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MASS SCHEDULE

Mon, Tue, Thurs & Fri

8:00 pm & 12:00 pm

Wednesday

8:00 am, 12:00 pm
& 7:00 pm *(Spanish)*

Saturday

8:00 am

4:00 pm *(Vigil)*

Sunday

8:00 & 10:00 am

12:30 pm *(Spanish)*

Exposition

Wednesday & First Friday

8:30 - 11:30 am

Anointing of the Sick

First Friday 12:00 pm

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday 3:00-3:45 pm

Sunday 11:30 am-12:15 pm



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

Entonces Jesús se acercó a ellos y les dijo: "Me ha sido dado todo poder en el cielo y en la tierra. Vayan, pues, y enseñen a todas las naciones, bautizándolas en el nombre del Padre y del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo". - Mt 28, 18-19

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SUNDAY, MAY 30, 2021 | THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

DEAR FRIENDS,

Today we celebrate the solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. This mystery, I can say, is more to be contemplated than understood. For we are unable to grasp the mystery of Godhead in fulness. The mystery of God's unfathomable love is the one within which we are called to immerse in order to be able to bear fruit. Our contemplation of the Holy Trinity enables us to embrace and behold the truth that God can be known only as unbreakable communion of Three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

This communion is the one we are all invite to behold in our daily life as created in the image and likeness of God, in addition to being chosen as children of God by adoption through Jesus Christ in the Holy Spirit. As children of God, we meant to exemplify the identity of the One who called us from darkness to light. When we listen to Christ, the Holy Spirit guides us to the whole truth: not only that Christ died and rose for us, but that we likewise died with him and are born to new life of love and mercy; life of compassion and kindness.

Children of God, we are reminded of the kind of Spirit we have received and who will always lead us on our daily journey. We have received the Spirit of courage, a Spirit of adoption. That very Spirit is the one who gives us the impulse to go and proclaim what we have heard and seen. What we have heard is that Christ is the beloved Son of God who died for our sake, to bring us back to our true identity. What we have seen is that Christ rose from the dead to give us eternal life. On our part, there should be expected commitment and surrender to the mission of God in the world. We are made for "missio Dei." And the core of this mission is to proclaim the kingdom of God by making disciples.

Fulfilling this mission in today's world is an ongoing challenge. For the world will always refuse to embrace the Light. Communion and unity among the disciples of Christ will be the stronghold. Exemplifying the love and communion that are the essence of the Holy trinity, those called to God's vineyard are meant to build a more just society that rooted in love and mercy. For to listen to Christ is to abide by the greatest commandment: to love God with all our heart, all our spirit, and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

As we experience the fruits of the Holy Trinity in our daily life, let continue to strive to be the channels the love of God reaches to the world through our faithful service to God and to one another. And let us continue to pray for one another and for our parish family.

Fr. Emery

QUERIDOS AMIGOS,

Hoy celebramos la solemnidad de la Santísima Trinidad. Este misterio, puedo decir, hay que contemplarlo más que comprenderlo. Porque somos incapaces de captar el misterio de Dios en plenitud. El misterio del amor insondable de Dios es aquel en el que estamos llamados a sumergirnos para poder dar fruto. Nuestra contemplación de la Santísima Trinidad nos permite abrazar y contemplar la verdad de que Dios solo puede ser conocido como una comunión inquebrantable de Tres Personas: Padre, Hijo y Espíritu Santo.

Esta comunión es la que todos estamos invitados a contemplar en nuestra vida diaria como creados a imagen y semejanza de Dios, además de ser elegidos como hijos de Dios por adopción a través de Jesucristo en el Espíritu Santo. Como hijos de Dios, queríamos ejemplificar la identidad de Aquel que nos llamó de las tinieblas a la luz. Cuando escuchamos a Cristo, el Espíritu Santo nos guía a toda la verdad: no solo que Cristo murió y resucitó por nosotros, sino que también nosotros morimos con él y nacemos a una nueva vida de amor y misericordia; vida de compasión y bondad.

