



WELCOME

Holy Trinity Catholic Church
A Stewardship Parish

September 13, 2020
Time After Pentecost
24th Sunday



Pastor: Fr. Michel Dalton, OFM Capuchin
Deacons: Steve Kula and Fernando Ona

Reconciliation/Confession Saturday 9:00 to 10:00 am.

Mass Schedule

Saturdays:	4:30 pm	Sundays:	8:00 am / 10:30 am
Mondays:	6:00 pm	Tuesdays:	9:00 am
Wednesdays:	6:00 pm	Fridays:	10:00 am

Our vision: To be a welcoming parish committed to serving others.

Our mission: To make Christ known to the world through Word, Sacrament, Prayer and Service.



HOPE.... a blessing from God.

Bishop John Robinson wrote the following that can give us a good starting point when considering the virtue of Christian hope.

In the pursuit of health this is even more obvious. For health means wholeness. It is concerned not simply with cure but with healing of the whole person in all of his or her relationships; and this is what Eucharist is about. Healing cannot be confined to any, or indeed every, level of human understanding or expectation. That is why too it shows up those two deceivers, pessimism, and optimism, as so shallow. The Christian takes his stand not on optimism but on hope. This is based not on rosy prognosis, but as St. Paul says on suffering. This, he says, trains us to endure, and endurance brings proof that we have stood the test, and this proof is the ground of hope in the God, who can bring resurrection out and through the other side of death; though we carry death with us in our bodies (all of us) we never cease to be confident. " [These words were written when Bishop Robinson was dying of cancer.]

Our gospel teaching for this weekend reminds us that our morality is a morality of heaven. We are not supposed to just be concerned with how we get along with each other on this earth but should also have our sights set on the world to come. The shape of this 'new world' that Jesus preached about, is certainly shaped by how we live and treat one another here and now. Our focus must be to link both our earthly world vision with our heavenly vision. And this is where forgiveness plays an essential part in making the connection.

It was Alexander Pope who coined the phrase: "To err is human, and to forgive is divine." The problem is not with what the first part says that we all make mistakes...some of us more than others! This is so true that it goes without saying. It is the second part that we may fail to understand its implications. Yes, God does forgive, but it must be also part of our human condition to forgive. Forgiveness is not just something that God takes care of but must be something that we concern ourselves with. That is why Jesus mentions forgiveness when training His disciples and when He was confronted by the scribes and Pharisee's.

In our Catechism of the Catholic Church, #1817 it addresses hope in the following way: "The virtue of hope responds to the aspiration to happiness which God has placed in everyone's hearts. It keeps us from discouragement; it sustains us during times of abandonment; it opens up our hearts in expectation of eternal beatitude. Buoyed up by hope, we are preserved from selfishness and led to the happiness that flows from charity."

As we consider those aspects of life that need the power of hope let us support in prayer:

- our brothers and sisters who are living in areas where wildfires are consuming land, homes, and even lives.
- those who have lost their jobs and are uncertain about paying their rent and having enough food for themselves and families.
- for those suffering from any health issues, including Covid-19.
- for families who have lost loved ones to the pandemic.
- for the members of our medical & health care professions.
- for our Country.
- for our parishes that are experiencing any challenges.

With prayerful hope,

Fr. Mike

Congratulations Kalanihiwa Silva

At next weekend's 8:00am Mass, Kalanihiwa will be receiving his First Holy Communion and Confirmation. He has successfully completed the Religious Education classes in preparation for these sacraments and is now ready to receive them.

Congratulations to his mother Julie, and grandmother Noela, and the rest of his family. A special Mahalo to the teachers who prepared him for this special day.

For those of you who attend the first Mass on Sundays, in the church and now the Gym, he is an Usher and is the one who rings the outdoor bell before Mass.





A Heavenly Surprise

“What if I wish to give this last one the same as you?” (Matthew 20:14)

Our goal as Christians is to get to heaven. Did you ever ponder that when we do get to heaven, that we notice another who, in our opinion, lived a less than Christian life? Our first reaction might be “how did he get here?” Then on second thought “am I in the right place?” It’s then that we recall Jesus’ parable of the landowner who paid the last hired the same wage as the ones who worked all day. Unfair? Perhaps. Well what about St Dismas (aka ‘the good thief’), the one crucified with Jesus who displayed his faith while on the cross. We’re suddenly beginning to understand God’s mercy. His Mercy is not from the likes of a ATM, but rather bursting at its seams. So whether we’ve been lifelong followers or whether we’ve wandered and only recently come back on board, Jesus salvation and mercy is for all. It’s never too late to punch in on Jesus’ time clock, it doesn’t matter when we start, it only matters that we do. Maybe today. Maybe right now. The main thing is that we start.

