

Dear Holy Trinity Family...

Happy Lent! We are now in the third week of Lent and time is flying by. Have you been carrying out your Lenten observances of prayer, fasting and almsgiving? I know at times we may falter in our commitments. If that has happened, start up again and try your best to be committed. The evil one tries to get us to give up and quit. That is why the temptation sometimes becomes greater when we are doing something that is spiritual and is building us up in our faith. Don't stop. Keep on going. We must do our best to persevere and when that happens, all the more grace is poured out.

In our Gospel today, we hear of Jesus cleansing the Temple. Unfortunately, the Temple was changed into a place where people were taking advantage of others. Rather than being a home for God, people filled with greed and selfishness did not treat others with respect or care. It needed to be cleansed and restored and Jesus did just that. Recently you may have heard of a funeral Mass taking place in St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City, just a couple of weeks ago. This beautiful home of God, known as America's Church was violated by individuals in attendance who decided to use this as an opportunity to promote a political agenda rather than truly praying for the soul of the person who had died. I will not repeat the crude and inappropriate things that were said within the sanctuary of the church, otherwise considered where heaven and earth come down on the altar during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. It was so horrific that Cardinal Dolan required a Mass of Reparation take place to sanctify this holy space. Unfortunately, this is becoming too common where our society is losing focus on that which is holy. It is as if sometimes Mass itself becomes something that I go to rather than an encounter with God himself. Likewise, the church then just becomes a place to gather rather than a place to encounter the sacred. I see this at times when we have visitors who come for funerals, or weddings, or baptisms and walk into church with their newly bought Starbucks coffee. Or others, who come in chewing gum or eating food or on their phone playing games rather than simply being in the presence of God. We must help one another renew the sense of the sacred so that we can "Be holy just like I am holy." 1 Peter 1:15

In addition to keeping our church sacred, we also must do the same for us ourselves as temples of the Holy Spirit. We cleanse ourselves through the Sacrament of Confessions. We have added times every Friday of Lent at 5:30pm in addition to Saturday mornings at 8:45am. Do not wait to be cleansed. Allow the Lord to work within you.

Mary, mother of hope... pray for us.

-Fr. Mike



26 of our confirmation teens spent 3 days on retreat to encounter the Joy of the Lord. Let's keep them in our prayers as they prepare to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit this year and next.



Alexander pictured with his Godmother, family and Rheza at the Cathedral last Sunday for the Rite of the Elect. Pray for him and all the Elect as they prepare to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

**Learning from survivors' stories**

Listening to the stories of victim-survivors is one way in which we can acknowledge what has happened to them and the impact the abuse has had in their lives; hearing these sacred stories can also help us to find patterns that empower stronger safeguarding measures, such as understanding how and where abusers gained access to their victims, how they groomed them, and what safeguards either failed or were not in place to properly protect a victim. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article "Learning from True Stories of Victims/Survivors" at [lacatholics.org/did-you-know/](http://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/).

**Aprender de las historias de los sobrevivientes**

Escuchar las historias de víctimas-sobrevivientes es una forma en que podemos reconocer lo que les ha sucedido y el impacto que el abuso ha tenido en sus vidas. Escuchar estas historias sagradas puede ayudarnos a encontrar patrones que potencien medidas de protección más sólidas, como comprender cómo y dónde los abusadores obtuvieron acceso a sus víctimas, cómo las prepararon y qué medidas de vigilancia fallaron o no existieron para proteger adecuadamente a una víctima. Para obtener más información, lea el artículo en inglés de VIRTUS® "Learning from True Stories of Victims/Survivors" (Aprendiendo de historias reales de víctimas/sobrevivientes) en [lacatholics.org/did-you-know/](http://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/).



**VOCATION EVENTS**  
**SPEAK TO FR. MIKE FOR MORE INFO AND TO SIGN UP**

**MEN'S DISCERNMENT GROUP -**  
**2ND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH: 9AM-12PM AT**  
**THE CATHEDRAL OF OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS**

**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**

**TOGETHER IN MISSION**

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



**START DATE: 2/11/24 PARISH GOAL: \$31, 194**  
 Pray to see how you can best support  
 the parishes and schools most in need.

**SUNDAY OFFERINGS**

The deposit amount for the Second Sunday of Lent was \$8,385. 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.

**Holy Trinity During Lent**

**CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE**  
**HOLY TRINITY**

<b>STATIONS OF THE</b>	<b>CONFESSIONS</b>
<b>CROSS</b>	FRIDAYS AT 5:30PM
FRIDAYS AT 5:30PM	SATURDAYS AT 8:45AM

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

**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!