Hijos de Dios, se nos recuerda la clase de Espíritu que hemos recibido y que siempre nos guiará en nuestro viaje diario. Hemos recibido el Espíritu de valentía, un Espíritu de adopción. Ese mismo Espíritu es el que nos impulsa a ir y proclamar lo que hemos oído y visto. Lo que hemos escuchado es que Cristo es el Hijo amado de Dios que murió por nosotros, para traernos de regreso a nuestra verdadera identidad. Lo que hemos visto es que Cristo resucitó de entre los muertos para darnos vida eterna. Por nuestra parte, debe esperarse un compromiso y una entrega a la misión de Dios en el mundo. Estamos hechos para la "missio Dei". Y el núcleo de esta misión es proclamar el reino de Dios haciendo discípulos.

Cumplir esta misión en el mundo de hoy es un desafío continuo. Porque el mundo siempre se negará a abrazar la Luz. La comunión y la unidad entre los discípulos de Cristo será la fortaleza. Ejemplificando el amor y la comunión que son la esencia de la Santísima Trinidad, los llamados a la viña de Dios están destinados a construir una sociedad más justa, arraigada en el amor y la misericordia. Porque escuchar a Cristo es atenerse al mayor mandamiento: amar a Dios con todo nuestro corazón, con todo nuestro espíritu, y amar al prójimo como a nosotros mismos.

A medida que experimentamos los frutos de la Santísima Trinidad en nuestra vida diaria, sigamos esforzándonos por ser los canales que el amor de Dios llega al mundo a través de nuestro servicio fiel a Dios y los unos a los otros. Y sigamos orando unos por otros y por nuestra familia parroquial.

P. Emery

READINGS

FIRST READING

DT 4:32-34, 39-40

Moses said to the people:
"Ask now of the days of old, before your time,
ever since God created man upon the earth;
ask from one end of the sky to the other:
Did anything so great ever happen before?
Was it ever heard of?
Did a people ever hear the voice of God
speaking from the midst of fire, as you did, and live?
Or did any god venture to go and take a nation for
himself
from the midst of another nation,
by testings, by signs and wonders, by war,
with strong hand and outstretched arm, and by great
terrors,
all of which the LORD, your God,
did for you in Egypt before your very eyes?
This is why you must now know,
and fix in your heart, that the LORD is God
in the heavens above and on earth below,
and that there is no other.
You must keep his statutes and commandments that I
enjoin on you today,
that you and your children after you may prosper,
and that you may have long life on the land
which the LORD, your God, is giving you forever."

SECOND READING

ROM 8:14-17

Brothers and sisters:
For those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of
God.
For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back
into fear,
but you received a Spirit of adoption,
through whom we cry, "Abba, Father!"
The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit
that we are children of God,
and if children, then heirs,
heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ,
if only we suffer with him
so that we may also be glorified with him.

GOSPEL

MT 28:16-20

The eleven disciples went to Galilee,
to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them.
When they all saw him, they worshiped, but they
doubted.
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,
teaching them to observe all that I have commanded
you.
And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the
age."

REFLECT

FIRST READING

In the closing remarks of the speech delivered to the Israelites in the desert, Moses reflects on God's fidelity and love for them. In return for God's favor, the Israelites are instructed to keep God's statutes and commandments. Why do you think so many people are resistant to this divine expectation?

SECOND READING

Paul sees the Holy Spirit as integral to our identity as "children of God" and "joint heirs with Christ." How do you sense our Triune God at work in your life?

GOSPEL

We hear today the closing words in the Gospel of Matthew — Jesus' final commissioning of the disciples to evangelize and baptize in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. What insights to the nature of God does this divine relationship offer?

