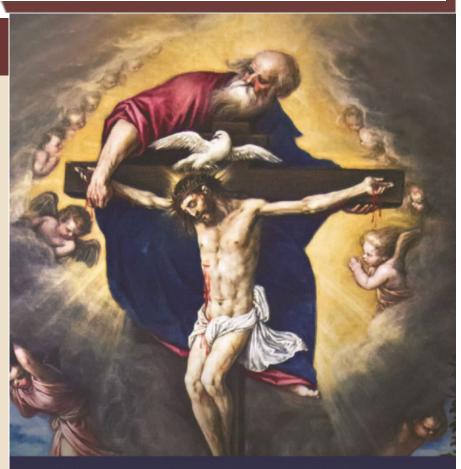


The members of St. Joan of Arc Parish are disciples of Jesus Christ, who recognize God's love for the world & are empowered by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Gospel to all people through joyful worship, life-long education, compassionate service, responsible stewardship, & active community living.

~ Mission Statement - Pentecost 1998 ~

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## THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

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God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. - Jn 3:16

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#### LITURGY SCHEDULE

#### Weekdays

Monday thru Friday: 7:00 am Wednesday: 6:00 pm

#### Weekends

Saturday: 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm

#### Holy Day Masses

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

#### Reconciliation

Wednesdays: 5:00 pm Saturdays 11:00 am - 12:00 pm 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**



Some Caregiver: This is straight from the "I wasn't thinking department!" And, boy, did I get called out for it the other day at lunch.

As many know, my mom has been staying at my house while I've been recovering from my knee surgery. But it's been the blind leading the blind. She was in the hospital the day I had surgery, so my poor sister Jackie had to deal with both of us for the most part. As I mentioned, my sisters, niece, and nephews came to the rescue, and everyone took turns helping with the various caregiving shifts. Having us both in one place was going to be easier on everyone. Plus, I had the advantage of having lots of help around SJA.

To set the stage, we modified things on the second floor of my house so that what was once an office was turned into a little sitting room. The thinking was that after surgery, I would spend most of my time upstairs, and thus with a sitting room upstairs, I wouldn't have to maneuver too far. So I grabbed a TV from my mom's condo, put in some chairs, and found a fridge, and viola, a perfect sitting room.

The upstairs sitting room will still be useful long after my recovery ends. As I have written, I often fall asleep in my big recliner downstairs. But, I find that the most challenging, grueling, tedious, and laborious walk happens at 1:30 or 2:00 in the morning when I finally wake up, have to turn off the lights and make the "5,000 step" journey upstairs and into my bedroom. By the time I get ready for bed, I'm wide awake again, and falling asleep takes me a while. As a side note, I'm one of those people who, EVEN if I landed in my chair until 5:30 AM, still has to walk upstairs, change, and crawl into bed, even if for 15 minutes, to make me feel like I've had a good night's sleep.

The refrigerator we placed upstairs is a bit taller than one of those cube dormitory-type refrigerators. At first, I didn't see a need for a fridge upstairs, but it's proved to be most beneficial for freezing the bottles I use in my ice machine. Okay, who am I kidding ... plus, I now have a place upstairs to keep my refrigerated chocolate treats! Before, I used to crawl downstairs to grab something if I got hungry during

the night. Now, it's all bonus, as the refrigerator is right around the corner!

Because we were having issues with the water bottles for the ice machine not freezing fast enough, we decided to dial down the thermostat a bit before we called it a night this particular day. My mom then went to her room, prayed, and crawled into bed. I eventually meandered over to my room after closing down my computer, saying my prayers, and crawled into bed. Now, as you can imagine, with the size of my little colonial, the rooms are all right next to each other. I was still somewhat immobile, so getting out of bed alone was doable but challenging. However, the "Family Council" had decided that mom and son could be left alone at night. So we were on our own! It was the blind leading the blind.

For the first three weeks, I could barely sleep at night. The only comfortable position was on my back, and I'm not one for sleeping on my back. To add to the discomfort, I was still propping my feet up on this obnoxious wedge to help with the swelling. So there I was, wanting to sleep, but I found myself staring at the ceiling most nights, thinking I should program my Alexa to play some of my holy music, but I didn't want it to disrupt my mom's sleep.

