



Important Notes from Mrs. Luzzo

August 15, 2025

Don't forget to ROAR!

Congratulations to our Kindergarten-5th grade families and students, as well as our faculty and staff on completing the first week back to school. On Monday, we welcome our littlest Lions, our K3 and K4 students, and their families! We are all very excited to have them joining us as we continue to move through the new school year.

Just a reminder, these weekly communications, as well as all school related news, can be found on our school website ([Holy Trinity Catholic School | North Myrtle Beach, SC](#)). You can also check our school Facebook page ([Facebook](#)) for quick reminders and photos. Thank you!

K3-K4 Students Only - The first day of school for our **littlest Lions (K3 and K4)** is **Monday, 8/18**. This is a regular day of school. Parents, you may utilize the morning car line (recommended) or you may walk your students in on the first day. We simply ask that you drop off and head out in a timely manner to make the drop off transition a positive and easy one for your child. The first day is always harder on the parent than the child and I promise, we will take good care of your babies.

School Masses - All families are invited to join us for the **9 AM Wednesday Mass** each week (unless otherwise noted) beginning on **Wednesday, 8/20**. Students are welcome to sit with their families for Mass. We ask that they go up for Communion/a Blessing with you and return to their class at the end of the entire service (after the priest has walked down the aisle and into the narthex). **Note:** Fr. John would like the school to sit on the front left of the center aisle facing the altar for school Masses beginning next week.

Spirit Nights - The PTO sponsors various Spirit Nights throughout the school year that provide opportunities for our families to gather and to share food and conversation at local area restaurants. Please see attached information for the first one at Chick-fil-A on **Thursday, 8/21**. Please see attached for more information.

Cross Country - Students in grades 2-5 will be eligible to participate in cross country in the fall. Information was sent home to those students. Sign up forms are due **Friday, 8/22**.

Lunch and Recess Volunteers - We still have several days where we need volunteers for lunch and recess duty (11:45 AM -12:45 PM): **Wednesdays** - lunch duty for both lunches, **Thursdays** - lunch and recess duty with 3rd-5th grades, and **Fridays** - lunch and recess duty with Kinder-2nd. We also always need back-up volunteers that can be "on-call". Lunch and recess

duty is also GREAT for grandparents or other family members. If you are able to volunteer or want more information, please contact Ms. Nicole at nnealey@holytrinitynmb.org.

Half Day / All school Retreat - Friday, 8/29, is a half day with dismissal at **noon** and no after care. All students need to be picked up at **noon** and we will utilize a double car line for dismissal (provided Lake Trinity has subsided by then). Students from K3-5th grade will participate in a faith-based retreat that day with various activities planned for their spiritual development. We need parent volunteers to assist with this event. If interested, please contact Mrs. Hines at ehines@holytrinitynmb.org.

No School - School will be closed **Monday, 9/1**, in recognition of Labor Day.

Pelican's Game - Please see the attached information for the HTCS Family Night scheduled at the Pelican's ball field on **Friday, 9/5**.

No Hot Lunch - Due to a Dioesan meeting scheduled in the mpr (multipurpose room), there will be no hot lunch for **K-5th grades** on **Wednesday, 9/10**. These students need to bring their own lunch that day. **PK** breakfast, lunch, and snack will still be provided that day.

Non-Uniform Picture Day - Friday, 9/12, is fall picture day. Students may dress out of uniform for these photos as long as they wear shoes that are safe for outdoor play (no heels, crocs, or slides). These photos make great Christmas gifts!

ESTF Grants - If your child was awarded the ESTF grant this school year, please be sure you have received the HTCS invoice from me and you have uploaded it to Class Wallet. This is the process that needs to be followed each quarter for the school to be reimbursed. Thank you!

