

GREETINGS FROM FATHER DAVE

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First I want to thank all of you for your prayers, support and your offers to assist during my recent surgery and recovery. I am (finally) making progress and beginning to feel more like myself - at least for a few hours at a time. For those of you who were offended by my standoffishness, just remember, I warned you ahead of time! Thanks big time to the staff here who did so much in my absence to keep things going smoothly (and to protect me from some of YOU!).

This weekend I am pleased to welcome our Neophytes at each of our masses. That's a fancy "church word" for those who were just received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil liturgy. I will be interviewing our "newbies" at each of the masses so you can hear their stories. And, BIG thanks to the RCIA team who worked so generously and skillfully all year preparing these folks: John Providenza, Cynthia Leighton, Deidre Pribula, Charmin Shiely, Patrick Berg, and Brett Edmonson. Well done all of you!

Next weekend is First Communion Weekend, and we will indeed have a celebration. This year we have prepared over 100 students to receive their First Communion and we will have a group of them at each of our weekend masses. For us Catholics, the Eucharist is one of the very most precious gifts we have, and the excitement and anticipation of our children receiving Communion for the first time is contagious. May we all "get it"! It is so easy to take this for granted and just get into the routine, but with a little reflection, some preparation, and our eyes, hearts, and minds wide open, we KNOW how profound and life transforming this sacrament is. Get ready! It's going to be fun and it's going to be inspiring!

And, with the end of April comes the end of our regularly scheduled Religious Education classes on Sunday mornings and our regular Youth Ministry events on Sunday evenings. It has been a super dooper year and I am proud of the work of our many volunteers, our participants, families, and the leadership of Erin Nieves and Melissa Core. Good work to all of you!

I am very pleased to announce some realignment of our staff here at the parish. Beginning this summer, Erin will become our fulltime Faith Formation Coordinator, responsible for all our programs for our children, sacramental prep (1st Reconciliation, 1st Communion, Confirmation), and Youth Ministry. Melissa will be fulltime as our parish Administrative Assistant, expanding our front office hours, enhancing our electronic communications (especially through website development), and being able to focus her skills on the myriad of things that come thru our office. As this parish has grown, the needs have increased proportionately for both of these positions, and I am truly delighted with the opportunity we have now to allow Melissa and Erin to use their gifts and skills to the maximum! The shift will take place this summer.

Pastoral Council is wrapping up a productive year as you likely read in last week's report. We have two openings for three- year terms beginning this summer. Candidates need to be deeply committed to the parish, be articulate, and be eager to work with this team to discern how and where God is calling us as a parish to be fully faithful to building the Kingdom of God. If you are interested, please contact Alan Koelling at pastoral@h-t.org and he will give you a fuller picture of what is entailed. Members from our current council will be interviewing candidates and will make their choice based on who they feel will best assist the council in carrying out its role.

Women's Retreat is scheduled! Women, please note on your calendar June 26 for our annual Women's Retreat, 8:30am-Noon here at the parish. Janice Carleton has agreed to return as our presenter and has been enthusiastically received in the last two years. Details will be coming.

The following children were baptized this week: Elizabeth Asis, Bailey Udasco, Nico Tenorio, Harlen Sampson, Hope Hansen, Adam Ruhl and Evan Brotherton, congratulations!

BRETT'S TWO-CENTS

Hi everyone! Sorry my column's been down for a couple of weeks – with Fr. Dave out, things have been hopping around here! Of course, things might have been SLIGHTLY less busy if he hadn't been calling the office every five minutes to complain about being BORED! Offer it up, Fr. Dave, offer it up!

Recently, one of our parishioners emailed: the concept (of resurrection) has me totally confused. To start with, when would my body be raised; when I am a young child, a teenager, mid 40's, an old man? I and many people have abnormalities; in fact, some people are born with deformities. I wouldn't think that the Lord would raise them with their deformities; however that is what made them special and unique and how we knew them in our present world. If the Lord makes us perfect (whatever that would be) when we are raised, then I believe that there would be one representation of perfect (perfect hair, perfect structure, not fat, not skinny, etc.), thus everyone would look alike and be the same. So it brings into question as to why our physical body would be important to the Lord. The soul would be everything.

