

# TRINITY TALK

July 2025

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## A Message from Fr. Steve:

Thank you all, with all my heart, for making June 14, 2025, an incredibly meaningful and joy-filled day. It still amazes me that the day of the Installation was exactly two years to the day since I first arrived at Trinity — June 14, 2023. That first visit through Messy Church marked the beginning of a journey that has been full of grace, growth, and love. What a beautiful road these two years have been.



I am overwhelmed with thankfulness for the dedication, kindness, and love shared by so many of you throughout this time. To each and every person who has offered support, encouragement, and prayers — thank you. Your presence and faith have inspired and sustained me, and I hold your generosity close in my heart.

My deepest gratitude goes to the wonderful committee who planned and organized the Installation with such love and care. Bob Superneau, thank you for guiding the process with wisdom and commitment. Gayle Kenan, your uplifting spirit and thoughtful focus kept everything on course. And to Joyce Wills, Ann Walker, Anne Warburton, Priscilla Selman, Betsy Little, Rocky Covill, Elizabeth Blush, and Yvonne Omer — your collective efforts made the celebration not only possible, but meaningful and full of joy. Thank you for pouring so much heart into the day.

I am equally grateful to all who supported the event financially. Your generosity made every detail — the food, the flowers, the music, the photos — simply beautiful and more than we ever imagined. Thank you for giving so freely out of love.

To the groups who shared their time and talents — thank you. The property committee, kitchen guild, altar guild, ushers, readers, and those who arranged the sanctuary flowers gave their gifts with care and devotion. You helped make the day shine with reverence and welcome.

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To the Choir, thank you for surrounding us with song and spirit. Dan, your solo moved many hearts, and Adreian, your prayerful chanting brought such depth to the service. The Bell Choir's offering added a touch of wonder, and I am especially thankful to David for his thoughtful help throughout the planning of the service and music. David continues to be a treasured member of this ministry and a great blessing to me.

Once again, to Bob and Gayle — thank you for your constant support and leadership, which have been incredibly important through this journey. And with a full heart, I thank Tatiana for standing with me every step of the way in preparing for this day. Your presence and strength have meant everything to me.

I am truly, deeply blessed to be part of such a warm, loving, faithful community. Thank you for walking with me — in laughter, in worship, in service, and in love. I give thanks for each of you.

Fr. Steve Swartzell

## **Will you support the Chapel Votive Candles?**

The Altar Guild kindly invites you to support the Chapel Candle Stand each time you light a candle in remembrance — whether it's in honor of a loved one, a birthday, a special moment of joy, or during a time of sadness.

We encourage you to place a donation in the box located on the wall above the matches. Your contribution helps cover the ongoing costs of candles, holders, and matches. Thank you for your generosity and support.

Altar Guild



## **SAS ENCORE**

July 24th at 11am

We're excited to have a new creative class led by the talented Barbara Hagen where we will make a special craft!

This is your chance to bring out your creative side! This class is all about having fun and enjoying each others company! Lunch will be provided!



## A Message from Fr. Steve: Bells and Smells

As we walked into the church—the House of God—what do we remember on a sensory level? For me, growing up, it was the distinct aroma of extinguished candles. The smoke would rise gently, swirling toward the vaulted ceiling until it hung like a veil above the congregation. That scent—warm wax and faint incense—filled the sanctuary and became imprinted in my memory.

My childhood church also had a bell tower. One of my most treasured memories was being allowed to pull the bell rope on Sunday mornings at eight and ten o'clock. I would brace myself and give it several strong tugs until the bell pealed through the neighborhood, proclaiming the beginning of worship. It felt like I was summoning the community with sound, calling everyone into a sacred worship.

I remember the changing colors of the church year—vibrant greens, solemn purples, glowing whites—reflected in the banners and vestments. These colors told the story of the liturgical seasons, signaling shifts in our spiritual journey and drawing the eyes and heart toward deeper attentiveness. The space itself—its warmth, its radiance, its beauty—helped center me and draw me into the mystery of worship.

