



TRINITY TALK

December 2019

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**Christmas
Worship
Schedule**

| CHRISTMAS EVE | |
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| 4:00PM | FAMILY SERVICE WITH CHILDREN'S PAGEANT AND HOLY EUCHARIST |
| 8:00PM | CANDLELIGHT SERVICE WITH MUSIC AND STRINGS "Gift of Music" 7:30 PM |
| 11:00PM | CANDLELIGHT SERVICE WITH TRINITY CHOIR, HANDBELLS, AND STRINGS "Gift of Music" 10:30 PM |
| CHRISTMAS DAY | |
| 10:00AM | HOLY EUCHARIST WITH CHRISTMAS CAROLS |
| SUNDAY DECEMBER 29, 2019 | |
| 8:00AM | HOLY EUCHARIST—RITE I |
| 10:00AM | SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS |



BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE The holidays can be challenging, exhausting, and just plain sad for folks who are dealing with the pain of loss. To honor our loss, on **Wednesday, Dec. 18th** we will gather in the church at 7 p.m. for a service of Scripture, prayer, and reflection, accompanied by music and a very special lighting of the Advent wreath. If this time of year is almost more than you can bear, please plan on joining us.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS AND MUSIC

Trinity Christmas Services are enhanced by the lovely music of the choir, musicians, and beautiful flowers and greens. 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 Director

David Ripley, Music Director



Trinity Advent Event...all ages! Sunday December 8th 4-7pm

On Sunday December 8 from 4 to 7pm, everyone is invited to join in the fun of making a "Graham Cracker Crèche". We will provide all the materials for each family to make a graham cracker Nativity Scene.

This year we are asking everyone to contribute something for the dinner. Please get creative and bring a simple but favorite dish for our festive meal. We will trust that like all church **potlucks** that there will be enough variety and quantity for all!

Various beverages will be provided. Hope you all can join in the fun!

From our Rector

.....*The Very Rev. Jeannie Martz*

In this space last December, I featured excerpts from an Advent meditation written by Roman Catholic priest Robert Barron called "What Are You Waiting For?". In that article, I incorporated some of Fr. Barron's suggestions on how to "holy up" everyday waiting to give it an Advent spin. This year I'd like to focus on his thoughts about waiting itself.

A self-described hater of waiting, Fr. Barron writes, "So when I'm told that waiting seems to belong to the heart of the spiritual life, I'm not pleased, for here, too, I want answers, direction, clarity – and I want them pronto. I desire to feel happy and to know what God is up to; I need my life to make sense – now. I'm pleased to live a spiritual life, but I want to be in charge of it and to make it unfold according to my schedule: Run Barron Run. All of this is profoundly antipathetic to the mood and the spirit of Advent.

"So what sense can we make of the countercultural and counterintuitive spirituality of vigilance? The first thing we have to realize is that we and God are, quite simply, on different time tables. The second letter of Peter states this truth with admirable directness: "To you, O Lord, a thousand years are like a day" (2 Peter 3:8).

"To the God who stands outside of space and time and who orders the whole of creation, our hours, days, years, eons have a radically different meaning. What is a long time to us is an instant for God, and hence what seems like delay to us is no delay at all to God. What seems like dumb and pointless waiting to us can be the way that God, in a unique and finally mysterious manner, is working God's purposes out.

"Theologian Richard Rohr summed up the spiritual life in the phrase 'your life is not about you,' and this insight is particularly important in terms of the present question. 'Why isn't God acting how I want and when I want?' Perhaps because your life is part of a complex whole, the fullness of which only God can properly grasp and fittingly order.

"But we can make things even more specific. Is it possible that we are made to wait because the track we are on is not the one God wants for us? Author G.K. Chesterton said that if you are on the wrong road, the very worst thing you can do is to move quickly. And there is that old joke about the pilot who comes on the intercom and says, 'I have good news and bad news, folks: The bad news is that we're totally lost; the good news is that we're making excellent time!'"

[Sorry, Fr. Barron – it was actually Yogi Berra who said that about being lost, but making good time. Oops.]

Back to Fr. Barron: "Maybe we're forced to wait because God wants us seriously to reconsider the course we've charted, to stop hurtling down a dangerous road.

"Or perhaps we are made to wait because we are not yet adequately prepared to receive what God wants to give us. In his remarkable letter to Proba, Saint Augustine argued that the purpose of unanswered prayer is to force expansion of the heart. When we don't get what we want, we begin to want it more and more, with ever greater insistency, until our souls are on fire

with the desire for it. Sometimes it is only a sufficiently expanded and enflamed heart that can take in what God intends to give.

