

# TRINITY TALK

September 2025

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A message from Fr. Steve:

## Waking Up to the Good News

Ephesians 5:14 urges us, 'Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.' This verse calls each of us to spiritual alertness and transformation. It likely formed part of an early Christian hymn, expressing the life-changing effect of encountering Christ using the simple image of waking up from sleep.



Waking up is something we all experience. For some, it's a sudden alarm — a loud, surprising moment that forces us into a new day. For others, waking is slow — a gentle transition from sleep into awareness. These different ways of waking reflect how we come to faith in Christ.

Some people have dramatic awakening stories, like Saul of Tarsus, who met the risen Jesus on the road to Damascus and was forever changed. Others experience a quiet, gradual recognition of God's presence in their lives — something that builds over time, like the morning light slowly filling a room.

Both types of awakening are real and valid. What matters most is recognizing the call to rise and respond. There comes a moment when we must move from sleep to action — and the same is true spiritually. We are called to be awake and alert to God's purposes for us.

In the early church, 'waking up' became a powerful symbol for what the Gospel does. The Good News tells us that God has taken action — Jesus has been raised from the dead, and through Him, a new world has begun. In the Jewish tradition, sleep was often used to describe death. The resurrection of Jesus invites all of us not just to a future hope, but to a new way of life right now.

This new life means living in the light, even while the world still feels dark. It means beginning to sketch the outlines of God's masterpiece before it is complete. It means living now as children of the day, preparing for the full dawn of God's kingdom yet to come.

Becoming a follower of Jesus isn't only an emotional moment. For some, it is a powerful inner experience. For others, it is a quiet, steady decision based on truth understood and embraced. God works uniquely with each of us, calling us into His light.

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But not all spiritual experiences are from God. In both ancient and modern times, people have followed various religious paths. What makes the Good News of Jesus unique is that it is not just a feeling or belief — it is a real event. God raised Jesus from the dead, showing that His kingdom has begun and that death and darkness no longer have the last word.

To wake up to this Good News is to realize we are part of something far greater than ourselves. We become members of God's people, welcomed into the light of Christ and reshaped by His love. As we rise each morning, may we be reminded of this spiritual awakening — to live fully, joyfully, and purposefully in the light of God's new day.

Wake up, sleeper. Let Christ shine on you. It's time to live in the new life He offers.

Fr. Steve Swartzell

### Outreach Dine Out



September 18, 2025

1333 N Glassell St.  
Orange, CA 92867

Enjoy some dishes that are all  
inspired by authentic Italian



recipes!  
Come and  
support  
Outreach!

### SAS Encore

**This will take place on  
September 25, 2025  
Stay tuned for more  
information on what  
exciting event will be taking  
place!**



# The Book Club

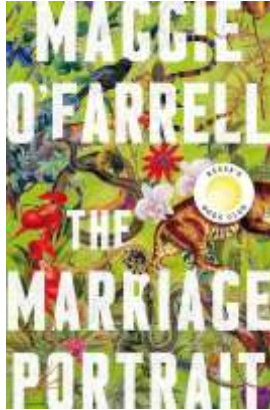
**September 13, 2025**

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).

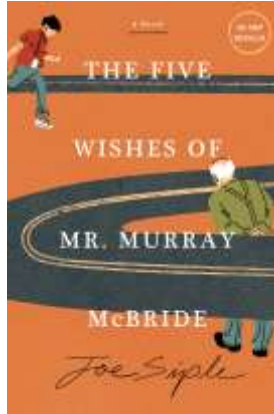
**September**



## **The Marriage Portrait** **by Maggie O'Farrell**

"The Marriage Portrait" by Maggie O'Farrell tells the story of Lucrezia de' Medici, a young woman forced into a political marriage with the Duke of Ferrara. The novel explores themes of power, control, and survival as Lucrezia navigates a dangerous court and suspects her husband intends to kill her. O'Farrell's novel intertwines past and present narratives, building suspense as Lucrezia grapples with her precarious situation and the looming threat to her life.

**October**



## **The Five Wishes of** **Mr. Murray McBride by** **Joe Siple**

"The Five Wishes of Mr. Murray McBride" by Joe Siple is a heartwarming novel about an unlikely friendship between a 100-year-old man and a 10-year-old boy named Jason, who is awaiting a heart transplant. When Jason's father moves him into a new home, Murray McBride, a former baseball player, discovers a list of five wishes Jason wants to fulfill before he dies. Murray, feeling lost and without purpose, decides to help Jason achieve his dreams, leading them on a journey of self-discovery, love, and the importance of human connection.

