

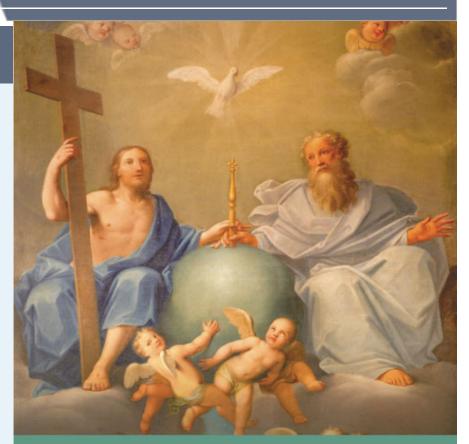
## SAINT JOAN of ARC NEWS

The members of St. Joan of Arc Parish are disciples of Jesus Christ, who recognize God's love for the world & are empowered by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Gospel to all people through joyful worship, life-long education, compassionate service, responsible stewardship, & active community living.

~ Mission Statement - Pentecost 1998 ~

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### THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

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"He will glorify me, because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you. Everything that the Father has is mine; for this reason I told you that he will take from what is mine and declare it to you." - Jn 16:14-15

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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Weekdays

Monday thru Friday: 7:00 am

Weekends

Saturday: 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am,

12:00 pm

Vigil Mass: (evening prior) 7:00 pm 7:00 am, 12:00 pm, 7:00 pm

Reconciliation

Saturdays 11:00am-12:00pm In the Sister Carol Center

Holy Hour

Thursdays in Church at 7:00 pm

Rosary

Monday - Friday after the 7am mass

### PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Center is open Monday - Thursday from 8:30am-5pm Friday from 8:30-4pm

Mass intentions and most services can be done in person or by calling us at 586-777-3670 during these hours.

Our after-hours emergency number: 586-777-1342.

**Baptisms:** Please go to our website (stjoan.church) and fill out the Baptism request form. You will be contacted to make further arrangements based on submission of that form.

**Marriages:** Arrangements should be made at the Parish Center at least six months prior to the desired date. Pre-marriage series required.

**Registration:** It is very important that every family and independent adult be registered in the Church in order to keep our records and mailings current. Please contact the Parish Office to register at your earliest opportunity: 586-777-3670.

**RCIA:** Please call the Parish Center: **586-777-3670** 

### **INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PARISHIONER?**

If you would like to become a parishioner of St. Joan of Arc, please register at stjoan.church and we will contact you by phone. Or by calling us at **586-777-3670** during office hours.

### Live Streamed Broadcasts at St. Joan of Arc

Live Stream Broadcasts have become a standard part of our celebrations at St Joan of Arc. This has increased our mass participation at daily and weekend masses. It has also allowed many of our parishioners to stay in touch with their faith community remotely.

Go to: livestream.stjoan.church to watch all live streaming and to view archived celebrations.

> Weekday Masses Monday thru Friday @7am

**Weekend Masses** Saturdays @ 4pm & 6pm Sundays @ 8am, 10am, 12pm

> Holy Hour Thursdays @ 7pm

### **TALLer Tales**



The IT Guy: We often joke around SJA that we ought to "fire" the "IT Guy." He claims his list is always way too long, and that's why he doesn't get things done.

He also claims he has too many other jobs to be able to attack all the items on the SJA IT list. His response when we joke around about firing the "IT Guy" is simple: "Go ahead, make my day! Let's see where THAT gets you!"

Well, as I'm sure you can surmise, the "IT Guy" is me! While we have a couple of companies that help me when it's above my pay grade, I try to deal with the simple items myself. But sometimes staff are looking for help at the most INTERESTING times. Having issues at SJA seems to be the SJA way of life when it comes to technology. For example, our phone system crashes on the 8th day of the month; it has done this for years. We've had top-level engineers and technicians far and near try to solve the problem. No solution has ever been found. When I look at the countless hours we've spent on diagnosing and trying to solve the issue, it's become far simpler for me to hit the reset button on the system at 3:15 PM on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of every month. We know it happens, and we know how to fix it relatively quickly. It's funny because when the phones go down, someone will inevitably call another person on staff with their cell phone to report the phones are down, and our response is always, "OH, yea, it's the 8th ... MONSIGNOR!" Our issues never seem to happen when I have downtime. They always seem to happen when I'm racing off to a funeral or a series of meetings. A few weeks ago, you may recall that our video streaming system went wacko while I was on a plane heading down to Naples. You may remember me writing how I spent the whole flight trying to help diagnose and solve the problem while 35,000 feet in the air. But this next experience will undoubtedly go down in the books and was guaranteed to be memorialized in TALLer Tales.

