

CHURCH OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY



SCHEDULE OF MASSES: SATURDAY VIGIL: 5:30 PM SUNDAY: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, and 5:30 PM, SPANISH: 12:00 noon & 7:00 PM MON-FRI: 8:00 AM

BAPTISMS: Please make arrangements at least three months in advance with the Ministry Staff. Pre-baptismal Seminar is required for parents and sponsors.

CONFESSIONS: Saturdays 4:00 to 5:00 PM or by appointment

MARRIAGES: A nine-month notice is asked of the couple. Please make an appointment with the Ministry Staff. Active parish participation is encouraged.

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SATURDAY-8:00am-12:00pm
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PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & GROUPS

Pastoral Council	TBA	6:30PM
Mesa Pastoral	3rd Sunday	1:30 PM
Liturgy Committee	As Announced	3:15 PM
Guadalupana Assoc.	1st Sunday	1:30 PM
Spanish Prayer	Thursday	9:00 AM
Youth Group	Monday	6:30 PM
Spanish Choir	Saturday	4:00 PM
Prayers & Squares	1st & 3rd Saturday	9:00AM
K of C	2nd Thursday	7:00 PM
Senior Lunch	3rd Thursday	12:00 PM
YMI	1st Tuesday	7:00 PM
YLI	TBA	TBA

First Sunday of Advent

December 2, 2012

Welcome

Bienvenidos ترحيب

Holy Trinity Catholic Church of El Cajon is a faith-based community. Every week we gather as the people of God to worship God and to be renewed in faith, hope, and love. As individuals, we come from a diversity of cultures, ages, family units, and ways of life; yet here all of us are united as one through our celebration of the Eucharist. Through the Eucharist we are strengthened in our communion with Jesus and with all who share our faith. After sharing in communion, we are sent forth to be Christ's Body for each other and for the world.

Our church is open to all people. Here anyone with a sincere heart can have a saving encounter with Christ because we believe He is present when we gather in his name. He is present in God's Word which we proclaim, in the Sacraments, in our priests, and in each one of us. Those who are properly initiated can share in (receive) Holy Communion and exercise their gifts during the Eucharist and in our larger parish life. Anyone who is not yet Catholic can go through our initiation program (RCIA); when ready they can become members of our world-wide Catholic Church.

We hope you will feel at home here as part of our family of faith. If you attend here regularly, we encourage you to be registered as a member of our parish. You can begin the process using the blue welcome envelopes in the pews or by coming to the Parish Office (Ministry Center).

If you have any questions about our faith or about our parish life, do not hesitate to ask one of our parish staff: by coming to the office, calling, or e-mailing. Our phone numbers and e-mails are located here in the bulletin. God bless you in your journey of faith.

**From the Desk of Fr. Brian Hayes, Pastor
December 2, 2012
First Sunday of Advent**

Today is the First Sunday of Advent. The Second Reading encourages us to “increase and abound in love for one another and for all,” and to “conduct ourselves to please God” even more than we are already doing. Then in the Gospel we are reminded of the realities of the world we live in: not everyone is conducting themselves in a loving manner nor in a way that is pleasing to God. That’s why we must “remain vigilant at all times”.



YEAR OF FAITH 2012-2013

So, while focusing on the positive things, like love for God and one another, we must be aware of the traps of the world, including the increasing secularization of Christmas, or as it is called now, “the Holiday Season.” May our celebration of the season really help us, and others, to be ready to celebrate the birth of the Savior with great joy and hope...and to be ready for his final coming.

Parish Penance Service

Our next Advent parish event will be our Parish Reconciliation Service, on **Tuesday December 4**, at 7:00 PM. We will have a number of priests available for confessions. Make your Advent season a more holy and enriching preparation for Christmas by joining us for this spiritual renewal of our hearts and souls!

Liturgy Calendar:

Saturday December 8 is the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception** of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation. The Mass will be at 9:00 AM.

December 12 is the Feast day of **Our Lady of Guadalupe**, a very important day for our Hispanic Community. We will have Las Manañitas (morning songs) at 6:00 AM and the Mass (in Spanish) at 7:00 PM. (As well as the usual 8:00 AM Mass in English).

Special Celebrations:

- **Funeral Mass for May Webb** was celebrated on November 27.

