

## CARRY FORTH THE LIGHT OF CHRIST from Christmas into Ordinary time

Howard Thurman's poem describes the call to be Christ and share His extraordinary mission.

### THE WORK OF CHRISTMAS

When the song of the Angels is stilled,  
When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the kings and princes are home,  
When the shepherds are back with their flock,  
The work of Christmas begins:

To find the lost,  
To heal the broken,  
To feed the hungry,  
To release the prisoners,  
To rebuild the nations,  
To bring peace among all,  
To make music in the heart.

– Howard Thurman

# Most Holy Trinity Parish

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*I am made glorious in the sight of God,  
and God is now my strength.*

*Isaiah 49: 5*



## HOW HAVE I EXPERIENCED GOD AS MY STRENGTH?

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## MISSION:

We are a people graced by God, who come together as a community of faith, supporting each other as we live and celebrate the Good News of Jesus Christ.

**Parish Mass Schedule:** 9:30 AM Sunday (church); 4:00 PM First Saturday of the Month (rectory chapel)



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and God is now my strength. – Isaiah 49:5

Isaiah has been wild with joy in his writing since Christmas. Last week he reminded us of God's radiant light that beams upon us. This week he proclaims how glorious God made us. We put aside our every-day concerns and reflect on our God-given glory.



Like St. John the Baptist and Jesus, in Baptism, we are commissioned to be one who is a spokesperson of God. We are given this commission to inspire a change within our heart and in all we meet. Speaking compassionately, offering encouragement, and attentively listening to another are ways that reveal God's love and goodness. These actions shine as a beacon, inviting everyone to share in the light.

This week we ask ourselves: *How do I reflect my God-given glory and reveal the God-given glory within all?*

– Sister Janice

**WE HOLD IN HEART AND PRAYER:** Terry Bacott, Philip Brown, Ed Deason, Tom George, Mary Lee Howard, Doris (Feeherty) Janz, Ethel Long, Joetta Lukowski, Mary Meyer, Sharon Morrow, Marta Reyna, James Smith, Amanda Suchara, John Towles, the Tracy and Usanga families, and Roger Woodson (nephew of Cathy Freeman).

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 9:30 AM**

*Presider:* Father Tom Donaldson

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 9:30 AM**

*Presider:* Father Dan Kearns

*Lectors:* First Reader, Adrian Stillman; *Second Reader,* Nicky Hoxworth

*Eucharistic Ministers:* Donna Lindsay & Sister Gail

**COLLECTION:** 1/1/23 - \$1,807.00

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** after Mass this morning. In this new year, come and be a part of determining the way we will proceed in the months ahead.

 MASS INTENTION

**Sunday, January 15, 9:30am:** Joanne George

## IN GRATITUDE

Holy Trinity faith community,  
Thank you for all the wonderful gifts  
you blessed us with this Christmas.  
2022 was a challenging year.  
This was truly a blessing.  
God bless your 2023,  
a year full of happiness  
and blessings.

### WELCOME BACK, FATHER TOM DONALDSON.

As Father Tom presides at Mass this morning memories return to us about how he guided our retreat in 2021. Father Tom comes to us from Rock church where he is a member of the Redemptorist community.



**WE ARE HAVING A FISH FRY,  
A FABULOUS FISH FRY,  
WECOMING ALL,  
BEGINING FEBRUARY 24.**

**Please donate 5 cake mixes  
of the same kind:**

- 5 lemon,
- 5 chocolate,
- 5 yellow or
- 5 French vanilla.

When choosing cakes mixes,  
please buy the mixes that  
do not use butter.

Icing is 4 of a kind, but not the  
baker's choice brand.

## GUIDING LIGHTS

We begin anew in God's light.  
We reflect on those who reveal Christ in our world.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 15:** 47th annual celebration of Archdiocesan Mass for the Preservation of Peace and Justice honoring Dr. Martin Luther King. Mass: 2:30 pm, Cathedral Basilica on Lindell Blvd.

**MONDAY, JANUARY 16,** Martin Luther King Jr. Day is a federal holiday in the United States marking his January 15 birthday. We honor his leadership to dismantle racism and to promote God's vision of justice and peace. We embrace his commitment, his inspiring words and his life's witness. This year may we grow in awareness of our own biases and prejudices, contributing our own individual and collective strength toward advancing human rights for all.

### THE BELOVED COMMUNITY

Dr. King believed a Beloved Community was possible, he worked for systemic change. His example calls all to act. How do we work toward a society, which works for equality and respect for all? How will we address critical issues that divide us?

### UNITED WE SERVE

This is the only federal holiday designated as a National Day of Service to encourage all Americans to volunteer to improve their communities. Where are opportunities to invest our time and talents today?

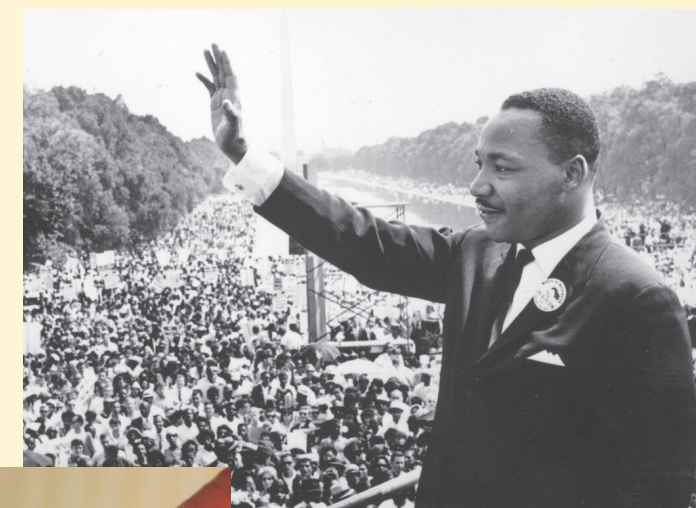


**My life's light glows in the  
darkness around me.**

– Sojourner Truth,  
abolitionist, and women's  
voting rights activist.

**GOD'S MERCY REMOVES THE "SHADOWS AND DARKNESS" AND GIVES US  
NEW LIGHT... TO RECEIVE LIGHT, ONE MUST BE LIGHT."**

– Pope Francis



**LOVE – CARITAS** — is an extraordinary force which leads people to opt for courageous and generous engagement in the field of justice and peace. It is a force that has its origin in God.

– Pope Benedict XVI, Encyclical Letter on Integral Human Development in Charity and Truth. *Caritas in Veritate*

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### REVOLUTION OF VALUES

We must attend to the deeper recesses of the human spirit that are the realms of religious faith and spiritually. This is the essential contribution that our faith makes to dismantle racism. We must heal the human spirit. For me, at its deepest level racism is a soul-sickness. It is a profound warping of the human spirit, one that enables human beings to create communities of cold, callous indifference to their darker sisters and brothers. Stripped to its core, racism is that disturbing interior disease that enable people to not care for those who don't look like them.

– Father Bryan Massingale, professor theology at Fordham University in New York.