Worship engages all our senses: the sights of seasonal color and stained glass, the smell of incense or candle wax, the sounds of hymnody and bell chimes, the feel of kneeling or standing, the taste of Eucharist shared. Even our bodily movements—bowing, standing, sitting, kneeling, making the sign of the cross—connect us more fully to the sacred experience. Each element invites us to participate wholeheartedly.

You may have heard the phrase 'smells and bells'—a shorthand for the ritual richness of Episcopal and other liturgical traditions. While incense may spark mixed reactions (and a few coughs), bells are more often met with delight. There's a joy in their sound—both beautiful and purposeful—woven into the rituals that shape our faith.

One particular kind of bell, the Sanctus bell or altar bell, plays a powerful role in worship. Often used during the Eucharist in traditions like Roman Catholic, Anglican, Episcopal, and some Lutheran churches, these bells draw our attention to the holiest moments of the service. They remind us—clearly and reverently—of the transformation taking place before us.

Traditionally rung during the Sanctus—the part of the liturgy when we proclaim, 'Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts'—these bells reach their most poignant use during the consecration, when the priest lifts the Host and Chalice. Their clear tones mark the mystery and miracle, inviting focused awe as we witness bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. Reflecting the Trinity, they are often rung three times to emphasize the holiness and unity of the moment.

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Throughout history, bells have played a unifying and proclaiming role in the church. They have announced times of prayer, rung out joyous weddings, tolled in mourning at funerals, and marked the sacred passages of time. In many ways, they serve as the church's enduring voice—drawing us together with sound, proclaiming God's presence in every season.

I am filled with gratitude and joy to share that Trinity's Altar Guild has acquired new Sanctus bells. This beautiful and sacred addition to our worship is not only a generous offering but one that will echo through the life of our church for years to come. These bells will become part of our rhythm of praise—marking holy moments, shaping sacred memory, and inviting all who hear them to pause, look upward, and enter more deeply into the presence of God. We give thanks for this lasting gift and for the faithful hands that brought it to us.

Fr. Steve Swartzell



## **The Book Club**

**July 12th, 2025**

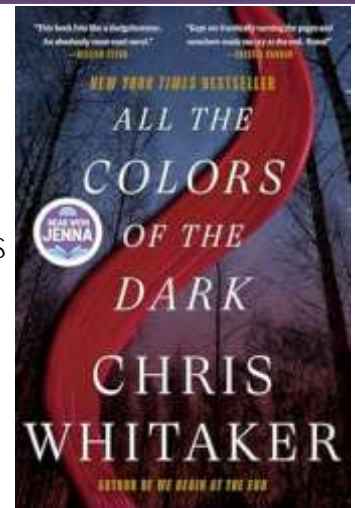
The book club meets in the Library from 9:30-11:00am the 2nd Saturday of each month.

Come join everyone for a truly enjoyable morning and some lively literary discussions. Interested? Please contact Laurie McKinnell at [mckinnell4@aol.com](mailto:mckinnell4@aol.com).

### The July featured book is:

All the Colors of the Dark  
by Chris Whitaker

The novel follows two children, Saint and Patch, whose lives forever change when Patch intervenes to save a young woman from an act of violence. This traumatic event affects their lives and others in their small Ozark community.







**July 12 – August 9 – September 13**

Messy Church is a casual service where all are welcome!

Messy Church is all about worshiping God, celebrating life, and having fun!

Hamburgers and hot dogs are provided. Please bring a side dish, appetizer, or dessert you would love to share with everyone! You are welcome to bring something for our drink table as well.

Don't forget your beach chair or blanket!

