold at Mass the weekends of 3/17, 3/24, or 3/31)

Easter is right around the corner. It’ll be here before we know it. Time to stock up on some gift cards or Malley’s chocolate for the kids and grandkids baskets. Gift cards and gift certificates are available in the rectory or after Masses.

March 10, 2024

WORSHIP

Saturday, Mar 9

4:00pm Jim & Janet Hagedorn (Friends)

Sunday, Mar 10

Fourth Sunday Of Lent

1Sm 16:1b,6-7,10-13a Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1,6-9,13-17,34-38 (31)

9:00am

Jerry Nusbaum (Family)

11:00am

Blessed Trinity

Monday, Mar 11

All SOULS

11:00am

@ Westpark Healthcare Center
4387 W 150th Street

Tuesday, Mar 12

All Souls

Wednesday, Mar 13

8:30am

All Souls

Friday, Mar 15

8:30 am

All Souls

Saturday, Mar 16

4:00pm Living & Deceased Members of the Kelly Family

Sunday, Mar 17

Fifth Sunday Of Lent

EZ 37:12-14 Rom 8:8-11 Jn 11:1-45or 11:3-7,17,20-27,33b-45 (34)

9:00am

Blessed Trinity

11:00am

George & Julia Barnett

(Ron & Kathy Mickler)

Adult Education sessions will be held in Church on Mondays 11th & 18th at 7pm. Same presentation will be repeated on Tuesday 12th & 19th at 10am. The theme for this adult series is "Ten Things the Catholic Church Teaches But It Doesn't Really Believe"



Fellowship Prayer Breakfast is Saturday, March 23 from 8:30am—10:30am in Fogarty Hall. Guest Speaker is Mike Younes! All are welcome! Cost is only \$3 each, or 2 for \$5.

So, bring a guest! All are welcome.

Lenten Fish Fries every Friday during Lent except Good Friday. Dinner served 5:30pm to 7:30pm in Fogarty Hall. Seafood items include salmon, sole, shrimp, clam chowder, and crab cakes. Other options include mac & cheese, pierogi, and hand-cut French fries. Come and enjoy an evening out!

"THE GRACE OF THE DESERT" WOMEN'S MINI-RETREAT

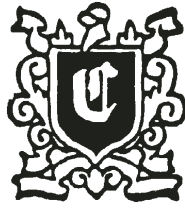
You're invited to the Walking with Purpose Women's Mini-Retreat. This FREE evening will be filled with worship music, adoration, and reflection. Confession will also be offered. Come experience what your heart has truly been longing for! All women are welcome. For more info, contact: WWPLakewood@gmail.com Thursday, March 14 from 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. St. Luke Catholic Church – 121 Bunts Rd, Lakewood Info: StJamesLakewood.com/events

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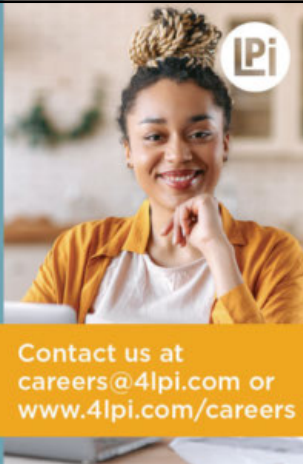
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