

March 2026

Trinity Talk

Trinity Episcopal
Church

A MESSAGE
FROM
FR. STEVE



One of the hardest things to do around here is to say “Yes”! It seems like such an easy answer, but it all depends on the question, doesn’t it. Last night in our Lenten Book Study, Joyce Wills offered me a flyer to pass out, it was called “40 Days of Yeses - small invitations as we walk toward Easter.”

Lent often feels like a time when we say a lot of “Nos.” No to flowers on the altar, no to Alleluias, no to bells. Then there are the nos in our lives for lent, no to chocolate, no to social media, no to Oreos!

Lent is often seen as a serious, not-so-fun time. But Lent is really about choosing to say no to some things so we can say yes to others. When Jesus started his ministry, he was tempted in the desert to prioritize immediate pleasure and power, but he said no, instead he said Yes in order to focus on helping and teaching others.

When we respond to Christ's call to stop harmful behaviors, we have the energy to embrace positive practices. We can use the time we would have spent on those destructive habits to engage in activities that help us grow closer to God. These practices include prayer, reading the Bible, acts of kindness focused on justice, and attending worship services where we participate in the sacraments and meet God as the scriptures are read and proclaimed.

Just as there are many things we may need to say no to during Lent, there are also numerous opportunities to say yes. I will try to see the positive aspects of a difficult family member. I will show more love to my spouse. I will stay more connected with my extended family. I will deepen my understanding of social justice issues for the less fortunate. I will get involved in community care ministries.

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By embracing these positive practices, even though they may be challenging, we discover new life. As the prophet Isaiah says, 'Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly' (Is. 58:8). If you need ideas on what to say yes to, Joyce's 40 Days of Yeses is available at the back of the church for you to take home!

An enlighten Lent to you all.

Fr. Steve

Fr. Steve Swartzell

APPRECIATION



The work of the Property Commission for the sake of the church's property involves a wide range of tasks that go beyond the typical responsibilities of staff members. These dedicated volunteers engage in various activities, from maintaining and servicing the grounds to organizing tables and chairs for events and assisting the Altar Guild within the church. The Property Commission has been instrumental in the work of our irrigation system, plumbing, gutter work, and all the many other duties to keep the church going. Their efforts are crucial in ensuring the smooth operation of the church.

These volunteers are essential in upholding the church's mission by providing valuable community service. Their willingness to assist others reflects a deep commitment to service, love, and unity within the church community. Through their dedication and hard work, the Property Commission not only helps maintain the physical aspects of the church but also contributes to the overall spirit of care and support that defines the church's mission. I invite you to express your gratitude for their tireless service.

Rodrigo's
Mexican Grill

Outreach Dine Out

March 19, 2026

Rodrigo's Mexican Grill
Lunch and Dinner

1230 E Katella Ave. Orange,
CA 92867

Come enjoy tacos, enchiladas,
nachos, and more!

See you there!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

On Sunday, April 26th, 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.

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 for more information about the event! Something fun is being planned!



SUNDAY SUPPER

Trinity will be hosting Sunday Supper on March 1. We hope you can join us!

Questions? Contact co-managers

Elizabeth Blush

(714.319.1452 -

buzzyblush@gmail.com)

or Donna Watson

(714.745.1015 -

dwatson@designer-mouse.com).

Sunday Supper



Communities Coming Together

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 Feb 1st, we have received \$28,793 with a budget of \$27,800 and a quarterly budget of \$ 84,025.

Thank you to all who have donated so far!



THE BOOK CLUB

March 14, 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.

March: Here One Moment

by Lianne Moriarty

Aside from a delay, there will be no problems. The flight will be smooth, it will land safely.

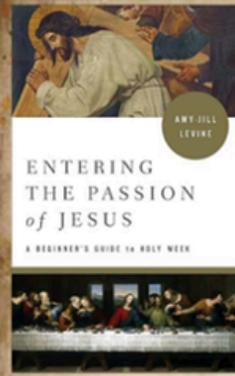
Everyone who gets on the plane will get off. But almost all of them will be forever changed.



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.



LENTEN BOOK STUDY

EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT
FEBRUARY 25 - APRIL 1, 2026

6:00 PM ARMSTRONG HALL

SOUP & SALAD



SIGN-UP SHEET
AT THE BACK OF
THE CHURCH



CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS FOR YEAR END GIVING FOR 2025

Your year-end giving statements are now available through Simple Church. To access your statement, log in to Simple Church and go to your personal profile page.