The night we adjusted the thermostat on the little fridge, I heard this loud bang and a bit of commotion. It startled me. At first, I thought my mom had fallen, or something had fallen in her room. So I yelled out, "MOM, are you okay?" She didn't respond, so I yelled out again. Again she didn't respond, but I heard her breathing and no other movement, so I figured she was okay. I stayed staring at the ceiling and eventually got a few minutes of sleep.

My mom woke up the following day, walked into our little sitting room to get ready to watch the 7 AM Mass, and noticed that the refrigerator door was open. We both were surprised. When she peeked inside, she realized a pop can had exploded, and there was pop everywhere. The can's lid was sheered off as if someone sawed it off. My mom cleaned everything up just in time for us to settle down to watch the 7 AM Mass.

So at lunch that day, I shared the whole story. Everyone listened intently. But then I got grilled as if I was on trial before a supreme court. Then the verdict: "You mean, you heard this noise, yelled out for

your mom, and when she didn't answer, you rolled back over and NEVER bothered to check up on her? Chris, you either need to find a new caregiver, go to someone else's house, OR go back to having someone spend the night. He's fired!"



#### Disciple Maker Index Survey:

As I mentioned last weekend and wrote in my Sunday email, our parish has been asked to participate in a parish-wide

survey about discipleship conducted by the Catholic Leadership Institute. This non-profit Catholic apostolate does leadership training and development around the world. All parishes in our Family of Parishes have been asked to participate in the survey.

Thus, I need your help! We want as many parishioners as possible to complete the 10-15 minute survey. As I write this article, we have 329 people who have completed the survey. Thank You! I'm trying to go for 1,000!

The survey, which will only be available until June 4, asks you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enables you to provide feedback on what our parish is doing to help you grow.

The survey can be done online and will only take 10-15 minutes. Paper copies of the survey are also available and can be found in the Gathering Place bookcase or at the Parish Center. The questions are pretty straightforward. All responses will be confidential, and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole. The survey results will be invaluable to me, our leadership team, and our many volunteers as we seek ways to best support everyone in their discipleship journey. I will share the survey results at the project's completion.

If you haven't completed the survey, please go to survey.stjoan.church.

Enjoy the week. Know of my prayers.

In Christ,

gmb gmb@sjascs.org



# Week of June 04, 2023



#### God Is with Us | Presence | Episode 1

What does it mean to say that God is with us in the Eucharist? What is the Eucharist? Watch Episode 1 of Presence today!



#### The Bread of Life: Jesus and John 6 by Dr. Brant Pitre

Dr. Brant Pitre unpacks Jesus' hard saying in John 6 and dives in the mystery of Christ's Real Presence in the Eucharist.



#### Corpus Christi | Sacred Art

Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp sit down with different pieces of Sacred Art to discuss their theological meanings and how they can speak to us today.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription. Visit signup.formed.org and select our parish name.





June 4, 2023

#### Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9 | 2 Cor 13:11-13 | Jn 3:16-18

Written by THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

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

Last Sunday the Church celebrated the Solemnity of Pentecost: the birthday of the Church and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit into the world. Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, giving adoration and glory to the three divine persons in our one God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - three in unity, or Triune. In the Gospel we heard, John tells us: "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son." If you're going to write one Bible verse on a piece of cardboard and hold it up at a football game, this is it! John 3:16 encapsulates a Christian belief: We are loved by the Father beyond measure, and that love is incarnated - takes human flesh - in the divine person of his Son. But there is something deeper within this verse that comes to light much later in the Gospel: Jesus revealed that when he, the Son, returned to the Father, he would not leave us alone. (Jn 14: 26-28) Instead, the Holy Spirit came to be with us and remain with us. This is our God whom we celebrate and give thanks to: one in being, three in person. His love is unceasing and his Spirit dwells within and among us to guide us, advocate for us, and draw us ever closer to himself in that love.

