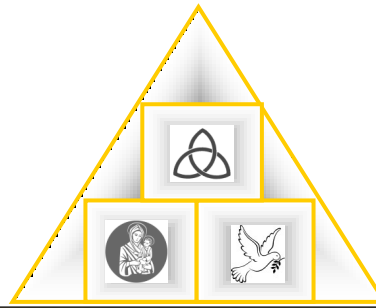


# Holy Trinity Parish

Fourth Sunday of Advent December 22, 2024

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Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb..." Cf. Luke 1:39-42



Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE					READINGS
Sat.	5:30PM	HT	Dec. 21	Parishioners	Songs 2:8-14 / Ps 33 / Lk 1:39-45
Sun.	8:45AM	SM	Dec. 22	+Cy and Mary Ellen Reding	Mic 5:1-4a / Ps 80 / Heb 10:5-10 / Lk 1:39-45
	10:30AM	SC		3rd Gr. Faith Formation	
Mon.	8:00AM	SM	Dec. 23	+Bob and Mary Heppelmann	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 / Ps 25 / Lk 1:57-66
Tue.	<b>4:00PM</b>	<b>HT</b>	<b>Dec. 24</b>	+Ed and Gerry O'Connor	2Sm 7:1-5,8b-12,14,16/Ps89 / Lk 1:67-79
Wed.	<b>8:45AM</b>	<b>SM</b> <b>SC</b>	<b>Christmas Day</b> <b>Dec. 25</b>	Parishioners	Is 62:11-12 / Ps 97/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20
	<b>10:30AM</b>			+Rodney (Rudy) Tutewohl	
Thu.	<b>8:30PM</b>	SM	Dec. 26	+Ralph McNamara	Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59 / Ps31/ Mt 10:17-22
Fri.	<b>8:00AM</b>	SM	Dec. 27	PECS (Parish Evangelization Cell Groups)	1Jn 1:1-4 / Ps 97 / Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Sat.	<b>9:00AM</b> <b>5:30PM</b>	<b>HT</b> <b>HT</b>	Dec. 28	<u>For an end to abortion</u> +John Haas	1Jn 1:5-2:2 / Ps 124 / Mt 2:13-18
Sun.	8:45AM	SM	Dec. 29	Parishioners	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 / Ps 128 / Col 3:12-21 / Ps / Lk 2:41-52
	10:30AM	SC		+Darlene Beach	

Mission: *We grow together in Christ.*

## Welcome to our Parish Churches!



**Holy Trinity Church (HT)**  
 211 4th Street North  
 Goodhue, MN 55027



**St. Columbkil Church (SC)**  
 36483 County 47 Boulevard  
 Goodhue, MN 55027



**St. Mary Church (SM)**  
 221 Chester Avenue  
 Bellechester, MN 55027

## From Father McCabe

The fourth candle of the Advent wreath has been lit, and the Advent season is about to reach its crescendo – Christmas Eve and the beginning of the Christmas season that ends on Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, the Baptism of the Lord.

We might be doing our last-minute preparations in haste, much like the Blessed Virgin Mary was in haste to visit her cousin Elizabeth who was six months pregnant with John the Baptist.

Do you think that there was excitement and stress in Mary's life? Mary is about fifteen years old when the Archangel Gabriel greeted her by saying, "Hail, full of grace. The Lord is with you." Lk. 1:28 (It also can be translated, "Hail, favored one"). We then read that Mary was "greatly troubled" by this greeting.

Mary is indeed full of grace, that is, she always had God's divine life filling her soul. The Greek word to describe this unique relationship with God is "kecharitomene" (kay-caree-toe-may-nay), which means that she was and always will be full of grace; and when your soul is full of grace, there is no room for sin. This is why we believe that Mary was immaculately conceived.

God created Mary free from Original Sin and kept her free from all personal sin. Even though Mary was filled with grace, she still had normal emotions like feeling troubled. Thus, we learn that we can be in the state of grace and still have negative emotions in our life. Mary teaches us to give our emotions, positive or negative, to God by trusting in God's saving design.

Because of her unique call, perfect love and strength, we celebrate annually the Immaculate Conception of Mary on December 8<sup>th</sup> (or the 9<sup>th</sup> if December 8<sup>th</sup> is a Sunday of Advent). This day was made a Solemnity here in our country because the Catholic Bishops made her the Patroness of the United States under the title of the Immaculate Conception in the year 1846.

The angel consoled Mary's troubled soul by saying, "Do not be afraid Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus." Lk. 1:30 The name Jesus means, God will save his people from their sins.

Even good news can make a person feel stressed, but Mary did not run away from this responsibility, but listened to the angel tell more of the story, but not the whole story. Like any person, Mary had to take steps of faith to grow and live the whole story to the end, just as we must persevere in our Catholic faith, hope and love to the end to be saved.