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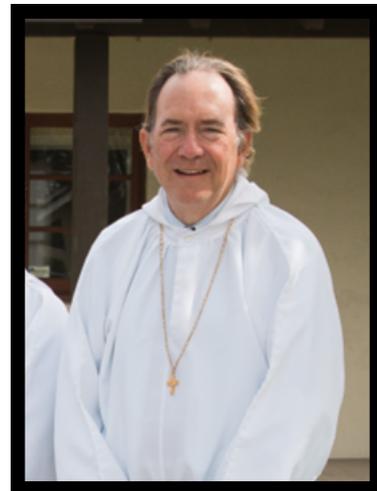
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GET TO KNOW A PARISHIONER!

Alan Cawi



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

14 years!

What's your favorite hobby?

Competitive bridge. I am a life master.

And, physical fitness; I walk at least five miles daily.

What's your favorite sport?

Baseball, specifically Two-Time World Series Champion Los Angeles Dodgers baseball. But, I love all sports, except for boxing, pro wrestling (which is fake; Olympic wrestling is just fine) and (yawn!) golf. As a graduate, I also follow all USC sports teams.

What's your favorite place to travel?

Big cities where there is a lot of history to explore – NYC, New England, San Francisco, Chicago, Seattle, etc.

What's your favorite food spot in Orange County and why!

Have to admit I have not done a good job of exploring all that Orange County has to offer, at least in terms of a unique “local” experience. As for chain restaurants are concerned, The Cheesecake Factory in Irvine and Miguel Jr.’s in Tustin. For atmosphere and beautiful scenery while dining – you cannot beat The Greeter’s Corner in Laguna Beach.

Do you have a favorite movie or TV show?

Legacy (1990-2002) “Law & Order.” I’ve seen each episode hundreds of times allowing me to memorize much of the dialogue. And, yes, I am a proud “Star Trek” nerd. My favorite movie (and please don’t hate me) is “The Sound of Music.”

What’s your favorite season?

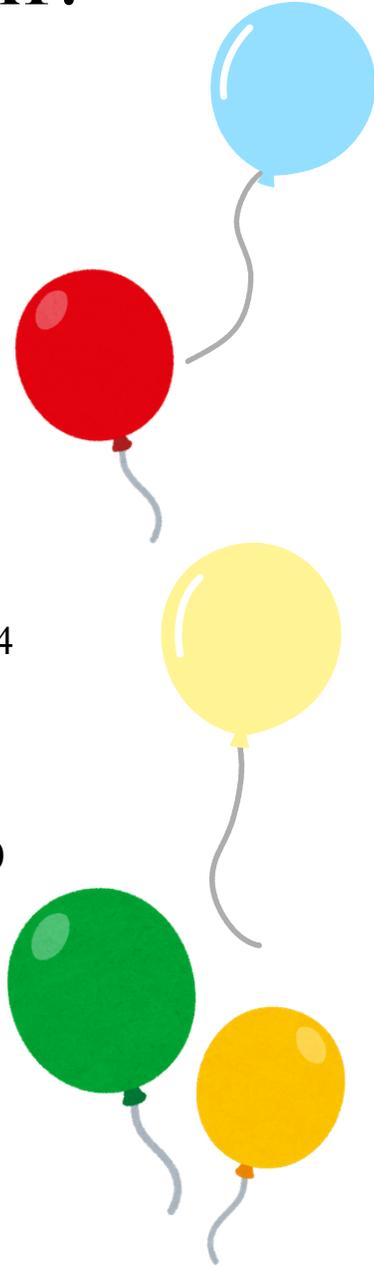
Autumn (Fall) though some of those in Southern California can be warmer than I would prefer.





HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Ty Richter—March 1
Uzo Elendu—March 2
Jenny Oberschlake—March 3
Miranda Hubbard—March 4
Darwin Kibby—March 5
Laurie McKinnel—March 5
Frank Simpson—March 5
Denis Bilodeau—March 6
Alexis Ficaro—March 7
Adrien Gonzalez—March 12
Annette Funk—March 14
Arlyce Underwood—March 14
Megan Richter—March 15
Heather Anderson—March 17
David Ripley—March 18
Connie Donaldson—March 20
Patricia Fauteux—March 20
Pat Kress—March 20
Kimmie Powers—March 20
Kurt Camp—March 21
Lindsay Knarr—March 29
Mike Long—March 30
Paula Fisher—March 31



