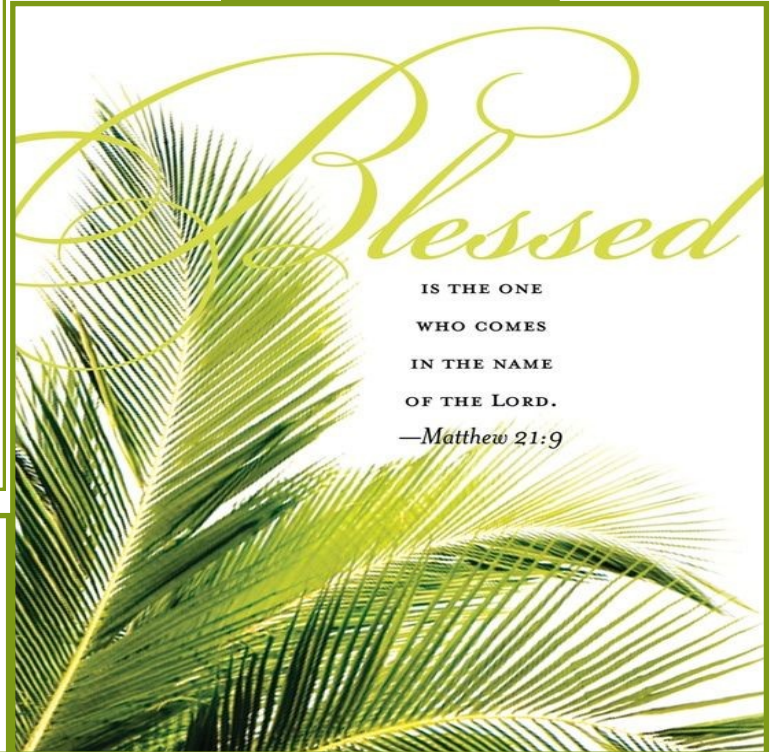


HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

March 24, 2024

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As we journey into Holy Week, we are preparing our hearts to enter into the time of Jesus' passion, death, and resurrection. It was on Palm Sunday that Jesus entered into carrying his cross to Calvary, and so he was preparing his heart for what was to come...



GOOD FRIDAY—OUTDOOR WAY OF THE CROSS:

You are invited to gather at **10:00am** in Central Park, Spruce Grove (next to the curling rink) on Good Friday, and participate in the Outdoor Way of the Cross. All are welcome!

Easter Triduum



HOLY THURSDAY—March 28: *(Incense will be used)*

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00pm.

Please bring bells to ring at the Gloria.

You are invited to visit the Blessed Sacrament until midnight.

GOOD FRIDAY—March 29: *(A day of fast and abstinence)*

Confessions from 9:00—11:30am.

Celebration of the Lord's Passion:

Services at 12:00 noon and 3:00pm.

HOLY SATURDAY—March 30: *(NO 5:00pm Saturday Mass)*

Blessing of Easter food baskets will take place from 12:30—1:00pm.

EASTER VIGIL: 9:00pm *(Incense will be used).* Please bring bells to ring at the Gloria.

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES at HOLY TRINITY—March 31:

Mass at 9:00 and 11:00am *(Incense will be used at the 11:00am Mass only).* Please bring bells to ring at the Gloria.

(NO Children's Liturgy or 6:00pm Mass on Easter Sunday)



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:

For more information please contact Sister Susan at 780-968-5543 or email her at: holytrinitycwl.president@gmail.com



Next meeting will be on **WEDNESDAY March 27th at 7:00 upstairs**. Try to remember to BYOM. Bring your ideas for the best way for us to do our book presentation in the schools. Voting will take place on the proposed change of day for our regular meetings – and SO much more!

Please note the mass for Friday, April 26th (The Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel) will be at **9:30 in the morning**.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS—HOLY TRINITY COUNCIL:

For more information contact Brad Medernach at 780-984-1728. Membership kofc.org/JoinUs

CALLED TO PROTECT:

Called to Protect online session takes place on Saturday, **March 23 from 9:30am to noon**. Registration link : <https://forms.gle/E3pKajsGt8PZGPKQ9>

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA:



A friendly reminder to anyone who may wish to receive a plenary indulgence on Divine Mercy Sunday. The Nine Day Novena starts on Good Friday. In order to gain this indulgence one must be in the state of grace (make a confession); and, receive Holy Communion at daily Mass.

During Holy Week, we prayerfully remember the events of Jesus' passion and death. As we meditate on the cross, we ask again and anew what it means to make the statement of faith that Jesus, in his obedient suffering and dying, revealed himself to us as God's Son. What does Jesus' passion and death mean to you?

2024 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS :

This is the **last weekend** for you to pick up your tax receipts, which are located in the alcove next to the parish hall doors.
Thank you for your continued support of your parish home.



SYNOD PART I : THE FACE OF THE SYNODAL CHURCH

4. People in Poverty, Protagonists of the Church's Journey:

e) Standing with those who are poor requires engaging with them in caring for our common home: the cry of the earth and the cry of those living in poverty are the same cry. The lack of responses to this cry makes the ecological crisis, and climate change in particular, a threat to the survival of humanity. The Apostolic Exhortation *Laudate Deum*, published by Pope Francis to coincide with the opening of the work of the Synod Assembly, emphasizes this.

f) The Church's commitment must address the causes of poverty and exclusion. This includes actions to protect the rights of those who are excluded, and this may require public denunciation of injustices, whether perpetrated by societal structures or by individuals, corporations or governments.