This is actually a question Christians have debated for centuries: what will the resurrected body be like? To begin, let me say that unlike the Greeks, the Gnostics, and the Manicheans, Christians have always held that the body is good and holy, a “temple of the Holy Spirit.” Unfortunately, it's also fallen as a result of Original Sin, and thus not what God originally intended it to be. Instead of a source of communion, joy, power, beauty, etc., it's often as much or more a source of weakness, decay, sin, pain, and isolation. Part of the good news of resurrection is that our bodies will be transformed, glorified like the Lord's own body and living totally under the influence of the Holy Spirit. They will still be “our” bodies, i.e. they will still express our identity (we will still be recognizably ourselves,) but they will be different as well. St. Paul says *“What is sown is perishable, but what is raised imperishable. what is sown is ignoble, but what is raised is glorious. What is sown is weak, but what is raised is powerful. What is sown is a natural body, but what is raised is a spiritual body.”* (1 Cor 15: 42-44)

In reflecting on Paul's words, St. Thomas Aquinas wrote that our glorified bodies would possess four qualities:

1. **impassibility:** that is, they would no longer be subject to suffering of any kind, nor sickness, harm, corruption, or death. Not even fatigue; the glorified body will not need to rest (though for some of us, nothing could be more heaven-like than an eternity in which to “sleep in!”)
2. **clarity:** that is, they will show forth the beauty of our glorified souls in the same way that a crystal lantern shows forth the beauty of the candle flame that burns inside of it. The glorified body will possess a beauty, glory, and splendor in proportion to the grace of the soul within. In the end, beauty really IS on the inside!
3. **subtlety:** that is, they will be “spiritual” rather than “soulish” bodies; they will be entirely subject to the needs and wishes of the glorified soul. While continuing to be material in some sense, they will no longer limit us in the way that our mortal bodies do. They will no longer be subject to the natural conditions of nutrition, growth, generation, etc., nor will they be sources of temptation of whatever kind. Instead, they will be completely surrendered to our souls, just as our souls will be completely surrendered to God. *“Matter will be once more the extension of spirit, not its limit; the instrument of spirit, not the enemy.”* (C. Dawson)
4. **agility:** that is, they will no longer be subject to the limits of space and time. Perfectly surrendered to the soul united to God, the body will be able to move effortlessly and instantly to wherever the soul desires.

So, considering these four qualities, I would respond to the question above as follows:

- We will definitely possess bodies that are recognizably ours. Just as my body now is in some sense the same body I had 20 years ago, despite all the changes, so too the resurrected body will in some way be in continuity with my mortal body. Think of the Risen Jesus, who despite being glorified remained recognizably Jesus.
- I'm not sure there will be an “age” at which our resurrected bodies appear. For bodies immersed in God's eternity, what would “age” mean, anyway? Our earthly bodies can only communicate who we are imperfectly, temporarily, and partially. Our glorified bodies will express who we are fully, perfectly, timelessly. Maybe we could say that they will express the essence of who we are at all ages.

As for deformities, to the extent that they really are part of who we are in the deepest part of ourselves, I suppose they will remain, but not in any way that is a hindrance or source of suffering for us. In other words, I suspect that our wounds will remain with us only if and to the extent that they are instruments of God's love for us and others. (Think of the wounds of the Risen Lord that remained with him, but were now sources of glory and power, not pain, humiliation, or death.)

Thanks for the great question! Who's got another? Have a great week, everyone!

MINISTRY UPDATES

JANUS MEAL



This month our homeless youth will be served Fried Chicken with all the fixings. You can help by donating the following; fried chicken (from Albertson's), cans of corn, potato or macaroni salad, dinner rolls, butter or margarine, fresh fruit (melons), milk and juice. Always needed: cans of chili, salsa, microwave popcorn, hot cocoa, and boxes of cereal. Please bring your donations to the school cafeteria by noon on Wednesday, April 28th. If you have any questions, please call Elaine at 503-297-6067. Thank you and God Bless.

2010 HOLY TRINITY FAMILY CAMP OUT MEETING



There will be an informational meeting for ALL families participating in the HT Memorial Day Weekend Family Campout. It is important that at least one adult per family attend the meeting on Saturday, May 1st from 11:00am -1:00pm. It is not too late to sign up. For reservations or more information; please contact Susie Smith @ 503-430-0243. Sorry, no pets.

7th ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

● Come celebrate our cultural uniqueness and diversity at the International Festival on Saturday May 8th. The evening begins with a recitation of the Holy Rosary at 5:00, International Mass at 5:30, a Cultural Fiesta of Food at 6:30, and a presentation of Ethnic dance and music at 7:30. We would love to have you share in this event, both through attendance, and participation. You may wish to get together with others to represent your culture as a group at the food table, and we encourage you to wear your national attire. This sensational event is free and attracts a huge crowd, so we recommend that you come early to get good seats. Volunteer signup forms are available at <http://h-t.org/international.htm> or in the Narthex during the weekend masses. For more information, please call Monette Mallari at 503-848-6919 or Julia Lions at 503-644-4512.

