



TRINITY TALK

April 2019

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April 14th

8 & 10 am Holy Communion - Liturgy of the Palms -
Passion Narrative by Youth both services

Holy Tuesday April 16th

7:30 pm - Taize Service

Maundy Thursday April 18th

7:30pm - Maundy Thursday liturgy with communion-optional foot washing-stripping of the Altar

Good Friday April 19th

7:00am - Good Friday liturgy with Communion from the Reserved Sacrament

12:00pm-3:00pm - The Stations of the Cross with Hymns and silence (**come and go as your schedule permits**)

7:00pm -Ecumenical Good Friday Service at Trinity

Holy Saturday April 20th

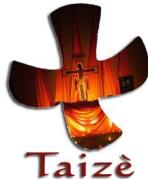
8:00pm - The Great Vigil of Easter followed by celebration at the back of the nave

Easter Sunday April 21st

8&10am - Festival Choral Eucharist with Brass, Bells, and Trinity Choir

9:00am - Festive Refreshments

11:30am - Easter Egg Hunt for children 5th grade and younger



Imagine the scene. Silence. Church lights dim. On the altar and the floor and steps around it, dozens of candles flicker. The choir chants together, slowly repeating a single line over and over. Worshipers sit in silence just beholding this powerful scene. There is no other light. And nothing moves, save the flames, which dance. This is a Taizé prayer service. "It is a time to rest in God, to let the words listened to and sung penetrate one's being." So says Brother John, a Taizé monk, in lectures and writings explaining what the service is all about. There is no preaching, no teaching, no talk of sin or repentance or forgiveness. There is just this elegantly simple service: short chants, repeated over and over in the dark, plus a short Scripture reading and a psalm. And silence.

Tuesday April 16th at 7:30pm—Join Us!

From our Rector

.....The Rev. Jeannie Martz

What with Bp. Azariah's recent visit on March 24, the sermon that follows only got preached at 8 a.m. In the spirit of *Recycle, Reuse, Renew*, I now share it with everyone:

Lent is nothing if not up front, about death. The season itself begins with the reality of death being put literally in, and marked on, our faces: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

We are all dust; we are all finite; we are all mortal. Our time on this earth is limited – it has had a beginning and it will have an end. We know this, we all know this...but knowing it doesn't necessarily make it any easier to live with. The moment we're born, the meter begins to run; and our very first breath brings us that much closer to our last.

Even so, it's still a shock when we hear our mortality articulated. "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return" is bad enough. "You have a week; you have a month; you have a year to live"; this is something else altogether – and it's something some among us already know.

Some here have had these or similar words said to us, others have heard them said to people we love. These words turn our world and our stomachs upside down, and they suddenly cast us into a surrealistic landscape where nothing is familiar, and nothing is safe. Life itself mocks us here; our friends and loved ones become strangers; and for a time at least, even God seems to turn God's face away.

"You have a year to live; you have only a year to live...but you do have a year to live."

We do, all of us, we pray, have a year to live...even though the limited nature of that year becomes apparent in today's Gospel reading. The first warning that time is short was sounded to us back in Advent when we heard John the Baptist crying out, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

"Get your act together," John said then, "for even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." The root that ax is lying against is ours, and according to John, we have a limited amount of time left before it strikes.

Immediately after the Feast of the Epiphany, Jesus read from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah in the synagogue in Nazareth and he proclaimed that the centuries of waiting on God's promises are over, that the year of the Lord's favor, a year of liberation and pardon and healing, that this year is here, and that the kingdom of God has even now come among us.

And yet, at the same time, today on this third Sunday in Lent we have the still barren fig tree and the householder's exasperated order, "Cut this thing down! Why should it be taking up space that a fruitful tree can use?"

We also have the gardener's plea, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down." If there's still no fruit next year; if there's still no fruit after one more year, he says, you can cut it down.

Today, Jesus says, today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.

This, here and now, for you and for me, this is the year of the Lord's favor, the year of the Lord's digging and fertilizing; this, here, now, for all of us is God's gracious gift of one more year. We have a year to live; what will we do with it? What does God want us to do with this year?

As I've mentioned before, back in the first century, in those earliest years of the Church, Jesus' followers expected his return, expected what we call the Second Coming, at any moment; and when it didn't happen, when Jesus didn't come again in that time, there were a lot of questions and doubts, and there was a lot of distress among the believers.

