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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY



Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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." - Mt 28:18-19

Let God be who God is. This is often one of the hardest things to do. Rather than allowing the mystery of being created in the image and likeness of God unfold and take root in our lives, we change the dynamic. We want to be the creators who want to make God into the image and likeness we need God to be. We have a hard-enough time letting the people in our lives be who they are. We struggle even more so with God. It is almost as if we want God to be our imaginary friend who is not only with us whenever we need but becomes the Being we need God to be. Who is it that we want God to be today? A protector, disciplinarian, champion for justice, healer, advocate for our cause, grantor of prayers, guardian of my life, or the avenger? Our prayers tell an interesting story. When you pray, what does God look like?

Recently, a young woman who was feeling invisible, overlooked, ignored, and misunderstood by her husband struggled to make her feelings known and get his attention. Finally, she screamed, "Listen to me!" Thus, birth was given to a renewed and healthier relationship. We spend so much time storming heaven with our agenda and trying to make God into a "god" of our desires that we do not hear God saying, "Listen to me!" God is desperately trying to get our attention. God is saying, I am here among you as not one but three, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Many people seldom notice God's presence because they are so caught up with other spiritual cares and concerns. And, when the "god" they fashion and create doesn't produce as they desire, they shake the dust from their feet and move on. "I tried," they exclaim, "but God didn't listen."



Healthy relationships aren't built on making someone be who we need them to be. Healthy relationships are built on encounters of persons and the development of an appreciation of someone solely for who they are. Deeper relationships can even be found with two people marveling at each other and almost experiencing a childlike joy and giddiness when they see the other coming. Do you ever have these feelings about God? Believe it or not, God does for you! There is a joyful laughter that gives rise to and connects all three members of the Holy Trinity. It is this laughter, flowing from the very depths of the Godhead that not only keeps the Trinity in joyful unity but spills over into the creation of all beings and things. It is an expression of Divine Delight! Have you ever taken time away from your agenda to experience the Divine Joyfulness of God?

We can reach a connection of Presence wherein even the smallest of creatures suddenly radiate the fullness of God: the wonderful creation of their being, the innocence and playfulness of their movements, and the sustaining life breath that flows through their veins. The same God who created the heavens and the earth is the same God who wants you to call him 'Dad' and the same God who preserves your life and has all things in His care.

Readings for the Week of May 30, 2021

- Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20
- Monday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 1:39-56
- Tuesday: Tb 2:9-14/Ps 112:1-2, 7-8, 9/Mk 12:13-17
- Wednesday: Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a/Ps 25:2-3, 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mk 12:18-27
- Thursday: Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mk 12:28-34
- Friday: Tb 11:5-17/Ps 146:1b-2, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Mk 12:35-37
- Saturday: Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20/Tb 13:2, 6efgh, 7, 8/Mk 12:38-44
- Next Sunday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18/Heb 9:11-15/Mk 14:12-16, 22-2



Sunday, May 30

- 8:00am +Lucille Kopczynski
- 9:30am Thomas Fries
- 11:30am +Jean M. Ezzi
- 8:00pm Pro Populo

Monday, May 31 *The Visitation of the BVM*

- 8:30am +Deceased Soldiers

Tuesday, June 1 *St. Justin, Martyr*

- 8:30am +Jaime Lopez-Polar

Wednesday, June 2 *SS. Marcellinus and Peter*

- 8:30am +Victor and Lucy Nazzario

Thursday, June 3 *St. Charles Lwanga*

- 8:30am Maria Estela Choy

Friday, June 4

- 8:30am +Tonieh Boi-Suba Kenneh

Saturday, June 5 *St. Boniface*

- 8:30am For Vocations
- 4:00pm +Thomas J. and Eileen A. Glynn

Sunday, June 6

- 8:00am +Graziano and Angela Fabiano
- 9:30am Virginia Reed Jimmo
- 11:30am +Patricia Fallon
- 8:00pm Pro Populo





"No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." Christians are no strangers to sacrifice. Jesus lays down his life for our redemption, martyrs remain faithful to the end, and every believer faces "deaths" in the spiritual life when love requires a re-ordering of preference and priority.