"What would happen to us if we received, immediately and on our own terms, everything we wanted? We might be satisfied in a superficial way, but we wouldn't begin to appreciate the preciousness of the gifts. After all, the Israelites had to wait thousands of years before they were ready to receive God's greatest gift.

"Even if we are on the right track and even if we desire with sufficient intensity what God wants to give, we still might not be ready to integrate a particular grace into our lives or to handle the implications of it. Joseph the dreamer clearly wanted to be a great man, but if he had been given political power and authority when he was an arrogant kid, the results would have been disastrous both for himself and for those under his control. His many years of suffering – his terrible wait – made him a ruler with both wisdom and deep compassion. And so, when his brothers did indeed finally bow down to him as he foresaw in his dream, he was able to react not in vengeance, but in love: 'I am Joseph, your brother.'"

Goodness and Light: Readings for Advent and Christmas, pp. 10-13

The season of Advent is upon us. How does the waiting that lies ahead sound to you?



Please Join Us for the **Eighteenth** Annual Ornament Exchange on **Monday December 9th** in the Parish Hall.

This year we are going to change it up a little bit. We will not be charging for the Ornament exchange this year. On Monday December 9th the exchange will begin at 6pm, with heavy potluck appetizers, drinks, and dessert. As always, please bring a wrapped ornament valued at \$10.00, and an optional unwrapped toy for the Friendly Center Toy drive. Please sign up at the back of the church if you plan on attending, and indicate what you will be bringing to share.

Hope you can join us!

S.A.S. PROGRAMS
December, 2019

Tuesday, December 03—11:30 AM SAS will enjoy its traditional Christmas lunch at the Olive Garden located on Tustin St. Please go directly to the restaurant, or those who wish to carpool may meet at Trinity at 11:15am. Please note the change in time. (This will be the only meeting in December.)

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND
A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!



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| 12/01 | Patty Carlton | 12/23 | Jim Little |
| 12/07 | Roy Wojahn | | Tobechi Elendu |
| 12/08 | Barbara Jensen | 12/24 | Pete Weidner |
| 12/10 | Charlie Wood | 12/25 | Priscilla Selman |
| 12/12 | Doug Omer | | Arianna Jaime |
| 12/15 | Robert Bilodeau | 12/28 | Salina Amaro |
| | Ian Hicks | 12/30 | Chris Candela |
| 12/18 | Betty Johnson | 12/31 | Jeannie Martz+ |
| 12/19 | John McCulloch | | Victoria Knight |
| 12/21 | Micki Ireland | | |



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| 12/11 | Martin Miguel and Cheryl Sosa |
| 12/18 | Bill and Lynda Miller |
| 12/18 | Robert and Amy Morales |
| 12/21 | Jim and Betsy Little |
| 12/28 | Fred and Anne Warburton |

BOOK STUDY

The Book Club is taking December off for the holidays, but will resume **Saturday January 11th**. The group will have a discussion on the book The Lost Girls of Paris by Pam Jenoff. They meet in the library from 9:30am - 11:00am. Come join them for a truly enjoyable morning, and some lively literary discussions. *A short synopsis follows:*

1946, Manhattan

One morning while passing through Grand Central Terminal on her way to work, Grace Healey finds an abandoned suitcase tucked beneath a bench. Unable to resist her own curiosity, Grace opens the suitcase, where she discovers a dozen photographs—each of a different woman. In a moment of impulse, Grace takes the photographs and quickly leaves the station.

Grace soon learns that the suitcase belonged to a woman named Eleanor Trigg, leader of a network of female secret agents who were deployed out of London during the war. Twelve of these women were sent to Occupied Europe as couriers and radio operators to aid the resistance, but they never returned home, their fates a mystery. Setting out to learn the truth behind the women in the photographs, Grace finds herself drawn to a young mother turned agent named Marie, whose daring mission overseas reveals a remarkable story of friendship, valor and betrayal.

Vividly rendered and inspired by true events, *New York Times* bestselling author Pam Jenoff shines a light on the incredible heroics of the brave women of the war and weaves a mesmerizing tale of courage, sisterhood and the great strength of women to survive in the hardest of circumstances.

DECEMBER OUTREACH CALENDAR

12/01 Ingathering Sunday—Canned meat, rice and beans



FEED THE HUNGRY

ST. PAUL'S SUPPER PROGRAM

Sunday January 5th it is once again Trinity's privilege to prepare supper for our friends in need. We need volunteer slots filled. The sign up sheet is on the easel in the back along with a description of the help that we need and the time each task takes. A list of the supplies that are needed is located on the back table. Help make this rewarding program a success! Thank you.