It was the Tuesday after Memorial Day. I walked over to Lakeshore Eye Surgery Center (located within Metropolitan Eye Center across the street) during the 7 AM Mass for my cataract surgery (the walk over there is another story). I was due over

there at 7:30 AM and diligently followed all of my instructions, including wearing only a loose-fitting polo shirt (so I was in casual clothes). I was SO IMPRESSED with the entire experience at the surgery center. From the moment I walked through the door to the time I walked out, everything went like clockwork, and EVERYONE was super nice. Everyone seemed to know who I was. Everywhere I walked I was greeted with, "Monsignor, nice to see you!" The staff over there couldn't have been any more accommodating and professional. I think everyone got an email or a memo I would be there that morning!

The surgery went well. The surgery was over before I knew it. Shortly after they wheeled me back to the recovery area, Dr. Malach appeared to let me know that everything went well. A clear eye shield was taped to my right eye, and after getting a series of instructions and being told I had to wear what I call the "Old People's Over Your Glasses Sunglasses," I was wheeled out to the parking lot where my sister was waiting for me. Once my sister Jackie and the staff helped the poor old feeble Monsignor (who was still waiting for the anesthesia to wear off) into the car, I was sent off with, "Great having you, Monsignor. Let us know if we can do anything for you."

Once I got settled in the car and put my seatbelt on for the 32-second drive home, my sister said, "I hate to do this to you, but we have problems." "Okay," I thought to myself, "I'm gone for two hours, and we have problems already? Can we not wait until at least the anesthesia wears off? Maybe I'm dreaming." Jackie then proceeded to tell me that the 8<sup>th</sup> graders were in the Emmaus Hall for their end-ofthe-year breakfast, and Mrs. Pattie, our school principal, was trying to do a presentation, but she was unable to get her laptop connected to the big screen. Mrs. Pattie is very tech-savvy, so I knew there were problems if she couldn't get it going. I had Jackie call from the car to see exactly what was going on. After hearing all they tried to do to get it going and all the people involved, I said that I'd go over and fix it even in my weakened state! I was going to use this one to my advantage! So Jackie drove me across the street to the Sr. Carol Center.

After pulling into the spot next to the handicap areas, Jackie helped me out of the car and held my arm as I walked into the Sr. Carol Center. I was in a polo shirt,

with a clear shield taped to my eye and was now donning those big "Old People Over Your Glasses Sunglasses." Even worse, not being allowed to take a shower that morning because of surgery, I had bedhead and looked a mess. So, I'm sure I looked like some ancient long-retired IT Guy they had to drag out of some corner shop because no one else responded to the "mayday" call to solve the problem.

Even though I still couldn't see clearly yet, I was able to squint and focus enough to make some changes on the computer and hit the right buttons to make it all work. I'm not really sure what I did, but it worked. After all, I was still coming out of the light anesthesia, so I could have just been doing a bunch of nothing, and luckily it worked.

Once I got it going, Mrs. Pattie looked at me and said, "This will land in the bulletin, won't it?" "YOU BET YA," I said with a smile! "The poor guy listed at the top left corner of page two of the bulletin can't even disappear for surgery for a couple of hours without something happening at the parish." Jackie then helped guide me back into her car for the now 10-second drive over to my house.

Once I got back in the car, I had this little revelation. While at the Lakeshore Eye Surgery Center, EVERYONE seemed to know who I was. I was in the Emmaus Hall some 10 minutes or so, and not a single 8<sup>th</sup> grader, not a one, said "HI" or "HELLO" or "HEY, MONSIGNOR." But then again, in their defense, they probably had no clue it was me. After all, my sister was helping me around, I had a clear plastic shield taped to my eye, was wearing those "Old People Over Your Glasses Sunglasses," was probably stumbling a bit, had bed head, and was wearing "normal" clothes. OF COURSE, they had no clue it was me! I'm sure they just dismissed me as an ancient long-retired IT Guy they had to drag out of some corner shop because no one else responded to the "mayday" call to help solve Mrs. Pattie's tech problem. But then again, maybe this was all a dream; after all, I just got out of surgery. I should probably ask someone!

Enjoy the week. Know of my prayers.