The Blessed Virgin Mary did not know all the details of her life, but she trusted God sufficiently to ask, "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?" Lk. 1:34 Even though she was betrothed to Joseph, she and Joseph agreed to live as celibates, forgoing any sexual activity.

The angel replied, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore, the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren." Lk. 1:35 When Joseph realized this miraculous mystical relationship, he respected it com-

pletely.

Mary responds by offering herself and stress over to God, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Lk. 1:38 She then makes haste to visit her cousin Elizabeth.

We believe that the baby Jesus in the womb of Mary is truly God and truly a human being. And when Mary greets Elizabeth, the baby in the womb of Elizabeth leaps for joy. We believe that Jesus was already doing his divine work by sanctifying the baby in the womb of Elizabeth, the infant John the Baptist.

Then the Holy Spirit fills Elizabeth, who says "Most Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." Lk. 1:42 This story is the basis for the "Hail, Mary" (Ave) which we pray 150 times when we pray the Rosary.

Elizabeth continues: "And how does it happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." Lk. 1:43-45

This is good news, but even good news can bring some stress. We see Mary offer her stress by surrendering her will to God and his plan. We see Elizabeth offering her stress by giving praise to God that the Lord and his Mother, Mary, had come to visit her.

Whatever stress you have in your life, whether from positive or negative events, humbly ask God the Father questions, patiently wait for his answer, and always trust and praise him for the gift of the Lord Jesus Christ and his Mother, Mary, being here for us.

Although we do not know all the details of our future life and what Christmas will bring, we trust that the Lord Jesus will help us celebrate his birth, as well as prepare for his second coming in glory. WE DO KNOW that we can meet Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of Confession and Holy Eucharist. WE DO KNOW that we can thank God for the security of being saved when we have confessed the number and kind of our mortal sins (to the best of our ability, without holding back a mortal sin) to Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of Confession, and receive him as a pure, divine gift in the Holy Eucharist in the state of grace that Holy Mother Church has prepared for us. This is God's promise!

In this last short week of Advent, we listen to the Angel speak to Mary, and to us, "Do not be afraid." The saving grace and truth of Jesus Christ is within his Catholic Church and his faithful people.

Peace in Christ through Mary,  
Fr. Thomas McCabe

HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS!



**Catholic Young Adults: Christmas caroling** on Sunday, December 22. Potluck 6:30-7:30PM at Holy Trinity and caroling until 9:00PM with hot drinks afterwards.

## News and Events

**Christmas Program at St. Columbkil:** Immediately after on Sunday, December 22 followed by refreshments.

**All preschool or kindergartener children are invited** to join in a song before the Christmas Pageant at St. Columbkil after Mass on Sun., Dec. 22. Please meet with Shannon Dicke in the back of church after that Mass.

**Diaper Drive:** Catholic Daughters is hosting a diaper drive benefiting First Choice Clinic in Red Wing. Donations will be collected from Dec. 1 to Jan. 6 at the back/entry of each church. Catholic Daughters will match \$1000 worth of diapers donated. Diaper sizes 3-7 are in the greatest need. Thank you!

**Gift Card Project:** Annual Holy Trinity/St. Columbkil CCW Gift Card Project from Dec. 1 thru Jan. 5. Donate cash or checks made out to Deb O'Connor or Diane Opsahl and we will purchase the gift cards. Amounts of \$10, \$15, \$20, or \$25 are suggested. Drop boxes are at both churches or you can mail cards or donations to: Holy Trinity Parish, Attn: Christmas Gift Card Project, Box 275. Thank you!

**Catholic Daughters "Meal In A Bucket" Sale:** Pre-order slips in back of Church. BBQ Buns, Chili, Potato Soup, Portage Soup and Cinnamon Rolls. Pick up Jan. 18-19.

**Sympathy and Prayers:** Our prayers for the Zimbars and Erhardt families whose baby boy Colten died recently.

**Thank you St. Mary's** for your generous donations for our Goodhue Co. Christmas Families in need. Six families and 13 children had a wonderful Christmas! Thank you!

### *Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord*

#### *Mass Times and Liturgical Roles for December 24 & 25*

Christmas Eve Mass, Tue., Dec. 24 - 4:00PM - Holy Trinity

**Music:** Wanda Schafer **Cantor:** Michelle Matthees  
**Lector:** Lily Peterson

**Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister:** Bev Mancilman

**Servers:** Ellie Nardinger, Derek Stehr

Christmas Mass, Wed., Dec. 25, - 8:45AM - St. Mary

**Music:** Wanda Schafer **Cantor:** Cathy O'Reilly  
**Lector:** Taylor Dowden

**Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister:** Mary Majerus

**Servers:** Isaac Ryan, Jeremy and Danny Keller

Christmas Mass, Wed. Dec. 25, - 10:30AM - St. Columbkil

**Music:** Cindy Eppen **Cantor:** Eleanor O'Reilly  
**Lector:** Ann or Taylor Buck

**Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister:** Charlie Dicke

**Servers:** Patrick, Francis, Philip O'Reilly



## NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival



*"On this Holy Night, adoration of the Child Jesus becomes Eucharistic adoration. We adore you, Lord, truly present in the Sacrament of the Altar. We acknowledge you as our one God, a little Child lying helpless in the manger!" - St. John Paul II*