**Appetizers at 5:30pm  
Service starts at 6:00pm  
Burgers & Hot Dogs  
provided after the service!**

Trinity Episcopal Church  
2400 N. Canal Street Orange, CA 92865

## **Outreach Dine Out Rodrigo's Mexican Grill**

**Date: July 17, 2025  
Time: TBD**

**1230 E. Katella Ave.  
Orange, CA 92867**

**Help Outreach make  
their 2025 goal!  
Enjoy some fajitas  
and good company.**



## **SUNDAY SUPPER NEEDS YOU**

### **Sunday Supper**



**Communities Coming Together**

Trinity is hosting Sunday Supper on July 6, and we need your help. Please sign up on the bulletin board at the back of the church...You will be glad you did! If you have any questions, please contact co-managers Donna Watson (714.745.1015 – [dwatson@designer-mouse.com](mailto:dwatson@designer-mouse.com)) or Elizabeth Blush (714.319.1452 – [buzzyblush@gmail.com](mailto:buzzyblush@gmail.com)).

# Get to know a Parishioner!

## Joyce Wills

How long have you been a part of the Trinity Family?

I have been an official member of Trinity since 2013. But during my first two years at Chapman (eons ago!), I used to walk from the Chapman dorms to Old Trinity Church on Maple Street. Unfortunately, after the church moved to Canal Street I could no longer attend Trinity because it was too far away for me to walk there!

However, when old Trinity was sold to Chapman, it became the college chapel. At the time, I belonged to the social service club that were the chapel wedding coordinators for Chapman. I spent many hours, setting up for Chapman College weddings in that old (but beautiful) church! The \$125 fee we were paid went into a scholarship fund. To this day that Fund awards TWO \$2000 scholarships yearly for qualified Chapman students.

After college graduation, I married, stopped going to church, had two sons, and taught school in Buena Park for almost 40 years. Divorce brought me back to St. Andrew's Church, Fullerton. A series of unfortunate events @ St. Andrew's brought me back to Trinity in 2013. The circle was now complete!

One of my sons works in Rosemead and lives in Long Beach. His brother, his wife, and his three young girls live and work in Southern Virginia (Virginia Tech)! To see any of my family, I have to TREK East across the continent or West across the Pacific to Hawaii.



Joyce Wills & Rocky Covill on Easter Sunday

**What's your favorite food?**

My favorite food is local – Hawaiian-Island food (saimin, musubi, plate lunch, shave ice!) But guess what I miss when I'm away from California: chili rellenos, tamales, carnitas, and enchiladas!???

**What's your favorite season?**

My favorite season is SUMMER, as long as my living quarters are air-conditioned. Before retirement it was the season, I could sleep in, eat a REAL lunch in a REAL restaurant and take more than 29 minutes, and hang-out with my sons. Now I love living in perpetual SUMMER!

Every month we will showcase a parishioner so you can get to know them! The person selected will then go on to select the person who will be showcased for the next month. Joyce has made her selection and I will be reaching out to that person to showcase them for August!



# WORD SEARCH

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Sunday Supper

Messy Church

Book Club

Acolytes

Outreach

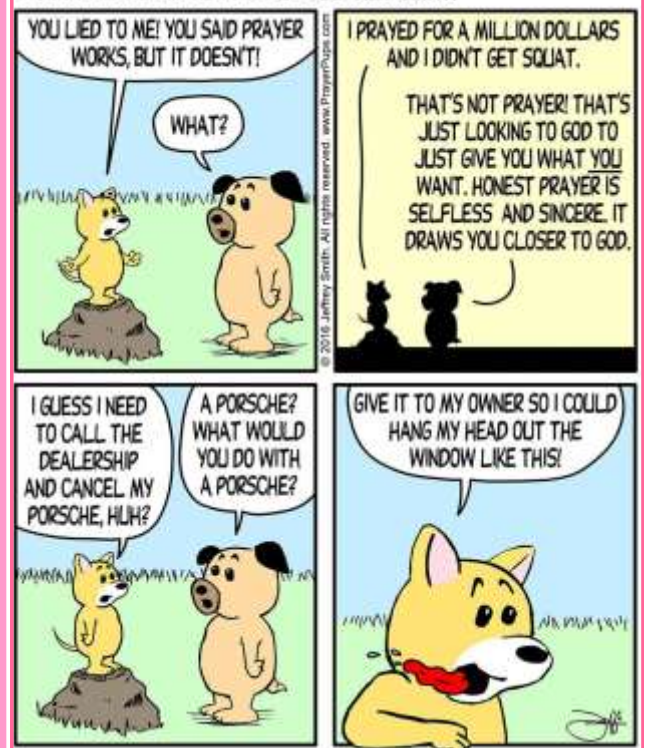
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Flowers