In Christ,

gmb gmb@sjascs.org



Written by THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

June 12

### Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Prv 8:22-31 | Rom 5:1-5 | Jn 16:12-15

### GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

St. Paul gives us four words to live by: "Hope does not disappoint." Today, as we celebrate the solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, we are reminded of the source of our hope: God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, described by Pope Francis as "a communion of love." As St. Paul writes, "the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us." This doesn't mean our lives won't be without difficulties, but St. Paul is assuring us that we do not face them alone. As Jesus tells the disciples in today's Gospel, "when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth." As we move into our week and whatever the near future holds, we can rest assured the Holy Spirit will guide us and strengthen us.

#### GO EVANGELIZE

#### PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

It's graduation season! When my oldest son received his college diploma last weekend, I felt overwhelmed with gratitude and excitement for what lies ahead for him. As is the case for many students, his path to a degree was not straight (nor was it paved with straight A's). Yet here he was, receiving his degree and planning to start a job in a field he loves just two days later. The worries I felt during his high school and early college days dissipated, replaced with a sense of gratitude - and hope. This experience and others like it remind me to bring my worries and concerns to prayer, knowing that Jesus walks beside me and those I love. We can witness to our faith by offering to pray for others facing uncertainties and challenges, and by sharing how we have experienced "peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

PRAY Pray the Sign of the Cross, reflecting on the love of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. How have we experienced that love and how can we share it?

### St. Joan of Arc Men's Fellowship

#### OUR MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP INVITES YOU TO

DISCOVER THE MESSAGES GOD HAS FOR YOU THROUGH

The Prophets

A 10-PART BIBLE STUDY FEATURING

THOMAS SMITH

**BEGINNING MAY 23** 



The St. Joan of Arc Men's Fellowship meets on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 7 pm.

All men in the parish are invited to join in our study, faith sharing and prayer.

Call: Patrick Adamcik at 586-775-3385 or Larry Kreszowski at 313-882-9369 for more information.

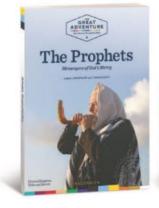
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God sent prophets at critical times to call the people back to their covenant relationship with him. Prophets proclaimed the consequences of continued sin, called people to repentance, and declared God's faithful love. They also spoke of the future to shed light on current events and to reveal God's plans and purposes.

In The Prophets: Messengers of God's Mercy, discover how God is constantly calling you to a deeper relationship with him, as well as the ways you are called to be the voice of God to others.

I love this study! ... Now we know where they were when they said it, why they said it. Thomas was so clear. He illuminated it so well that it was easy to understand.

-Celesta D.







### Misc. Announcements

### Light of the Spirit Prayer Group



2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month St. Joan of Arc

> The meeting will now be from 6:30pm—8:30pm

June Meetings will be on 6/9 and 6/22

We hope that you can join us!

### 8th Grade Can and Bottle Drive

The Class of 2023 is now responsible for the can and bottle drive.

This is an important fundraiser that helps defray the cost of their graduation events.

Bring your returnables in bags to the Parish Center - West SIDE DOOR - (near Father Andrew's House) please. There is a large plastic bin with a lid that they can be placed in..

Or you can arrange a pick-up by calling or texting Erin at 586-321-0667.

The Class of 2023



### St. Joan of Arc Knitting Group

The SJA Knitting Group will begin meeting the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month.

The group will meet from 12pm - 3pm in the Mother of Mary Conference room in Church. June's meetings will be on the 8th and the 22nd all knitters are welcome.

If you are interested in joining or have questions please call: Marie Byrski @ 586-943-0240.



### Can Tab Recycling

We are back to recycling can tabs. All proceeds will benefit the Ronald McDonald House Charities.

*How you can help:* Spread the word! Let your family, friends, co-workers, and classmates know that their small pop tabs, food can tabs all can make a big difference for Ronald McDonald House Charities.

Donations can be dropped off in the buckets at church, brought to the Parish Center during business hours.



# St. Joan of Arc **FAMILY FAITH CAMP**









### JOIN US FOR OUR NEW SUMMER **FAMILY FAITH ADVENTURE!**

The whole family is invited to a new awesome faith event. Each exciting night begins with a family dinner and moves into fun activities, games, and faith-building experiences that will help your family make memories and supercharge your domestic church. Thursday night concludes with a campfire.

> \$15 per person - includes a T-shirt, meals, and materials. (Children under the age of 5 are free). Children must be accompanied by at least one adult.