MASS INTENTIONS

SAT, MAY 29

8:00 am †
4:00 pm †

SIR 51:12CD-20/MK 11:27-33

Nina & James Haines & Family
Nishan Elvanian

SUN, MAY 30

8:00 am
10:00 am †
12:30 pm

DT 4:32-34, 39-40/ROM 8:14-17/MT 28:16-20

Holy Cross Parishioners
Corazon Reguindin
Jeff & Sandra Williams

MON, MAY 31

8:00 am

ZEP 3:14-18A/IS 12:2-3, 4, 5-6/LK 1:39-56

Joseph F. Kennedy

TUES, JUNE 1

8:00 am †
12:00 pm †

TB 2:9-14/MK 12:13-17

Edmond Shtyllid
Christy Galmish & Family

WED, JUNE 2

8:00 am
12:00 pm †
7:00 pm †

TB 3:1-11A, 16-17A/MK 12:18-27

Vocations
Christy Galmish & Family
Candelaria Caudillo

THURS, JUNE 3

8:00 am †
12:00 pm

TB 6:10-11; 7:1, 9-17; 8:4-9A/MK 12:28-34

George Persaud
Christy Ann Poyer

FRI, JUNE 4

8:00 am †
12:00 pm †

SIR 44:1, 9-13/MK 11:11-26

Margarita Davalos
Chuck Wardlow

SAT, JUNE 5

8:00 am
4:00 pm

TB 11:5-17/MK 12:35-37

Kay Kennedy
Luke Shields

SUN, JUNE 6

8:00 am
10:00 am †
12:30 pm

TB 12:1, 5-15, 20/TB 13:2, 6-8/MK 12:38-44

Women's Club
Donald Muyskens
Holy Cross Parishioners

PARISH NEWS

HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day is Monday, May 31. Please note that our parish office will be closed. We will open again on Tuesday morning at 8:30 am. Please also note that there will be only one Mass that day, at 8:00 am. Our heartfelt thanks to all who have given their lives for this country!

SAINT QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Everyone who breathes, high and low, educated and ignorant, young and old, man and woman, has a mission, has a work. We are not sent into this world for nothing; we are not born at random; we are not here, that we may go to bed at night and get up in the morning, toil for our bread, eat and drink, laugh and joke, sin when we have a mind, and reform when we are tired of sinning, rear a family and die. God sees every one of us; He creates every soul...for a purpose." St. John Neumann

FORMED WEEKLY WATCHLIST

This week's FORMED.org weekly watchlist is *The Holy Spirit in Light of Pentecost*, a talk in which Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Ben Akers discuss the Holy Spirit throughout salvation history and the roll of Pentecost in our lives. Visit us at <https://holycrossrcc.com> to watch this informative video for free on FORMED.org!

LOAVES & FISHES THANK YOU

A big thank you to our volunteers who cooked for Pinellas Hope this past weekend! If you would like to volunteer your time or treasure to this ministry, please call the parish office.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 30

Eucharistic Ministers: 8am—P Jones, Sr Patrick, 10am—G Ramnarine, S Ramnarine
Lectors: 8am—S Bellan, 10am—Y Kirby, 12:30pm—Alejandra, Favio

