

# Most Holy Trinity Parish

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**Live as children of light,  
For light produces every kind of goodness.**  
– Ephesians 5:8-14

How we long for God's light in this shared time of uncertainty!

We are united in the Light of Christ when we are all at home at a geographic distance from each other.

None of us are probably doing the kind of things we were doing a few months ago. Today unites us all as we strive to follow the guidelines and be aware of the wellness of each other. We have lived through big moments in our life, first communion, graduation, weddings, births and deaths, etc. However, the moment we are experiencing now is different in that we are living this together and at the same time.

The anxiety, confusion, fears we feel are real. We fear ourselves getting ill, or a loved one has health challenges. We observe the impact on business, families, friends, and communities. These happenings show us we are connected to one another. This is the time to live "one" in Christ and "one" with each other.

Everything that has happened shows us our shared humanity around the world. This is the call to notice and appreciate the kindnesses of clerks, servers, transporters—the array of people attending to and encouraging one another. These times unite us and bring us closer together as a human community.

Even though we are staying three feet away from each other, our smile brings a genuine sense of greeting to another. A phone call to someone we haven't contacted for a while uplifts. How will we help neighbors?

Each of us has "blind spots"—things that we do not see or understand because of our prejudices or biases. The blind one in the gospel today was led to light. We, too, are led to the One who is the Light so that we might see with the eyes of love and extend only kindness.

We are the messengers of God's compassion extending healing love and the radiance of faith to those walking

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EARLY & OFTEN EARLY & OFTEN GOD SENDS MESSENGERS OF COMPASSION.  
*Early & often* HOW DO I EXPERIENCE GOD'S COMPASSION?



HOW AM I A MESSENGER OF GOD'S COMPASSION TODAY...TOMORROW... EVERYDAY

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in the darkness of fear, discouragement, illness or any sorrow.

We are to be messengers of God's compassion today...tomorrow...everyday.

Amazing God, help us see this shared time as an opportunity to unite with others. May we practice compassion and caring as we walk together in the steadfast light of Christ.

**CONTINUED PRAYER:** Helen Barbar, Vickie and Ed Deason, Mary Green, Mary Lee Howard, Michael Lemond, Ethel Long, Joetta Lukowski, Mary Meyer, Diana Schmidt, John Towles, and the needs of the Tracy and Usanga families

## 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:** 4 PM Saturday Mass/Eucharistic Prayer Service in Rectory Chapel  
9:30 AM Sunday in Church | 9:15 AM Wednesday School Mass in Church (during school year)