Learn more and register online at sjascs.org/faith-camp



### Readings for The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ



#### THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY OF CHRIST – JUNE 19

#### Reading One - Gn 14:18-20

In those days, Melchizedek, king of Salem, brought out bread and wine, and being a priest of God Most High, he blessed Abram with these words: "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, the creator of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, who delivered your foes into your hand." Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything.

#### Responsorial Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4

### R. You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.

The LORD said to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand till I make your enemies your footstool."

### R. You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.

The scepter of your power the LORD will stretch forth from Zion: "Rule in the midst of your enemies."

#### R. You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.

"Yours is princely power in the day of your birth, in holy splendor; before the daystar, like the dew, I have begotten you."

### R. You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.

The LORD has sworn, and he will not repent: "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

### R. You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.

#### Reading Two - 1 Cor 11:23-26

Brothers and sisters: I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus, on the night he was handed over, took bread, and, after he had given thanks, broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes.

### Sequence - Lauda Sion

Laud, O Zion, your salvation, Laud with hymns of exultation, Christ, your king and shepherd true: Bring him all the praise you know, He is more than you bestow. Never can you reach his due. Special theme for glad thanksgiving Is the quick'ning and the living. Bread today before you set: From his hands of old partaken. As we know, by faith unshaken, Where the Twelve at supper met. Full and clear ring out your chanting, Joy nor sweetest grace be wanting, From your heart let praises burst: For today the feast is holden, When the institution olden Of that supper was rehearsed. Here the new law's new oblation, By the new king's revelation, Ends the form of ancient rite: Now the new the old effaces, Truth away the shadow chases, Light dispels the gloom of night. What he did at supper seated, Christ ordained to be repeated, His memorial ne'er to cease: And his rule for guidance taking, Bread and wine we hallow, making Thus our sacrifice of peace. This the truth each Christian learns, Bread into his flesh he turns, To his precious blood the wine: Sight has fail'd, nor thought conceives, But a dauntless faith believes, Resting on a pow'r divine. Here beneath these signs are hidden Priceless things to sense forbidden; Signs, not things are all we see: Blood is poured and flesh is broken, Yet in either wondrous token Christ entire we know to be.

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### Readings for the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Whoso of this food partakes, Does not rend the Lord nor breaks: Christ is whole to all that taste: Thousands are, as one, receivers, One, as thousands of believers, Eats of him who cannot waste. Bad and good the feast are sharing, Of what divers dooms preparing, Endless death, or endless life. Life to these, to those damnation, See how like participation Is with unlike issues rife. When the sacrament is broken, Doubt not, but believe 'tis spoken, That each sever'd outward token doth the very whole contain. Nought the precious gift divides, Breaking but the sign betides Jesus still the same abides, still unbroken does remain.

#### Alleluia - Jn 6:51

#### Alleluia, alleluia.

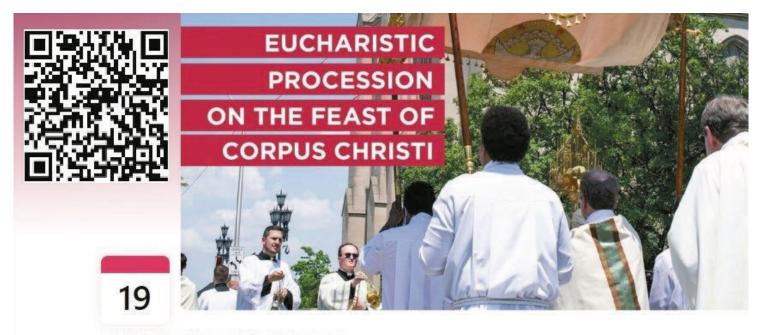
I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live forever.

#### Alleluia, alleluia.

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### Gospel - Lk 9:11b-17

Jesus spoke to the crowds about the kingdom of God, and he healed those who needed to be cured. As the day was drawing to a close, the Twelve approached him and said, "Dismiss the crowd so that they can go to the surrounding villages and farms and find lodging and provisions; for we are in a deserted place here." He said to them, "Give them some food yourselves." They replied, "Five loaves and two fish are all we have, unless we ourselves go and buy food for all these people." Now the men there numbered about five thousand. Then he said to his disciples, "Have them sit down in groups of about fifty." They did so and made them all sit down. Then taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing over them, broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. They all ate and were satisfied. And when the leftover fragments were picked up, they filled twelve wicker baskets.