Monday, May 31

Lectors: 8am—L Reale

Tuesday, June 1

Lectors: 8am—M Taylor, 12pm—T Chaoui

Wednesday, June 2

Lectors: 8am—L Reale, 12pm—M Taylor, 7pm—Robinson

Thursday, June 3

Lectors: 8am—L LaPointe, 12pm—A Convery

Friday, June 4

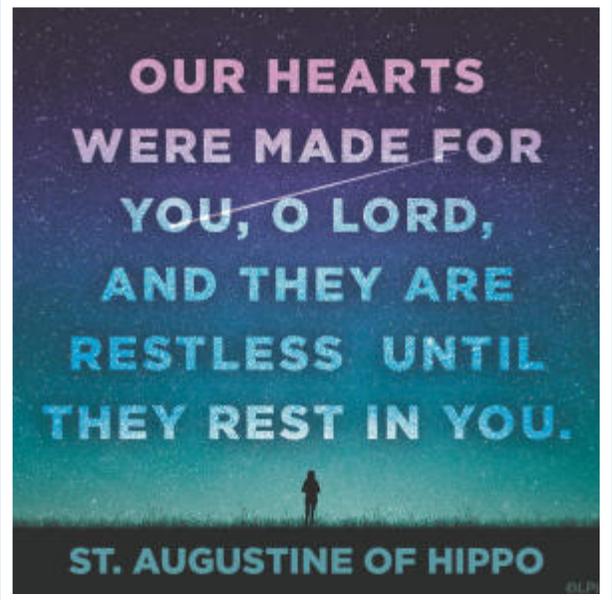
Lectors: 8am—M Taylor, 12pm—L LaPointe

Saturday, June 5

Eucharistic Ministers: 4pm—K Hossley, M Colravv
Lectors: 8am—L LaPointe, 4pm—L Shields

Sunday, June 6

Eucharistic Ministers: 8am—N Banks, C Banks, 10am—D Carli, A Branesky
Lectors: 8am—M Taylor, 10am—L Reale, 12:30 pm—Romulo, Pablo



PRAYER REQUESTS

If you or a family member are in need of prayer, please call the parish office at 727-546-3315, giving the person's name and reason for prayers.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING

José, Rose, Andrew, Sonny, Allison, Marty, Roia, Rose, Jim, John, Carol, Anna, Virgil, Gus, Dianne, Rebecca, Barbara Lilly, Elaine, Jacob, Donald, Mitchell, Faith, Mary, Meghan, Paul, Edith, Peggy Anne, Sylvia, Jean Ann, Felicitas, Adolfo, Jesus, Ileana, William, Jacob, Jeremy, Miranda, Lydia, Annette, Angela, Cecelia, Christine, Jill, Finnley, Jim, Lupita, Jeremiah, Jared, Phyllis, Natalie, Virginia, Jenn, Joe, Rick, Bud, Donna, Maryann, Susan, Donna, Susan, Denise, George, Carmelita, Margaret H., Gianna, Tina, Laura, John, Edward, Gail, Karon, Beth Anne, Joe, Evelyn, Gerry, Ben, Mr. & Mrs. Verstappen, Victor, Karen, Rose Marie, John, Maureen, Colin, Paul, John, Joseph, Peggy, Kami, Katie, Anne-Marie, Simo, Josephine, Terry, Bill, Maria, Edward H., Holly, Mary Ann, Doris, Zima, Craig, Sharon, Mike, Robert, Phyllis, Elaine, Jodi, Carly, Ann, Sharon, Beverly, Emily, Lynn, Mary Lou, Catherine, Roger, Maria, Alfredo, Eleanor, Dayana, Janet, Marilyn, Mary Ann, Bobby, Charlie, Christina, Peggy H., Mark, Renee, Glenn, Mary, Lynn, Sandra, Sally, Nick, Frank, Ed M., Paulette, Frank, Bozana, Mary Ellen, Sharon, Patty, Carlos, Maria Julia, Paula, Pam, Catherine, Amanda, Pat, Dennis, Lauren, Grace, Heidi, Scott, Lisa, Dawn Marie, Declan, Bodhi, Zora, Miguel, Nick, Sharon, Frankie, Kathy, Lisa, Pam, Frank, Sara, Nick, Lynn, Sarah Kristen, Joseph & Theresa, Pierotti Family, Sarah, Maggie, Dyllan, Elba, Artie & Halai, Annie, Marie, Jeanie, Anne, Lynn, Chuck, Carl, Bella, Bill, Montana, Eli, Susan, Karen

STEWARDSHIP: GOD DOESN'T TAKE A BREAK

An acquaintance who works in church ministry once told me a story about one of the students she had in Faith Formation. This student informed my friend that his family doesn't come to Mass in summer. "God takes a break in summer, and so do we," he said.

There's a lot to unpack here. First, it's tragic to think of anyone voluntarily missing out on the Eucharist for so long. It's also a real problem in the church today that a lot of our folks don't understand the beauty of the Sunday obligation. But if I had to dissect this situation and pinpoint the thing I find most troubling, it's the idea of God taking a break.