- **Memorial Mass for Helen Louis Kocher** will be on Monday, December 17 at 10:00 AM. Our condolences to their families.

‘Tis the Season

With the season of Advent comes Christmas, a time when many people give special gifts to their loved ones and to their favorite charities. We appreciate and thank all of you who give financially to support our parish ministry all year long. At the same time we want to welcome any of you who would like to make a special end-of-the-year gift, whether in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving for blessings received, or for some designated purpose, such as our church bathroom/entranceway remodel. We also encourage you to remember Holy Trinity in your will. We are currently benefitting from one man who left his house to Holy Trinity in his will several years ago. Our parish truly depends on these special gifts to help balance our budget. Please contact Fr. Brian or Judy Picone if you have any questions about any of these one-time-gift plans.

Church Bathroom/Entranceway Remodel

We are moving ahead with plans to remodel the bathrooms and gathering area of the church. We are waiting for the architect to finish the detailed plans. Thanks to the Mesa Pastoral (the Spanish Parish Council), for their donation of \$3,000 towards the remodel project! We also received \$2,700 from the Facilities Fund donations this month (not counting what will come in from EFT donations).

The estimated cost (including the architect and permit fees):	\$200,000
Current Facilities Funds:	\$ 53,500
Mesa Pastoral:	\$ 3,000
Donations this month:	\$ 2,700
<u>Caster Foundation Grant:</u>	<u>\$ 50,000</u>
Amount still needed:	\$ 90,800

Your donations to the facilities fund support this project. Thanks to all those who are making donations to this project. Remember, you can donate at any time by going online: www.holytrinityelcajon.org.

Simbang Gabi" Mass at Holy Trinity

The now-forming Filipino Community of Holy Trinity, under the direction of Fr. Nelson, invites you to their traditional *Simbang Gabi* Mass on Saturday,

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Adult Faith Ministry



Jesus-n-Java

Wednesdays
9:00 A.M.

Conference Room

Bible Study- Advent Season Program, Wednesday, December 5th, 7:00pm to 8:30pm, Hall Conference Room

This Advent, consider returning to the ancient practice of seeing the whole Christmas "season"—both Advent and Christmas— as one unit of joyous celebration. Preparation comes first, then celebration extending a few weeks after Christmas Day.

Prayers Quilts- Saturday, December 8th 10:00 a.m.—1:00pm, Conference Room

R.C.I.A.- Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults 11:00AM, Today, Hall, Room 4

For more information please contact the office of Adult Faith Formation at 619-749-5516.

Religious Education



1-6

Parents Meeting, Dec. 5th
5:30pm-7:00pm

For more information call Carol Ballard: (619) 444-9402.

Youth Ministry

Middle School
Parents mtg., Dec. 5th
5:30pm-7:00pm
Parish Hall

Youth Group
Monday, Dec. 3rd
6:30pm
Youth Room

High School
Tonight
7:00pm-9:00pm
Parish Hall

MASS INTENTIONS

DEC 1	SAT	5:30pm	✠	Lois Holland
First Sunday of Advent				
DEC 2	SUN	8:00am	✠	Edilberto Peralta Sr.
		10:00am		For All Parishioners
		12:00pm	✠	Roman & Flora Gallegos
		5:30pm	✠	Harold & Catherine Leoncine
		7:00pm	✠	Laurita Garcia
DEC 3	MON	8:00am	✠	Fran Quinten
DEC 4	TUES	8:00am	✠	Lois Holland
DEC 5	WED	8:00am	✠	Lois Holland
DEC 6	THURS	9:00am		Intention for Don & Barb Halte
DEC 7	FRI	8:00am		Intention for All our Troops
DEC 8	SAT	9:00am		Intention for the Dillinger Fam.
		5:30pm	✠	Rick Ford

Collection Report for Sunday November 25, 2012

Plate: \$ 3,141.00
 Envelopes: \$ 6,351.00
 EFT (estimated): \$ 715.00
 Total collection: \$10,207.00
 Budgeted amount : \$10,500.00.
 Total Collection for Nov. 18: \$8,894.00

Thank you for your generosity.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading -- The days are coming when the LORD will fulfill the promise made to Israel and Judah (Jeremiah 33:14-16).