SUNDAY, JUNE 19, 2022 AT 1:00 PM EDT

### **Eucharistic Procession on the Feast of Corpus Christi**

Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament Visit aod.org/eucharisticprocession to learn more.

### Calendar of Events / Words on the Word

### Weekly Calendar of Events

### Monday, June 13th

7:00 am Morning Mass - Live Streamed

### Tuesday, June 14th

7:00 am Morning Mass - Live Streamed

### Wednesday, June 15th

7:00 am Morning Mass - Live Streamed

### Thursday, June 16th

7:00 am Morning Mass - Live Streamed

7:00 pm Holy Hour - Live Streamed

### Friday, June 17th

7:00 am Morning Mass - Live Streamed

### Saturday, June 18th

11:00 am Reconciliation

12:30 pm Baptism of Owen Jeffrey Blay

4:00 pm Sunday Vigil Mass - Live Streamed

6:00 pm Sunday Vigil Mass -Live Streamed

### Sunday, June 19th

8:00 am Sunday Mass - Live Streamed

10:00 am Sunday Mass- Live Streamed

12:00 pm Sunday Mass - Live Streamed

### Words on the Word

### June 12, 2022 – The Nose Knows

Anyone who suffers from seasonal allergies knows they, ahem... are nothing to sneeze at.

The pollen-based misery they cause is very real and, especially at this time of year, sometimes uncomfortable to the point of being almost debilitating. And so a report last week on how the problem is only getting worse, reportedly due to the effects of climate change, was one more piece of unwelcome news.

"Carbon dioxide in the air from burning fuels such as coal, gasoline and natural gas helps plants produce more pollen," read a report in the *Detroit Free Press*. "Allergists say that pollen season in the U.S. used to start around St. Patrick's Day and now often starts on Valentine's Day."

And, for many, the extended season is exacerbated by worse symptoms along the way. The point is not to engage in a debate about how mild or severe an individual's allergy symptoms are, and it's certainly not to argue about whether there's a correlation to climate change.

Instead, looked at through a wider lens, the issue provides a chance to reflect on how each of us, in our own ways, has problems and concerns to deal with – perhaps physical, perhaps emotional, perhaps spiritual, perhaps a combination. And in making ourselves aware of the concerns of ourselves and others, it's helpful to be reminded that something more uplifting awaits us.

"We even boast of our afflictions," St. Paul writes to the Romans in today's second reading, "knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance, proven character, and proven character, hope, and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us."

With this in mind, the next time someone sneezes, it may be more appropriate than ever to say, "God bless you."

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### Mass Intentions / Weekly Readings

#### Mass Intentions

June 13, 2022 Saint Anthony of Padua, Monday **Priest and Doctor of the Church (White)** 

7:00 a.m. Antonietta Mazzella and Antonio Calisi

**Tuesday** June 14, 2022 Weekday (Green)

7:00 a.m. Lawrence Schenden and a Special Intention for

the Family of Tina Calisi

Wednesday June 15, 2022 Weekday (Green)

7:00 a.m. Veronica DiLaura and a Special Intention for

Nick Grabowski

Thursday June 16, 2022 Weekday (Green)

7:00 a.m. Art and Katherine Titus

June 17, 2022 Weekday (Green) Friday

7:00 a.m. Richard Zanotti and James LeFevre

Saturday, June 18, 2022 Vigil of The Most Holy Body

and Blood of Christ (White)

4:00 p.m. Joseph Gielniak, Thomas Lucchese, Elsie &

> Leonard Czarnecki, George Rupinski, Victor & Lucy Zelenek, Albert Czekaj, Bonnie Batche, George Van Becelaere, Edward & Henry Blind, Rita Snyder, Sharon Strus, Hans & Elisabeth

Stahl, and Special Intentions for the J. Champine Family, for the Thomas Family and

for the Family of John & Anne Herbertson

6:00 p.m. Michael Forrester

June 19, 2022 The Most Holy Body and Sunday

**Blood of Christ (White)** 

8:00 a.m. For the Intentions of Saint Joan of Arc

**Parishioners** 

10:00 a.m. Kathleen H. Doak

12:00 p.m. Hugo Calisi, Aniello Mazzella, Raymond

Johnson, Antonio Calisi, Jerome Rogier, Peter Sarra, Pat Antonelli, Robert Boesiger, George Petroff, Lewis McQuillan, Casey Zaranek, Pierre Zaranek, Joseph Semany, Manny

Micallef, Fr. John Fiore, Frank Bradley, Roland Doak, John L. Joseph, Joseph Paluzzi Jr.,