**Please pray for:** Marcy Dilworth, Susan Brown, Margaret Wagner, Maxine Ryan, Ed Heppelmann, Anne Merry, Ray Poncelet, Dave Buck, Scott Cyert, Jerry Joe Majerus, Louise Heppelmann, Brent Hokanson, Anne Skalicky, Neil Stehr, Jen Berg, Marge Majerus, Shawn Frederixon, Gabe Ryan, Laura Luhman, Ryan Zorn, Beth Carlson, Chuck Havrilla, Randy Nardinger, Wilma Seither, Linda Bowar and Alan Gadiant.

Holy Trinity is dedicated to protecting children and vulnerable adults. Volunteers serving with minors and vulnerable adults must complete requirements before engaging in ministry. Maria Schultz, Safe Environment Coordinator - holytrinity-goodhue@gmail.com.

### Calendar/Events

Date	Day	Time	Event
Sat., Dec. 21	HT	4:45-5:20PM	Sacrament of Confession
Sun., Dec. 22	SM	8:20-8:40AM	Sacrament of Confession
Mon., Dec. 23	SM	6:30-9:00PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Tues., Dec. 24	HT	2:30-3:45PM	Sacrament of Confession
Wed., Dec. 25	HT		NO Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Wed., Dec. 25	SM	8:20-8:40AM	Sacrament of Confession NO Faith Formation Classes
Thu., Dec. 26	SC		NO Adoration/Confession (8:30PM Mass at St. Mary)
Fri., Dec. 27	SM	7:00-7:45AM	Adoration / Confession (8:00AM Mass)
Sat., Dec. 28	HT	8:00-8:45AM	Adoration / Confession (9:00AM Mass at Holy Trinity For the End to Abortion)
Sat., Dec. 28	HT	4:45-5:20PM	Sacrament of Confession
Sun, Dec. 29	SM	8:20-8:40AM	Sacrament of Confession

**Holy Trinity Church (HT) Collection:**  
12/14: \$ 697.00

**St. Columbkil Church (SC) Collection:**  
12/15: \$ 730.00

**St. Mary Church (SM) Collection:**  
12/15: \$2,599.00



### *Behold the Lamb of God!*

*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Mondays at St. Mary from 6:30-9:00PM, Wednesdays at Holy Trinity from 9:00AM-2:00PM, and Thursdays at St. Columbkil from 8:00AM-9:00AM (unless otherwise noted). Come and spend some time with Jesus!*

### Weekend Ministry Schedule

Church	Role	Dec. 21/22	Dec. 28/29
HT: Saturday 5:30PM Dec. 21 & Dec. 28	<b>Musician</b>	Wanda Schafer	Wanda Schafer
	<b>Cantor</b>	Aurora Wiskow	Laurel Seither
	<b>Lector</b>	Karen Albers	Maureen Lodermeier
	<b>Servers</b>	Brynn and Nora Frederick	Leetta, Aubriel, Oleana, and Stuart O'Reilly
SM: Sunday 8:45am Dec. 22 & Dec. 29	<b>Musician</b>	Wanda Schafer	Wanda Schafer
	<b>Cantor</b>		
	<b>Lector</b>	Jeremy Keller	Taylor Buck
	<b>Servers</b>	Will Poncelet, Derek Stehr, Danny Keller	Henry, Maya and Noah Keller
SC: Sunday 10:30am Dec.22 & Dec. 29	<b>Musician</b>	Cindy Eppen	Cindy Eppen
	<b>Cantor</b>	Shelly Jacobson	Shannon Dicke
	<b>Lector</b>	Michael Poncelet	Pam Altendorf
	<b>Servers</b>	Madalynn and Caleb Schofield, Corbin Jaeger	Jay Roschen, Jenna and JJ O'Reilly

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Plan to attend "Shine in My Heart Lord Jesus" the 2024 Christmas Pageant after Mass on Sunday, December 22 at St. Columbkille. (2023 Photo)

Photo from December 2023.

Catholic Young Adults are invited to Christmas caroling on Sunday, December 22. Meet at Holy Trinity for a Potluck from 6:30-7:30PM and we will go caroling until 9:00PM and enjoy hot drinks afterwards.

*The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for December 2024: For Pilgrims of Hope*  
We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.