

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Responding to Coronavirus**

We include a special insert related to the emergent outbreak of Coronavirus disease (COVID-19). Those general guidelines still pertain, so we'll continue to offer them. In addition, you can sign up for a daily update on local news regarding COVID-19 @ [bit.ly/COVID19UPDATES](https://bit.ly/COVID19UPDATES).

In addition to our general guidelines, we're taking some added precautions this morning:

- 1) Offering plates will not be passed from person to person. Please place your gift in the plate on a stand near the entryway or, if you prefer, as you come forward for communion.
- 2) We will offer communion from a station this morning, rather than at the altar rail (which has been identified as a possible vector for germs). The bread is offered at the center of the aisle. If you wish to "opt-in" for wine, a chalice-bearer will be positioned off to the side.
- 3) We are not offering coffee hour this morning.

These adjustments will continue through the end of the month, and we'll reassess plans then.

So long as schools remain open, please assume parish activities and meetings will be held. In all matters, however, please rely on your good judgement as to whether you should participate.

We are looking into options related to "streaming" Sunday liturgies. If you're on our mailing list, you'll receive updates on plans. Sermons – both text and audio – are already available online.

### **Sunday Forum — TODAY @ 9:15 AM**

Our weekly adult forum meets in Brooks Hall between our morning services, offering a time of fellowship, as well as a chance to exchange information or engage in deeper reflection.

This morning, we invite one and all into some conversation about topics that concern us all. We'll revisit some of the concerns shared last week regarding coronavirus (COVID-19) before opening up a new conversation about Lent.

After our weekend with Padre Samuel Borbón last fall, several members of the congregation continued to meet as the "Latino Opportunity Visioning" (LOV) group, working on possibilities. At next Sunday's forum, they'll share their ideas ... and invite your input and guidance.

### **Mid-Lent Sunday — NEXT Sunday @ 8 and 10:15 AM**

The Fourth Sunday in Lent is often celebrated with a break from the austerities of Lent. The traditional name is *Laetare* Sunday, but it's also called Refreshment Sunday or Mid-Lent Sunday or Rose Sunday. In England, it's "Mothering Sunday." We'll celebrate the day here at Trinity, relaxing some of the somber tones we observe most Sundays in Lent.

Here at Trinity, "Rose Sunday" is also "Signup Sheet Sunday"!! With Palm Sunday just a couple of weeks after, we'll be looking for everyone to take a part on Palm Sunday and/or offer an extra bit of help all through Holy Week. If you are going to be here and can assist for any of the services during Holy Week, please add your name to one of the sign-up sheets. Encouragement will be provided for those willing to give something new a try!

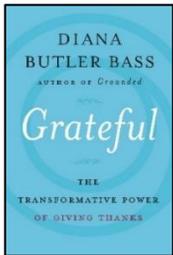
## **Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) 2020 Lenten Campaign**

Lent is a time to reflect on Jesus' call to care for those in need and to commit ourselves to live compassionate lives that uphold the dignity of every human being. Our alms offer thanks for God's blessings and hope for others. ERD Lenten Meditation booklets and Hope Chests are available for your use.

### **Thursdays at Trinity — Thursday @ 5 PM**

Our "Thursdays at Trinity" series is offered as an evening to feed body and soul. Come for all – or part – of the night's three segments. We start with worship at 5 pm.

Supper follows at 5:45 – a potluck of soup and bread. We invite everyone to sign up and take a share in bringing bring soup, bread or salad. Dan and Jean Bissell are coordinating the meals and welcome help. If you can help, contact Jean @ 503-581-7056 or [jacbissell@gmail.com](mailto:jacbissell@gmail.com).



After sharing food for body and soul, we have a chance to feed our hearts and minds as we read and discuss *Grateful*, by Diana Butler Bass. With honest stories and heartrending examples from history and her own life, Diana reclaims gratitude as a path to greater connection with God, with others, with the world, and with our own souls. The book shows us a path we can follow this Lenten season, one that heals us and helps us thrive. (Our discussion runs from 6:30-7:30 pm.)

### **Lent Madness — Who Will Win the Golden Halo?**

Lent Madness pits 32 saints against each other in a bracket. A bit silly. Possibly irreverent ... and yet a fine way to learn more about the saints who have gone before us. It all shifts into another gear this coming week, as we'll wrap up the Round of 32 and enter into the Saintry 16!

We still have copies of the individual brackets for your use at home, but it's really an online activity anyhow, so sign up for daily email updates and start voting for your favorite saint at [www.lentmadness.org](http://www.lentmadness.org).



### **Adult Forum: Pledge to Care for Creation — Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>**

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry encourages all of us to make a Pledge to Care for Creation. It's a promise to protect and renew the Earth and all who call it home. It's a promise to stand with those who are most vulnerable and live more gently on the Earth.

Trinity's Peace and Social Justice Team is leading the Adult Forum on Sunday, March 29, to review the Pledge and to provide a presentation on the Carbon Tracker. The Carbon Tracker is a web-based application that helps individuals and congregations measure their carbon footprint and take steps to shrink it to fit a sustainable life. Please mark your calendars for an interesting discussion!

### **Trinity Women's Retreat — Friday-Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>**

There are a few spots left for the Women's Retreat at the end of March (just a couple of weeks away!) If you are interested in participating, please call Maria Wattier at 541-280-7699 for more information and to register.