Thomas Pillar, Dominic R. Ortisi, Thomas Weinbeck, Chuck McQuillan, Sam

Ciaramitaro, Robert Pierce and Special

Intentions for the Rogier & Dettloff Families

### **Daily Readings**

Monday, June 13 Friday, June 17

2 Kings11:1-4, 9-18, 20 1 Kings 21:1-16 Matthew 5:38-42 Matthew 6:19-23

Saturday, June 18 Tuesday, June 14

2 Chronicles 24:17-25 1 Kings 21:17-29 Matthew 5:43-48 Mathew 6:24-34

Sunday, June 19 Wednesday, June 15

1 Kings 2:1, 6-14 Genesis 14:18-20 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 Luke 9:11b-17

Thursday, June 16

Sirach 48:1-14 Matthew 6:7-15



### I Am The Resurrection & The Life

"Heavenly Father, welcome home those who you have called from this world and grant peace and consolation to their families."

**Dolly Pomaville (Mother of SJA Staff –Don Pomaville)** Carol McIntire (Mother of SJA Staff—Gail Golem)

> **Antonino Noto** Nello Colella **Judy Stella** John Livernois Jane Micallef Susan Hinsby Mary Louise Allen Deacon Arthur W. Majkowski



"I said to the man who stood at the Gate of the Year: Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown, and he replied: Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light, and safer than a known way."

Minnie Louise Haskins



### Reporting Sexual Abuse

Individuals with knowledge of sexual abuse by clergy or other Church representatives are urged to contact local law enforcement and/or the Michigan Attorney General's Office at 844-324-3374 or aginvestigations@michigan.gov.

Individuals also may contact the Archdiocese of Detroit by visiting protect.aod.org calling the toll-free, 24/7 victim assistance line at 866-343-8055 or by emailing vac@aod.org. There are no time limits or restrictions on individuals wishing to report abuse. Every complaint shared with the Archdiocese of Detroit, regardless of its source or the date of the alleged activity, is reported to civil authorities. No complaints are held back, pre-screened or disregarded.

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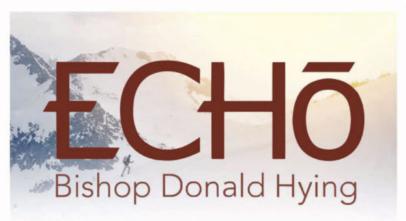
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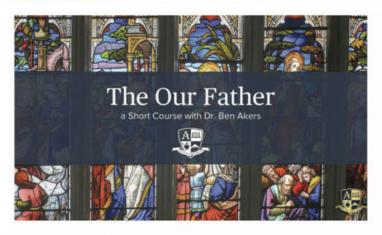
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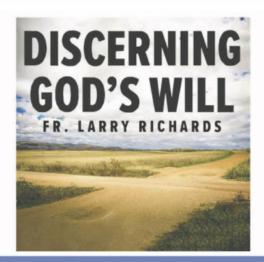
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### Tire Tracks in the d'Arc



One In Three And So Much More: With the Feast of Pentecost which we celebrated last week, the fifty days of Easter came to an end and the church

began the long "green" trek through the weeks of "Ordinary Time." And while it is true, liturgically, that the Easter Season ended with Pentecost and Ordinary Time has begun, it is also true that the Church ends the great event of the Resurrection of Jesus with three great Solemnities on the Sundays following the Easter Season.

They are like three giant exclamation points. The Easter Season ends with the Feast of PENTECOST!; the Feast of the HOLY TRINITY!; and the Feast of the **BODY AND BLOOD OF JESUS!** 

So, this weekend we celebrate the great theological Mystery of the Trinitarian Nature of our God. God is Three Persons, One God; God is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Since the time of Jesus, theologians have tried to explain this Dogma. Indeed, the greatest minds that have blessed our world have grappled with how to understand this great Mystery.

As with everything between us humans and God, at best we are able to grasp some small aspect of God's nature, and feel good about ourselves for the effort. Yet, in truth, there is so much to the depth and meaning of our God, the reality is that we have to be satisfied with our inabilities to grasp it all.

Differences in opinion about how the dynamic of the Triune God "works" has been the center of the rift between the Eastern and Western Church since the Council of Nicea in the year 325. Yet, no matter how complicated this dogma is, it is a cornerstone to our faith, and we are celebrating this great Revelation this weekend.