Peter himself had to deal with this crisis of disillusionment in his

own community, and what he said about Jesus' delay in returning then, is still worth hanging on to today. To the naysayers and to the faint of heart, Peter said, "The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance."

The Lord doesn't want anyone to perish, the Lord wants everyone to come to repentance; according to Peter, the Risen Jesus is intentionally delaying his return for our sake, to give all of us time to catch up; and so the real question is, what does each of us *need* to do in this year? What aeration and fertilization do we need to become aware of so that we can all come to the repentance that Jesus wants for us?

"To repent" means to turn around, and to come back to God. In one sense, it means to lay before God all the things we've done and left undone while we were turned away; all of the things we've said or should have said; all of the things that deny the image of God in which we're made. When we repent, we come back and we lay these things before God so that we can be free of them, so that we can be released from the power of regret and of shame that they have over us.

At the same time, this is the year of the Lord's favor, the year of restoration through repentance and forgiveness, the year of a whole new beginning for the future and a whole new meaning for the past...if we take the gift of this one more year seriously, embracing the grace of God that is part of the dynamic of our coming back. "Repentance," one pastor writes, "repentance acknowledges that God can redeem, God can set right, God can make whole.... Repentance is not a trade we make with God. It is a leap of faith that our deepest hopes will not leave our lips unheeded." (Christian Century, 2/27/19, Reflections, p. 19, Eric D. Barreto).

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Jesus knows our deepest hopes. Jesus has come as the fulfillment of our deepest hopes, that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly, in this year and for all time; and now is the time to accept his offer and his invitation. Jesus has invited us to abide in him just as he wants to abide in, rest in, be intimate with, us...so why are we still making him reschedule his return?

Author, poet, and Roman Catholic nun Macrina Wiederkehr has suggested that "Perhaps we don't spend enough time dwelling in God to fall in love with God." Perhaps we don't spend enough time dwelling in God, don't spend enough time being with God, to fall in love with God.

From out of a bush that burned but wasn't consumed, a God-planned attraction in the wilderness that enticed Moses to turn aside and come take a look, from out of this living heat and light, God spoke: "I have observed the misery of my people; I have heard their cry; I know their sufferings; and I have come down to deliver them." I am intimately involved with my people, says God; I know their deepest hopes; and I have entered history to bring them to wholeness and new life.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God...and the Word became flesh and lived among us...God fell in love with us, came to dwell with us a long, long time ago...and I wonder how much time we need to spend with God before we fall in love with God in return.

Our time is limited; how much will be left when we finally take that leap of faith and start to trust God with who we are? How long will it take us to understand that in this year of grace our focus needs to be on God, and on the quality of our relationship with God?

"Come, I will send you," I AM said to Moses; "Come, follow me," Jesus says to each one of us. Follow me; spend time with me; come, get to know me better.

Thinking of his childhood in Greece, author Nikos Kazantzakis wrote, "I remember frequently sitting on the doorstep of our home when the sun was blazing, the air on fire, grapes being trodden in a large house in the neighborhood, the world fragrant with must. Shutting my eyes contentedly, I used to hold out my palms and wait. Iways



God always came – as long as I remained a child, He never deceived me – He always came, a child just like myself, and deposited his toys in my hands: sun, moon, wind. ‘They’re gifts,’ He said, ‘they’re gifts. Play with them. I have lots more.’ I would open my eyes. God would vanish, but His toys would remain in my hands.”

The toys of God, the gifts of God, the blessings of God, the presence of God, are all around us. They’re up here with me in the pulpit, and with you in the congregation. They’re shining, glooming, blowing through the windows, and coming in from Sunday School. They’re messages on the phone, letters in the mailbox, obligations at the office, and opportunities for mission and for ministry every day. The gifts of God are for the people of God...every single day of our lives.

We have a year to live, a year to fall in love with God; a year to turn back and prepare for life in the midst of death.

Back in 1985, at the age of 35, a woman named Amy Harwell was diagnosed with cancer and given a 0% chance of surviving five years. After extensive surgery, radiation, and chemo, her primary tumor disappeared, but then reappeared in one of her lungs in 1987.