#### GO EVANGELIZE

#### PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

When it comes to evangelization, you could write a Bible verse on a piece of cardboard, hold it up in a crowded place and hope it piques someone's interest. But we can take a cue from St. Paul in the second reading as well. He encourages us to mend our ways, encourage one another and "greet one another with a holy kiss." And then he offers a prayer for the Corinthians: "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you." Imagine what the world would be like if we all lived like that – if we worked to mend our mistakes, encouraged each other, and earnestly prayed for the grace, love, and fellowship of God to be upon every person. That would be a true witness to God's presence in the world.

PRAY This week, pray a Holy Trinity novena. The word "novena" comes from the Latin word for "nine," and they typically include nine days of prayer, asking God for a specific intention, and beginning or ending on a feast or solemnity. Trust in the Triune God who loves you and offer him your heart. You may find the comfort or wisdom you seek.

### **Liturgical** Life

# CATHOLIC

#### We Bear the Name of the Lord

The name of the Lord is a curiously powerful thing. Say it deliberately, even in a group of people who are not particularly religious, and you'll know what I mean. There is a shift in the mood, a change in the atmosphere. When we utter the name of the Lord, He turns His head.

Once, in confession, I admitted to the sin of using the Lord's name in vain. "When you do that, tell God that you love him," advised the priest, who was wise enough to know that I would repeat this sin at some point. "You've said His name, after all. You have His attention."

We hear the name of the Lord, and we think of what it represents — John 3:16, salvation history summed up in a neat little sentence, the why and the how and the who of it all laid out before us. The Lord, so slow to anger that He offers us a million chances. The Lord, so rich in kindness and fidelity that He literally gave Himself to us that we might be saved.

But the name of the Lord is more than that. It is not just a symbol, it is an invitation. I think of Moses clutching the commandments, beseeching the Lord: "Come with us. Forgive us. Receive us as your own." The Lord accompanies us down the mountain. We bear the name of the Lord into the world with us wherever we go.

I have to ask myself: do I do that name justice?

"Blessed is your holy and glorious name, praiseworthy and exalted above all for all ages." — Daniel 3:52

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

#### Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

#### Question:

We live in a country that upholds the separation of Church and state. What is the role of Catholics in society?

#### Answer:

The role of the Church in the world has taken different forms over time, but the theme is the same. Be disciples in it! As the lay faithful — that is, not vowed priest or religious — we are called to live and love in the circumstances of our daily lives. St. John Paul II wrote a document about the laity. In it he wrote, "In their situation in the world God manifests His plan and communicates to them their particular vocation of seeking the Kingdom of God by engaging in temporal affairs and by ordering them according to the plan of God" (On the Lay Members of Christ's Faithful, 15).

God wants us in the hospitals, the board rooms, the law offices, the food pantries, and the little league games! We are to engage in the affairs of the world. But when we're there, we should live the plan of God. We need to respect those around us, engage in just business and legal practices, and love our children. We should care for the earth, use our money wisely, and get to know our neighbors. We must advocate for social policies that respect human dignity and human freedom. No matter our state in life, we are invited to build the kingdom of God!

### St. Joan Arc

#### THE SOLEMNITY OF THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST – JUNE 11 A

#### Reading One - Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a

Moses said to the people: "Remember how for forty years now the LORD, your God, has directed all your journeying in the desert, so as to test you by affliction and find out whether or not it was your intention to keep his commandments. He therefore let you be afflicted with hunger, and then fed you with manna, a food unknown to you and your fathers, in order to show you that not by bread alone does one live, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of the LORD.

"Do not forget the LORD, your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery; who guided you through the vast and terrible desert with its saraph serpents and scorpions, its parched and waterless ground; who brought forth water for you from the flinty rock and fed you in the desert with manna, a food unknown to your fathers."

#### Responsorial – Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20

#### R. Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

Glorify the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion. For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; he has blessed your children within you.

#### R. Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

He has granted peace in your borders; with the best of wheat he fills you. He sends forth his command to the earth; swiftly runs his word!

#### R. Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

He has proclaimed his word to Jacob, his statutes and his ordinances to Israel. He has not done thus for any other nation; his ordinances he has not made known to them. Alleluia.

R. Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

#### Reading Two - 1 Cor 10:16-17

Brothers and sisters: The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because the loaf of bread is one, we, though many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.

