



Trinity Tidings

December 17, 2021

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Sundays at Trinity

- Eucharist (7:30am, 9am, 11:15am, 7pm)
 - Children's Chapel (9am & 11:15am)
 - Sunday School for children and adults ~ August - June
 - Nursery 9am-12:30pm
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Ongoing Events

Thrift Shop: Monday 10am-Noon, Tuesday-Saturday, 10am-1pm

Wednesday 11am: Bible Study is meeting on Zoom and would love for you to join us [here](#). On break until January 12th.

Wednesday 6pm: Trinity Wednesday [5pm Zoom](#) and 6pm in person

Wednesday 7pm: 11:15am Choir Rehearsal

Thursday 7:30pm: 9am Choir Rehearsal

Sunday 10:30am: Sunday School for Adults in person and on Zoom. Click [here](#) for Zoom.

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

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

Christmas Services Info

For information about our Christmas services, check out the Latest News on our website [here](#). We have some extra Christmas postcards with the service times on back – if

you didn't receive one yet, check with [Barbara](#) to make sure you're on our mailing list. If you would like for us to send one of the extras to a friend or neighbor, just give us their address; or, even better, pick up a postcard on Sunday and send it to them yourselves with a personal note on back, or share the link above to the Christmas service info page with them. We have Christmas yard signs available, too, which is a great way to invite folks to join us for Christmas services; you can pick some up in the Parish Hall on Sundays, or stop by the office during the week.

Needed This Sunday: A Few Strong Volunteers

Next week, River City Millworks will be coming out on Monday to trim out the arches between the pews and the altar. Our challenge is that we need to move the piano out just a few feet so they can get their equipment in, and the piano is very heavy. It is on wheels, but we need a few very strong folks who can give it a gentle push. If you can stay after the 11:15am service and help out with this five-minute project this Sunday, let [Fr. Todd](#) know. Thanks!

Late Night Christmas Eve Elves Needed

It would help us a lot if we had a few volunteer elves to stay after the 10pm service is over and put away the luminaries that will be lining the churchyard sidewalks. If you're planning on attending the 10pm and don't mind staying for a few minutes after everyone else has left, e-mail [Barbara](#).

Flower Dedications for Christmas

If you would like to make a dedication for the Christmas altar flowers, e-mail [Barbara](#) or call the office (916.985.2495). The deadline for dedicating altar flowers on Christmas Eve and Day is December 19th. The suggested donation to make a dedication is \$75 (due to the pandemic, the price of flowers increased dramatically), but if that's out of your range, give what you can and it's fine.

Grief Group Forming

In January, Mtr. Anne will start a grief support group for parishioners grieving the loss of a loved one. If you are interested and would like more information, e-mail [Mtr. Anne](#) or call her (mobile: 209.487.2153)

Sunday School

Sunday School for Adults meets on Sunday mornings at 10:30am in the Parish Hall. Masks are required, and we'll be spacing out the chairs a bit. Instead of covering the next story in our series, the death of Judas Iscariot and Jesus' trial before Pontius Pilate – which just didn't seem appropriate for the upcoming holiday, we're going to take a look at the story of Jesus' nativity, and we're going to look closely at that pernicious folk wisdom that Christmas is when Christmas is in order to replace the pagan festival of Sol Invictus, and we're going to think about whether or not the evidence supports that (spoiler: in Fr. Todd's opinion, no).

For the recording of the previous class, click [here](#)
If you're not quite ready to join us in person, we will be broadcasting live on Zoom; the link is [here](#).

Rest In Peace

The burial office and requiem Eucharist for Lesley Yates is scheduled for Monday, December 27th, at 11am. Lesley's family invites all of her friends, especially those who sang in the choir with Lesley, to attend. Lesley will be buried in the churchyard after the service, and there will be a reception in the Parish Hall following the service.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study Holiday Break

Our Wednesday Morning Bible Study is on break for the Christmas holidays. We'll start up again on January 12th. The Wednesday Morning Bible Study is currently meeting on Zoom at 11am on Wednesdays; if you'd like more information, contact [Adriana](#).

Thrift Shop Holiday Hours & Sale

The Thrift Shop will be selling Christmas decorations for half off, December 21st-23rd, so drop by and pick up some great decorations for next year (or for this year – don't forget, there are twelve days of Christmas, beginning on the 25th!). The Thrift Shop will be closed December 24th – December 28th for the holiday.