**November**



## **Demon Copperhead by** **Barbara Kingsolver**

"Demon Copperhead" by Barbara Kingsolver is a modern retelling of Charles Dickens' "David Copperfield", set in the poverty-stricken Appalachian Mountains. The novel follows the life of Damon "Demon" Fields, a boy born to a teenage mother struggling with addiction. It explores themes of poverty, addiction, foster care, and the opioid crisis, all within the context of a region often overlooked by mainstream society. Demon's journey is one of survival, resilience, and grappling with systemic failures and personal tragedies.

## **Sunday Supper**

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Communities Coming Together

Thank you to everyone who has signed up for Sunday Supper on September 7th. There are still a few

openings! If you are interested, please contact Donna

Watson (714.745.1015 – [dwatson@designer-mouse.com](mailto:dwatson@designer-mouse.com)).





## **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!**

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## **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.



# Homecoming Sunday

September 28, 2025  
9:00am Service

Come celebrate  
Homecoming  
Sunday with us!

We welcome past and  
present members of  
Trinity! We will worship  
together, and afterwards,  
share a delicious meal in  
Armstrong Hall.

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## 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



## 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!



## **Outreach Commission Fall Event**

# **Flamingo Bingo!**

**Saturday  
September 20  
5:30 pm**



**Interested in  
A week in Kauai?  
Lunch with Fr. Steve?  
A reserved parking spot?  
A progressive dinner for 8?**

**\$25**

**You can have that and so much more!!!  
Happy Hour, Wine Pull, Dinner and  
of course BINGO and cash prizes!!!**

**Tickets on sale following each church service.**

**The Outreach Commission assists local non-profits  
that help those in need. Thank you for your support.**

# Get to know a Parishioner!

## CHERYL SOSA

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

My family (Miguel, Emma and I) have been members of Trinity since November of 2009 – 16 years! Trinity was my family's church (Connie Donaldson and family), and when I was looking for an Episcopal Church, my aunt invited me to Trinity. And we never left. We love our Trinity family!

### What's your favorite hobby?

I love watching Emma play water polo. We are so proud of her, and both Miguel and I enjoy driving around California to see her play. I also love all things Disney. As a Magic Keyholder (Disneyland Pass), you can find me at one of the parks with Miguel for date nights or with friends walking around and enjoying what Disney has to offer that day.

### What's your favorite place to travel?

Our favorite place to travel was through Europe. We absolutely LOVED Athens. We want to go back and visit the Grecian islands, especially Crete, soon!

### What's your favorite food?

Hard to say... depends on the day, LOL.



### Do you have any pets?

Yes! We have two cats – “Prince” Charming Tiger, and “Nico” Philip George Arthur Luis.

### What's your favorite season?

The fall with transition to wintertime is my favorite season. I grew up in Vermont, and I still miss the changes in the seasons. The fall leaves, crisp air and beginnings of snow are nostalgic memories. I guess for now I will have to settle for my pumpkin spice latte and 90 degree weather!



## FLU SEASON UPDATE

Regretfully, your Faith Community Nurses will not be holding our annual flu vaccination clinic at Trinity this year. Due to the time intensive digital registration process officially required by the State of California for ALL flu clinics we are not equipped to utilize their platform and procedure.



Vaccinations are so vitally important so we encourage all of our parishioners to visit their primary care physician or local pharmacy to receive their flu vaccination. If you require help with transportation do not hesitate to call Ann Walker or Yvonne Omer.

### 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!

ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

### Donation Drop-off for families affected by ICE

MONDAYS & TUESDAYS 9:30 AM-5:00 PM

WEDNESDAYS 11:00 AM-5:00 PM

THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS 9:30 AM-5:00 PM

6125 Carlos Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90028

Help support these families by donating the following items:

- **Food Items** (canned goods, rice, pasta, beans)
- **Personal Hygiene Items for Adults, Teens and Children** (shampoo, body wash, sanitary napkins)
- **Household Essentials** (toilet paper, cleaning supplies)
- **Baby and Children's Products; Ages 1-10** (organic baby formula, Diapers & Pull-ups [sizes 3-7], wipes)

Venmo: @ststephenshollywood

Paypal: <https://bit.ly/Sacred-Resistance>



### AED and CPR Certifications



Attention Trinity Staff, Ushers and LEMS It's time to renew our CPR & AED certifications! Please save the date of Saturday, October 4, 2025 from 8:30am–12 noon for this essential class. This year our class will be taught by Debbie Medina from CPR it Works. Debbie is very knowledgeable and will make our class a truly rewarding experience. Space is limited so please contact Ann Walker @ 714-496-0571 or [petplacegirl@me.com](mailto:petplacegirl@me.com) to reserve your spot or to answer questions.





# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Lia Bilodeau—September 1  
Irma Jaime—September 9  
Jenny Paskin—September 9  
Mike Donaldson—September 10  
Lisa Simpson—September 10  
Audrey Heble—September 12  
Nicholas Donaldson—September 14  
Elizabeth Knarr—September 15  
Linda Camp—September 17  
John Jewett—September 18  
Becky Powers—September 18  
Victoria Ikwuka—September 20

Jody Maxwell—September 21  
Hal Westfall—September 22  
Susie White—September 22  
Kathleen Wood—September 22  
Brian Messenger—September 23  
Bruce White—September 25  
Karoline Johns—September 26  
Kathy Elwood—September 27  
Joyce Wills—September 27  
Judy Wood—September 27  
Linda Swartz—September 29



# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

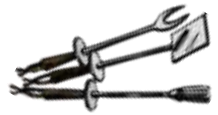
Tyler & Brian Green—September 4  
Andrew & Jenny Paskin—September 12  
David & Lauralee Barrow—September 16



# August Messy Church







## September 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>31</b> <div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <b>ZOOM SERVICE</b>  <b>9AM</b> </div>	<b>1</b> 6:30pm Outreach Meeting 7:00pm Railroad Society	<b>2</b> 5:30pm Overeaters Anonymous 6:30pm Narcotics Anonymous	<b>3</b> 7:00pm Shirts & Skirts - Advanced Class	<b>4</b> 7:00pm AA Meeting 7:00pm Shirts 'n Skirts	<b>5</b> Study 12:00pm AI Anon Meeting	<b>6</b> 8:30am Debtors Anonymous
<b>7</b> 7:00am Altar Guild Team 1 8:00am Holy Eucharist- Rite I 10:00am Holy Eucharist - Rite II <div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <b>Sunday Supper</b>  <b>4PM</b> </div>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 5:30pm Overeaters Anonymous 6:30pm Narcotics Anonymous	<b>10</b> 7:00pm Shirts & Skirts - Advanced Class	<b>11</b> 10:00am Eucharist Healing Service 6:30pm Orange Historical Society 7:00pm AA Meeting 7:00pm Shirts 'n Skirts	<b>12</b> 9:00am Property Commission 10:00am Bible Study 12:00pm AI Anon Meeting 7:00pm OC Recorder Society	<b>13</b> 8:30am Debtors Anonymous 9:30am Book Study <div style="border: 2px solid orange; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <b>Messy Church</b>  <b>6PM</b> </div>
<b>14</b> 7:00am Altar Guild Team 2 8:00am Holy Eucharist- Rite I 10:00am Holy Eucharist - Rite II	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 5:30pm Overeaters Anonymous 6:30pm Narcotics Anonymous 6:30pm Vestry Meeting	<b>17</b> 7:00pm AI-anon Information Service Board 7:00pm Shirts & Skirts - Advanced Class	<b>18</b> 9:00am Villa Park Women's League <div style="border: 2px solid blue; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <b>Outreach Dine Out-Tutto Fresco</b> </div>	<b>19</b> Outreach Event Setup 9:00am Property Commission 10:00am Bible Study 12:00pm AI Anon Meeting	<b>20</b> 8:30am Debtors Anonymous <div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <b>Outreach Fall Event</b>  <b>5:30PM</b> </div>
<b>21</b> 7:00am Altar Guild Team 3 8:00am Holy Eucharist- Rite I 10:00am Holy Eucharist - Rite II	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 5:30pm Overeaters Anonymous 6:30pm Narcotics Anonymous	<b>24</b> 7:00pm Shirts & Skirts - Advanced Class	<b>25</b> 10:00am Eucharist Healing Service 11:30am SAS Encore 7:00pm AA Meeting 7:00pm Shirts 'n Skirts	<b>26</b> 9:00am Property Commission 10:00am Bible Study 12:00pm AI Anon Meeting	<b>27</b> 8:30am Debtors Anonymous
<b>28</b> 7:00am Altar Guild Team 4 <div style="border: 2px solid orange; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <b>Homecoming and Brunch!</b>  <b>9am</b> </div>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 5:30pm Overeaters Anonymous 6:30pm Narcotics Anonymous	<b>1</b> 7:00pm Shirts & Skirts - Advanced Class	<b>2</b> 10:00am Eucharist Healing Service 7:00pm AA Meeting 7:00pm Shirts 'n Skirts	<b>3</b> 9:00am Property Commission 10:00am Bible Study 12:00pm AI Anon Meeting	<b>4</b> 8:30am Debtors Anonymous 9:00am AED Recert