There is something poignant about the timing of this celebration; something very Providential about this Feast coming right now in our lives. One aspect of the Trinity that we can understand is that, at the very core of the nature of God is-that He is relational: God is a perfect union of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

When we look for a perfect image of love it is found in God, and when we look

to understand what perfect love in the world looks like, it looks like God, who is a God of relationships. Love is not found in division, but in unity. Love is not found in isolation, but in togetherness.

This is providential because between the isolations caused by the pandemic and the painful divisions being experienced in our country, this is a time when being united or in any kind of meaningful union with one another feels very far away.

Perhaps a grace for us this weekend is the opportunity to recall and to pray about the reality that as we believe that we are created in God's image, then that means that in God's image we are called to mirror the loving union of our triune God. And to mirror that union necessarily means that we strive to bring healing, reconciliation, peace, unity, and love in ALL the relationships we are blessed to be in.

The relationships found in God show us that diversity-difference-does not imply disunity. But in order to love, there must be distinctions between us. You are not me and I am not you. The Father is a different person to the Son and the Son has a different role to His Father. The Holy Spirit is the love between the Father and the Son, continuing the presence of the Son in the world, who in turn points us to His Father. They are unique persons, whose identities are all found in God.

Each one of us in a distinct and different person, made to love another, distinct from ourselves, made to be in relationships with each other. And each one of us ultimately finds our identity in God.

When Jesus says in today's Gospel that the Spirit "will not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears," He shows us that the Holy Spirit is not some independent force, a hired hand that God called in at the appropriate time. He speaks as He hears and as He knows because He speaks the voice and the love of God into our lives. And when Jesus says, "Everything the Father has is mine," He shows us that He too, is completely one with His Father.

The first reading today from the Book of Proverbs is a beautiful and fruitful reflection of this—that the Trinity of Father, Son and Holy Spirit were always One, long before Jesus was born into our world and long before the Spirit was sent to be among us:

Thus says the wisdom of God:

"The LORD possessed me, the beginning of his ways, the forerunner of his prodigies of long ago; from of old I was poured forth, at the first, before the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no fountains or springs of water; before the mountains were settled into place, before the hills, I was brought forth; while as yet the earth and fields were not made, nor the first clods of the world."

"When the Lord established the heavens I was there, when he marked out the vault over the face of the deep; when he made firm the skies above, when he fixed fast the foundations of the earth; when he set for the sea its limit, so that the waters should not transgress his command; then was I beside him as his craftsman, and I was his delight day by day, playing before him all the while, playing on the surface of his earth; and I found delight in the human race."

Nobody ever said that the theology of the Holy Trinity was easy to understand. Even the great theologian St. Thomas Aguinas, who helped develop much of the Church's understanding of the Trinity said that when you reach the end of your life and finally think you understand who God is, take all those ideas and throw them away, because if you think you understand Him, that's not God at all. An infinite God cannot be contained by our finite brains.

But the night before my final exam on the Theology of the Trinity in seminary, I kneeled before the tabernacle in the chapel, with no idea how I would pass that exam. Praise God, I passed (and thank you Fr. McDermott!). But in that moment on my knees in the chapel, I gained maybe the most valuable lesson of that entire semester—God is so much bigger and greater than I had ever realized or would ever understand.

And if it was to be my only take-away from that class, it was worth taking.

You are in my prayers this week.

Fr. Andrew adawson@sjascs.org

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# Bringing Home the Word

Most Holy Trinity (C) June 12, 2022

### The Trinity: Our Faith Foundation

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

he Trinity at first appears as the most abstract belief in Christianity. It touches the mystery of God's nature, how he exists, and how he acts. So, yes, it is mysterious. But as with all foundational truths, they have far-reaching effects. It is essential to grasp the basics because if not, everything you build with them will be faulty. Thus, it is vital to understand and believe in the Trinity. This is a basic building block of all we believe. "The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of Christian faith and life" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 234).

### Sunday Readings

#### Proverbs 8:22-31

When he established the heavens, there was I.

#### Romans 5:1-5

Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the holy Spirit.

### John 16:12-15

[Jesus said,] "When he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth."

One of the earliest councils of bishops with the pope confronted this question of the Trinity. At the Council of Nicaea in the year 325, the bishops discussed what Jesus revealed to us about the Trinity. The fruit of their meetings nearly 1,700 years ago is the Nicene Creed that we still pray today.

