

# Church of the Holy Childhood

1435 Midway Parkway † St. Paul MN 55108

May 30, 2021



## THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.” - Mt 28:19-20

# Pastor's Letter

## WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE IF GOD IS A TRINITY OR NOT?

We profess belief in the Trinity of the Godhead, that is, that, while there is but one God, God has revealed that the Divine Substance is equally and eternally shared by three distinct Persons, whom we call Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Well and good, but does it really make any difference at all whether God is absolutely Unique, as professed by Jews and Muslims, or is a Trinity of Persons? As the saying goes, "How does that make it any easier for me to pay my bills?" The question is, what impact does the nature of God have on me here and now as a believer, as well as on an eternity I believe in and look forward to entering?

Jesus himself tells us that, "This is eternal life, to know you, the one, true God, and him whom you have sent, Jesus Christ" (*John 17:3; 1 John 5:20*). That begs the obvious question, "what happens to other believers?", but that's for another time. Since God has revealed that we are created in the divine image and likeness (*Genesis 1:26*), it is only reasonable that our return to God by way of an accurate knowledge of God, reflected in our values and behavior in this life, as well as by being shown in our worship as a consequence to that knowledge would demand that we know what - *Who* - we are actually worshipping, as the Lord told the Samaritan woman (*John 4:22*).

The very nature of God our Creator reveals to us our dignity among all else of the created universe, material and spiritual. Pope St. John Paul II said it so well: "In revealing Himself to mankind, God has revealed mankind to itself."

Our values and our interaction with one another will also be directed by our understanding of the nature of God: We *are* our brother's keeper, in answer to Cain's question to God (*Genesis 4:9*); "You are all brothers" (*see Matthew 23:8-10*); and, if God is love" (*1 John 4:8*), then we can follow the insight of St. Augustine: "Love, and do what you want, because love does no harm to one's neighbor."

Finally, our worship will be both dictated and directed by our knowledge of the nature of God. As cited above, we need to know Whom we are worshiping, and not "throw up" desperate prayers, hoping that some divine being or another bothers to listen and is in the mood that day to give a favorable answer. Rather, the relational nature of the Trinity reveals as well God's relationship to us and ours to God: that of a human father to his family (*see Luke 11:9-13*), or of a human mother to her children (*see Isaiah 49:15*). Is there any need to say more?

### SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (*CORPUS CHRISTI*):

**Exodus 24:3-8** God's covenant relationship with the People he called and formed to be his own was sealed in blood, expressing just how seriously it needed to be taken.

**Hebrews 9:11-15** The blood sacrifices of the Old Testament could only foreshadow the definitive sacrifice and covenant God would enter into: the self-offering of his own beloved Son.

**St. Mark 14:12-16, 22-26** In the course of the Last Supper, Jesus both fulfilled the ancient Passover in himself and provided for those who would believe in him a means of already sharing in his own divine and everlasting life.

### ONLINE STREAMING OF THE SUNDAY MASS

HOLY CHILDHOOD ON ZOOM AT 9:15 am MATERNITY OF MARY ON YOUTUBE AT 10:30 am  
Contact Jim Evanoff to be added to the Zoom email invitation. [evanoff.jj@gmail.com](mailto:evanoff.jj@gmail.com)

Maternity of Mary - On YouTube through the Maternity of Mary website. Go to: [www.maternityofmarychurch.org](http://www.maternityofmarychurch.org) and click on the link: Maternity of Mary YouTube page to watch live Mass. This link is under the Live Stream of Mass information.

### ONLINE STREAMING OF THE DAILY MASS

The 7:45 am Mass is live streamed on Zoom. Contact Jim Evanoff to be added to the list.

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**Holiday Office Hours**

In observance of Memorial Day, May 31, the Parish Office will be closed. The daily Mass will be celebrated at 7:45 am.

Now through September 3 the Parish Office will be closed on Fridays. If there is a Pastoral Emergency, please call 651-489-8825 (Maternity of Mary parish office) and follow the prompts for a Pastoral emergency.

**HOLY CHILDHOOD WOMEN'S CLUB NEWS**

Attention Women's Cub Council Members. There will be council meeting Tuesday, June 1, at 7:00 pm in Buchanan Hall. All Women's Club Council Members are invited to attend. We will reflect on the past year and review the calendar for next year. Please call Judy or Joan if you have questions.



**HOLY HOUR AND BENEDICTION  
 SUNDAYS AT 2:00 PM**

**BLESSING OF RELIGIOUS ARTICLES**



On Sunday, June 6 at the end of Mass Fr. Fink will bless religious articles (rosaries, chaplets, medals, etc.). The article does not need to be in church, but the person desiring the blessing does need to be present. Water and salt are an exception and they do need to be present for the blessing.

**PARKING RESTRICTION**



Parking on the service road east of Convent II (1427 Midway Parkway) is by PERMIT ONLY from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm everyday of the week through September 30.

