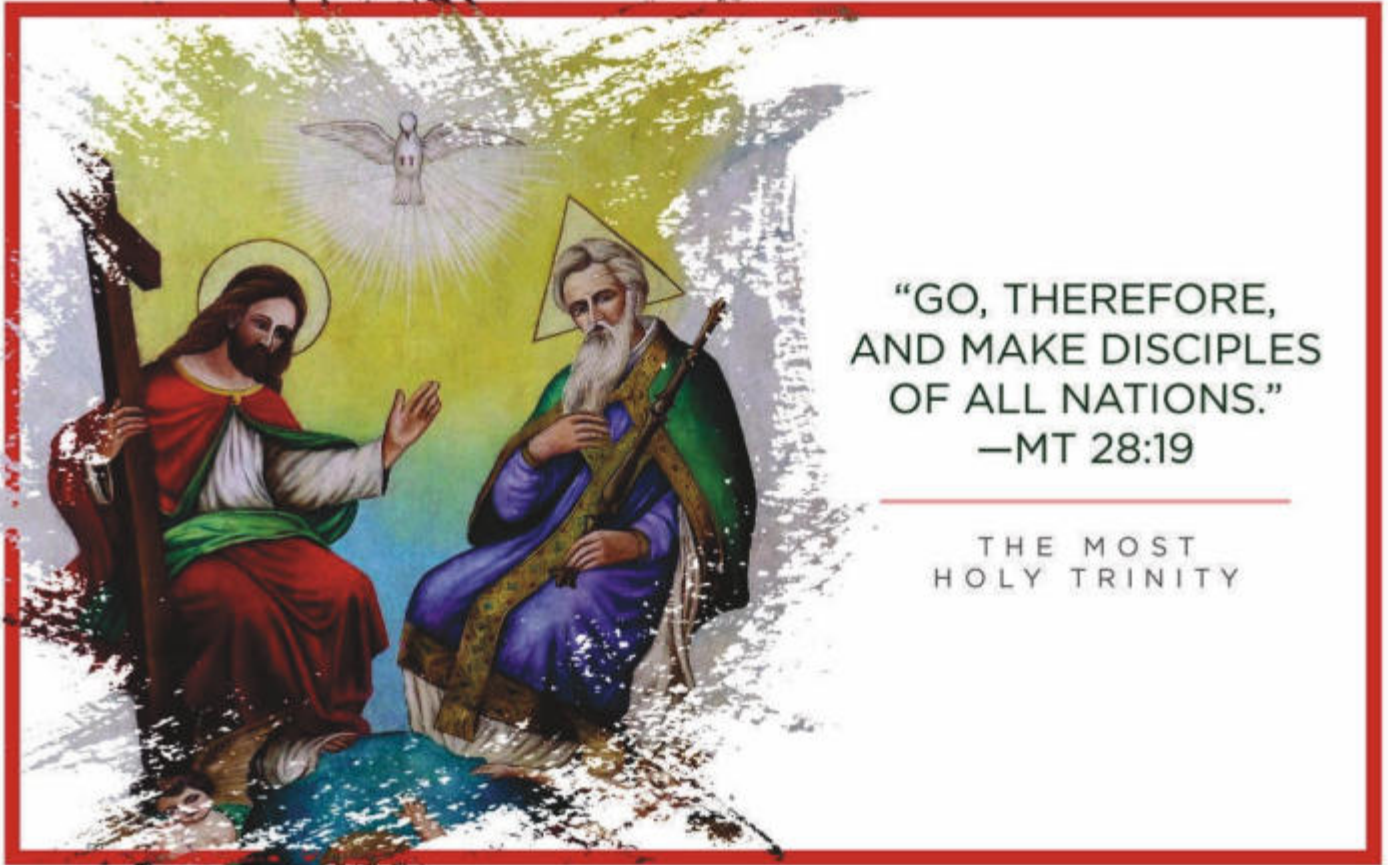




ST. HELENA ST. PATRICK *E*

WELCOME TO OUR PARISHES!