#### 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. 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,

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#### Readings Continued

### **■**St. Joan •Arc

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

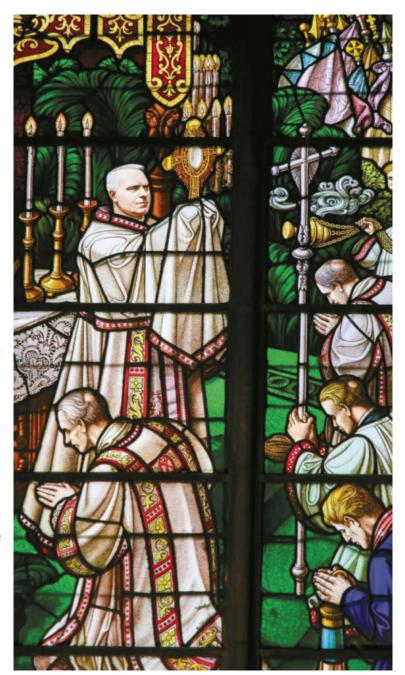
#### Alleluia, alleluia.

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

#### Gospel - Jn 6:51-58

Jesus said to the Jewish crowds: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."

The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever."



Cathedral of Saint Rumbold in Mechelen, Belgium

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# St. Joan Arc SOCIAL CALENDAR

# Summer Sunday Funday and BIG Raffle Drawing

#### **JUNE 11, 1-6 PM ON THE PARISH CAMPUS**

Join us for an afternoon of fun, fellowship, food trucks, family activities (including a petting zoo, face painting, games) and much, much more!

# 2023 Coming Events

#### **AUGUST**

- Marriage Date Night (Aug 18)
- Alumni Social

#### September

Parish Breakfast

#### October

- Parish Gala Paint the Town Red (Oct. 21)
- Family Fun Fest (Oct. 27)

#### **NOVEMBER**

Game Night

#### **DECEMBER**

 Marches de Noel and Nativity Story (Dec 9)

> Stay tuned for dates and details!

# PRESCHOOL AND ELEMENTARY SUMMER STORYBOOK HOUR

Parents and caregivers, bring your preschool and elementary-age children for a story, snack and fun faith-related activity.

(And a little coffee break for you!)



#### When?

Wednesday mornings from 9-10 am on: July 5, 12, 19, 26 and Aug. 2 Where?

The Emmaus Fellowship Hall in the Sr. Carol Center.

#### Respond

Let us know by the Tuesday before each session if you're coming.

Leave a message at 586-772-1282 or respond at sjascs.org/storyhour

Siblings of all ages are welcomed.



Presented by the Office of Faith and Family Formation

#### Calendar of Events / Words on the Word

#### Weekly Calendar of Events

#### Monday, June 5th

7:00 AM Morning Mass - Live Streamed

#### Tuesday, June 6th

7:00 AM Morning Mass - Live Streamed

#### Wednesday, June 7th

7:00 AM Morning Mass - Live Streamed

6:00 PM Mass - Live Streamed

#### Thursday, June 8th

7:00 AM Moring Mass - Live Streamed 7:00 PM Holy Hour

#### Friday, June 9th

7:00 AM Morning Mass - Live Streamed

#### Saturday, June 10th

11:00 AM Reconciliation

12:30 PM Baptism of Elliott Mae Humbach1:30 PM Baptism of Evelyn Mae Lucia

4:00 PM Sunday Mass Vigil - Live Streamed 6:00 PM Sunday Mass Vigil - Live Streamed

#### Sunday, June 11th

8:00 AM Sunday Mass - Live Streamed

10:00 AM Sunday Mass - Live Streamed

12:00 PM Sunday Mass - Live Streamed

1:00 PM Family Fun Day - SJA Campus

6:00 PM Annual Raffle Drawing - Church - L.S.

#### Words on the Word

#### June 4, 2023 – Love Thy Neighbor

Just when it seems like things can't get any more bizarre in the news, well ... things get more bizarre.

On a random day a few weeks ago, *The Detroit News* ran a couple local stories that, in their own way, stood out from the rest of the pack.

In the first story, a man from Detroit had been accused of shooting four people – including two other adults and two 14-year-olds. The cause of the dispute, according to the story: "a food order delivered to the wrong address."