**CONGESTION REMINDER**

**MSRA Back to the 50's  
 State Fair Grounds**

**Friday, June 18 -Sunday, June 20**

The 45th Annual Back to the 50's Car Show will feature over 10,000 street rods and custom cars along with commercial vendors, swappers, crafters, entertainment and much more.

This event always brings a lot of traffic to the area. Parking for our Masses will be available in the lot.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

- MAY** 29 Carol Becvar  
 31 Pat Thoresen  
**JUNE** 1 Audrey Clasemann  
 4 Jim Coffman & Larry McMahon

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

- MAY** 31 Kevin & Mary Barton (19)  
**JUNE** 3 Don & Sandy Rask (49)  
 Tim & Geraldine Thomas (41)

**ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION**

- JUNE** 2 Fr. James Reidy (65)

**SAINT ANDREW KIM SCHEDULE**

- MAY** 30, 10:30 am - Confession (SCH)  
 11:15 am - Mass (CH)  
**JUNE** 6, 10:30 am - Confession (SCH)  
 11:15 am - Mass (CH)  
 11, 7:00 pm - Mass

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### Mass Intentions

**Saturday, May 29**

7:45 am † Vera Martinez

5:00 pm † John B. Schwartzbauer

**Sunday, May 30**

9:15 am Parishioners

**Monday, May 31**

7:45 am † Sonia Bjorgen

**Tuesday, June 1**

7:45 am † Maria Nimh Kim Nhung

**Wednesday, June 2**

7:45 am † Milt Nelson

**Thursday, June 3**

7:45 am Paige Nevins - Health &amp; Recovery

**Friday, June 4**

7:45 am † Chris Ostertag

**Saturday, June 5**

7:45 am † Joseph Connolly

5:00 pm Parishioners

**Sunday, June 6**

9:15 am † Bruce Larson

### Financial Support 5-23-21

<b>FAIR SHARE</b>	\$ 2808.00
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### Parish Information

Pastor, Fr. Timothy Cloutier

Parochial Vicar, Fr. Joseph Fink

Weekend Assistant, Fr. James Reidy, Ph. D.

Parish Office 651-644-7495

Buchanan Hall 651-647-0689

#### Our Current Services

Confessions - Saturday.....4:00-4:30 pm

Thursday.....7:10-7:25 am

Conference Room

Saturday Anticipatory Mass.....5:00 pm

Sunday Mass.....9:15 am

Weekday Masses....Monday - Saturday..7:45 am

3rd Wednesday -Lyngblomsten Chapel..3:30 pm

Holy Day of Obligation as announced.

Rosary - Thursday ..... 6:00 pm

Prayer Chain.....Peggy - 651-645-4955

Website.....www.holychildhoodparish.org

Email.....contact@holychildhoodparish.org

Victim Assistance Program.....651-291-4497

## “Safely Sunsetting COVID-19 Public Health Restrictions.”

Beginning May 28th, restrictions on social distancing and capacity will be lifted. With that, you will see changes in our Sunday Mass as we find ways to comfortably and safely interact again with our community.

**Seating in the pews:** Starting the weekend of May 29-30 you may sit in all pews in the front & back sections, but the pews between the 2nd & 3rd pillars will continue to be marked for every other pew seating only. Please respect those that prefer and adhere to the pew markings.

**Personal face masks:** Those that are not vaccinated or prefer should continue to wear a mask while in the Church or other parish facilities.

**Hand sanitizer** will continue to be available at the handicap entrance to the church, as well as on the wall in the narthex at the outside aisles.

**Distribution of the Eucharist:** We ask that you continue to be prudent in allowing comfortable distance with those around you when coming up to receive and returning to your pew.

**Once Mass is finished, socializing encouraged outside:** We ask that for a few more weeks, especially with the warmer weather, that you socialize outside after Mass.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** will continue to take place in the conference room.

**Obligation to Attend Mass:** The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation continues to be suspended. The bishops of Minnesota will soon reinstate the obligation, and will communicate this to all the faithful.

### **Ongoing General Safety Protocols**

**A. If you are sick, stay at home.** Please take care of yourself, and do your part to protect others from becoming infected.

**B. Vulnerable persons and those caring for them should stay safe.** Attend nonobligatory gatherings only to the extent that you (and those you care for) judge the risk of infection to be low.

**C. Do what you are comfortable doing.** An individual may always practice more restrictive facemask and social distance standards than are required.

**D. Sanitization is effective.** Regularly washing hands with soap and water and using hand sanitizer helps avoid both contracting and spreading infection.

**E. Vaccines are still recommended.** COVID vaccines help achieve herd immunity and are now available for those as young as 12.

As more guidance is provided by the Archdiocese, we will continue to review our plan. We ask for your patience and continued respect for your neighbor as restrictions begin to loosen.

Father Timothy Cloutier



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