More treatments and surgery, serious involvement in a leg, and then in 1995, ten years after her original diagnosis, Amy wrote, “With cancer in my recent past and likely to reappear in the near future, I had planned accordingly. I had been so ready to die. It was as if I had picked a destination, packed my bags, hurried down the terminal corridor, looked up at the departure monitor, and saw flashing ‘Trip Delayed.’ Now what do I do? Stay put and wait? Go home and come back again? Rebook another route?...But I couldn’t stay in the terminal forever. Nor could I idle away. I needed to renew my commitment to life.” (online, and her book In the Midst of Death)

In the midst of death, Amy needed to renew her commitment to life. We have a year to live...and we also need to renew our commitment to life, to life in God’s kingdom. We need to dwell with God, to spend time with God, to abide in God, so that we can fall in love with God as God has already fallen in love with us.

Repent, come back; for the kingdom of God is at hand and even now the ax is lying at the root of the tree. If in this year of life we turn again and bear fruit in mission and ministry, in baptism and grace; if we turn again and fall in love with God, confident that our deepest hopes are not leaving our lips unheeded; if we take that leap of faith that is repentance, then this last year will be the first year of the best years of our lives. Amen.

Jeanne +

BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will be meeting on **Saturday April 13th**. This month's featured book is Vinegar Girl: William Shakespeare's The Taming of the Shrew Retold: A Novel (Hogarth Shakespeare) by Anne Tyler. The club meets in the Parish Library from 9:30am - 11:00am. Come join everyone for a truly enjoyable morning, and some lively literary discussions. A synopsis follows:

Pulitzer Prize winner and American master Anne Tyler brings us an inspired, witty and irresistible contemporary take on one of Shakespeare's most beloved comedies.

Kate Battista feels stuck. How did she end up running house and home for her eccentric scientist father and uppity, pretty younger sister Bunny? Plus, she's always in trouble at work – her pre-school charges adore her, but their parents don't always appreciate her unusual opinions and forthright manner.

Dr. Battista has other problems. After years out in the academic wilderness, he is on the verge of a breakthrough. His research could help millions. There's only one problem: his brilliant young lab assistant, Pyotr, is about to be deported. And without Pyotr, all would be lost.

When Dr. Battista cooks up an outrageous plan that will enable Pyotr to stay in the country, he's relying – as usual – on Kate to help him. Kate is furious: this time he's really asking too much. But will she be able to resist the two men's touchingly ludicrous campaign to bring her around?

04/03	Margaret Knight	04/23	Benjamin Candela
04/09	Alan Cawi	04/24	Mike Elwood
04/16	Sal LoCicero	04/27	Stalky Lehman
04/19	Brenda Hoffman	04/29	Kristen Patterson
	Ann Walker	04/30	Barbara Mickelson
04/22	Keil Maberry		

S.A.S. PROGRAMS

April, 2019

Tuesday, April 2 – 11 AM Two Crime Prevention Specialists from the Orange Police Department, Brad Beyer and Erik Mendoza, will visit SAS to present a program on Vehicle Security. Their presentation will be followed by a POTLUCK LUNCH.

Tuesday, April 16 – 11:30 AM COOKS' DAY OFF will find SAS members enjoying lunch at the Katella Grill, 1325 W Katella, Orange. Members may go directly to the restaurant, or those wishing to carpool should meet at Trinity at 11:15 AM.



04/02	John and Susan McCulloch
04/07	Bill and Connie Snyder
04/24	Luis and Margaret Knight

APRIL OUTREACH CALENDAR

04/01	Outreach Meeting—6:30pm Library
04/07	Ingathering Sunday—Toiletries
04/22	Parish Dine Out—Tulsa Rib
04/29	Southwest Community Center

OUTREACH NEWS

ST. PAUL'S SUPPER PROGRAM

Sunday May 5th Trinity will once again host "Sunday Suppers" at St. Paul's, Tustin. Please join in this rewarding ministry by either meeting at St. Paul's church at 4:00pm to help prepare, serve, and clean-up, or by donating items so that care packages can be sent with our attendees to assist them through their week.

Sign-up sheets will be on the easel in the back, as well as a bin under the long table to bring your donated items. A list of items needed is available on the back table, and in the article below.