“You Can’t Out Do God’s Generosity”



Financial Reporting of Weekly Collections:

Starting this week, and continuing until we return to the Church building for Mass, we will only be reporting the Weekly Collection every two weeks. In spite of your continued and generous support, the weekly attendance is not what it used to be, and asking the Money Counting Ministry to come in each week does not seem necessary. They did not ask for this change, I decided to do it.

This will not affect an honest accounting of all contributions given either at Mass or through our On-Line services. This is yet another 'change' that we need to make during these challenging times.

**Thank you for your understanding,
Fr. Mike**



As we continue with our Stay Safe-Stay at Home phase of getting a handle on the spread of Covid19 – we remain grateful that we are still able to worship together in our gym/church at Holy Trinity.

Thank you for utilizing the seat registration system and helping us to make sure that we don't exceed capacity and are able to do contact tracing if necessary.

We have observed that the attendance maximum for weekend Masses is well under the 130 person capacity and most people attend the same Mass every week – making our numbers very predictable.

To make things easier for our parishioners, we have instituted a one-time only registration system where you can register for the Masses you are likely to attend and include the number of people in your group. This will alleviate the need to repeatedly register for a seat week after week.

We expect this to be the system until we get to Christmas. If we are still in this Covid19 predicament, we will use the seat reservation system again to make sure we are properly prepared for the expected crowds.

The link is posted on the Holy Trinity Church web site: holytrinitychurchhi.org

Please continue to visit the website often – even daily. It is the “go to” location for all news about Holy Trinity.



Stewardship and Some Good News on the Coronavirus #25

We're still looking for GOOD NEWS as week 25 begins. We are now entering week 16 of celebrating Mass at Holy Trinity Church (in our clean and sanitized gym) as Fr. Mike's successful social distancing, mask wearing, sanitizing policy has become a reality.

The coronavirus is still with us as our new cases continue to increase. It doesn't seem as if we did a good job in "reopening our community." Yes, we're still required to wear a mask and stay at home. No dinner guests, no beach activities, etc. We are beginning to have a hard time remaining hopeful that these actions will allow us to return to our "new normal." Let's continue the virtue of patience even when it is difficult. Let's join with Pope Francis and pray for an end to this pandemic. Let's keep our faith in Jesus.

And yes, there is good news:

- Remember the Covid Relief Payments that were paid to deceased taxpayers? Well, 70% has been recovered according to the Government Accountability Office.
- There's still room in our Religious Education Program. Forms available online at www.holytrinitychurchhi.org.
- The CDC and HHS changed their minds and will allow Harley, a rescue dog, to reunite with the vet that found him in the Middle East.
- Flu shots are available. Check with your doctor.
- 2 girls provided cookies and letters to firefighters in the California wildfires.
- Baby George Khnaisser was born August 4 during the explosion in Beirut, Lebanon.
- When it comes to Coronavirus, common sense is not so common. Choose common sense anyway.
- Wear our mask, maintain distance and wash your hands.
- Keeping up to date with Holy Trinity is easy. Check our website for the latest news and do make your reservation for Mass at www.holytrinitychurchhi.org

Remember the value of what we have is truly realized only when lost. We're learning to value our health and to care for one another. It's the prayer of Stewardship at Holy Trinity that when this is over, that we remember the sacrifices we have made and learn to appreciate what we have. Let's look forward to returning to the "new normal" church, our seat and most of all, to the parishioner sitting beside us, even if at 6 feet away. Let's remember the value of what we have when the good times return. Stay safe, wear a mask, wash your hands. Looking forward to seeing you in our gym at Mass as well.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Readings for Sunday September 13, 2020

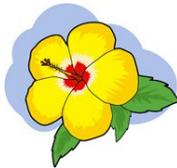
Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading Sir 27:30
2nd Reading Rom 14:7-9
Gospel Mt 18:21-35

Readings for Sunday September 20, 2020

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading Is 55:6-9
2nd Reading Phil 1:20c-24
Gospel Mt 20:1-16a



Reminder
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**Prayers for healing
for James Young, John
Debrovin, Sr. Anita,
Yolanda Kramer
and Maria Gambino**



**Maria Dang Thi Chinh,
Ken Johnson, John
Baricuatro & Sherlane
Dick have died.
Neal Gordon Alameda
(1st Ann.)
Please remember them
in prayer.**