Over \$2,800 was raised at the Holiday Boutique in support of Outreach's (your) charitable donations. Thanks so much to everyone who helped set up, decorate, prepare lunch, bake, clean-up, etc. and a very special thank you to the Property Commission. We could not have hosted this event without all your help.

Pat Higgins

Buddy Walk Wrap Up

Another beautiful day at the DSAOC Buddy Walk. Rebecca's Rebels raised \$7,000 and received the "Tres Herald" award for the most Corporate sponsors for the 5th year in a row. We have won this award since its inception thanks in part to the donation of Trinity Episcopal Church - Outreach. Thank you so much to all of your support for Becca. Our Trinity family is the best. Rebecca's Rebels Rock!

Thanks, The Mattsons



OUTREACH

SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR SUNDAY SUPPER January 05, 2020

- 7 Cans (6.25 oz. of white albacore tuna in water.)
- Extra large bottle of mayonnaise
- 10 large bottles of soda
- 8 large bottles of juice
- 3 boxes of personal chips (50 per box)
- 3 boxes of Famous Amos cookies (42 to a box)
- Large bottle of salad dressing

FOR GUESTS TO TAKE HOME

Peanut Butter - Jam - Soups - Spaghetti Sauce - Canned Vegetables-Tuna -Crackers - Instant Oatmeal - Cereal-Juice Boxes - Fruit Cups - Instant Potatoes -Tooth Brushes - Toothpaste - Bars of Soap - Sm. Hand Sanitizers - Personal size Shampoo/Conditioner

MOST IMPORTANT : 2 HOURS OF YOUR TIME - SIGN-UP BOARD IS IN BACK OF CHURCH-

ALL ITEMS MAY BE PURCHASED AT SMART/FINAL OR COSTCO

THANK YOU CONNIE & ROCKY





HOLIDAY HOURS

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| December 24 | Closed |
| December 25 | Closed |
| December 26 | 8:30am -12:30pm |
| December 27 | 8:30am-12:30pm |
| December 30 | 8:30am-12:30pm |
| December 31 | 8:30am-12:30pm |
| January 1 | Closed |



Our Annual Progressive Dinner will be on Sunday 12/15! We meet at the youth center at 5pm then drive to different homes for food. Afterwards we exchange silly gifts – \$10 to \$15 per gift please. This is a really fun event and friends that have been to youth group are also invited.

Parents – please let me know if you can either host or drive. Thank you! Please RSVP to Annie at: 949-300-8434.

Youth News

Youth Group Meetings in December are on Sundays from 4 to 6 pm on the following dates:

December 1 – regular meeting

December 8 – Advent Event from 4 to 7 – please attend with your family and make a graham cracker nativity!

December 15 – meet at the youth center at 5pm for our annual progressive dinner. We end by 8pm.

No youth group on December 22 or 29..... we start up again on Sunday January 5.

WORSHIP AND GIVING SATURDAY AND SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

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| 11/03 | 195 | \$ 11,396 |
| 11/10 | 155 | \$ 9,575 |
| 11/17 | 163 | \$ 6,118 |
| 11/24 | 147 | \$ 3,582 |



Stewardship Update

“Lift Up Your Heart”... to God in gratitude!

We began our Stewardship program pledging, without any limits and with great creativity, all that we could to God. These inspirational notes were burned after church that Sunday, symbolizing our intentions as prayers rising to God. The last month we’ve been encouraged to generously express our gratitude to God by promising our time, energy, talents and money. As both Bruce and Susie White, and Gene and Mary Robinson expressed - we can offer ourselves and our entire lives back to God because all comes from God. And Trinity is so important, Trinity is family.

Thank you so much for prayerfully considering the amount of money you will pledge to support the mission and ministry of our church in 2020. If you haven’t done so, please turn in your pledge card as soon as possible so we can create our annual budget. Pledge cards are on the back table in church.

May 2020 be full of all that is in your hearts!



DON'T MISS OUR TRADITIONAL CHILDREN'S PAGEANT.

The pageant will take place at our 4pm service on Christmas Eve. All children are welcome to participate in this festive occasion. Please plan on joining us.



CHRISTMAS PURCHASES

If you make any Amazon purchases through the icon on the Trinity Website, the church receives 4% of your purchase. If seven items are purchased in a month the donation increases to 7%. But you must access Amazon through the church website: www.trinityorange.org. (On the home page, scroll to the bottom and click on the Amazon logo)

Fall Events-In and Around Trinity