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Dean & Toni Gavello—March 6
Venita & Dennis Wright—March 26
John & Nell Luce—March 30



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

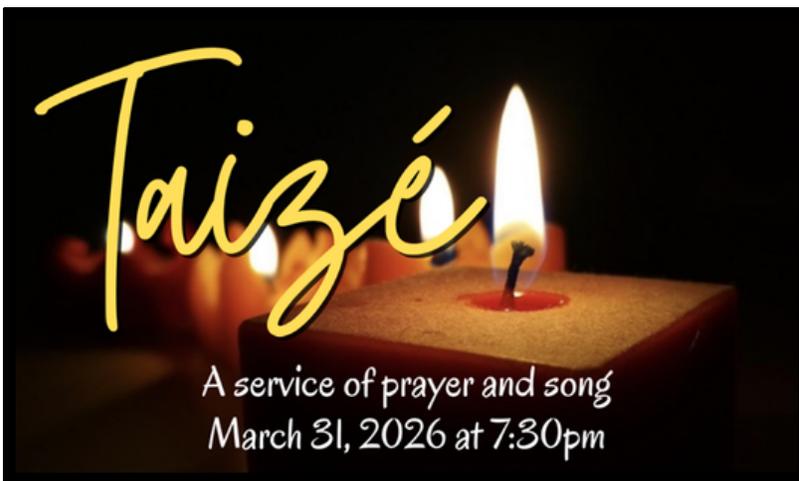
HOSANNA TO THE KING
PALM SUNDAY
Trinity Episcopal Church
March 29, 2026
8am & 10am



Easter Vigil
April 4, 2026
8pm



Taizé
A service of prayer and song
March 31, 2026 at 7:30pm



HE IS RISEN!
Easter Sunday Service
April 5, 2026
8am & 10am



Maundy Thursday
April 2, 2026
7:30pm



Stations of the Cross
April 3, 2026
Noon



COME JOIN US!

March 29 :
Palm Sunday 8am & 10am

March 31 :
Taizé at 7:30pm

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

**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.



TRINITY PLAYERS



SHROVE TUESDAY



ASH WEDNESDAY



RETREAT ON MEDITATION WITH LAURA!



OUTREACH PROGRESSIVE DINNER



CALENDAR

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1 7:00am Altar Guild Team 1 8:00am Holy Eucharist- Rite I 10:00am Holy Eucharist - Rite II 4:00pm Sunday Supper | 2 6:30pm Outreach Meeting 7:00pm Railroad Society | 3 6:30pm Narcotics Anonymous | 4 6:30pm Lenten Study 7:00pm Shirts & Skirts - Advanced Class | 5 10:00am Eucharist Healing Service 7:00pm AA Meeting | 6 9:00am Property Commission 10:00am Bible Study 12:00pm AI Anon Meeting | 7 8:30am Debtors Anonymous |
| 8 7:00am Altar Guild Team 2 8:00am Holy Eucharist- Rite I 10:00am Holy Eucharist - Rite II | 9 Tree Trimming | 10 Tree Trimming 6:30pm Narcotics Anonymous | 11 Tree Trimming 6:30pm Lenten Study 7:00pm Shirts & Skirts - Advanced Class | 12 10:00am Eucharist Healing Service 6:30pm Orange Historical Society 7:00pm AA Meeting | 13 9:00am Property Commission 10:00am Bible Study 12:00pm AI Anon Meeting 7:00pm OC Recorder Society | 14 8:30am Debtors Anonymous 9:30am Book Study |
| 15 7:00am Altar Guild Team 3 8:00am Holy Eucharist- Rite I 10:00am Holy Eucharist - Rite II | 16 | 17 6:30pm Narcotics Anonymous 6:30pm Vestry Meeting | 18 6:30pm Lenten Study 7:00pm AI-anon Information Service Board 7:00pm Shirts & Skirts - Advanced Class | 19 10:00am Eucharist Healing Service 6:30pm Rally Meeting 7:00pm AA Meeting | 20 9:00am Property Commission 10:00am Bible Study 12:00pm AI Anon Meeting | 21 8:30am Debtors Anonymous |
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 April 5 : Easter Sunday 8am and 10am

Every Wednesday : 6pm Lenten Study
 Every Thursday: Eucharist Healing Service at 10am
 Every Friday: Bible Study at 10am
 Every Friday: Property Commission at 9am

