

APRIL 2026

TRINITY TALK

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CHURCHA MESSAGE
FROM
FR. STEVE

Have you ever wondered why there are six weeks of Easter? The six weeks are to commemorate the 40 days that Jesus spent on Earth after his resurrection, as well as to celebrate the significance of his victory over death and sin. The period of Easter is a time of joy, renewal, and reflection for Christians, culminating in the celebration of Pentecost, which marks the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples. This extended season allows for a deeper exploration of the themes of resurrection, redemption, and new life. It also provides an opportunity for believers to continue to rejoice in the hope and promise of salvation brought about by Jesus' resurrection.

During these six weeks following Easter, we will embark on a journey of hearing the Gospel through the stories of women who are often on the margins of scriptures and often set up to represent bad news. We will be using "A Women's Lectionary for the Whole Church" by Wilda C. Gafney to facilitate these voices.

In order to amplify these voices, I am seeking out other female voices to preach. On April 26, the Reverend Anne Gardner will serve as our guest preacher, offering a reflection on her experience of walking the famed 500-mile Camino de Santiago.

She has written a book about this extraordinary journey, recently published by Adelaide Books (NY/Lisbon), titled 'And So I Walked.' The book recounts both the challenges of completing a long-distance hike as well as the emotional and spiritual undercurrents her time on the trail revealed. Other voices will be announced soon.

I look forward to this time of new experiences and new voices. May our Easter time be a time of growth, renewal, and reflection.

Easter Blessings,

Fr. Steve



APPRECIATION



Hospitality, formerly Kitchen Guild, is a vital ministry at Trinity, encompassing the act of welcoming, hosting, and caring for our visitors and parishioners with warmth, generosity, and kindness.

It involves creating a welcoming atmosphere, providing assistance, and ensuring that all feel comfortable and valued. Acts of generosity, friendliness, and attentiveness are key components of hospitality, fostering a sense of belonging and connection within our community. The Hospitality team has extended their efforts beyond these duties, consistently lending a hand in various events to support their success. Their dedication to serving the church and community reflects the essence of Jesus's call to serve others. I encourage you to express your gratitude for their unwavering service.

OUTREACH DINE OUT Streamliner Lounge



186 N Atchison St,
Orange, CA 92866

April 16th

Lunch and Dinner

Come order some appetizers while enjoying the view of the train passing by.

SUNDAY SUPPER

Sunday Supper is Coming on May 3 and we want YOU! Sign up sheets are posted on the bulletin board at the back of the church. Any questions? Contact co-managers Elizabeth Blush (319.1452 - buzzyblush@gmail.com) or Donna Watson (714.745.1015 - dwatson@designer-mouse.com). Thank you for your support!

Sunday Supper



Communities Coming Together



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

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Gardner currently runs the chaplaincy program at Harvard-Westlake, a private independent high school in Los Angeles. Prior to accepting this position, she spent twelve years as the Director of Spiritual and Religious Life at Phillips Academy, Andover.

For many years Gardner has worked as a freelance writer, crafting pieces for various outlets including NPR, The Boston Globe, The Providence Journal, and the National Catholic Reporter, among others. (see her webpage for more details, [Book Club](#))

Please mark your calendars and join us on April 26th as we welcome Reverend Gardner. Copies of her book will be

available for sale and signature (\$20) following the service (cash, check, or VENMO all accepted).



SAS ENCORE

Stay tuned! Something fun is being planned for April!



EASTER EGG HUNT

The Easter egg hunt will take place after the 10am service on Easter Sunday.

The search will take place on the back lawn next to the Youth Center.



EASTER BRUNCH

Make sure you have signed up for the easter brunch. The sign up sheet is located in the back of the church or you can contact the parish office. The brunch will be at 9am, between both services.



THE BOOK CLUB

April 11, at 9:30am

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.

April: Something in the Water

by Catherine Steadman

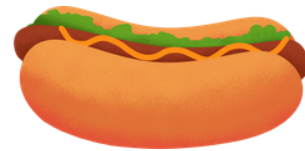
Erin is a documentary filmmaker on the brink of a professional breakthrough, Mark a handsome investment banker with big plans. Madly in love, they embark on a dream honeymoon to the tropical island of Bora Bora. While scuba diving in the crystal blue sea, they find something in the water.



SAVE THE DATE

Outreach is planning a fun trivia game night on Saturday, May 30th for our Spring Fundraiser.

We have asked the Brotherhood of the BBQ to help with our menu. Bring your brains and spirited competition, and we will bring the burgers and brats. Any questions contact, Elizabeth Blush (714) 319.1452



OUTREACH BAKE SALE

Outreach is having a bake sale on April 12th. There will be a variety of delicious baked goods, including cookies, lemon bars, and scones, as well as other treats. If any of our greak bakers would like to donate some sweet treats, please contact Kathy Racine at 714-612-5728.

