

MAY 2026

TRINITY TALK

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CHURCHA MESSAGE
FROM
FR. STEVE

April Showers Bring May Flowers!

As we move from the month of April showers into the month of May, let's pause and contemplate the promise of growth that comes with the arrival of spring.

May is a month that signifies growth, renewal, and the beauty of God's creation coming into full bloom. It is a time for us to reflect on our faith and Trinity's mission. May encourages us to integrate our faith into everyday practices and to celebrate the spiritual and intellectual ministry of the church. May is also a time to remember and honor the role of motherhood and womanhood, as well as to celebrate the academic and ecclesiastical events that shape our community.

May also serves as a reminder of the abundance of God's creation and the importance of appreciating the small blessings around us. It is a time to connect deeper with our Creator and to be grateful for

all that God has provided. May also encourages us to embrace God's promises and to appreciate the beauty of God's handiwork in the world.

May is a time to explore new opportunities for ministry. Have you considered joining the Altar Guild, serving at the Altar as a Lay Eucharist Minister, or reading from the pulpit in church?

This season is the perfect chance to step into these roles. We are in great need of individuals who are willing to share their talents and serve the church. I encourage you to pray and consider embarking on a new ministry this spring.

As the church prepares for this season of growth, May offers a chance to walk with confidence that God will guide us. It is a time to be God's holy people in whom and through whom God is at work.

May this month of May invite us to embrace the joys of growth and renewal, to reflect on our faith, and to celebrate the church's mission and the beauty of God's creation. Let it be for us a time to be grateful for all that God has provided and to look forward to the opportunities and challenges that May brings.

Blessings,

Fr. Steve

Fr. Steve Swartzell

APPRECIATION



One of the simple pleasures at Trinity for me is witnessing the children running eagerly back into church during the service after their Sunday School lessons. Their excitement upon showing me what they created in Sunday School before leaving the service is truly heartwarming. This joy is a testament to the hard work and dedication of Heather, Suzanne, and their support team who diligently prepare engaging lessons and activities for the children each week.

We give heartfelt thanks for the dedicated individuals who serve on the Christian Education/ Sunday School, as directors and teachers. This ministry is led faithfully by Heather Anderson and Suzanne Bilodeau and those who volunteer to assist them.

Thanks to their tireless service, they look to the education of our children and do so with grace, commitment and love. The next time you see one of these faithful members, we encourage you to express your gratitude for their quiet, invaluable ministry here at Trinity.

YOUR VOICE MATTERS, AND WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

We are reaching out to get your thoughts. In our ongoing efforts to attract new parishioners and broaden our community reach, we have a generous donor who would like to help with upgrading the lights and flooring in each of the 3 classrooms. Do you have thoughts on what you would like to see for these rooms? Do you know of a general contractor who could perform the work? We want to hear from you. Please contact Elizabeth Blush, Junior Warden, via email buzzyblush@gmail.com or via email 714.319.1452.

Thank you.

LAURA'S LAST DAY POTLUCK

May 17th after the 10am service
Please bring a dish to share with everyone!

A-N: Main Dish

(i.e. Chicken, Casseroles, Sandwiches, Sliders)

O-S: Side Dish

(i.e. Fruit, Salads, Veggie tray)

T-W: Cookies



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



SAS ENCORE

The Art of Woodworking with Charles Stevenson
Thursday, May 28, 2026
Doors open at 11am!



OUTREACH DINE OUT

The Habit Burger & Grill
1500 E Village Way Suite 2332
May 20, 2026
Lunch and Dinner



EL MODENA FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

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.

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!

MESSY CHURCH

The first messy church will take place on June 13th. It is a casual service where all are invited to participate. We gather at 5:30pm on the back lawn for appetizers and drinks, with the service beginning at 6pm. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided after the service. Please bring a side dish, dessert, or appetizer to share, as well as something to add to the drink table. Don't forget your beach chair or blanket!



THE BOOK CLUB

May 9, 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.

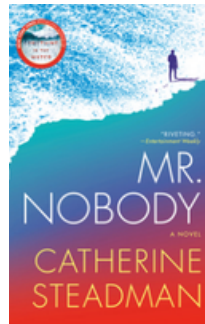
June 13th - Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt

Tova, a widow, forms an unlikely friendship with a giant Pacific octopus named Marcellus at the aquarium where she works, leading them to uncover the truth about her son's disappearance decades earlier. The book, a New York Times bestseller, is known for its heartwarming story, unique perspective from the octopus, and themes of loneliness, loss, and connection.



