Dear Holy Trinity Family,

Prayers and blessings for you throughout this year.

We have started Ordinary Time. Our Christmas decor has been taken down and to us it may seem as though the sanctuary and church is plain. But, in actuality, the color green in this season reminds us exactly where our focus should be - growing in our faith. In the same way we see green nature, in particular plants, grass and trees, we connect it to growth. When properly watered and nurtured and given a firm foundation, plants are able to grow. The same goes for our faith. In just celebrating the birth of Jesus, we now must stay grounded in Christ. Find ways to nourish your faith this season through prayer, studying the faith, speaking to others about your faith. There are great resources out there like the Catechism and the Bible in a Year by Ascension Press. Watch the video provided by Bishop Barron with Word On Fire. Now is the time not to be stagnant in our faith, but to truly grow.

Part of the growth that happens for us comes from our various experiences and the things that we endure. I have been blessed for 12.5 years as a priest growing from the many ministries and people I have encountered. And I know that God continues to have more plans for me, sometimes when I least expect it. Effective January 16th, Archbishop Gomez has appointed me as the Associate Vicar of Clergy for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. I will be leaving the Office for Vocations and taking on this role full time. This position will allow me to minister to my fellow brother priests and serve as a liaison between them and our Archbishop. I will still continue to serve as Administrator of our wonderful parish until June 30tth. At that time the Archbishop will appoint someone to serve in my place as I focus my full attention working in the Vicar of Clergy Office. I invite us all to continue to pray for who the next administrator/pastor of Holy Trinity Parish will be. We continue to place our faith, hope and trust in God always.

Many things are coming up for our parish. We hope to see you participate in the great things that are happening as even more is yet to come. God bless.

Holy Virgin of Virgins, pray for us.

In Christ,

- Fr. Mike



The Knights of Columbus (Glendale council 1920) are looking for new members. If interested, please talk to John Cornell at jonacornell@msn.com. Or find more information on their website at KofC.org

# **Vocation Events**

Talk to Fr. Mike or check out LAVocations.org for more information and to register for the events below.

<u>Fully Alive -</u> <u>High School Men's Group</u> Saturday, January 27th 9am to 1pm Queen of Angels Center of Priestly Formation Torrance, CA

> <u>Men's Discernment Group</u> February 10th at 9am Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels

# **SUNDAY OFFERINGS**

The deposit amount for The Epiphany of the Lord was **\$12,277**. Thank you for your generosity and continued support of Holy Trinity Parish.

The deposit amount for The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, 12/31/23, including all donations received for the week, was **\$16,668.44.** Thank you for your generosity and continued support of Holy Trinity Parish.

<u>Misa en Espanol</u> LOS DOMINGOS a la 1:30pm

## Charistmatic Prayer Group

This prayer group meets every Saturday at 11am in the school. Come and let's pray together.

<u>Upcoming Parish Events</u> Sunday, January 14th, 5pm Conclusion of the Santo Niño Novena

Saturday, January 20th, 11am-6pm OneLifeLA - Pro-life event and Mass; <u>www.OneLifeLA.org</u>

Sunday, January 28th, 7:30am-12pm Holy Trinity School Open House

Saturday, February 3rd, 6:00pm-11pm Parish Dinner Dance at St. Casimir



# **DID YOU KNOW?**

## How to actively listen to abuse disclosures

Disclosing abuse is one of the hardest — and most important — steps for a victim to take. If a child chooses to tell you about abuse, make sure you are actively listening. Give the child all of your attention and listen calmly, without making judgements or assumptions. Listen patiently without filling in the blanks or making suggestions. The best thing is for the child to tell his or her own story. Ask limited questions, and only for information needed to report abuse. For more information on actively listening, read the VIRTUS\* article "Responding to Youth Disclosures or Concerns of Abuse" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

## Cómo escuchar con atención cuando se le revela un abuso

Revelar el abuso es uno de los pasos más difíciles (y más importantes) que da una víctima de abuso. Si un niño elige contarle sobre el abuso sufrido, asegúrese de escucharlo con atención. Préstele al niño su absoluta atención y escúchele con calma, sin emitir juicios ni suposiciones. Escuche pacientemente sin llenar los espacios en blanco ni hacer sugerencias. Lo mejor es que el niño cuente su propia historia. Haga preguntas limitadas y solo para obtener información necesaria para denunciar los abusos. Para obtener más información, lea el artículo en inglés de VIRTUS® "Responding to Youth Disclosures or Concerns of Abuse" (Respondiendo a las revelaciones o inquietudes de abuso de los jóvenes) en <u>lacatholics.org/did-you-know/</u>.