Please note all quotes are taken from the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops: *A Synodal Church in Mission Synthesis Report*.



MAIN FLOOR: OL—Our Lady's; SJ—St. Joseph; L—Library; C—Church; Chpl.—Chapel; BR—Board Room.

UPSTAIRS: KC—Knights of Columbus Room; MD—Martin de Porres Room; KR—Kateri Room; CR—Classrooms; LZM—St. Louis and Zelig Martin; SF—St. Faustina Youth Room; CA—Blessed Carlos Acutis; SA—St. Anne's Kitchen; SJPII—St. John Paul II Classroom; STL—St. Therese of Lisieux; AR—All rooms upstairs, excluding the KC Room.

MONDAY March 25 9:30am MASS

6:00pm Encounter—SJ, H

TUESDAY March 26 6:30pm MASS

1:00pm Small Christian Communities—L
4:15pm Altar servers rehearsal—C
7:15pm RCIA—OL
7:15pm Surviving Divorce—SA
7:15pm Choir—S—C
7:15pm Grief as a Journey—SJ

WEDNESDAY March 27 9:30am MASS

(Adoration from 10:00am to 9:00pm)

7:00pm CWL—General Mtg.—MD

HOLY THURSDAY March 28 7:00pm MASS

Wash our feet and heal our hearts, Saviour of the World.

GOOD FRIDAY March 29

Office closed

Confessions beginning at 10:00am

Services at noon & 3:00pm

Intercede for us, Holy Spirit, in the sacred silence that follows the last breath.

EASTER SATURDAY March 30

12:30pm Blessing of Easter Baskets—C
Easter Vigil—9:00pm

We praise you, Risen Jesus, and we lift our hearts into hope and joy on this Easter night!

EASTER SUNDAY March 31

9:00 & 11:00am MASS

NO 6:00pm MASS

Spirit of God, fill us with wonder at the miracle of Jesus rising out of the tomb. Keep joy on our lips through to Pentecost.

EASTER MONDAY April 1

9:30am MASS

OFFICE CLOSED



Psalm 22:
My God, my God,
why have you forsaken me?

God of the Forsaken, teach us to cry out to you in sorrow and pain, that we might find you in the dark...

SACRAMENTS:

FIRST COMMUNION



Our final Retreat and rehearsal is on Saturday, April 6. This session is **mandatory**, as we will be going over all of the logistics for the First Communion Mass. Please watch your inbox for more information. There are a few beautiful First Communion dresses at the office available for loan if anyone is interested. Please call the office for more information.



CONFIRMATION

The next Confirmation class is on Monday and Tuesday, April 8 and 9 and will be on *Discipleship*. Watch your inbox for more information on the Confirmands Volunteer projects and the opportunities at Holy Trinity. Mark your calendars for Family Adoration on Friday, April 12 at 7pm!



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HEALING SCHOOL

A Hope and Healing Encounter

A friendly reminder that the Healing Service this month takes place **Saturday, March 23 following the 5:00pm Mass.**



There will be a **Healing School, May 24-25** here at Holy Trinity. The public is welcome to register; you do not need to be a current student of Encounter Ministries to attend. The healing service will follow the 5:00pm Mass that weekend. Please register for this school on the Encounter School of Ministry's website.

BLESSING OF EASTER BASKETS



will take place on **Easter Saturday** beginning at 12:30pm. The blessing will take approximately 20 minutes. At the back of the church please find information sheets for an example of Polish ethnic food included in the "building" of an Easter basket.

Of course, there are many other cultures that create Easter baskets, and would include the ingredients important to that particular culture.

HEALING SHAWLS:



Parishioners, if you are in need of a "Healing Shawl" please contact Femia at 780-963-3149.

ALTAR SERVERS' TRIDUUM WORKSHOP:

In preparation for the Triduum and Easter Masses—Father Paul will have a special training session on **Tuesday, March 26 beginning at 4:15pm. Please come for 4:00pm.** Those serving at the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Masses, please bring bells, if you have them.



Holy Week



The world convinces us that the road to a happy life is to find ways to "fill up" ourselves. Only if we look this way, have these things, desire these riches and this power— will we be truly happy? The gospel invites us to discover that the road to a happy life is to find a way to "empty" ourselves. It is, as Jesus reveals in Mark's Gospel, the path of losing oneself, being the least, and being the servant of all that will lead us to fullness of life. Indeed, this path reveals that the secret of life is not to be "filled up" but to be "fulfilled." Choosing this path, however, means that we must give up being the "lord of our lives," making sure that we have managed and controlled our lives in ways of happiness. In contrast, to lose oneself for another, or to be of service to another in sacrificial love, means that we are willing to stop being the "lord of our lives," **trusting** that God will provide the new life that comes from living this paschal mystery.

Our Lenten practices have helped us to grow in this very way of **trusting** in God. We have given more time in prayer, curbed our desires for material things, and have been more generous with the poor. Each of these activities has helped us to die in small ways—giving up our time, our self fulfillment, and our self-centeredness—in order that we might grow in our **trust** of God. These Lenten practices have helped us to confirm ourselves more closely to the suffering and death of Christ, so that we might share more fully in the new life that dying to oneself inaugurates.

As we enter this holiest of weeks, we are called to pray for the grace of trust, especially in those situations that are most trying or seem the darkest. This week provides us with an opportunity to name those situations and to see them through the lens of **trust** in God that Jesus has.

JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU.



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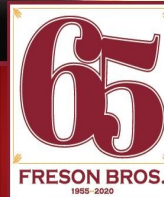
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