

GREETINGS FROM FATHER DAVE

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Lent 2010

Week 3: Morality

Desiring what God Desires; Detesting what God Detests

Sin: “Deliberately doing something you know is wrong”.

An action is not forbidden because it is sinful; it is sinful because it is harmful. All sin compromises our freedom and keeps us from living fully. Change in focus from legalism, obligations, guilt—to focus on conversion, discipleship and the demands of living in a love relationship with God and with others (covenant). Love is much more demanding than fear. In contrast to secularism, Christians believe that since God is our creator and redeemer he has the right to set rules for us, and the Church has the authority to interpret those rules. “The danger of willingly yielding to temptation is this: it is no longer God who stands at the center of our thinking and willing, but ourselves”. (Karl Rahner) Some actions are always evil, but the level of culpability/responsibility varies with each individual. The struggle with sin was once described like this: “Inside me there are two dogs. One is mean and evil; the other is kind and good. The mean dog fights the good dog all the time”. When asked which dog wins he replied, “The one I feed the most”.

Virtue: “Desiring what God Desires”.

Focusing on developing virtues is the most effective way of overcoming sin. As we work at developing the virtues, sin is automatically displaced. Hence, work on selfishness/greed by focusing on being generous; anger, by being gentle; prideful, by humility; lust/greed by self control; judgmentalness by kindness/patience.

Cardinal virtues are the “hinges” on which all virtuous living is based.

Prudence is the ability to decide what is good in any circumstance and to choose to do it.

Justice is giving to God and to others what is their due.

Fortitude is the courage to do what is RIGHT no matter what the consequences.

Temperance is the self control necessary to live with a sense of balance between what we want and what we really need. The Theological Virtues are the virtues that dispose us to live in union with God.

Faith allows us to believe in God and to have a relationship with Jesus Christ.

Hope is the desire, the striving, and the trust in God’s faithfulness in his promise of our eternal destiny: Heaven!

Charity is our commitment to act in loving ways toward every person, as a sign of our love for God.

Decision Making

Sportsmanship Rule: Are you playing fair? How would you feel if someone else did this? If it is not right for everyone, it is probably not right for you.

The Best Self Test: In this case are you trying to be the best person you can be? Will this help you be a better person?

The Publicity Test: If everybody knew what you were doing, would you still do it?

The Most Admired Person Test: Would the person you most admire do it? If you told that person about it, would you feel proud or ashamed?

The Foresight Test: What can possibly go wrong? Could you live with those consequences? (adapted from Harry Emerson Fosdick)

Suggestions for “homework” this week.

Identify one virtue you wish to focus on this week. Make a concrete plan for ways you can foster growth in this area. Write it down and share it with your Lent partner.

BRETT'S TWO-CENTS

Hello everyone! A very profound and difficult question this week: can we say someone is blessed, especially when they are enduring great suffering? Are the people of Haiti or Chile blessed right now? If I understand the question correctly, it's seeking to understand how the goodness, care, and power of God who is love can be reconciled with the random and sometimes monstrous suffering that the world imposes on us. Let me try to answer in two ways.

My first answer is "no," we can't say that people who are victims of innocent suffering are blessed, if by that we mean that somehow their suffering is desired by God so as to bring about some greater good for them or for others. The Orthodox theologian David Hart is really helpful here. In his article "Tsunami and Theodicy," he recalls for us a conversation in *The Brothers Karamazov*, in which Dostoevsky famously asks through the character Ivan Karamazov, "If you could bring about a universal and final beatitude for all beings by torturing one small child to death, would you think the price acceptable?" The answer, of course, is "no." Such a view turns God into a monster. The traditional Christian answer to the mystery of innocent suffering is not that God needs/wants our suffering in order to accomplish his purposes, but rather that we live in a broken world, that the world has suffered an ancient alienation from God, an alienation that has wounded it in its depths and reduced it to a shadowy remnant of the world God intends. Creation has been enslaved to spiritual and terrestrial powers hostile to God and his love for us. Christ has come among us precisely to break the bonds of this fallen world, to save us from sin and evil and death, and to refashion creation after its ancient beauty - in which there was no sin or evil or death. Still, Christ's victory, while already won, is not yet complete. Until it is complete, we wait in hope, and work by his grace for that day when all things are subject to Christ, when God will wipe away every tear, and there will be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying, nor pain. So, are earthquakes or AIDS or the death of young children or the cancer afflicting a young mother somehow the will of God, blessings in disguise? Not at all. Better to say they are the will of his enemy, the result of a fallen world.