Faith Formation - Sunday Readings: *If you wander into a Catholic Mass in Parramatta, New York, Rome, London, a tiny country church in outback Australia or a European village on any given day, you will generally hear the same Bible verses being read. But who picked those readings? And why are they presented to us in this way? Dr Paul Taylor, the Executive Secretary of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Bishops Commission for Liturgy, says the answer lies in the desire of the Second Vatican Council (1962-65) to draw more deeply on Scripture in the liturgical life of the Church. "In general, following the Vatican II call for a 'ressourcement' or taking people back to the scriptural sources of our faith, the framers of the Lectionary wished to impart to the faithful a richer fare of readings from the various books of the Bible," he said. "There is therefore, greater selection of readings than with the selection for the Mass prior to 1969." The Vatican II Constitution on the Liturgy ordered that "in sacred celebrations there is to be more reading from holy Scripture and it is to be more varied and apposite". (n.35.1) "The treasures of the Bible are to be opened up more lavishly, so that a richer share in God's word may be provided for the faithful". (n.51)*

In 1965, 31 scholars from all over the world were given the task of selecting from all the books of the Old and New Testaments the passages that they regarded as best for liturgical use, says Archbishop Annibale Bugnini in his book, The Reform of the Liturgy 1948-1975 (Collegeville: The Liturgical Press, 1979). They were asked to choose passages that they judged easily understandable by the people and best suited for conveying the key messages of salvation history. "Two whole years of study and meetings ... made it possible to see more clearly the direction to be taken in the new Lectionary," Archbishop Bugnini, who was secretary of the Commission that worked on the reform of the liturgy following Vatican II, wrote.

Finally, the new Lectionary, based on the Ordo Lectionum Missae, for the Roman Catholic Church was promulgated in 1969 and was further revised in 1981, with bishops' conferences in various language groups using the Ordo Lectionum Missae as a base for the creation of their own lectionaries, approved by the Vatican. The Introduction to the 1981 revised Lectionary says the readings were placed into an order which helps the faithful to make sense of the story of salvation as it is presented in the Bible. "The present Order of Readings for Mass, then, is an arrangement of biblical readings that provides the faithful with a knowledge of the whole of God's word, in a pattern suited to the purpose," it says.

"Throughout the liturgical year, but above all during the seasons of Easter, Lent and Advent, the choice and sequence of readings are aimed at giving Christ's faithful an ever-deepening perception of the faith they profess and of the history of salvation." The readings are arranged so that Sundays and feast days present the more important biblical passages. "In this way the more significant parts of God's revealed word can be read to the assembled faithful within an appropriate period of time," the Introduction to the Lectionary says. Weekdays present a second series of texts from sacred scripture. The series of readings for Sundays and those for weekdays are not dependent on each other.

The order of readings for Sundays and festive days extends over three years (Years A, B and C), with each year being dedicated to a particular synoptic author – Matthew, Mark or Luke; for weekdays over two years (Years I and II). On Sundays, each Mass has three readings: the first from the Old Testament, the second from an Apostle (either from a Letter or from the Book of Revelation, depending on the season), and the third from the Gospels. "This arrangement brings out the unity of the Old and New Testaments and of the history of salvation, in which Christ is the central figure, commemorated in his paschal mystery," the Lectionary says. "A more varied and richer reading of sacred scripture on Sundays and festive days results from the three-year cycle, in that the same texts are read only every fourth year."

On weekdays, each Mass has two readings: the first is from the Old Testament or from an Apostle, and during the Easter season from the Acts of the Apostles; the second, from the Gospels. The yearly cycle for Lent has its own principles of arrangement, taking into account the baptismal and penitential character of this season. The cycle for the weekdays of Advent, the Christmas season and the Easter season is also yearly and the readings remain the same each year. That's why, no matter where you are in the world, you'll normally hear the same, carefully chosen and ordered readings at Mass, reminding us again that we belong to a Universal Church. ([Choosing the Word: How and why Mass readings are chosen – Catholic Outlook](#))

This Sunday's Readings: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1: [Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10](#)

Responsorial Psalm: [Psalm 40:2, 3, 4, 18](#) R. (14b) Lord, come to my aid! I have waited, waited for the LORD, and he stooped toward me.

Reading 2: [Hebrews 12:1-4](#)

Gospel: [Luke 12:49-53](#)

MISSION STATEMENT: Holy Trinity Catholic School, a ministry of Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish, offers to early childhood and elementary school students of diverse ethnic, economic, and religious backgrounds a superior academic program based on Gospel values. Within a family atmosphere, the school strives to develop the spiritual, academic, personal, creative, and physical growth of each student.

VISION STATEMENT: Holy Trinity Catholic School students will be fully prepared to transition to middle school possessing critical thinking skills, an ability to work independently as well as collaboratively, and an awareness of what it means to actively live the Gospel values.