All of the proceeds from the sale go toward reaching Outreach's goals for the year. Outreach raises money to support organizations in need in our community. Thank you so much!



FINANCIAL CHECK-IN

This checkup is an opportunity to review how we are doing financially and to make sure Trinity is headed in the right direction when it comes to managing our budget.

As of February 28, 2026, we have received \$54,349 with a budget of \$27,500 and for 2026, so far we have received \$83,448 with a budget of \$ 84,025.

Thank you to all who have donated so far!



GET TO KNOW A PARISHIONER!

CAROL REYNOLDS



I've been a part of the Trinity Family since 2012 – although we (my late husband Jack and I) didn't get off to an auspicious start! Our very first visit to Trinity coincided with an annual Ministry Fair – so we arrived for the 10:00 am service to find there had only been one service that day, at 9:00 am! We did return the following Sunday, and the warm welcome, outstanding preaching and terrific music made us members.

My “favorite” hobby changes over time, although I admit to spending far too much time reading and doing crossword puzzles. Needlework, dollhouse miniatures and, of course, spoiling grandchildren are also long-time favorites!

I'm not much of a sportswoman – as a child, I loved swimming, roller-skating and biking – and in college, I was forcibly required to participate in fencing (!) and archery – but today I remain a dedicated “couch-potato”.

LONDON! Unquestionably my favorite place to travel! History, museums, theater, food (yes, food!) - no matter how many times I've visited, there's ALWAYS something new to discover.

Closer to home, my favorite Orange County restaurant is the Teahouse on Los Rios in San Juan Capistrano. Delicious, elegant, relaxing – what more could one ask for?

As for TV shows – I have to say my all-time favorite is “The Great British Bake-off” – it's such a warm, funny, “educational” binge-worthy program. Of course, I never missed an episode of “Downton Abbey”, either.

At the moment, the only “pets” in my household are the ones in the aquarium and the pond – thanks a lot, Jack! Of course, as a mother of three, we ALWAYS had an assortment of kitties, birds, white mice, gerbils, a dog, etc.

Finally – my favorite season? Do we really have any here in California??? As a born and bred New Yorker, I still harbor a great nostalgia for the autumn!





HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Diane Clemenson - April 2

Dee McCaleb - April 2

Alan Cawi - April 9

April Hughes - April 15

Brenda Hoffman - April 19

Ann Walker - April 19

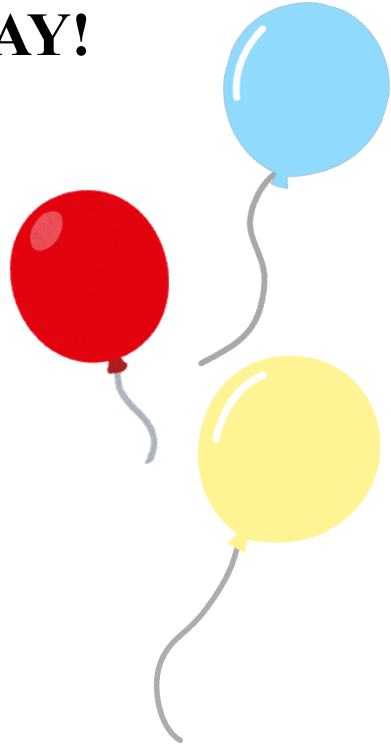
Ben Candela - April 23

Michael Elwood - April 24

Stalky Lehman - April 27

Kristen Patterson - April 29

Elizabeth Blush - April 30



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

John & Susan McCulloch - April 2

Jeff & Gayle Kenan - April 20



FORMAL INVITATION TO JOIN OUTREACH COMMISSION

The Outreach Commission extends a warm invitation to all women and men of Trinity Episcopal Church of Orange. Grounded in our faith and inspired by the example of Jesus, the Outreach Commission strives to reflect the heart and mission of our church by serving those in need within our local community. We plan and participate in fundraising activities that demonstrate our caring for the world beyond.

We invite you to put your faith into action through compassion, service, and connection by joining the Outreach Commission. Be a part of a ministry that reflects Christ's love beyond our church walls.

We meet on the first Monday of every month in the Parish Library from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

For any questions, please contact our Co-Chairs: Elizabeth Blush at 714-319-1452 or Faith Goldman at 714-235-6244. Thank you, and we look forward to welcoming you!



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Maundy Thursday

April 2, 2026
7:30pm



Stations of the Cross

April 3, 2026
Noon



Easter Vigil

April 4, 2026
8pm



COME JOIN US!

April 2 :

Maundy Thursday at
7:30pm

April 3 :

Stations of the Cross at
Noon

April 4 :

Easter Vigil at 8pm

April 5 :

Easter Sunday

8am and 10am

Brunch at 9am

HE IS RISEN!

