

Dear Holy Trinity Family,

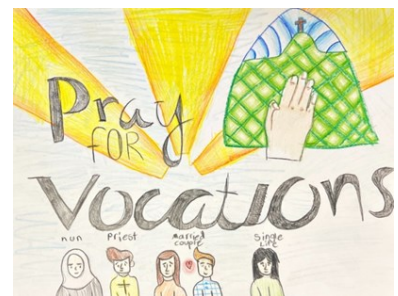
Happy Gaudete Sunday. This Sunday we are invited to REJOICE as we are closer to the day of Christmas. The liturgical color today is rose which is the color of joy. In our 2nd reading today, we are invited to "rejoice always" and to do so because we have God in our life. Unfortunately, many people do not have God in their life. Rather, they cling onto things of this world - power, possessions and pleasure. When these things disappear or fade away, they find themselves empty, lost and alone. But, if we have God in our life, if we place our faith in Jesus Christ, then we are never alone. And because of this, we are called to rejoice, rejoice in the Lord always.

As we approach Christmas, I am filled with great joy in having served this wonderful community the last 2 1/2 months. I rejoice in the 5.5 years I have served as vocation director and the men I have helped accompany in understanding and discovering their vocation. I am filled with joy, thanks to the blessings I have received in being a priest for 12.5 years. And I am filled with joy for the blessings that I have received throughout my life reminding me that God is always there. Whatever may be going on in your life today, stop for a moment and give thanks to God. Rejoice always!

Christmas is next week. We look forward to seeing you for the celebration of BOTH the 4th Sunday of Advent and Christmas. The more times we go to Mass, the more grace we receive.

May the Lord bless and keep you always, during this season of Advent. Our Lady of Lourdes... pray for us.

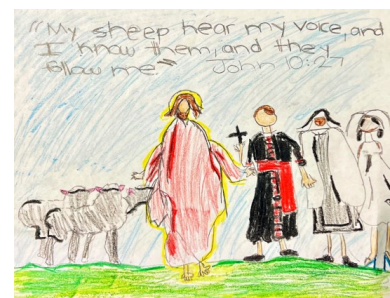
- Fr. Mike



Jordyn F, 3rd Grade



Vayda B, 3rd Grade



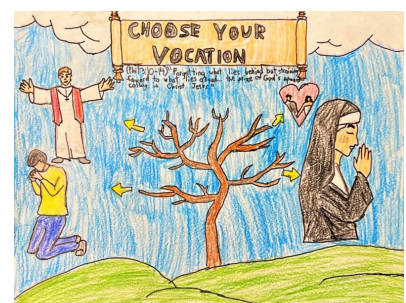
Samuel T, 6th Grade



Dustin A, 2nd Grade



Micah G, 6th Grade



Aidan S, 8th Grade



Sophia I, 4th Grade

Holy Trinity School participated in the Vocation Poster Contest for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Our parish acknowledged 2 students from every class before sending them off to the Archdiocese to compete on that level. Here are some of the work recognized by our parish on Wed, December 13th. Thank you students for helping promote vocations.

SUNDAY OFFERINGS

The deposit amount for the Second Sunday of Advent, including all donations received for the week, was **\$16,128**. Thank you for your generosity and continued support of Holy Trinity Parish.

Charismatic Prayer Group

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

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL

Are you happy with your child's school experience? Consider sending your child to our parish school – where the values taught in the classroom reflect the values of your home. Small class sizes with under 20 students makes it possible for us to create a personalized experience for your child to help them excel. Did you know that the Catholic Education Foundation of Los Angeles has received a \$50 million gift to provide financial support to new students enrolling in an Archdiocesan school for fall. Catholic education is affordable and tuition assistance is available! If you would like to arrange a tour of our parish school or get additional information on enrollment and financial assistance, please call us at (323) 663 -2064 or email our principal at klloyd@holytrinity-la.com.



Vocation Events

Check out LAVocations.org for more information and to register for the events below.

High School Men

Dinner and Ice Skating in Pasadena
Friday, Dec. 22nd; Talk to Fr. Mike to RSVP

Men's Discernment Group

January 13th at 9am
Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels

HOLY TRINITY—Misa en Espanol
LOS DOMINGOS a la 1:30pm

Gracias Lydia y Margarita por ayudar a organizar la Celebración de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe.



Holy Trinity School



YOUR CHILD'S FUTURE IS HERE



Shadow Days - Be a Holy Trinity Student for FREE
Wed. Jan. 3rd & Thurs. Jan. 4th from 8am to 3pm

Your child (TK-7th) is invited to join our students for a day. Contact our school for more info and to reserve your spot.
(323) 663-2064 or rtorres@holytrinity-la.com

Christmas Mass Schedule

December 24th falls on a Sunday this year. Therefore, to fulfill you Sunday and Christmas obligation, you should go to TWO Masses between the Dec. 23rd and Dec. 25th.

4th Sunday of Advent Mass Schedule

Sat, Dec. 23rd at 5pm
Sun, Dec. 24th at 5:30am (Simbang Gabi); 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, 12pm and 1:30pm (Spanish)

Christmas Eve Mass

Sun, Dec. 24th at 4pm, 6pm and 10pm

Christmas Day Mass

Mon, Dec. 25th at 8am, 10am, 12pm and 1:30pm (Spanish)