

Dear Holy Trinity Family...

Happy 4th Sunday of Advent! or if you are this after 4pm, Merry Christmas!

It is a bit odd how this Sunday we move from singing O Come, O Come Emmanuel to singing Joy to the World 2 hours later. Some may seem it as a disconnect, but this is really what our life of faith is all about, moving from one season to another, one celebration to another. We began the season of Advent with that invitation to be watchful and alert. Now, all that we have been preparing for is becoming a reality. Our Gospel speaks of the Annunciation, when Mary was asked to be the Mother of Jesus. And what was her response? "May it be done to me according to Thy word." As the Lord speaks to us, what is our own response to him? If your response has been weak or non-existent, there is always a chance to change.

Christmas is upon us. The Word became flesh and dwells among us. What a beautiful day to recall how much God loves us that He became one of us in order to sanctify us and redeem us. Only by this act could humanity be saved. The Divine became like us so that we could ascend to God and experience the glory of heaven. May this Christmas fill you all with God's blessing and love.

Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers and lay ministers who have helped put together our beautiful liturgies for Advent and Christmas. From the environment crew, to the musicians, lectors, altar servers, ushers and clergy, thank you! And a special thanks to all of those who helped organize our morning and evening Simbang Gabi celebrations! May the Lord reward you always.

Msgr. Herres and Fr. Leo will be away this coming week and I will be away the following week as we recoup from the festivities of Christmas. Know of our prayers for all of you.

On behalf of Msgr. Herres, Fr. Leo, Deacon Ray and the staff at the Catholic Church of the Holy Trinity, may you have a Merry Christmas and blessed New Year!

Mary, Mother of God... pray for us.

- Fr. Mike



SUNDAY OFFERINGS

The deposit amount for the Third Sunday of Advent, including all donations received for the week, was **\$13,979**. 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—Misa en Espanol
LOS DOMINGOS a la 1:30pm**

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@holymtrinity-la.com

Vocation Events

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

Men's Discernment Group

January 13th at 9am

Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels

Fully Alive - High School Men's Group

Saturday, January 27th 9am to 1pm

Queen of Angels Center of Priestly Formation
Torrance, CA

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@holymtrinity-la.com.



Our students from Holy Trinity School performing in their annual Christmas Program on Thursday, 12/14.