The story went on to say the charges were dismissed because the victims did not show up to a hearing to testify, but the prosecutor's office was nevertheless weighing whether to re-issue the charges.

Meanwhile, over in Macomb Township, the *News* reported, a woman was arraigned on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon and possession of a firearm, and a follow-up court appearance was to have taken place just last week. The cause of that dispute, according to the story: "an argument over a dog."

There are, to be sure, countless disputes every day, in every family, neighborhood, region, country and, of course, on the international stage.

Perhaps when things heat up, it's worth reminding ourselves of the spirit of charity that we, as Christians, are called to live.

"Brothers and sisters, rejoice," St. Paul writes in his second letter to the Corinthians, which we hear in today's second reading. "Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the holy ones greet you.

"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you."

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#### Mass Intentions / Weekly Readings

#### Mass Intentions

Monday June 5, 2023 Saint Boniface, Bishop and

Martyr (Red)

7:00 a.m. A Special Intention for the Tina Calisi Family

Tuesday June 6, 2023 Weekday, Saint Norbert,

Bishop (Green/White)

7:00 a.m. Dennis Fleming

Wednesday June 7, 2023 Weekday (Green)

7:00 a.m. Ralph Wales

6:00 p.m. A Special Intention for Pam Haisenleder

Thursday June 8, 2023 Weekday (Green)

7:00 a.m. Thomas Lucchese

**Friday** June 9, 2023 Weekday, Saint Ephrem,

**Deacon and Doctor of the Church** 

(Green/White)

7:00 a.m. Dee Allor

Saturday, June 10, 2023 Weekday, BVM, Vigil for the

Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

(Green/White)

4:00 p.m. Anne Sloan, Antoinette Barone, Bonnie Batche,

> Michael DePetro, Helen Blind and Special Intentions for the J. Champine Family, the Thomas Family and for Alison Reslow

6:00 p.m. Hrnko & Mary Bryk, George & Mary Lietz and

Harry & Marlene Bryk

Sunday June 11, 2023 The Most Holy Body and

**Blood of Christ (White)** 

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

Parishioners

10:00 a.m. Marie Shaheen

12:00 p.m. Deceased members of the Rogier & Dettloff

Families and a Special Intention for Alison

Reslow

Daily Readings

Friday, June 9 Monday, June 5

Tobit 11:5-17 Tobit 1:3, 2:1b-8 Mark 12:35-37 Mark 12:1-12

Saturday, June 10 Tuesday, June 6

**Tobit 2:9-14** Tobit 12:1, 5-15, 20 Mark 12:13-17 Mark 12:38-44

Wednesday, June 7 Sunday, June 11

Tobit 3:1-11a, 16-17a Deuteronomy 8:2-3,14b-16a Mark 12:18-27 1Corinthians 10:16-17

John 6:51-58 Thursday, June 8

Tobit 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 8:4-9a Mark 12:28-34

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."

**Phyllis Dedene** 



"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.

#### Tire Tracks in the d'Arc



Conversion
Takes Prayer:
"Brothers and sisters, rejoice.
Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in

peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you."

These are St. Paul's beautiful words of encouragement to the community in Corinth in our second reading today. It's a simple exhortation: do this, and this will be the result. How our nation needs to listen to these words right now. We pray for calm and peace and a return to civility in our country and that the presence of our Lord may be felt in all our communities. I keep wondering if maybe the reason so many people in our world are not living the life St. Paul is encouraging is perhaps because not enough of them are being prayed for. And that's where we come in. Don't look down on the behavior of the person who is making you angry if you are not praying for their conversion.

Most Holy Trinity: The last few major feasts we have celebrated have been an opportunity to reflect on the movements of what God has done for us, through His Son, Jesus Christ.

We have journeyed through the triumph of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, the celebration of the Eucharist and the priesthood at the Last Supper, the horror of the crucifixion and His horrific death on the cross for us, the glory of the Resurrection, His reuniting of God and mankind when He raised our humanity to His Father through His Ascension. And last Sunday the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, sent to be our Advocate in the Church until Christ returns to finally claim the earth as His Kingdom.