Joyce

Ushers

## PRAYER PUPS BY JEFFREY SMITH



**We are in need of Acolytes,  
Ushers, LEMs, and Altar Guild  
Members.**

**Trinity is hoping we  
could have some new  
members of each!**



**Please contact the parish  
administrator and she  
can help you with next  
steps!**

## PRAYER PUPS BY JEFFREY SMITH



# Altar Flower Donations

Flowers for the Altar provide a lovely way to offer a thanksgiving or remembrance of a loved one or a special event. More than one acknowledgement may be given on a Sunday. You may offer flowers as often as you wish. Each Sunday's Altar flowers cost \$160.



Any amount towards the expense is very much appreciated! Please make the donation by whichever means you choose, just make sure you indicate that it is for the Altar Flowers.

Thank you so much!

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF CENTRAL  
ORANGE COAST

## FOOD DISTRIBUTION



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF CENTRAL ORANGE COAST, HAS MADE A FIRM COMMITMENT TO PROVIDING ESSENTIAL NEEDS AND MEALS FOR FAMILIES IN OUR ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY THAT ARE FOOD INSECURE. EVERY WEEK, THEY HOST A FOOD DISTRIBUTION; PROVIDING MEALS TO OVER 200 FAMILIES IN SANTA ANA. THEY ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEER GROUPS TO JOIN THEIR FOOD DISTRIBUTION EVENTS. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HELPING OUT THIS WONDERFUL ORGANIZATION, SEE CONTACT INFORMATION BELOW.

PLEASE EMAIL [VOLUNTEER@BOYSANDGIRLSCLUB.COM](mailto:VOLUNTEER@BOYSANDGIRLSCLUB.COM),  
[GSOLTERO@BOYSANDGIRLSCLUB.COM](mailto:GSOLTERO@BOYSANDGIRLSCLUB.COM)  
OR CALL (714) 543-5540 FOR MORE INFORMATION AND  
TO GET INVOLVED!

God of peace, with trembling hearts we bring our fear--fear of the growing threat of nuclear weapons and war. We lay this burden at the foot of the cross of Christ, trusting in your power to heal what we cannot control. We give you thanks for those who labor for disarmament, especially the work of the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons and all who dare to imagine a world without nuclear fear. Through your Holy Spirit, make us an instrument of your peace, for the sake of Christ and the flourishing of our world. Amen.



Almighty God, kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth, that in tranquility your dominion may increase until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen  
(BCP 258)



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Lauren Ficaró—July 2  
Vickie Noiseux-Homer—July 5  
Lynn Waterson—July 7  
Ruby Ho—July 8  
Donna Watson—July 8  
Fritz Fischle—July 9  
Dan Whipple—July 10  
Ian Mckinnel—July 12  
Sharon Hansen—July 14  
Sarah Candela—July 14  
Fred Warburton—July 16

Dennis Wright—July 16  
Barbara Samperisi—July 24  
Lindsay Patterson—July 24  
Becky Messenger—July 25  
Tracy Ficaró—July 25  
Dorothy Cunningham—July 26  
Alex Brink—July 27  
Ron Ficaró—July 27  
Kevin Patterson—July 28  
Alex Long—July 29  
Carolyn Westfall—July 29  
Chris Eslick—July 31



**Stan and Laurel Baker—July 2**  
**Dennis and Suzanne Bilodeau—July 3**  
**Steve and Dorothy Cunningham—July 7**  
**Michael and Kathy Elwood—July 8**  
**Stalky and Judy Lehman—July 13**  
**Lauren and Ron Ficaró—July 14**  
**Paul and Renee Weddell—July 15**  
**Jim and Sharon Hansen—July 21**  
**Rick and Patty Carlton—July 23**