July 11th- Mr. Nobody by Catherine Steadman

A neuropsychiatrist, Dr. Emma Lewis, who is assigned to a mysterious amnesiac found on a Norfolk beach, forces her to confront her own hidden past in the same town. The novel follows the investigation into the man's identity, nicknamed "Mr. Nobody," while exploring themes of trauma, memory, and secrets as Emma's past and the patient's identity become dangerously intertwined.



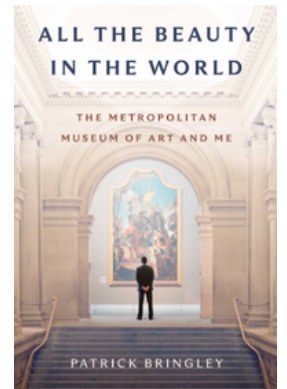
May 9th- Theo of Golden by Allen Levi

One spring morning, a stranger named Theo arrives in the small Southern city of Golden. He doesn't explain much about where he came from or why he's there—but when he visits the local coffeehouse, where pencil portraits of the people of Golden hang on the walls, he begins purchasing them, one at a time, and giving each portrait to the person depicted. In exchange, he asks only for the person's story. And so portrait by portrait, person by person, secrets are revealed, regrets are shared, and ordinary lives are profoundly altered. A story of giving and receiving, of seeing and being seen, Theo of Golden is an unforgettable novel about the power of generosity, the importance of connection, and the quiet miracles that happen when we choose kindness and wonder.



August 8th- All the Beauty in the World: The Metropolitan Museum of Art and Me by Patrick Bringley

Patrick Bringley's memoir about his decade working as a guard at the Met, a job he took for solace after his brother's cancer diagnosis. The book explores themes of grief, art, and finding community, offering a unique, insider's perspective on the museum's art and its diverse staff, transforming a personal tragedy into a story of healing and renewed appreciation for life.



GET TO KNOW A PARISHIONER!

Yvonne Omer

Since moving to California from the east our family has attended Trinity these last 35 years. Our three children were confirmed and three of our seven grandchildren baptized here.

As a career I worked as an Oncology Nurse at St Jude's in Fullerton. Upon retiring Doug and I have done some serious traveling, our favorite so far is Africa seeing the wonderful countries and animals. I have also been lucky to travel with a short term mission organization seeing parts of the world I might never have visited.



When home I practice Yoga, love to read and watch my British crime shows. I have recently revisited knitting and am making an attempt to learn Spanish. I must say however my favorite time is time spent with my grandchildren.

I love to serve at Trinity and feel blessed to be a part of such a special community,

Blessings and Peace,
Yvonne

ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS

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.



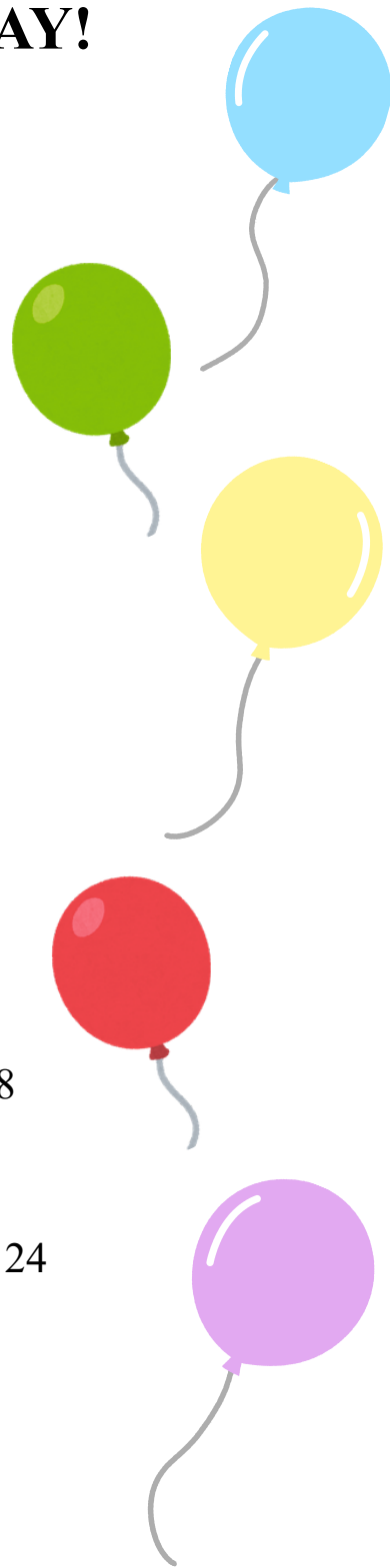
EDUCATION SUNDAY IS COMING!