If you have any questions, please contact Connie Donaldson (714)832-0393 or Rocky Covill (714) 809-3726

Book Sale
1 Bag for \$1.00

"BUCK A BAG SALE" –For those of you who will not be able to attend the Book and Bake Sale on Sunday March 31st, don't forget to travel to the Youth Center after each service on Sunday April 7th. Stop by and see what wonderful offerings are still available. All proceeds go toward helping those in need in our community.

Trinity Easter Services are enhanced by the lovely music of the choir, musicians, and beautiful flowers. As the request cards become available, please take a moment to fill one out and place it in the offering plate, or return to the church office. Thank you for your gift.

Carol Reynolds, Altar Guild Directress

David Ripley, Music Director



For this month's Parish Dine Out we will be going to Tulsa Rib Company, here in Orange. The Tulsa Rib Company has been one of Orange County's favorites since 1981. If you enjoy good old down home barbecue, you will love Tulsa Rib. Come join us on **MONDAY APRIL 22ND** from 5pm-9pm, and help Outreach meet their 2019 goals. They are located at 220 E Katella Ave. Don't forget the flyer in your Sunday Bulletins. **PLEASE NOTE DAY CHANGE.**

SUNDAY SUPPER SUPPLIES MAY 05, 2019

2-50oz. cans of cream of chicken soup

6 large bottles of soda

6 large 6lb.12 oz. cans of chili with meat & beans

2 large boxes of individual potato chips (50 each)

For Guests to Take Home

Peanut Butter - Jam - Soups - Spaghetti Sauce - Crackers - Instant Oatmeal

Juice Boxes - Fruit Cups - Tuna - Instant Potatoes - Canned Vegetables - Cereal

Tooth Brushes - Tooth Paste - Bars of Soap - Sm. Hand Sanitizers -

Personal Size Shampoo/Conditioner.

Most Important 2 Hours of Your Time
Sign-up Board in Back of Church

All Items May Be Purchased at
Smart/Final or Costco

Thank You Connie & Rocky



Messy Church is coming again!

Our outdoor very informal worship service and BBQ are just around the corner! Plan on joining us on Saturdays June 08, July 13, August 10 and September 14.

WORSHIP AND GIVING SATURDAY AND SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

03/03	152	\$ 7,151
03/10	120	\$ 6,421
03/17	147	\$ 5,344
03/24	149	\$ 4,272



Kitchen Guild

The Kitchen Guild is a group of parishioners who share fellowship (and food!) in the kitchen. We assist in preparing and serving food at church events such as the Annual meeting, Lenten presentations, special events in the lives of church members, and other events. We work together to create a welcoming and nourishing atmosphere for members and newcomers alike. We are always happy to receive new volunteers.



Trinity Players

Trinity Players, officially known as the Theatrical Fellowship Commission, offers an opportunity for parish members to become involved in presenting two evenings of musical comedy, staged in the Sanctuary. We recently presented Give my Regards to the Parallel Universe, the completion of a trilogy of shows, to great laughter. We present an original show once a year, normally in the spring. Opportunities for participation include on-stage, backstage, and off-stage. The Friends of the Trinity Players offers support opportunities for pre-show activities, such as Friday dessert and drinks, and Saturday dinner. Please come join us as we prepare for the 2020 show!

Youth News

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Youth Group News

Sunday afternoons from 4 to 6 pm continue to be a fun time to hang out, play games, eat snacks and build friendships. All middle school and high school students are invited to join us. Here are the dates for April:

Sunday April 7 and 28 will be our regular meetings.

Sunday April 14 is Palm Sunday and all youth are needed for the "Passion Play" reading that morning and Sunday April 21 is Easter Sunday – no Youth Group on either day.

Our April Highlighted Ministries!



Welcome Commission

Welcoming newcomers is an important part of church ministry and growth. The first few minutes visitors spend in our church truly make the decision as to whether they will return for a second glimpse of our parish. Members of this commission volunteer to greet newcomers one month a year. Training and encouragement are provided and we welcome new members.



AV Crew

The AV Crew is an informal group of parishioners who are interested in providing audio and visual support for various activities during the church year. Activities include Messy Church, Lenten Suppers, the Annual Meeting, the Trinity Players show, and special events. You will be trained on setting up and using microphones, amplifiers, and video projectors. You will have control over what people see and hear! If interested, contact John Jewett to arrange training.

Trinity Players 2019!



