



Trinity Tidings

December 04, 2020

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Prayer List - to submit a prayer request click [here](#).

Altar Flowers - if you would like to dedicate Altar Flowers click [here](#).

Stay at Home, Stay Connected

We worship on Sunday mornings at 9am [here](#).

You can find the Sunday bulletin [here](#).

There's a coloring sheet for children (or adults!) based on the Sunday lessons that you can print out at home [here](#). If you can't print at home, e-mail [Karen Van Winkle](#) and she will print a few weeks' worth and mail them to you.

We say Compline on Wednesdays at 8pm [here](#).

You can find the Compline bulletin [here](#).

Zoom meetings require a password to enter, but you should be able to bypass that by clicking on these links. The password for all Zoom meetings, except the Youth Sunday School, is trinity.

- **Young Adults** are meeting on Mondays at 7pm on Zoom [here](#)
- **Altar Guild** is meeting on Tuesdays at 11:30am on Zoom and would love for you to join them [here](#)
- **Qi Gong**, practice of simple movements, meditations, and breathing practices, on Zoom on Tuesday at 5:30pm [here](#).
- **Bible Study** on Wednesdays at 11am is meeting on Zoom and would love for you to join us [here](#). For next Wednesday, the lesson First Thessalonians 5:16-24.

- **Trinity Wednesdays** is meeting on Wednesdays at 6pm on Zoom [here](#).
- **Thrift Shop Volunteers** meet on Zoom at 10am on Thursdays and all are invited [here](#)
- **9am & 11:15am Choirs** meet on Zoom on Thursdays at 7pm [here](#)
- **St. Martha's Guild** meets on Zoom on Fridays at 11am [here](#)
- Fr. Todd is hosting a **parish-wide Social Hour** on Zoom every Friday at 5pm [here](#)
- **The children's Sunday story time video** is [here](#) and the conversation starters/questions are [here](#).
- **Youth Sunday School** for middle and high school students meets on Zoom on Sundays at 10:15am [here](#).
- **Sunday School for Adults** meets on Zoom on Sundays at 10:15am [here](#).
- **The recording** of last Sunday's Sunday School for Adults is [here](#).

The parish office is closed. Barbara, Fr. Todd, and Mtr. Erika will be in on Sundays and occasional weekdays to take care of mail, finances, and other essential work to keep the parish running. If you need to be in touch with any of us, e-mail us or call us (Fr. Todd's mobile: 916.367.9281) or call the church office (916.985.2495), which has been rerouted to go to Barbara's mobile phone. If you e-mail us (Fr. Todd [tbruce@trinityfolsom.org]; Mtr. Erika [eessiem@trinityfolsom.org]; Barbara [trinity@trinityfolsom.org]), we will get back to you as soon as we can.

Word of the Week

Our word of the week is [Litany](#). Though there are actually many different litanies, when Episcopalians say "the Litany," they tend to mean the Great Litany on pages 148-154 of the Book of Common Prayer. The Litany was used at the beginning of services in the past, and sometimes still is; there's a tradition of saying or chanting the Litany in procession on the first Sundays of Advent and Lent, and while some people love this tradition, it takes a really long time to do it, so we haven't done it for the past few years. But maybe we will add it back to the 11:15am at some point in the near future!

Construction Pic of the Week



We've been waiting for several weeks for all of the steel to arrive, and this week the last bit of it came to campus and was installed. Now that the steel is in, we can begin framing up the extension of the church building, and put new roofs on the church building and the Parish Hall. Having to wait on the steel could delay the completion of the project by two weeks or so, but our contractor Reeve-Knight

Construction is going to push hard to make up time in December, and if it doesn't rain, that is likely to succeed. To paraphrase St. Augustine of Hippo, who said this about chastity (Confessions, Book VIII, chapter seven), Lord, give us rain, but not yet!

Sunday School

Sunday School for Adults meets after church at 10:15am on Zoom [here](#). The last time we met, we studied one of Jesus' most famous miracles, the multiplication of the loaves and fishes; this week, we've got another one of the most famous stories about Jesus, one that even people who haven't read the Bible know. Join us on Sunday to learn more about it!

For our younger children, who would have attended Children's Chapel and the kindergarten and elementary Sunday School classes, Director of Children's Ministries Karen Van Winkle is hosting a story time. She'll be telling a story while she builds it out of Legos, and she'll invite the children watching to build with her – or draw, or whatever creative activity they like. This is a prerecorded video; it will be posted on our Facebook page after Sunday service and saved in the videos section of our Facebook page, or you can watch it before Sunday morning by clicking [here](#). Karen has also prepared some questions and conversation starters for you to use during or after watching the video; you can find those [here](#).

For youth in middle and high school, we're hosting a live Zoom with Karen and Mtr. Erika on Sunday morning at 10:15am [here](#). A special password is required to access this Zoom; e-mail [Karen](#) to get it.

Christmas Greens Pickup This Sunday!

If you ordered Christmas greens (all proceeds will go to Heifer International), you can pick them up at this church this Sunday from 11am until 3pm. Look for the folks with greens on the Wool Street side of the campus, and please wear a mask when you come to pickup! If you can't come on Sunday, make arrangements with Janice (christmasgreens@trinityfolsom.org).

Christmas Around Town

Christmas Around Town provides the clients of Twin Lakes Food Bank and other neighbors in need identified by local non-profits to "shop" for Christmas gifts for their families; they're given free vouchers to use to "purchase" items in the Christmas Around Town shops. This year, as we have in the past, we are signed up to supply and staff the Women's Shop – so we get to help folks shop for their moms, wives, partners, and sisters.