Easter Sunday Service

April 5, 2026
8am & 10am



**WE ARE IN NEED OF ACOLYTES,
USHERS, LEMS, AND ALTAR
GUILD MEMBERS!**

Trinity is hoping we could have new members of each! Please contact the parish administrator and she can help you with next steps!

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.

**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

EL MODENA FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

The Gospel Message, at its essence, is that our whole lives are expressions of love as manifest in caring and concern for our neighbors and the stranger. There's no season for giving. Why? Is it because the need is year-round? That seems logical. Trinity congregants embrace this reality and hear Christ's words. We recognize that life has become even more difficult for many people.

Our neighbors in El Modena continue to be the most impacted by current changes in federal programs and policies, as well as the changes in our economy. Families suffering insecurity in El Modena find support at the El Modena Resource Center (EMFRC), an affiliate of Community Action Partnership Orange County (CAPOC) a 501(c)(3) nonprofit and supported by OC Social Services. But budgets are being slashed and our neighbors have basic needs we can address. When we send mutual aid to EMFRC we are expressing our care and concern for our neighbor. Please consider personal hygiene and feminine hygiene, adult diapers, toilet paper and paper towels. We'll post notices of immediate need as we receive them in the bulletin. If you have questions or concerns, please reach out. Kathy Racine or Vangee Oberschlake are points of contact, in addition to Father Steve.



LENT SEASON



SUNDAY SUPPER



PALM SUNDAY



CALENDAR

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| 29 Palm Sunday 8:00am Holy Eucharist- Rite I 10:00am Holy Eucharist - Rite II | 30 | 31 Taize 6:30pm Narcotics Anonymous | 1 6:00pm Lenten Study 7:00pm Shirts & Skirts - Advanced Class | 2 Maundy Thursday 10:00am Eucharist Healing Service 7:00pm AA Meeting | 3 Stations of the Cross 9:00am Property Commission 10:00am Bible Study 12:00pm AI Anon Meeting | 4 Easter Vigil 8:30am Debtors Anonymous |
| 5 Easter Sunday 7:00am Altar Guild Team 1 8:00am Holy Eucharist- Rite I 10:00am Holy Eucharist - Rite II 4:00pm Sunday Supper | 6 6:30pm Outreach Meeting 7:00pm Railroad Society | 7 6:30pm Narcotics Anonymous | 8 7:00pm Shirts & Skirts - Advanced Class | 9 10:00am Eucharist Healing Service 6:30pm Orange Historical Society 7:00pm AA Meeting | 10 9:00am Property Commission 10:00am Bible Study 12:00pm AI Anon Meeting 7:00pm OC Recorder Society | 11 8:30am Debtors Anonymous 9:30am Book Study |
| 12 Outreach Bake Sale 7:00am Altar Guild Team 2 8:00am Holy Eucharist- Rite I 10:00am Holy Eucharist - Rite II | 13 | 14 6:30pm Narcotics Anonymous | 15 6:00pm AI-anon Information Service Board 7:00pm Shirts & Skirts - Advanced Class | 16 Villa Park Women's League 10:00am Eucharist Healing Service 6:30pm Rally Meeting 7:00pm AA Meeting | 17 9:00am Property Commission 10:00am Bible Study 12:00pm AI Anon Meeting | 18 8:30am Debtors Anonymous |
| 19 7:00am Altar Guild Team 3 8:00am Holy Eucharist- Rite I 10:00am Holy Eucharist - Rite II 1:00pm Shirts and Skirts Bingo | 20 | 21 6:30pm Narcotics Anonymous 6:30pm Vestry Meeting | 22 7:00pm Shirts & Skirts - Advanced Class | 23 10:00am Eucharist Healing Service 11:30am SAS Encore 7:00pm AA Meeting | 24 9:00am Linda Owen's Rehearsal 9:00am Property Commission 10:00am Bible Study 12:00pm AI Anon Meeting | 25 8:30am Debtors Anonymous 2:30pm Wedding |
| 26 7:00am Altar Guild Team 4 8:00am Holy Eucharist- Rite I 10:00am Holy Eucharist - Rite II 8:00pm Linda Owen's Music Recital | 27 | 28 6:30pm Narcotics Anonymous | 29 7:00pm Shirts & Skirts - Advanced Class | 30 10:00am Eucharist Healing Service 7:00pm AA Meeting | 1 9:00am Property Commission 10:00am Bible Study 12:00pm AI Anon Meeting | 2 8:30am Debtors Anonymous |

April 1: Last Lenten Study
 April 2 : Maundy Thursday at 7:30pm
 April 3 : Stations of the Cross at Noon
 April 4 : Easter Vigil at 8pm
 April 5 : Easter Sunday 8am and 10am
 April 6: Outreach Meeting
 April 12: Outreach Bake Sale
 April 26: Guest Preacher Rev. Anne Gardner

Every Thursday: Eucharist Healing Service at 10am
 Every Friday: Bible Study at 10am
 Every Friday: Property Commission at 9am