The three divine persons are one and the same in their divine nature, but different in their actions. God the Father Almighty is Creator of heaven and earth. Jesus Christ is the Word through whom the Father created all things and the Savior he sent into the world. The Holy Spirit is the love of the Father and Son who is sent to sanctify humanity by leading people in the truth revealed by the Father and Son. God is the Creator, Jesus the Savior, and the Holy Spirit is Sanctifier and Teacher. Three divine persons with different missions, but one God. +

The three divine persons are one and the same in their divine nature, but different in their actions. God in three persons.

### A Word from Pope Francis

[T]his is faith: to welcome God-Love; to welcome this God-Love who gives himself in Christ, who moves us in the Holy Spirit; to let ourselves be encountered by him and to trust in him. This is Christian life. To love, to encounter God, to seek God; and He seeks us first; He encounters us first.

-Angelus, June 7, 2020



# REFLECTION

- When confronted with something I don't understand am I willing to learn more?
- · Do I give thanks for the vastness of the universe?

### Bringing Home the Word

### The Joy of Christian Morality

By Fr. Stephen Rehrauer, CSsR

hen I was a professor of moral theology, my job was to train future moral theologians. I wanted to ensure my students had a clear sense of purpose and honorable motives. To accomplish this, I regularly posed two questions: "What is the purpose of the Church's moral teaching?" And: "Why do you want to study moral theology?"

The Church's magisterium provides the correct answers to both of these questions: to help us experience what a wonderful thing it is to be Catholic so we can live our Christian identity as fully as possible. Moral teaching is meant to help us recognize the mercy, presence, and power of our loving God and to show us the life we can have if we allow our faith in Christ to guide our choices.

The magisterium proclaims the gospel in order to lead all people to Christ so they can be reconciled to God. Moral teaching forms part of the ministry of evangelization. It is a proclamation of good news—a hopeful message about who we can become if we accept the gift of salvation that enables us to live in the spirit of Jesus Christ.

Unfortunately, Church teaching is not always perceived or received as "good news." Some believe that following the moral teaching of the Church is the way to find God, as if obedience to the



Church's moral teaching is either the starting point or the essence of our religion. But the real purpose of moral teaching is to aid the faithful. It is directed primarily to those who already believe. If one has not yet found God and experienced the mercy, love, and forgiveness of Christ and does not

accept and appreciate the basic insights of the faith out of which moral teaching flows, then the Church's concrete moral teachings will make little sense and will not find fertile ground in which to take root and bear fruit.

For those who reject faith experience as a reliable source of knowledge, Church moral teachings about war, peace, social justice, the economy, birth control, sexual behavior, poverty, hunger relief, etc., may be perceived as naïve and impractical. But for the Catholic faithful, Church teaching is the reliable and inspired wisdom of 2,000 years of lived, shared, and prayed faith experience.

It's important to note that Church moral teaching is different and broader in scope than simple ethics. The magisterium and its theologians use the insights of philosophical ethics and human sciences as tools of human reason. But the Church teaching is the fruit of both scientific and theological

investigation into the nature and place of morality in the life of the believer.

The Catholic Church firmly believes that religious experience adds to the knowledge required to understand what a moral life is. It provides us the strength of God's grace and enables us to actually choose and live what we know to be moral. This is why our Church teaches about faith and morals together. Morality flows out of and back into faith. Our faith reveals the deeper purpose of morality, orients our use of freedom as children of God, and empowers us to live authentically good lives. When understood and concretely lived in this way, the purpose of the Church's moral teaching is to help us put into practice what we believe about God, ourselves, and the meaning of life. +

Church teaching is the inspired wisdom of 2,000 years of faith experience.



God of mystery, you sent your
Son and together with him
in mutual love, the Holy Spirit.
May we praise and honor you always
by saying: Glory to the Father,
and to the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

—From Celebrating the Gospels: A Guide for Parents and Teachers by Gaynell Cronin

### WEEKDAY READINGS

June 13-18

Monday, St. Anthony of Padua: 1 Kgs 21:1–16 / Mt 5:38–42 Tuesday, Weekday: 1 Kgs 21:17–29 / Mt 5:43–48

Wednesday, Weekday: 2 Kgs 2:1, 6–14 / Mt 6:1–6, 16–18 Thursday, Weekday: Sir 48:1–14 / Mt 6:7–15

Friday, Weekday: 2 Kgs 11:1–4, 9–18, 20 / Mt 6:19–23

**Saturday,** Weekday: 2 Chr 24:17–25 / Mt 6:24–34



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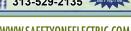
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