

Dear Holy Trinity Family,

Happy New Year! Today we count down the final hours as we say good-bye to 2023 and hello to 2024. I hope that all of us can look at this past year and speak of the great blessings that we have received. At the same time, and even more importantly, today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family - Jesus, Mary and Joseph. The beauty of this feast is to provide the great example that Jesus was born into a family - that he had a mother and a father here on earth - and that they are the model for all of our families.

Every child deserves a mother and a father. If you are a mother or a father, give your all to your children. Be there and be present for them. It can be easy for us to put other things before our children - work, friendships, hobbies, our own desire and wants, but we must remember that part of being a mom and dad is about being an instrument of love - selfless and sacrificial love. Mary said, "May it be done to me according to Thy word." Joseph never spoke, but his actions were of faith and trust in God's plan. Unfortunately, our secular world tries to break down this model of family at times and there are even situations that are irregular and accepted by society even if contrary to the Church. We are always striving for holiness and who better to imitate than the Holy Family. Let us try to be more like them as we too keep Jesus at the center of our lives.

Holy Trinity school has shadow days this Wed, Jan 3rd and Thurs, Jan 4th. Providing your child with a Catholic education is a great sacrifice of love. Do not let the cost of tuition prevent you from considering a Catholic school. Assistance is available for those who need it. I am the product of a Catholic education and the moral values, faith, education and formation provided in a Catholic education can not be matched by the public school system. Ms. Karen Lloyd, our dedicated principal, and I would be happy to talk to anyone more about this possibility for your child. It never hurts to ask.

Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year!

The Holy Family - Jesus, Mary and Joseph - Pray for us.

- Fr. Mike



**SUNDAY OFFERINGS**

Thank you for your generosity in supporting Holy Trinity Parish. We will include the amount received this weekend in the next bulletin.

**Charismatic Prayer Group**

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

**Misa en Espanol**

**LOS DOMINGOS a la 1:30pm**

**DID YOU KNOW?**

**The silent victims of human trafficking**

Nearly every public campaign about the evils of sex trafficking involve child female victims. A majority of victims are female, but there are many male victims, and they are mostly silent. Societal expectations often lead men to feel that they should be "strong" and "assertive" enough to avoid being forced into trafficking — but these stereotypes do a disservice to male victims who may feel trapped in abusive patterns, unable to ask for the help they need. For more information and ways to help these silent victims, read the VIRTUS® article "The Most Silent Victims of Sex Trafficking" at [lacatholics.org/did-you-know/](http://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/).

**Las víctimas silenciosas de trata de personas**

Casi todas las campañas públicas sobre los males del tráfico sexual involucran a niñas víctimas. La mayoría de las víctimas son mujeres, pero también hay muchos hombres, y en su mayoría guardan silencio. Las expectativas sociales a menudo llevan a los hombres a sentir que deben ser lo suficientemente "Fuertes" y "asertivos" para evitar verse obligados a dedicarse a la trata, pero estos estereotipos no les hacen ningún favor a las víctimas masculinas que pueden sentirse atrapadas en patrones abusivos, incapaces de pedir la ayuda que necesitan. Para obtener más información y formas de ayudar a estas víctimas silenciosas, lea el artículo en inglés de VIRTUS® "The Most Silent Victims of Sex Trafficking" (Las víctimas más silenciosas del tráfico sexual) en [lacatholics.org/did-you-know/](http://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/).

**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**



**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



Thank you morning & evening Simbang Gabi for all your hard work.