Volunteer/Community Service Hours?

Any students required to perform volunteer work should contact a member of the Parish Events Ministry. We host the Parish picnic, Epiphany party, and the International Festival, and we can always use an extra helping hand. Set up and decoration, tear down and clean up, serve refreshments and food, answer questions and direct lost people, let us know your comfort zone and we will find a fun task for you. Tim Clark 503 642-5240.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCES

A weekly Grief Support group for the separated, divorced and widowed will be offered Monday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 beginning May 10th at by members of Beginning Experience of Oregon www.beginningexperience.org. The series, called "Coping with Life Alone", will be in Fireside Room 4. Child care will be available. There is a \$25 fee for the 8 session. However, scholarships are available. For more information, call Judy: 503-930-3912 or email Margi: margi8280@comcast.net.

EXERCISE IS MEDICINE MONTH



Beginning in May, health and fitness tips will be found in the bulletin each week throughout May to help us celebrate and emphasize the valuable health benefits of regular exercise. Exercise is a form of "active play", something we never get too old to do.

STEPHEN MINISTRY



If you are going through a difficult time and you need someone to talk to, call the Stephen Ministry line at 503-924-3055. A Stephen Leader will connect you with a loving, kind, caring person who may be able to assist you during this difficult time in life.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Kathy Brasington ~ 503.641.1842

Communityoutreach@h-t.org

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 10:00-12:30

Holy Trinity Food Closet is an Equal Opportunity Provider.

We continue to serve our clients on our regular service days.

We are very pleased to announce that the Saint Vincent de Paul Mobile Kitchen will be serving a community lunch on the 4th Tuesday of each month here at Holy Trinity. The Kitchen will park near the Food Closet. The Kitchen is open to anyone, not just those in need. We are pleased that we can offer this service to our clients. Our first service will be May 25. For more information about the Mobile Kitchen go to their website – www.svdppdx.org.

Just a reminder about donation of clothing: We do not have a clothing closet at the Food Closet. Please do not put clothing in the food donation boxes or leave them at the door of the Food Closet. We can give you a list of clothing closets in the area. These agencies give the clothing to those in need. You can stop by for the list or call Kathy for the information. We also have information about donating household items.

We ask any Parish member who is in need of assistance to please call Kathy for a private and confidential food distribution or other help.

Food Needs

Fruit juice
Canned pineapple
Oatmeal
Spaghetti sauce

Perishable food items can be brought to the Food Closet during our service hours.

FAITH FORMATION

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

Preschool 3yrs - 5th Grade & Sacramental Preparation
Melissa Core - 503.643.9528 ext 200
melissa@h-t.org

First Communion is next Saturday and Sunday, May 1st & 2nd at all weekend Masses.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

Middle School 6-8 Grade High School 9-12 Grade
Confirmation (grades 9-12)
Erin Nieves - 503.643.9528 ext 126 or erin@h-t.org

"OPERATION MONGOLIA" Fundraising Total - \$1590.58!!!

Youth Ministry had a Bake Sale after all Masses last weekend. Our teens baked, families donated baked goods too, and the generous parishioners of Holy Trinity bought and ate our goodies. To quote Fr. Dave, "Good Job ALL!" All proceeds will go to fund the outreach being done for St. Peter and St. Paul Parish in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. Our teens will be deciding on what we will be supporting on the list of needs sent to us by Fr. Kuafa. Stay tuned...

SUNDAY, APRIL 25TH MESSY GAME NIGHT AND BBQ

Our Youth Ministry tradition is to finish our year with a fun night with our friends. All YM teens are invited to come to messy game night. We will BBQ and munch while we have a messy time with our friends. **IMPORTANT - DRESS IN CLOTHES THAT CAN GET MESSY AND WET AND BRING YOUR OWN BEACH TOWEL! And LEAVE ALL ELECTRONICS AT HOME! MEET AT 6:30 PM in the CAFETERIA.**

THE FUN'S NOT OVER - Come chill with your friends at May Fun Nights: All of the Sundays in May (except the Memorial Day Weekend) will be YM Drop-in Nights. We will bake cookies, play games, and have fun with our friends. During May we will finish up our "Operation Mongolia" Pen Pal Project and vote on how we will use the money earned with our Bake Sale. Keep coming. There's lots more fun ahead....