But today, Holy Trinity Sunday, is different. Today we celebrate not

what God has done, but who God is – Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God. As Catholics we are almost too familiar with this concept, as elusive as a comprehensive understanding of the Trinity is to obtain.

It's the first prayer we learn—even before the Our Father, we learn to sign ourselves "In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

Every Sunday we profess our belief in the Holy Trinity as we recite together the Nicene Creed. The structure of this proclamation of our faith is Trinitarian: we express belief in the Father first, then in Jesus Christ, His Son, and then in the Holy Spirit, before finally professing our commitment to the Church, where all three are found in the Word and in the Sacraments.

We profess these words together as a community that reflects the community who is God Himself, a community of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. And then those who are in communion with the Body of Christ, the Church, receive the Eucharist, "partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ, [that] we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit." (Eucharistic Prayer II)

We enter the Church at our baptism, most of us as infants, baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. And these are some of the final words prayed over us by the priest or deacon as we are finally laid to rest and pass from this life to the next.

A number of years ago, before entering seminary, I was leaving my driveway at home one afternoon and the little boy across the street was waiting on the sidewalk. Suddenly he started to run down the sidewalk with his arms out-stretched. As I looked I saw his dad had appeared from behind his truck on his driveway. The father saw his son running along the sidewalk toward him about 30 ft away and he crouched down and held his arms out. As the boy ran full-force

into his father's arms, the two embraced.

As small an incident as that was to witness, it had a profound effect on me as I was discerning my vocation. It spoke volumes to me of the love a Father has for the Son. And I came to see the same love that was true of a human father and son is also the love a priest needs to have for his people, because it is an image of the love between the Heavenly Father and His Son, Jesus, whom we must imitate. And in the middle is the Holy Spirit. Between the Father and the Son is their mutual love, expressed, literally breathed-out, as the Holy Spirit. God is, as Moses says in the first reading, "The Lord, the Lord." - "Yahweh, Yahweh" - "I AM, I AM." He who just simply is. God, is God who is always there and always was there. He never had a beginning.

Every child asks, "Who made God?" And every wise parent says, "Nobody made God. God simply is. And always was. God has no beginning." God will never end. If He did not come *into* being, He cannot go *out of* being.

And He created us because He loved us. Before He formed us in our mother's womb, He knew us (Jeremiah 1:5) and so He was able to love us before we came to be.

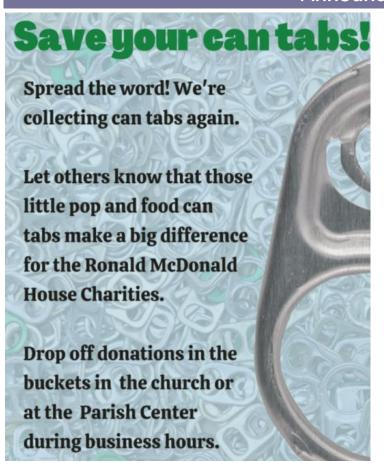
That love, manifested in His Son Jesus Christ, is now animated by the Holy Spirit, by whom Jesus was conceived in the womb of His Mother, Mary; the Holy Spirit who is always with us. Jesus is God in man. The Holy Spirit, in us, is God in man.

In our struggles and in our victories, in our sorrows and in our joys, He is with us. The God of love and peace is with us.

You are in my prayers this week.

Fr. Andrew adawson@sjascs.org

#### Announcements







#### St. Joan of Arc Knitting Group

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We will be knitting in the Mary the Mother of Jesus Room.

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# Bringing Home the Word

The Most Holy Trinity (A)
June 4, 2023

# Three in One, or One in Three?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

When we limit our reflection on the Trinity to numbers, our thinking takes us far from the reality of God. The characterizations of an old man, a younger man, and a dove do not help much, either. However, these are attempts to somehow talk about the mystery of all mysteries. We cannot adequately conceptualize or characterize God, but we try. Each reading today makes its own attempt.

#### Sunday Readings

Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9

[Moses said,] "Pardon our wickedness and sins, and claim us as your own."

#### 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.

#### John 3:16-18

God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. In the Exodus passage, God actually describes God's own self: "gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in love and fidelity" (Exodus 34:6). The Gospel passage tells us how these divine features play out in our lives: "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son" (John 3:16). This Son is God in the flesh. What greater love can there be? The prayer in Paul's letter seems to scoop us up like an adoring parent would into the embrace of the Trinity: "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the holy Spirit be with all of you" (2 Corinthians 13:13).