Psalm -- To you, O Lord, I lift my soul (Psalm 25).

Second Reading -- Abound in love for one another and for all (1 Thessalonians 3:12 -- 4:2).

Gospel -- Stand erect and raise your heads; your redemption is at hand (Luke 21:25-28, 34-36).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Sunday: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

Wings- Women in God's Service

Evening of Reflection
 Tuesday, December 11 at 7 p.m., Hall Room 5

Seniors' Luncheon

Thursday, December 20
 at 12:00 PM
 Parish Hall

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL CORNER...

Hawk Happenings!

Celebrating over 60 Years of Catholic Education!

We are so blessed!

This Christmas season our Holy Trinity School students and their families will be reaching out to assist our fellow neighbors in need by supporting the Holy Trinity Parish

Food Bank. If you would like to help by making a donation, please drop any of the following items by the school office: Canned meat, stuffing, gravy, sweet potatoes, mashed potatoes, corn, green beans, mushroom soup, fried onion rings, cake/brownie mix with frosting, cranberries.

As always, we thank you for your generosity and continued support!

Holy Trinity School...Be Inspired!
 Francie Wright, Principal

First Sunday of Advent

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December 22 at 7:00 PM. After the Mass will be a reception with food in the hall.

The "Simbang Gabi" is an ancient but little known way of preparing for the coming of the Child Jesus. It is a long treasured Philippine tradition, originally a novena of "dawn Masses" honoring the Blessed Mother. It is one of the most important religious celebrations in the Philippines, a tradition that has lasted over 600 years.

Its liturgical significance emanates from the Season of Advent being the time of spiritual preparation and purification to worthily welcome and receive the Child Jesus in our midst. Join us for the

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Join us for Christ's-Mass! Christmas Schedule 2012

Monday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

6:00 pm Children's Mass

8:00 pm Family Mass

10:00 pm Christmas Night Mass; Choir
begins singing Carols at 9:30 PM

Tuesday, December 25 - Christmas Day:

Masses: 9:00am English

12:00pm Spanish/Español

Holy Trinity Hispanic Choir Raffle!!!!

1st prize: Apple iPad 16GB

2nd prize: LCD Flat screen TV 24"

3rd prize: \$100.00 gas card

All proceeds will go to the Holy Trinity sound system fund.

Thank you for your support. Tickets available after Mass.

Parish Reconciliation Tuesday, Dec. 4



7:00pm

Many visiting Priests will be here.

A Great way to Prepare for Christmas

St. John of the Cross	Dec 05	7:00 PM
Santa Sophia	Dec 11	7:00 PM
St. Pius X	Dec 16	7:00 PM
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	Dec 17	9:00 AM & 7:00 PM
St. Martin of Tours	Dec 17	6:00 PM
St. Luke	Dec 18	7:00 PM
Guardian Angels	Dec 18	7:00 PM

Mass and reception on Saturday December 22, at 7:00 PM.

Retirement Fund for Religious Collection is next weekend. There are more than 34,000 religious past the age of 70 in the United States. Its time to give back to those who gave a lifetime to serve God and the church, and are now in need of our help in their old age. Special Envelopes will be provided.

Attention Catholic Singles
Interested in joining an excellent Catholic singles organization? The Catholic Alumni Club International is looking to expand into the San Diego diocese. We provide a group dedicated to social, cultural, civic and spiritual relationships in a Catholic setting. For more information, please check out the following site or contact Steve at valksr@yahoo.com: www.caci.org



Coffee & Donuts Today

After morning Masses
Sponsored by the YMI

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH
RUMMAGE SALE
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15TH 2012
WHEN? 7:00 AM - 1:00 PM
All proceeds will benefit the Young Adults fundraising for World Youth Day Brazil 2013.
Thank you for your support!
Bring in gently used items to the Ministry Office M-F from 8:30am-5:00 pm.

Dear Parishioners, **Outreach Ministry**

The Food Bank would like to thank the many folks who have donated recently to our program. Seems each week I come in and there are more donations from school children, parishioners, community groups and even trick-or-treaters. Often I don't even know who sent in the food. All I know is that I am extremely thankful and promise to put it all to good use.

God Bless,

Cyndi Craig/Outreach Coordinator