On Memorial Day, we honor those who laid down their lives for our nation and for the values we espouse - freedom, justice, and a better world for our children. We remember all those men and women who, in the words of Abraham Lincoln, have "given the last full measure of devotion" to their country. On a day that often fills with barbecues and boat launches, remember to take some time in prayer! Intercede for those who have died and for the loved ones they left behind, and pray for peace on earth.

Beat! Beat! Drums!

Beat! beat! drums!--blow! bugles! blow!
Through the windows--through doors--
burst like a ruthless force,

Into the solemn church, and scatter the congregation,
Into the school where the scholar is studying,

Leave not the bridegroom quiet
no happiness must he have now with his bride,

Nor the peaceful farmer any peace,
ploughing his field or gathering his grain,
So fierce you whirl and pound you drums
so shrill you bugles blow.

Beat! beat! drums!--blow! bugles! blow!
Over the traffic of cities

over the rumble of wheels in the streets;
Are beds prepared for sleepers at night in the houses?

no sleepers must sleep in those beds,
No bargainers' bargains by day

no brokers or speculators--would they continue?

Would the talkers be talking? would the singer attempt to sing?

Would the lawyer rise in the court
to state his case before the judge?

Then rattle quicker, heavier drums--you bugles wilder blow.

Beat! beat! drums!--blow! bugles! blow!

Make no parley--stop for no expostulation,

Mind not the timid--mind not the weeper or prayer,

Mind not the old man beseeching the young man,

Let not the child's voice be heard, nor the mother's entreaties,

Make even the trestles to shake the dead
where they lie awaiting the hearses,

So strong you thump O terrible drums
so loud you bugles blow.

--Walt Whitman

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM

Please remember the souls of the faithfully departed.

REMEMBER OUR SICK

Dorothy Hardy, Kurt Mohammed, Patricia Nicholson, Colin Ramberan, Avery Lofton, Eugene Colombaro, Monica Ramberan, Margaret Davis, Kaela Davis, Yosan Gabriel, Daisy Gray, Jenell Sifontis, Cathy Norman, Sabrina Freeman, Leslie Wade, Esmond Family, Aileen Regan, Sarah and Michael Regan, Kelly Regan, Scott Stierheim, Sr. Mary Charles, A.S.S.P., Mecca Taylor, Melissa Becker, Christian Laffy, Lisa Becker, Debbie Everett, Nigel Simon, Donald Graham, Jean Hargraves, Marci Wade, Mary Frances Doran, Maureen Doran Hendrix, Melissa Potts, Cayla Wade, Theresa Gilliam, Suzanne Dupre, Indramattie Somwaru, John Bricker, Alina Simon, Carmelina Desiderio, Graham Family, Chuck Murrin, Samantha Johnson, Holly, Damon, and Stephen Anthony, Charles Epps, Ramona Wade, Charles V. Murrin



The Sanctuary Lamp intention is:

In memory of all those who gave their lives defending our nation



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If it isn't only for people who are dying, when should someone receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick?

One of the unfortunate realities in the Church today is that so few people understand the meaning and value of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, largely because so many people still mistakenly think of this sacrament as "Last Rites" or "Extreme Unction."



In his life and ministry, Jesus healed the sick. In this sacrament, the Church continues the healing mission of Jesus and, in hope, prays that God will grant healing to the person who is suffering. But even if there is no physical healing, the sacrament offers spiritual healing through the Holy Spirit's gifts of peace and courage. And so, anyone who is living with serious illness (*including emotional or psychological illness*) and the elderly are encouraged to celebrate this sacrament when it is needed.

The ritual for Anointing of the Sick does also include special prayers and blessings for those who are facing death, including viaticum (*communion given to the dying, trusting that the Lord Jesus will be their companion along the way, as they make their final journey*).

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Total Collection for May 23rd: \$ 8,705.76

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The parish offices will be closed on Monday, May 31st in observance of Memorial Day. Also please note, now that the summer season has begun the parish offices will be open Monday through Thursday from 9:15 am to 4:00 pm.



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