

Dear Holy Trinity Family,

Today is the 4th Sunday of Lent otherwise known as Laetare Sunday or "Joyful" Sunday. Like Gaudete Sunday in Advent, we have reached the halfway point of Lent so we celebrate a little bit. There is hope and joy knowing that we are approaching the end of this season and ultimately we will celebrate the Resurrection on Easter Sunday. The liturgical color is rose to break from the Lenten violet we have been seeing these last 3 weeks.

Have you ever looked at the bottom of an In & Out drink cup? On the bottom is the Scriptural citation: John 3:16 which states, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." I think it is beautiful that this company, whose owners recognize the power of Christ that has changed their lives, want us always to remember that God is at work in our lives. In our Gospel this week, we hear this passage being said as Jesus speaks to Nicodemus. Jesus reminds Nicodemus that we all have choices in life- to believe in Jesus or not, to live in the light or the darkness. If we are to be truly free and experience joy, that only comes to us when we live in the light which is Jesus Christ himself. When we choose to believe in him, it helps us make sense of our entire life by seeing it from the perspective of God. It also helps us see life not just in the present moment, but throughout all of time and eternity. Jesus speaks of God giving his only Son because Jesus knows that the end result is not death and the end, but eternal life. He sees beyond the moment and the present and knows exactly what he now must do to be glorified and to sanctify us. What must you do during this season of Lent to experience that glory of God? What things can you sacrifice knowing that in doing so it will make you a holier person in the long run? Remember our life is not a sprint, but a marathon and if we work hard at following Jesus, "finish well, completed the race and keep the faith" we will attain eternal life. The choice is yours.

Please pray for our Elect- Deanna and Alexander- and our Candidate - Alicia- as they continue to prepare to receive the Sacraments this Easter. They will be fully welcomed into the Body of Christ and become our brethren in the Lord. May the Lord bless them and all of us in our journey of faith.

Mother most chaste, pray for us.

-Fr. Mike



Congratulations to our 2023-2024 Academic Decathlon Team! 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Super Quiz Team event and 1<sup>st</sup> place in Fine Arts for 7<sup>th</sup> grader Aira! Way to go, Huskies! So proud of your hard work and accomplishments!

**Lent**  
PRAYER, FASTING, ALMSGIVING

**CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
FRIDAYS AT 5:30PM

**CONFESSIONS**  
FRIDAYS AT 5:30PM  
SATURDAYS AT 8:45AM

**PENANCE SERVICE**  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27TH AT 6PM

**DID YOU KNOW?**

**Why are children with disabilities at risk?**

Children with disabilities are at higher risk for maltreatment and abuse. In many cases, this is because these children may be more vulnerable to grooming or exploitation by a perpetrator, need extra attention and care, which can lead to caregiver burnout and frustration, isolation from community, and financial strain. To learn more, read the VIRTUS® article "Children Living with Disabilities and Risk for Child Maltreatment and Victimization" at [lacatholics.org/did-you-know/](http://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/).

**¿Por qué los niños con discapacidad están en riesgo?**

Los niños con discapacidad corren un mayor riesgo de sufrir malos tratos y abusos. En muchos casos, esto se debe a que estos niños pueden ser más vulnerables al acoso o a la explotación por parte de un perpetrador, y necesitan atención y cuidados adicionales, lo que puede llevar al agotamiento y a la frustración de los cuidadores, al aislamiento de la comunidad y a las tensiones financieras. Para obtener más información, lea el artículo en inglés de VIRTUS® "Children Living with Disabilities and Risk for Child Maltreatment and Victimization" (Niños que viven con discapacidades y riesgo de maltrato y victimización infantil) en [lacatholics.org/did-you-know](http://lacatholics.org/did-you-know)

**HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL**  
**SPRING OPEN HOUSE**  
**SUNDAY, MARCH 24TH 7:30AM- 12PM**  
**SHADOW DAYS**  
**YOUR CHILD CAN SPEND THE DAY**  
**AT THE SCHOOL FOR FREE**  
**MON, 3/25; TUES, 3/26; WED, 3/27**  
**CONTACT RENE (323) 663-2064**  
**OR INFORMATION@HOLYTRINITYLA.COM**

**VOCATION EVENTS**  
**SPEAK TO FR. MIKE FOR MORE INFO AND TO SIGN UP**  
**HIGH SCHOOL MEN'S GROUP-**  
**SATURDAY, MARCH 23RD 9AM-1PM**  
**QUEEN OF ANGELS CENTER OF PRIESTLY FORMATION**  
**QUO VADIS - HIGH SCHOOL MEN'S RETREAT**  
**JUNE 18TH-21ST**  
**ST. EDWARD'S RETREAT CENTER**



**SUNDAY OFFERINGS**

The deposit amount for the Third Sunday of Lent was **\$10,161**. Thank you for your generosity and continued support of Holy Trinity Parish.

**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.

**Mass Schedule Change Until Further Notice**

Due to the shortage of priests, we will have the Tuesday 5pm Mass only on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday. We still have the regular Tuesday 8am Mass. Pray for more priests.

**SENIOR**  
**APPRECIATION**  
**BREAKFAST**  
 HOSTED BY HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL STUDENTS & FAMILIES  
**SUNDAY, MARCH 17TH**  
**8:00 AM - NOON**  
**HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL PAVILLION**  
 All parishioners 50 years old and above are invited.  
 Tickets are FREE and can be claimed outside after Mass or in the parish office.  
 Ticket includes delicious meal and chance to win one of our fun raffle prizes.  
**SAINT PATRICK'S DAY**  
 YOU ARE GOD'S TREASURE!

**BE IMITATORS**  
*of Christ*  
 2024 ANNUAL APPEAL



**TOGETHER IN MISSION**  
 PARISH GOAL: \$31, 194  
 Thank you for your support.