Winter Shelter Volunteers Needed

Trinity Folsom is this year's check-in location for the HART (Homeless Assistance Resource Team) of Folsom Winter Shelter. Homeless folks will register here at Trinity Folsom and then be shuttled to that week's Winter Shelter Location. The HART pod will

be taking up a few parking spots in the alley for the next few months, but there's still plenty of parking and it is for a very good cause!

We'll be staffing the Winter Shelter the week of January 16th-22nd. The program serves up to 20 homeless folks each day, giving them food and a warm place to stay in the colder months. We'll need folks to make and serve dinner, drop off breakfast, do laundry, help with shower facilities, and two people to stay overnight in the shelter. Sign up to volunteer [here](#). E-mail [Mtr. Anne](#) or call the office for more info.

If you'd like to be even more involved with HART's Winter Shelter program, you can volunteer to fill positions during the twelve weeks the shelter is open. Most take about an hour and a half for a shift, and some positions are actually at Trinity! Go to www.hartoffolsom.org and click the "Recurring Volunteer Roles" button to go to the sign-up page. Use the tabs (Storage, Drivers, Welcome Team, Morning Team, Shower Clean, or Substitutes) at the top of the sign-up to see available openings. For questions or more info, e-mail [Bev Seiss](#) or call her at 530-306-6484.

Organ Fund

Our organ is very old, and its maintenance (repair and replacement) needs are increasing rapidly, to the point of it not making much sense for us to pour so much money into it when we really need to buy a new one. Our organ isn't dead yet, but we've decided not to take any life-saving measures, so we're beginning to plan to replace it. We know from other churches' recent purchases that we're probably looking at \$150,000, give or take. We've created a savings fund so that we'll have the money to replace it in the very near future. The vestry has designated the loose plate offering (donations that aren't part of pledges) on Christmas Eve to go to the Organ Fund, and if you find yourself with a little extra as you consider your end-of-year charitable giving, the Organ Fund is already open and receiving gifts. If you have questions or want more information, contact [Fr. Todd](#).

Music Notes ~ Rapid Figuration in Veni Emmanuel

The week's postlude is "Toccata on Veni Emmanuel" by Andrew Carter (b. 1939). Carter studied music at the University of Leeds (West Yorkshire, England) and served as a member of the York Minister choir. He founded and directed a choir at York Minister for seventeen years. He briefly studied in New Zealand before returning to England to focus on composing. Carter has more than 50 compositions published with Oxford University Press. He has had some of his carols broadcast on the famous Lessons and Carols service from King's College, Cambridge. He has received commissions to celebrate momentous occasions, such as the tercentenary (300th) anniversary of St. Paul's Cathedral in London. Toccata is taken from the Italian word toccare, "to touch." Toccatas are usually designed to show off the skills of the performer with fast moving notes. The melody is heard in the

bass while rapid figuration propels the music forward. ~ Dr. Brett Judson, Director of Music

Scouting and Religious Activities

Parishioner [Ramon Gomez](#) will be coordinating Religious Activities courses over the next year intended to confer patches that can be earned by anyone (whether they're involved with Scouting or not) 1st grade through adult, and can be worn as temporary patches on Scouting uniforms. The first course will meet five times, once a month for an hour, and will cover the practice of the Rosary. To get started, though, we need to get a headcount and see when the most people are available to meet. Additionally, any Scouting families interested in pursuing Religious Emblems in 2022 should contact Ramon so he can plan group study sessions.

Sunday Handicrafts Group

Our Sunday evening handicrafts group won't meet in December; the next meeting will be January 9, 2022. Contact [Mtr. Anne](#) if you would like more information.

End of Year Donations and Stock Transfers

Just a reminder, all donations must be dropped off at the church office or postmarked by December 31st to appear on your 2021 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. We're so grateful for your generosity!

Word of the Week

Our word of the week is [Christmas](#). The glossary entry mentions that the date was probably chosen to take over a pagan festival at the same time, but more recent scholarship shows that the date of December 25th was probably chosen because it is nine months after March 25th, the day on which early Christians had been celebrating the Annunciation even before they started celebrating Christmas.

Online Offerings

We broadcast the 9am and 11:15am Sunday morning services [here](#).

You can find the 9am Sunday bulletin [here](#).

You can find the 11:15am 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](mailto: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](#).

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