That being said, it's important to remember St. Paul's words, that "neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus" (Rom. 8:39-39). In other words, we never suffer alone; Christ always accompanies us in our suffering and supports us by his love. And as we see in the Resurrection, that love is ALWAYS able to draw good out of whatever evil we suffer. It's not that God needs our suffering in order to bring about his Kingdom, but rather, by his grace, our sufferings, when they come, can be joined to Christ's sacrifice on the cross and so contribute to the final victory of God's Kingdom. In this sense, we CAN say that, even in the midst of the most awful suffering, we are blessed, insofar as Christ's love always accompanies us and remains available to us. So long as we remember that it is God's faithful love and grace and power that we're referring to, not the suffering itself, then indeed we can say that we are blessed, even in the midst of our greatest trials. Like to learn more? Try this link: <http://www.firstthings.com/onthesquare/2008/05/tsunami-and-theodicy>

Next week: *kyrie eleison* and *agnus dei*

PARISH WORK PARTY

Saturday, March 13th from 8:00am-Noon. We need help spreading chips! Please bring your wheelbarrows, pitchforks, shovels, and rakes--and gloves. We will have the coffee on and some high-sugar, high-fat energy treats ready! School families can earn share points; all can earn brownie points! This is GREAT Lenten penance!

Father Dave has been hard at work spreading 3 yards of bark chips each day at this rate the 650 yard of chips should be spread by the end of year. OR . . . You can join the work party and we could finish it in a day.



Holy Trinity Ministries



SENIOR LUNCHEON

The next senior luncheon is Wednesday, March 17th at noon in the fireside room. Please bring a dish to share. For questions please call Kathy @ 503-614-9724.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Have you ever wondered what prayer shawls and the prayer shawl ministry is all about? Now is your chance to meet ladies from Holy Trinity and surrounding parishes that have a prayer shawl ministry. They will be coming to Holy Trinity on Saturday, March 13th to share ideas, yarns, patterns and most important fellowship. We will meet from 2-4 pm in the Fireside Room. **(Please note the change in meeting room for this meeting)**. As always you can get information about our ministry or request a prayer shawl for yourself or someone else by calling Linda Dum at (503) 642-1168.

A NEWCOMER'S WELCOME GET TOGETHER

Will be held in the Fireside Room on Sunday, March 14th after the 11:15 Mass. It is a wonderful way to meet other new parishioners as well as members of the different Ministries at Holy Trinity. Reservations are not required and children are always welcome. We look forward to meeting you there!

PARENTS PREPARATION CLASS FOR BAPTISM

Parents and godparents are invited to attend a preparation class for baptism on Monday, April 5th, 7 – 8:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room. It is necessary to take one preparation class before baptizing infants and pre-school children. This will be our only class until July, 2010. For more information or to register for the class, please call Marianne at 503-643-9528.



2010 HOLY TRINITY FAMILY CAMPOUT

Our annual family campout will take place on Memorial Day Weekend, May 28th-31st, at Silver Falls State Park. Please join us for a week-end of community fun and fellowship. We will have a planning meeting in April, if you are interested in attending or would like more information, please contact Susie Smith @ 503.430.0243.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Envelopes for Food Closet donations are in your envelope box. We will also have an envelope attached to the Bulletin next week. Thank you again for your amazing generosity.

Food Needs: individually wrapped Easter candy for our Easter dinner Baskets. Cereal - Jam or jelly (16 oz.) - Spaghetti sauce - Fruit Juice - Crackers - Toilet paper - Bath soap bars

Holy Trinity Faith Formation

Children's Faith Formation

Preschool 3yrs - 5th Grade & Sacramental Preparation
Melissa Core ~ 503.643.9528 ext 200
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Middle & High School Ministry

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

Young Adults

Anna & Gerard DeBlois ~ 503.319.1877
anna.kathleen.deblois@gmail.com

Join us for our next Young Adult meeting, Monday, March 15th at 7:00pm in the Fireside Room.

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

CREATING A CULTURE OF LIFE and KEEPING LENT HOLY ~ "Operation Mongolia"

In our Social Justice work, we have spent time looking at WHY people suffer and are in need. Our friend Dave has just returned from a trip to Mongolia, where he met a group that needs our friendship and help. Last Sunday we met the Parish of St. Peter and St. Paul in Ulaanbaatar Mongolia. We did some brainstorming about how we are going to help them. Come tonight to help finish our planning. Lenten treats will continue as we find creative ways to snack as we abstain from sweets as a group!

Adult Faith Formation

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

This week in RCIA:

We're approaching the goal! Easter is in sight! This week we take up the question of morality, formation of conscience, and the teaching authority of the Church. Come and join in the conversation! Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room.

