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"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations."

MATTHEW 28:19

Sunday, May 30, 2021

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Sowers of the Seed

Live in the Mystery

Sunday, May 30, 2021

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

David Nantais

The readings on this day, when we celebrate the Most Holy Trinity, remind us that we are beloved children of God. Our God has created us, redeemed us and sanctifies us—three persons in one God, the Holy Trinity.

The Trinity is a mystery of our faith that believers have attempted to understand for centuries. St. Ignatius Loyola imagined the Trinity as three musical notes that, presumably, sounded beautiful on their own, but were even more vibrant when played synchronously as a chord. What a creative and striking image!

In school, we were taught to use our reasoning skills to figure things out. Our minds, our ability to reason and to think deeply, is a gift from God that we should use often, especially for the good of others. But there are some things that we will never understand—questions about the presence of evil in the world, or specific details about what the afterlife will be like, are two examples. The Trinity falls into this category too—and the message today is, "That's Okay"! A sense of mystery in our faith tradition and practice is perfectly fine. Sometimes we are called to approach a belief with the heart of faith. This does NOT mean that we stop thinking! And if you would like to read one of the hundreds of books written about the Trinity, I would encourage that (especially Catherine Lacugna's God For Us)—but we will never fully comprehend the mystery of the Trinity with our minds. The goal is to approach belief in the Trinity with a spirit of humility and faith, while keeping our gift of reason alert to observe the impact of this three-person God in our lives. God who creates, redeems and sanctifies. How has God as Father, Son and Spirit impacted your life?

Hello Gesu Parishioners,

May 20, 1521, was a fateful day for the Basque soldier, Iñigo Lopez. While defending the citadel of Pamplona, he was struck by a French cannonball, which marked the beginning of his transformation to follow Christ instead of following more worldly pursuits. Over time, Iñigo Lopez became a famous historical figure in Christianity. We now know him today as St. Ignatius—the pilgrim and the founder of the Society of Jesus. Not all tragedies make our lives more difficult. They can actually become moments of grace if we are willing to let God heal us in the tragedy. Therefore, on this 500th anniversary of the Ignatius cannonball moment, I ask all of you: How can we grow in our relationship with God and our love for one another by meditating on this important moment in Ignatius' life?

As I reflect on this moment of St. Ignatius' life journey, I realize that God continues to invite each of us into a deepening relationship, to ongoing conversion. Like St. Ignatius, we believe that by embracing this invitation, we embrace our God who calls us to act in new, bold ways that reconcile our world, bringing about justice, peace and compassion. For this Ignatian year, I invite all of us to ask for the grace to see all things new in Christ, even in the midst of tragedy. Such grace can turn our whole life and world around into something new and wonderful, ultimately into the reign of God.

Blessings In Christ,

Fr. Phil, sj

Financial News

April Offertory	***$43,129.25***
April Budget	***$36,249.24***
Offering Surplus	***$6,880.01***

*Includes Easter collection of approximately $14K

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Please consider including Gesu in your estate planning to ensure the preservation of our parish and schools for future generations!

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 [12b]/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 [6]/Lk 1:39-56

Tuesday: Tb 2:9-14/Ps 112:1-2, 7-8, 9 [cf. 7c]/Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday: Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a/Ps 25:2-3, 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [1]/Mk 12:18-27

Thursday: Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/Mk 12:28-34

Friday: Tb 11:5-17/Ps 146:1b-2, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [1b]/ Mk 12:35-37

Saturday: Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20/Tb 13:2, 6efgh, 7, 8 [1b]/Mk 12:38-44

Next Sunday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18 [13]/Heb 9:11-15/Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

Retreat Opportunity

Mid-life Singles: Are you looking for a renewed sense of connection & purpose during this pandemic? Register today for a REFLECT Day of Reflection at the St. Francis-St. Maximilian Catholic Church, in Ray, MI (northeast of Detroit in Macomb County), on June 12, 2021. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Cost is $45 including continental breakfast and lunch. Visit www.ReflectRetreat.com, e-mail re-

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Celebration of the Eucharist

Weekday Mass:	Monday through Friday, 5:30 pm
Weekends:	Saturday, 5:00 pm
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Holy Days:	Mass at 5:30 pm

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HELP WANTED

The Green Team is looking for volunteers to help maintain the school, church, and parish center parking lot gardens. Weed removal is needed to help the native plants become established. Volunteers can choose to assist whenever it fits their schedule, and to commit as much or as little time as they would like. No experience necessary (someone will meet with you to show you what to pull and what to keep.) Please contact Stephanie Osborn at krajnik.stephanie@gmail.com if you are interested.

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