Pray with us....

Heavenly Father, who loves us and created all, we humbly ask you to enrich our souls so we may grow as a Catholic Youth Community in Oregon, in Mongolia, and around the world. We pray this through Christ our Lord. Amen+

YOUNG ADULTS

Anna & Gerard DeBlois ~ 503.319.1877
Anna.kathleen.deblois@gmail.com
Meets on the third Monday of every month

Additional young adult activities and retreat opportunities can be found at www.mcfpdx.org

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Brett Edmonson ~ 503.643.9528 Ext 125
Brett@h-t.org

If you would be interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, receiving First Communion or Confirmation as an adult, or even becoming Catholic, I would love to talk with you. Our RCIA program begins again in the Fall, but *let's talk and see what we can do now. Kindly call or email Brett in the parish office: (503) 643-9528; brett@h-t.org.*

Holy Trinity Catholic School

Brenda Martinek ~ Principal

www.htsch.org ~ 503.644.5748

Parent's Association ~ Monica Henry 503.641.2706

WHALES, WHALES, EVERYWHERE . . .

The Oregon Coast Aquarium has a wonderful way of teaching students all about sea life. This year they came and spoke with our students in grades K-5 about whales. Our students learned about what types of whales are meat eaters and which ones aren't. They got to touch whales teeth, see blubber and experience how big an orca really is. The 3rd grade students were so excited to learn about whales that they now going to the movie, Oceans and will write about their experiences and what they have learned.



KINDERGARTEN SPOTS AVAILABLE

We have a few spots still open for Kindergarten for next year. If you register by June 1st, we will give you \$75.00 off your registration fee. Please call Kathy at (503) 644-5748 to schedule a tour. If you have considered Holy Trinity for your child, this is a great opportunity. Please come and check us out!



FAITH FORMATION

HT SMALL FAITH COMMUNITIES BLOG

Congratulations to all Disciples on the Journey participants and those who journeyed through Lent as part of a Small Faith Community. Without you all, this ministry would not thrive at Holy Trinity. So a huge “thanks” to those of you who host, facilitate, or just show up! The work you all do for our community is significant and greatly appreciated.

As an Easter people, we are called to share the Good News. As we continue to celebrate Christ’s resurrection, let us each find ways to bring our faith alive in our community. It may be an individual and personal experience, an existing SFC volunteering together or it may be a new group forming to support a common interest. Opportunities abound when it comes to sharing our faith!

Small Faith Communities provide an opportunity for individuals to come together and share their faith Journey. As we move through the Easter season, please consider starting or joining an existing Small Faith Community. A small faith group may very well be just what you’ve been looking for as you continue on your faith journey! Check out the existing groups below or, if you are so inspired, form one of your own.

Contact Ron or Jill White at smallfaithcommunities@h-t.org or 503-292-2626 with any questions or comments.

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**On-going Small Faith Communities (SFC’s)**

On-going Small Faith Communities (SFCs) continue to enrich the lives of many at Holy Trinity. Women’s Groups, Men’s Groups, Mom’s Groups, Couple’s Groups, Coffee Lovers Groups – we have something for all.

**Men’s Group** ~ Chris Gniewosz ~ 503.292.4740

Every Tuesday, 7am  
IHOP, Beaverton

**Jesus ‘n’ Java** ~ Jill White ~ 503.799.3115

Please join us beginning April 19<sup>th</sup> when we resume our regular schedule.

**God’s Girls** ~ Janice ~ 503-347-4079

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays 7 PM  
Fireside Room

**Walking With the Spirit**

Libbie Allen ~ 503.816.6498  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday 11:00am -12:30 pm in Fireside Rm. 4.

**Just Living** ~ Jill Hertel - [hertelj@juno.com](mailto:hertelj@juno.com)

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 7:30pm  
Cedar Hills McMenamins

OTHER COMMUNITY EVENTS

Daily Scripture Readings

Week of April 25<sup>th</sup>

Monday 26  
Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday 27  
Acts 11:19-26; 10:22-30

Wednesday 28  
Acts 12:24-13:5a; Jn 12:44-50

Thursday 29  
Acts 13:13-25; jn 13:16-20

Friday 30  
Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6

Saturday 1  
Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14

Sunday 2  
Acts 14:21-27; Rv 21:1-5a;  
Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

Mass Intentions

Saturday 24  
5:30pm

Sunday 25  
8:00am +Betty Apone  
9:30am + Asunción Nakooka  
11:15am

Monday 26  
8:15am +Elaine Gobel

Tuesday 27  
8:15am Rochelle Vreeland

Wednesday 28  
8:15am

Thursday 29  
8:15am

Friday 30  
8:15am

Family Faith Sharing Questions

Reflect on these questions with your children and family.  
Start talking - Share your Faith!