Holy Trinity Catholic School

Brenda Martinek ~ Principal

www.htsch.org ~ 503.644.5748

Parent's Association ~ Monica Henry 503.641.2706



Working Together

At Holy Trinity we emphasize that by working together we can do amazing things. In our school's main entrance we have a shining example of this principle. With the help and dedication of local artists, Monet Rubin and Greg Hermans, our students created an incredible glasswork symbol of the Trinity. The student's small individual pieces are wired together to create the larger artwork. Each is beautiful alone, but together they are a truly inspiring tribute to God! Please come by after Mass this spring to experience the glorious sight of the sun refracted through each piece. May it serve always as a reminder to us of the joy we find when we work together for something greater than ourselves.



Holy Trinity Annual 8th Grade Pancake Breakfast will be held on April 11th after all Masses. This fundraiser will go towards the cost of the 8th grade camping trip this spring.

Please mark your calendars, tickets on sale soon. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Hernandez 503-466-9456.

A Few Spots Left:

We have a few openings in some of our grades for next year. If you are interested in sending your children to Holy Trinity, please fill out the application available online at www.htsch.org.

School Musical coming soon!

If you are interested in attending our school musical, Alice in Wonderland Jr. it will be held on Thursday, March 11th and Friday, March 12th at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$5.00 each and are on sale in the school office.

Living Stations:

On Monday, March 29th the school will be celebrating the Living Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm. Our students will be acting out all Stations. If you haven't experienced this through children's eyes, it certainly is something special to witness. Please join us in the church on this evening.



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**Holy Trinity
Catholic School**

Saturday, March 13th

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Sunday, March 14th

11:00am - 9:00pm

Bring your school spirit!

(Don't forget to bring this flyer with you)

Holy Trinity Faith Formation

Family Faith Sharing Questions

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

Third Sunday of Lent – Luke 13:1-9

In today's readings Jesus teaches us to overcome temptation. Temptations are those things that lure us into doing something that is immoral, or as the Church teaches, sinful. The devil is always trying to lead us away from our relationship with God so he tempts us with many things – including the glamour of power, money and popularity.

As we begin this Lenten season, first examine the temptations in your life. What are the temptations that get in the way of your relationship with God? What action will you do that will bring you into a closer relationship with God this Lent?

Week of March 7th

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday 8 2 Kgs 5: 1-15b; Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday 9 Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday 10 Dt 4:1,5-9; mt 5:17-19
Thursday 11 Jer 7: 23-28; Lk 11:14-23
Friday 12 Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12-28-34
Saturday 13 Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14
Sunday 14 Jos 5:9a, 10-12; 2Cor 5:17-21;
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Mass Intentions

Saturday 6 5:30pm Varela Family -
Special Intentions
Sunday 7 8:00am
9:30am Vu Family
11:15am Holy Trinity Parish Family
Monday 8 8:15am
Tuesday 9 8:15am
Wednesday 10 8:15am
Thursday 11 8:15am Tray Varela - Birthday
Friday 12 8:15am +Robert Schnider

HT SMALL FAITH COMMUNITIES BLOG

“Disciples on the Mission” is in full swing!

Congratulations to the 100+ parishioners who are participating in Small Faith Communities for Lent! In addition to our existing SFC's, three new groups were formed and will meet every week during the season of Lent to strengthen their faith through the Gospel and meaningful reflection/fellowship. May all of our participants be blessed with faith and friendship!

Miss sign-ups? Still interested in a Lenten SFC? Contact Ron/Jill White to find out current opportunities.

UPCOMING EVENT... Please plan on attending the Holy Trinity Small Faith Communities Post-Lenten Dinner Potluck! Date and Time TBD so keep watching the blog for updates.

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. For more information on joining a group or starting a new one, contact Ron or Jill White at smallfaithcommunities@h-t.org or 503-292-2626.

Men's Group ~ Chris Gniewosz ~ 503.292.4740
Every Tuesday, 7am
IHOP, Beaverton

Jesus 'n' Java ~ Jill White ~ 503.799.3115
Jesus N Java will not be meeting the 1st and 3rd Mondays at Panera Bread during Lent. Please join us beginning April 19th when we resume our regular schedule.

God's Girls ~ Janice ~ 503-347-4079
2nd & 4th Tuesdays 7 PM
Fireside Room

Walking With the Spirit

Libbie Allen ~ 503.816.6498
Every Sunday during Lent from 11:00am -12:30 pm in Fireside Rm. 4. Please join us and make your Lenten journey special. Call Libbie Allen at 503.816.6498 for more information.

Just Living ~ Jill Hertel - hertelj@juno.com
3rd Thursday 7:00pm
Panera Bread, Cedar Hills Crossing

Parish Contact Information

Parish Office

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parish@h-t.org

Parish Staff

Pastor: Dave Gutmann Ext. 204
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Parish Finances Budget Year 2008-2009

Offertory Collection February 28 \$19,443
Weekly goal \$16,981
"How shall I make a return to the Lord for all
the good God has done for me?"
(Psalm 116:1)



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.

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