If you have a someone in your life that is graduating, we would like to feature them during Education Sunday. June 14th! Please email parish_admin@trinityorange.org with the graduates name, school that they will be attending or that they graduated from, and their area of study. If you would like to add a little message or send in a picture, we would love to feature them in the Trinity Talk!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Pat Higgins — May 3
Shane Richter — May 3
John Powers — May 5
Bill Braggins — May 5
Adam Quintero — May 7
Reginald Elendu — May 8
Dawn Heim — May 8
Angelina Parque — May 9
Andrew Paskin — May 9
Carol Reynolds — May 11
Cindy Nelson — May 12
Kathy Racine — May 13
Richard Heim — May 13
Yvonne Omer — May 15
Lisa Jewett — May 16
Tatiana Lozano — May 16
Johnny Jaime — May 17
Lindsay Whipple — May 18
Heather Eslick — May 19
Dubem Elendu — May 23
Angharad Mulville — May 24
Stan Baker — May 25
Hal Parmenter — May 26
Laurel Baker — May 27
Venita Wright — May 28
Marci Christian — May 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!

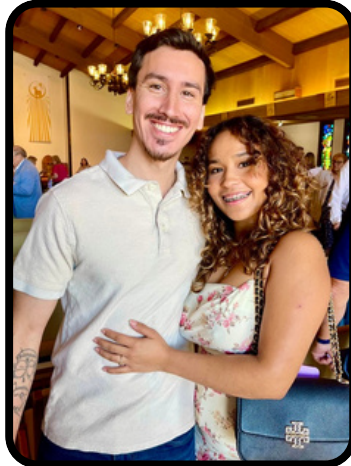


HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Yvonne & Doug Omer - May 4
Rev. Mark Shier & Duane Steadman - May 7
Randal & Jim Brink — May 16
Dan & Kristen Patterson — May 22



EASTER SUNDAY



CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 7:00am Altar Guild Team 4 8:00am Holy Eucharist- Rite I 10:00am Holy Eucharist - Rite II 3:00pm 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
3 7:00am Altar Guild Team 1 8:00am Holy Eucharist- Rite I 10:00am Holy Eucharist - Rite II 4:00pm Sunday Supper	4 6:30pm Outreach Meeting 7:00pm Railroad Society	5 6:30pm Narcotics Anonymous	6 7:00pm Shirts & Skirts - Advanced Class	7 10:00am Eucharist Healing Service 10:30am SoCal Environmental Information Association Meeting 7:00pm AA Meeting	8 9:00am Property Commission 10:00am Bible Study 12:00pm AI Anon Meeting 7:00pm OC Recorder Society	9 8:30am Debtors Anonymous 9:30am Book Study
10 7:00am Altar Guild Team 2 8:00am Holy Eucharist- Rite I 10:00am Holy Eucharist - Rite II	11	12 6:30pm Narcotics Anonymous	13 7:00pm Shirts & Skirts - Advanced Class	14 10:00am Eucharist Healing Service 6:30pm Orange Historical Society 7:00pm AA Meeting	15 9:00am Property Commission 10:00am Bible Study 12:00pm AI Anon Meeting	16 8:30am Debtors Anonymous
17 7:00am Altar Guild Team 3 8:00am Holy Eucharist- Rite I 10:00am Holy Eucharist - Rite II	18	19 6:30pm Narcotics Anonymous 6:30pm Vestry Meeting	20 6:00pm AI-anon Information Service Board 7:00pm Shirts & Skirts - Advanced Class	21 10:00am Eucharist Healing Service 6:30pm Rally Meeting 7:00pm AA Meeting	22 9:00am Property Commission 10:00am Bible Study 12:00pm AI Anon Meeting	23 8:30am Debtors Anonymous
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31 8:00am Holy Eucharist- Rite I 10:00am Holy Eucharist - Rite II	1 6:30pm Outreach Meeting 7:00pm Railroad Society	2 6:30pm Narcotics Anonymous	3 7:00pm Shirts & Skirts - Advanced Class	4 8:00am Life Line Screening 10:00am Eucharist Healing Service 7:00pm AA Meeting	5 9:00am Property Commission 10:00am Bible Study 12:00pm AI Anon Meeting	6 8:30am Debtors Anonymous 9:00am Villa Park Women's League

May 4th: Outreach Meeting
 May 9th: Book Club
 May 19th: Vestry Meeting
 May 20: Outreach Dine Out
 May 25th: Office Closed
 May 28th: SAS Encore
 May 30th: Outreach Spring Fundrasier
 May 31st: Trinity Sunday

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