We're collecting gifts to stock the store – and this week, we're especially looking for beauty items: **bath/spa sets, makeup, hair dryers, curlers, and straighteners.**

We keep track of what the most popular items are each year, and you can find a shopping list [here](#); you can drop items off at Trinity House, or if you are shopping online, have them sent to the church. If you don't enjoy shopping (hi Fr. Todd!), you can also make a donation instead – just mark it Christmas Around Town, and we will use it to purchase items for our store. If you have any questions about Christmas Around Town, contact [Janice Freeberg](#) or give her a call (916.768.5100).

Libby Vincent's Ordination ~ Save the Date, December 18th

The Reverend Deacon Libby Vincent will be ordained to the priesthood on Friday, December 18th, at 6pm at Trinity Cathedral in midtown Sacramento. Because of the pandemic, attendance is limited to the ordinands and their sponsors, so Fr. Todd will be representing us in the liturgy. But like Libby's ordination to the diaconate earlier this year, the service will be broadcast live so you can watch at home. The diocese will post a link to the service on their website (www.norcalepiscopal.org) and we will work on sharing it on our own Facebook page, too, if that is possible. Pray for Deacon Libby as she approaches this momentous occasion, and celebrate with us as we welcome her to the ordained priesthood in The Episcopal Church!

Trinity Wednesdays

Trinity Wednesdays meets on Wednesdays at 6pm on Zoom [here](#). We're starting a new book, N.T. Wright's [Surprised by Hope](#), and for next Wednesday, December 9th, we'll be discussing chapters three and four. You've probably heard a lot of people talk about heaven and what happens when we die, but do you know what the Bible, and what the Christian tradition, actually say about it? Join us to find out!

Music Notes ~ O Me O My, It's Advent!

This season, we hear Hymn #56 “O come, O come Emmanuel” at the beginning of each of our Advent services leading up to Christmas Eve. “O come, O come Emmanuel” is a Latin hymn from the 12th Century, translated by John M. Neale (1818-1866) and Henry S. Coffin (1877-1954). The seven “O Antiphons” were sung in the medieval Roman Church at Vespers before and after the Magnificat, one assigned to a day between December 17th and 23rd. Sometime in the 13th century, these antiphons were made into a hymn and the “Rejoice, rejoice” refrain added. Each antiphon is a name given to the Messiah as foretold by the prophet Isaiah. The Great “O’s” are: Emmanuel (Isaiah 7:14), Wisdom (Isaiah 11:2-3; Isaiah 28:29), O Lord (Adonai; Isaiah 33:22), Root of Jesse (Isaiah 11:1), Key of David

(Isaiah 22:22), Dayspring (Isaiah 9:2), and King of Nations (Isaiah 9:6). ~ Brett Judson, Director of Music

Communion Sunday ~ December 13th

The next Communion Sunday will be Sunday, December 13th. Now that we know about how many to expect, you don't have to worry about signing up. Just pull up into the Wool Street parking spaces between **1pm and 3pm** to collect your consecrated hosts, and then tune in on the **Facebook page** that evening at 7pm for a very short liturgy during which we will all take Communion.

If you would like to receive Communion but can't get to the church that afternoon, e-mail [Fr. Todd](#) and let him know. Our Altar Guild has volunteered to pick up and deliver hosts to those who can't get to the church.

Diving Deeper: Weds Morning Bible Study

If you're looking for an opportunity to dive deeper into the Scriptures, consider joining our Wednesday morning Bible study. The Wednesday morning Bible study meets on [Zoom at 11am](#) and studies a lesson that will be read in church on the following Sunday. It's really more of an exploration than a study, with members of the group asking questions, reflecting and commenting, and sharing their thoughts. There's no homework – the lesson for the week is read at the beginning, and you don't need to do any preparatory reading. It's a great group, and a great way to study Scripture, make connections, and build relationships. If you want more information, or want to give her a heads up that you're coming, e-mail the facilitator of the Wednesday morning Bible Study, [Adriana Findlay](#).

HART of Folsom Seeking Volunteers

Trinity Folsom will be "hosting" the HART (Homeless Assistance Resource Team) of Folsom winter shelter from February 21st-February 27th. We'll need a few folks each evening to make and serve dinner, and two people to stay overnight in the shelter. We'll be getting a sign-up sheet out soon. If you have questions or are interested, contact the HART of Folsom volunteer coordinator (and Trinity Folsom parishioner) Jessica Leng: you can [e-mail her](#) or give her a call (916.201.1321).

End of Year Donations and Stock Transfers

Just a reminder, all donations must be postmarked by December 31st to appear on your 2020 statement for tax purposes. And if you're planning to sell stock to make a gift, or transfer stock to the parish, remember that it isn't quite instantaneous, so you might want to plan ahead and act a little early. Contact [Barbara](#) in the church office if you have any questions about gifts of stock or donation statements for tax purposes.

Trinity House Closed

Because of the surge in coronavirus cases, Fr. Todd has decided to close Trinity House to visitors and guests. Most of the staff is working from home, but several folks have to be in the office, and it's not a well-ventilated space. We usually love guests and drop-in visitors at Trinity House, but these are strange and disruptive times, so we are asking you to not come by for a while. If you need to drop something off and it won't fit through the mail slot in the front door, you can e-mail us (trinity@trinityfolsom.org) or call (916.985.2495) to arrange a time, and leave it on the front porch and we will come out and get it once you have left. We hate having to do this because we really love seeing you, but we've gotten too permissive and need to tighten up our observation of best practices to keep everyone safe and healthy. Once this thing is over, we will be thrilled to welcome you back to Trinity House!

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