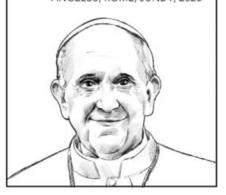
Theologians say each person of the Trinity interacts with us in a way unique to each person. Though different, each way is an expression of self-emptying love. The only response required of us is openness to that love. God only asks that we accept that love and allow it to transform us. Then we will be the living example of the Trinity's love for all. †

The only response required of us is openness to the love of each person of the Trinity.

#### A Word from Pope Francis

The Trinity is...Love, wholly at the service of the world, which He wishes to save and re-create. And today, thinking of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we think of God's love! And it would be beautiful if we felt that we were loved: "God loves me!" This is today's sentiment.

ANGELUS, ROME, JUNE 7, 2020



#### REFLECTIONS QUESTIONS GRESTIONS BEELFECTION

- Which person of the Trinity do I most easily relate to the Father, Son, or Holy Spirit?
- Why?

# The Fresh Idea of the Most Holy Trinity

Paige Byrne Shortal



Here's a bit of wisdom from Beth Gutcheon's novel *The New Girls*: "The real challenge in a changing world is not to recognize the outmoded, but to preserve that which remains valid."

The desire to throw out the old and embrace the new is not unique to any culture or generation. The difference today is that the new becomes old so fast.

A few years ago I interviewed a bride about the music she wanted at her wedding. She said she just wanted "traditional music." Fortunately, I had the presence of mind to ask her what she thought of as "traditional." "Oh, you know," she replied, "like Glory and Praise to Our God and One Bread, One Body."

As the composers of these songs were my friends and I had sung on the album that introduced their music to the public, I suddenly felt old. (By the way, "albums" were like big CDs and you could play both sides.)

Is the Most Holy Trinity an outmoded idea? Arius thought so. He was a fourth-century theologian who denied the divinity of Christ and therefore the idea of the Trinity. He was also a talented musician and wrote clever songs with lyrics that proclaimed "there was a time when the Son was not." This may not sound too catchy to the modern ear, but thousands of Christians began to sing these songs, and St. Athanasius and St. John Chrysostom wrote other hymns to counter the effect of Arius' heretical proclamations.

In the liturgy we proclaim that Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are three persons in one Godhead. It's a difficult idea to grasp, and great minds have wrestled with it for centuries, but the doctrine is preserved in how we pray. Our prayer is always offered to the Father, through the Son, and in the Holy Spirit, or in other words, it is God within us (Spirit) talking through God (the Son) to God (the Father/Creator). \*

Ways to Honor the Trinity

Fr. Leonard Foley, OFM

- Embrace the greatest commandment: love the triune God "with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind" (Mt 22:37), and the second most important commandment, to "love your neighbor as yourself" (22:39).
- Say the Trinitarian prayer often: "Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit..."
- Honor God the Father by our generosity, imitating the First Person's self-communicating love: "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son" (Jn 3:16).
- Honor God the Son by imitating the healing and evangelizing ministry of Jesus, who was God's missionary.
- 5. Honor God the Holy Spirit by seeking to build up God's kingdom and witnessing to Jesus' saving love wherever we go: "When the holy Spirit comes upon you, ...you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8). \*



God of all—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—inspire us to live in loving relationship with each other that the world may know peace and harmony, we pray. Amen.

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The doctrine of the Trinity is preserved in the way that we pray. We offer prayers to the Father, through the Son, and in the Holy Spirit.

WEEKDAY READINGS

June 5-10

Monday, St. Boniface:

Tb 1:3; 2:1b-8 / Mk 12:1-12

Tuesday, Weekday:

Tb 2:9-14 / Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday, Weekday:

Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a / Mk 12:18-27

Thursday, Weekday:

Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a / Mk 12:28-34

Friday, Weekday:

Tb 11:5-17 / Mk 12:35-37

Saturday, Weekday:

Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20 / Mk 12:38-44



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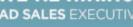


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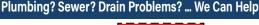
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