EDUCATION SUNDAY





# RECTOR INSTALLATION FOR FR. STEVE











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## July 2025

| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday   |
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| <b>29</b><br>8:00am Holy Eucharist- Rite I<br>10:00am Holy Eucharist - Rite II   | <b>30</b>  | <b>1</b><br>5:30pm Overeaters Anonymous<br>6:30pm Narcotics Anonymous                           | <b>2</b>  | <b>3</b><br>10:00am Eucharist Healing Service<br>7:00pm AA Meeting<br>7:00pm Shirts 'n Skirts                                      | <b>4TH OF JULY</b><br><br><b>OFFICE</b><br><br><b>CLOSED</b>  | <b>5</b><br>8:30am Debtors Anonymous   |
| <b>6</b><br>7:00am Altar Guild Team 1<br>8:00am Holy Eucharist- Rite I<br>10:00am Holy Eucharist - Rite II<br><br><div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <b>4pm</b><br/> <b>Sunday Supper</b> </div> | <b>7</b><br>6:30pm Outreach Meeting<br>7:00pm Railroad Society | <b>8</b><br>5:30pm Overeaters Anonymous<br>6:30pm Narcotics Anonymous                           | <b>9</b>  | <b>10</b><br>10:00am Eucharist Healing Service<br>6:30pm Orange Historical Society<br>7:00pm AA Meeting<br>7:00pm Shirts 'n Skirts | <b>11</b><br>9:00am Property Commission<br>10:00am Bible Study<br>12:00pm AI Anon Meeting<br>7:00pm OC Recorder Society | <b>12</b><br>8:30am Debtors Anonymous<br>9:30am Book Study<br><br><div style="border: 2px solid orange; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <b>6PM</b><br/> <b>MESSY CHURCH</b> </div> |
| <b>13</b><br>7:00am Altar Guild Team 2<br>8:00am Holy Eucharist- Rite I<br>10:00am Holy Eucharist - Rite II  | <b>14</b>  | <b>15</b><br>5:30pm Overeaters Anonymous<br>6:30pm Narcotics Anonymous<br>6:30pm Vestry Meeting | <b>16</b><br>7:00pm AI-anon Information Service Board | <b>17</b><br>10:00am Eucharist Healing Service<br>7:00pm AA Meeting<br>7:00pm Shirts 'n Skirts                                     | <b>18</b><br>9:00am Property Commission<br>10:00am Bible Study<br>12:00pm AI Anon Meeting                               | <b>19</b><br>8:30am Debtors Anonymous  |
| <b>20</b><br>7:00am Altar Guild Team 3<br>8:00am Holy Eucharist- Rite I<br>10:00am Holy Eucharist - Rite II  | <b>21</b>  | <b>22</b><br>5:30pm Overeaters Anonymous<br>6:30pm Narcotics Anonymous                          | <b>23</b>   | <b>24</b><br>10:00am Eucharist Healing Service<br>11:30am SAS Encore<br>7:00pm AA Meeting<br>7:00pm Shirts 'n Skirts               | <b>25</b><br>9:00am Property Commission<br>10:00am Bible Study<br>12:00pm AI Anon Meeting                               | <b>26</b><br>8:30am Debtors Anonymous  |
| <b>27</b><br>7:00am Altar Guild Team 4<br>8:00am Holy Eucharist- Rite I<br>10:00am Holy Eucharist - Rite II<br>11:30am Spiritual Transition Meeting  | <b>28</b>  | <b>29</b><br>5:30pm Overeaters Anonymous<br>6:30pm Narcotics Anonymous                          | <b>30</b>   | <b>31</b><br>10:00am Eucharist Healing Service<br>7:00pm AA Meeting<br>7:00pm Shirts 'n Skirts                                     | <b>1</b><br>9:00am Property Commission<br>10:00am Bible Study<br>12:00pm AI Anon Meeting                                | <b>2</b><br>8:30am Debtors Anonymous   |