

Reflections on the Cathedral  
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On Saturday night, April 3, Trinity was the host to a number of congregations within our diocese. St. Edwards, Holy Child, Our Lady of Guadalupe and Trinity Cathedral all participated in the Great Easter Vigil. Bishop Mary presided and during her sermon, she remarked, as we have all heard from time to time, that many believe that “God is Dead”. What struck me during that evening was that the Vigil was the largest I had seen in my three years at Trinity. There were three baptisms, six confirmations and six receptions as well as one who was received and confirmed. Along with the members joining us that night, we had many join us the next day that were either new to us or had not joined us for some time. I was continually inspired in those two days as well as throughout Holy Week, by the vitality, enjoyment and camaraderie I saw in the people at Trinity and our fellow congregations.

Certainly Christianity as many religions are finding, is in a state of flux. Many do not feel it relevant in their lives or necessary to their families. Many don’t “believe” or they “have questions”. And yet, every week I see many who do feel it is important and a necessary and integral part of their needs in this busy and stressful world. We see many new faces each week and we celebrate their wish for something more, something substantial in their lives that Trinity might provide. We hope we can help answer questions, help ask them and ponder all the mysteries of faith and life. We hope in the coming years that Trinity will continue to grow in purpose and mission in the downtown area of San Jose, providing spiritual leadership, fellowship and community to those who are members now and those to come.

In order that this growth in faith and community continues, I encourage all the members of Trinity to continue meeting and greeting visitors and new members of the parish. The one thing that can and does set us apart from other congregations, besides the beautiful church and a dedicated Dean, is the sense of friendship, welcome and open accessibility our members can project to newcomers. That welcome and sense of enthusiasm is catching and will continue to identify our parish now and in the future.