

Dear Holy Trinity Family,

Happy New Year!!!! That is Happy Liturgical New Year! We have officially begun the first day of our new liturgical year as we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent. The Church, in all her wisdom, has the beautiful liturgical seasons to help us spiritually prepare our lives in a very intentional manner, most especially to encounter our Lord Jesus Christ. Advent is 4 intentional weeks to prepare for the coming of Christ. Our Gospel today tells us to “Be watchful! Be alert!” And the reason is because we do not know when the Lord will come. Advent means “to come” and it is the Lord Jesus who will come to us in 3 different ways: 1) Jesus’ Incarnation and birth which we celebrate on Christmas; 2) the way our Lord comes to us on a daily basis and 3) Jesus’ final advent – the end times, the apocalypse when we meet Jesus in death or in his second coming and we will be judged. In each of these we are to prepare to encounter and meet Christ. How are you preparing yourself and your family for the coming of Christ? Some ideas; get an Advent calendar, set up an Advent wreath, or pray the Angelus daily. So much we can do.

Advent has a penitential feel as the liturgical color is violet reminding us that we are called to conversion and to change things in our lives. One of the best things that we can do is go the Sacrament of Confession. God loves us so much that through the priest, the mercy and love of Jesus is bestowed on us. Confession does not hurt. Confession is not meant to condemn. We can be challenged by it especially when we are told there is something in our life that we must change in order to be holy, but we ourselves do not want to change. This Advent, we are adding an additional time of confession every Friday after the 5pm Mass and we will still have our normal confessions after the 8am Mass on Saturday. Be watchful and be alert for the coming of our Lord but purifying your hearts through this Sacrament of Healing. Don’t miss out of receiving the mercy and love of God.

We had a wonderful talk by Fr. Leo on the Roots of the Eucharist in Scripture. Join us next Wednesday, December 6th at 7pm as Deacon Ray speaks on “True Love: The Eucharist Unveiled.” Our last talk will be on Wednesday, December 13th by Fr. Mike.

Have a blessed and wonderful Advent. Our Lady, Mother of Christ... pray for us.

- Fr. Mike



On Sunday, November 26th, the Solemnity of Christ the King, we walked with our Lord on the streets of Atwater Village. May Jesus continue to lead, guide, and protect us always and may our love for him increase, especially in our devotion to the Eucharist.

SUNDAY OFFERINGS

The deposit amount for the Solemnity of Christ the King, including all donations received for the week, was **\$8,073**. Thank you for your generosity and continued support of Holy Trinity Parish.

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@holytrinity-la.com Give your child the gift of a Catholic education this fall!



HOLY TRINITY CHURCH AND SCHOOL will be participating in the ADOPT A FAMILY PROGRAM. You are invited to buy a new unwrapped toy to donate to this program. The toy may be for any age, boy or girl. Please drop off the item at the rectory office or in the tubs in the vestibule of the Church. The last day to drop off items is **Sunday, December 10th**. Thank you for your generous support of this program.

Vocation Events

Check out LAVocations.org for more information and to register for the events below.

High School Men

Dinner and Ice Skating in Pasadena
Friday, Dec. 18th; Talk to Fr. Mike to RSVP

For Women 17-35

Advent Discernment Retreat with the Lovers of the Holy Cross
12/18-21 in Tustin, CA; www.lhcla.org

Our Mass schedule for the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception** is Thursday, December 7th at 5pm (Vigil) and Friday, December 8th at 8am, 5pm and 7pm. This is a **Holy Day of Obligation**.

HOLY TRINITY—Misa en Espanol
LOS DOMINGOS a la 1:30pm

Reserve la Fecha: Celebración de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe el Lunes 11 de Diciembre a las 7pm. Si desea donar dinero para flores para Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, comuníquese con Lydia o Margarita o pase por la oficina parroquial.



EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

Catholic Church of the Holy Trinity invites you to renew and strengthen your devotion and love for the Eucharist. Two more talks remaining.



"True Love: The Eucharist Unveiled"
December 6th @ 7PM



"A Eucharistic Vocation"
December 13th @ 7PM

Adoration will take place with each talk.
Light Refreshments after each Presentation.

Prepare yourself to welcome our Lord through the Sacrament of Penance.
Every Friday of Advent at 5:30pm
Every Saturday at 8:45am