“GO, THEREFORE,
AND MAKE DISCIPLES
OF ALL NATIONS.”
—MT 28:19

THE MOST
HOLY TRINITY

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LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The immensity, scope, intimacy, and pervasiveness of God's presence is too intense for the human mind. We often limit God by our expectations of Him and have a hard time just letting God be God. Some people all too easily lose faith because God does not meet their expectations. Worse still, the idea of faith is rejected altogether by others because of polarities and experiences they have that don't square with who they need God to be. The Holy Trinity is one of those teachings that is best encountered rather than dissected. It is only through being present with the Trinity that we can experience both the immensity and otherness of God's presence as well as the intimacy of the God who wants us to call Him "dad." We feel the loving guidance of a God who wants to take us from fear and give us confidence. Our God of yesterday, today, and tomorrow is a God of all ages whose three-fold Presence invades all senses, seasons, and times. God, who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is much more than any of our expectations if we simply let God be who God is.

Please Join us for a Memorial Day Mass at 8:00am at St. Helena's on Monday, May 31.



ST. HELENA PARISH

Mass Schedule

Saturday (vigil) 5pm, St. Helena
Sunday 8:30am (1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays)
 10:30am (2nd, 4th Sundays)
Tue–Fri 8:00am

Confession Schedule

Saturday 3:30–4:30pm
Sunday Before 8:30 am mass (1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays)
Tuesday 7:00–8:00pm
Tues–Fri Before 8:00 am daily
 Mass | By appointment, call parish office



ST. PATRICK PARISH

Mass Schedule

Sunday 10:30am (1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays)
 8:30 am (2nd, 4th Sundays)
Thursday 9:00am

Confession Schedule

Sundays after 10:30 am Mass
 By appointment - call parish office

FROM OUR PASTOR

Prayer makes it practical

Dear friends in Christ,

Attempting to explain the Trinity is difficult. One God in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, is a mystery. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states, “God transcends all creatures. We must therefore continually purify our language of everything in it that is limited, image-bound or imperfect, if we are not to confuse our image of God— “the inexpressible, the incomprehensible, the invisible, the ungraspable”—with our human representations. Our human words always fall short of the mystery of God.” (paragraph #42)

Prayer is also a mystical language of our faith. Prayer comes in many forms: adoration, petition, contrition, vocal, memorized, free-form, and more! Let’s examine a few prayers which, in my opinion, make the Most Holy Trinity more practically understood.

Here’s the prayer from Monday, week four of the Liturgy of the Hours: **God our Creator, you gave us the earth to cultivate and the sun to serve our needs. Help us to spend this day for your glory and our neighbor’s good.** The only obvious person of the Trinity found in this prayer is the Father—the Creator of everything. What about Jesus? He’s the Son, not the *sun!* And I don’t see anything about the Holy Spirit. Well, cultivating the earth doesn’t happen by itself—it’s an act that requires love, hard work, and dedication. Jesus is the beloved Son of the loving Father. Jesus is given to us and he has made the greatest act of love by dying on the Cross to save us. Recognizing just how much God has given to us, we should return thanksgiving to him and serve our neighbor. This is an image of the Holy Spirit, who is the outpouring of love from the Father and the Son. We have received much, let us give in return.

On the eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time we pray: **Grant us, O Lord, we pray, that**

the course of our world may be directed by your peaceful rule and that your Church may rejoice, untroubled in her devotion. One word comes to mind hearing this prayer: *surrender.* And I don’t mean waving the white flag of defeat. Rather, an understanding of the most Holy Trinity comes when we surrender. The night before he died, Jesus said “Take this cup from me, yet not my will, but thy will be done.” When the angel Gabriel appears to Mary with the important message she replies, “Let it be done to me according to your will.”