*Fourth Sunday of Easter ~ John 10:27-30*

Today we hear Jesus speak of himself as shepherd and his followers as the sheep of his flock. We hear His voice, we follow Him and we feel safe in his hand. God is with us in the good times and the bad times. We are never alone.

Have you ever felt alone? Knowing that Jesus promises to never leave us, how does that make you feel? Sometimes it is hard to hear God’s voice. How do we recognize and listen to God’s voice?

**PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION**

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 frdave@h-t.org or Ext. 204

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 brett@h-t.org or Ext. 125

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 parish@h-t.org or Ext. 200

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Children: Melissa Core  
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 erin@h-t.org or Ext 126

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 Marianne@h-t.org or Ext 123

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Administrative Council: Doug Whitney  
 admin@h-t.org or 503.649.4205

Pastoral Council: Alan Koelling  
 pastoral@h-t.org or 503.626.7985

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 schooladvisory@h-t.org

Parish Finances Budget Year 2009-2010

Offertory Collection  
 April 18 \$18,729  
 Weekly goal \$16,981



**Are you new to Holy Trinity?**

We want to welcome you to our community. If you are interested in registering here, please ask one of our Greeters for a New Parishioner Packet or you can download a registration form from our website – www.h-t.org. We look forward to celebrating with you.

If you are interested in becoming active in one of our many ministries please contact the coordinator listed for more information or check out the ministry on the website.

**Ministry Coordinators**

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|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| Altar Ministry           | Joyce Brantley          | 503.644.1790 |
| Altar Server Coordinator | Donna Wills             | 503.642.2906 |
| Altar Servers Trainer    | Jayne Scott             | 503.645.3966 |
| Community Outreach       | Kathy Brasington        | 503.641.1842 |
| CYO Director             | Christian Cochran       | 503.649.0892 |
| Director of Music        | Mark Nieves             | 510.301.6569 |
| Engaged Encounter        | Mike & Nancy Fisher     | 503.591.7123 |
| Eucharistic Ministers    | Bruce Waldvogel         | 503.356.5760 |
| Filipino Community       | Franz & Monette Mallari | 503.848.6919 |
| First Friday Exposition  | Mike & Reme Prusynski   | 503.627.3073 |
| Funeral Planning         | Ann Hammond             | 503.292.0590 |
| Funeral Receptions       | Linda DiFalco           | 503.579.3030 |
| Greeter Ministry         | Al Schmitt              | 503.590.6859 |
| Health Ministry          | Peg Wills               | 503.642.2293 |
| Homebound                | Mike Kravetz            | 503.590.7161 |
| Knights of Columbus      | Jim Currie              | 971.563.3381 |
| Liturgical Arts          | Shawn Karakas           | 503.297.3144 |
| Lectors                  | Vee Porter              | 503.516.3140 |
| Marriage Encounter       | Dan & Tammy Allison     | 503.642.5591 |
| Newcomers Welcome        | Betty Drilling          | 503.644.8550 |
| Parish Communications    | Steve Karakas           | 503.297.3144 |
| Parish Social Events     | Ray & Julia Lions       | 503.644.4512 |
| Prayer Requests          | Melissa Core            | 503.643.9528 |
| Prayer Shawl Ministry    | Linda Dum               | 503.642.1168 |
| Respect Life             | Erin Dibala             | 503.646.7615 |
| Scrip                    | Dawn Scheckla           | 503.649.5336 |
| Senior Luncheon          | Kathy Delach            | 503.614.9724 |
| Small Faith Communities  | Ron & Jill White        | 503.292.2626 |
| Social Justice           | Jerry Osacho            | 503.520.1638 |
| Stephen Ministry         | Marilyn Thomas          | 503.924.3055 |
| Sunday Hospitality       | Fred Schulz             | 503.643.2101 |
| Wedding Coordinator      | Melissa Core            | 503.643.9528 |
| Young Adult Group        | Gerard & Anna DeBlois   | 503.641.0123 |