

Dear Holy Trinity Family,

Happy Lent!!! It is another change of the liturgical season and with it brings about not only a change in the liturgical color, but also how we are to enter into this season. The color is a violet red, the color of the sky during dusk as the sun sets. This is a different violet than Advent, as it was the color of the morning sky as the sun rises. Why the difference? In Lent we prepare for the death of the Son our Lord. In Advent, we prepare for his coming. For both violets, the theme of penance and conversion continues to be prevalent, most especially during Lent. This season is a chance for all of us to look at our relationship with Jesus and know that we all fall short in some way or another. None of us are perfect, and if we think we are, we need to think about it again.

Jesus came to redeem us and it is through the Sacraments of the Church that his efficacious love is poured out upon us abundantly and without cost. That is why confession is so important. God has given us the gift of the priesthood so that the priest can stand *in persona Christi* during the celebration of reconciliation. It is Christ himself who forgives us in confession. Can we just confess our sins to God in prayer? The answer is yes; we do that at Mass as we call to mind our sins at the beginning. But at the same time and more importantly, we also need to HEAR that we are forgiven by Christ. We hear and know that we are forgiven when Jesus himself (through the priest) says, "I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit." This is the beauty of confession - it is an encounter of the mercy of Christ. During Lent, confessions will be every Friday at 5:30pm and Saturdays at 8:45am. Come and encounter God's love.

I wish that I could speak of a 49ers Superbowl victory, but it wasn't their year. One of the things that I would like to highlight which I am seeing more especially amongst young players is the way they demonstrate their faith. We must always put God first. Here are solid quotes from them.

"Being Catholic is central to everything I do and everything I am. I love being able to bring Catholic virtues into any business that I am involved in." - Harrison Butker, Kansas City Chief Kicker

"My faith is very important to me and that's why I'm praying all the time. When you have a bunch of people chanting your name, it's important that you give the honor and glory back to the person, God, that's allowing me to do this." - Christian McCaffrey, 49ers running back.

"For me, playing this game, playing this sport, there's a lot that goes into it and it's easy to get wrapped up in wanting to be loved — obviously by your teammates but [also] the world. So for me in that passage [Psalm 23], it's talking about [how] I already have what I need from the Good Shepherd in Jesus."

- Brock Purdy, 49ers quarter back.

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

- Fr. Mike



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SUNDAY OFFERINGS

The deposit amount for the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time was **\$7,518.00**. Thank you for your generosity and continued support of Holy Trinity Parish.

DID YOU KNOW?

If you have concerns about someone’s behavior, sharing those concerns is critical to protecting the children in that person’s life. If you see or hear about inappropriate behavior, you can take your concerns to a supervisor or program director for further action. This helps those in charge launch an investigation, ask questions, and start to look for signs on their own — all of which can help keep children safe from potential abuse. Communicating your concerns, and having them investigated, can also discourage a potential offender, pushing them to leave the program or stop their behaviors. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article “Communicating Your Concerns Matters” at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

¿Por qué ayuda comunicar sus inquietudes?

Si tiene inquietudes sobre el comportamiento de alguien, compartir esas preocupaciones es fundamental para proteger a los niños en la vida de esa persona. Si usted ve o escucha acerca de un comportamiento inapropiado, puede comunicar sus inquietudes a un supervisor o director del programa para que tome medidas adicionales. Esto ayuda a las personas encargadas a iniciar una investigación, hacer preguntas y comenzar a buscar señales por sí mismos, todo lo cual puede ayudar a mantener a los niños a salvo de posibles abusos. Comunicar sus inquietudes y hacer que se investiguen también puede desanimar a un posible infractor, provocando que abandone el programa o a evitar su comportamiento. Para obtener más información, lea el artículo en inglés de VIRTUS® “Communicating Your Concerns Matters” (Es importante comunicar sus inquietudes) en lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.



2024 Valentine’s Dinner Dance

Misa en Espanol

Los Domingos a la 1:30pm

Charismatic Prayer Group

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

Divine Mercy Apostles Prayer Group

This prayer group meets every Thursday at 6:15pm in the School. Join with the group to recite the Chaplet of Mercy and meditate for His unfathomable Mercy.



Deacon Ray Emnace, Fr. John Paul Gonzalez, Monsignor Joseph Herres, Fr. Mike Perucho, Fr. Ricardo Viveros & Quoc Vo