In the Lord’s Prayer we say, “Thy will be done...” The Catechism reminds us, “Although he was a Son, Jesus learned obedience through what he suffered.” How much more reason have we sinful creatures to learn obedience—we who in him have become children of adoption. We ask our Father to unite our will to his Son’s, in order to fulfill his will, his plan of salvation for the life of the world. We are radically incapable of this, but united with Jesus and with the power of his Holy Spirit, we can surrender our will to him and decide to choose what his Son has always chosen: to do what is pleasing to the Father.” (paragraph #2825)

Sin displeases the Father. We think of the Church experiencing “trouble in her devotion” from outside sources of persecution. However, the Church will rejoice more fully in devotion when her own members are united more closely to the will of God.

So, let us take to heart the words of these two prayers. But let’s see them as more than mere words. Permit them to enter into your heart. Pray these prayers slowly and ponder their meaning in your life. Will you ask the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit to take hold of you and to transform the world through your generous response to his goodness?

Fr. Asselin

PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR |

5/31—Last call for Fall Raffle Donations!

6/4—John Martinson Funeral Service, 11am St. Helena's

6/13—Farewell Potluck for Fr. Asselin, following Mass at St. Helena's

6/20—Farewell Potluck for Fr. Asselin, following Mass at St. Patrick's



Funeral Prayer Service

There will be a Funeral Prayer Service for John Martinson at St. Helena's Church, 11am on Friday, June 4th. All are welcome. Luncheon to follow.

Altar Society Donations

Altar Society is still taking monetary donations to help offset the cost of Confirmation/ First Holy Eucharist meal expenses. Donations may be put into the general collection basket in an envelope marked for First Eucharist/ Confirmation Donation or given to Kathy M.

Fall Raffle Donations

St. Helena Altar Society is now taking donations for the annual Raffle to be held Sep 26, 2021. Contact Michele T. or Kathy M. to make a donation. Last day to make a donation is May 31.

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SACRAMENTS

Baptism

To schedule a baptism please contact the parish office.

Matrimony

Those preparing for marriage, please contact Fr. Asselin at least six months prior to the wedding date.

Anointing of the Sick

This sacrament is available anytime. Talk with the priest before or after Mass, or call the parish office to make an appointment. Don't hesitate to call, especially if you are preparing for a medical procedure or surgery.

ST HELENA MINISTRY SCHEDULE

June 5/6	(5:00pm)	(8:30 am)
Usher	Volunteer	Bill Carruth
Collection		Dave Eberle
Lector	Volunteer	Darell Wall
EMHC	Volunteer	Michele Thorpe
Gift Bearers	Volunteer	Russ Grueneich family
Altar Servers	Kali N, May N	Anton C, Isaiah C

St. Helena Breakfast Servers

June 6	Alicia G, Sue B, Kristi G
June 20	Amber M, Beano O, Michele T

WEEKLY GIVING

Sunday, May 23

Adult	\$1178.
Children	\$4.
Plate	\$80.
Total	\$1262.

Thank you for your generosity!

ST. PATRICK MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday June 6 (10:30 am)

Lector	Ruby
Gift Carriers	Harper and Porter
Altar Servers	Liam, Archur

For the Month of May

Breakfast Server	Ruby and Virginia
Collection Counters	Allan Glynn & Steve
Church Cleaners	Faye and Laura
Altar Society Meeting	None this month

God's Gift Appeal 2021

Steadfast in Faith, Joyful in Hope

Report as of 5/23/2021

St. Helena's: \$8479: 49% of goal, 35% participation

St. Patrick's: \$11,525: 207% of goal, 41% participation

Thank you for your support!

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. May 31, Memorial Day

8:00 am †Fallen Members of the Armed Forces

Tue. June 1

8:00 am †Angie Doll

Wed. June 2

8:00 am †Deceased from COVID

Thu. June 3

8:00 am (St. H) Open

9:00 am (St. P) †John Linder

Fri. June 4, First Friday

8:00 am †John Martinson

Sat. June 5

5:00 pm †Deceased Family/Friends of M & M Thorpe

Sun. June 6, Corpus Christi

8:30 am (St. H) †Cal Dathe

10:30 am (St. P) For the Parishioners

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If you or someone you know would like to be added to, or removed from this list please call the parish office.



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