I hope it's starting to look like summer where you are. We've still got a few weeks left before it's official, but the school year should be winding up for most kids, the birds should be chirping a little louder, and hopefully your lawn is starting to green up nicely. You're probably daydreaming about the annual cabin getaway weekend or waterskiing on the Fourth of July.

All in all, summer is going to be a nice break, even if — like typical Americans — our break is full of productive

work.

Thank God — literally — that He doesn't take a break, even if we do. Can we try to remember that, even in the midst of our many wonderful distractions? Let's enjoy this summer. Let's live it to the full. But let's see it for the gift that it is — and remember the thanks we owe the Giver.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Weekend of May 22—23, 2011

Envelopes: 187 (out of 946 families)
Online Giving: \$ 503.50 (from 21 donors)
Weekly Total: \$ 6,265.50
Annual Budget: \$ 291,200.00

2021 APA

As of May 24, 2021

Goal: \$ 69,248.00
Pledged: \$ 49,351.00
Paid: \$ 41,847.00
Pledges: 202 (out of 946 families)

Pledging

Many people feel that they can participate at a sacrificial gift level if they make payments over a period of time. We currently work with monthly and annual pledge cycles. Donors who pledge will receive reminders according to their designated payment schedule.

One-Time Gift

If donors prefer, a one-time gift can be paid at the time of commitment or payment can be scheduled for later.

Electronic Giving

All major credit and debit cards (MasterCard, American Express, Visa and Discover) as well as direct debit payments are accepted. Donor managed online giving is available through the diocesan website at:

<https://s.dosp.org/give>

Checks

Please **do not** combine APA and Offertory in one check.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers this week are a gift from Marc & Marlin DiPipi in memory of Corazon Reguindin.

SANCTUARY LAMP

The sanctuary lamp this week is a gift from Marc & Marlin DiPipi in memory of Corazon Reguindin.

ALTAR BREAD & WINE

The altar bread and wine this week is a gift from Marc & Marlin DiPipi in memory of Corazon Reguindin.

LEARN ABOUT THE YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

ENCOURAGING DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF HIS LIFE & VIRTUES

CATHOLIC VIRTUES: OBEDIENCE

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We all have a natural inclination to command, and a great aversion to obey; and yet, it is certain that it is more to our advantage to obey than to command. It is for this reason that perfect souls have so great an affection for **obedience**, and find in it all their delight.

These are the words of St. Francis de Sales, and in fact this Saint exercised himself much in this virtue, although he was a Bishop and Superior of so many houses. He even obeyed his chamberlain in regard to rising and retiring to rest, dressing and undressing, as if he had been the servant instead of the master.

St. Teresa often said: "One of the greatest graces for which I feel bound to thank Our Lord is that His Divine Majesty has given me a desire to be obedient; since in this virtue I experience the greatest consolation and content, as the one which Our Lord enjoined upon us more than any other; and therefore I desire to possess it more than anything else in the world."

St. Mary Magdalen de' Pazzi had so great a love for obedience that even though a command might be very difficult to execute, or her weariness extreme, she never appeared reluctant or showed the least sign of discontent, but accepted everything with a cheerful countenance, as if the most agreeable proposal had been made to her.



PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH FOR GRACE OF OBEDIENCE

Great Saint Joseph, who are the director, the friend, and the protector of those souls who desire to be perfect, you who did learn from Jesus and Mary how to conquer the powers of hell, and to practice all virtues, obtain for me the grace of **OBEDIENCE**. Beloved Saint Joseph, my father, my guide, and my model, you who have so much zeal for the glory of Jesus Christ, and for my sanctification, please listen to my petition. I have the sweet confidence that you will not reject it. Your goodness will supply that which is lacking in my fervor, and according to the depth of your love for me, and of your power with Him Who has deigned to be called your Son, you will favorably hear me. Amen.

ORACIÓN A SAN JOSÉ POR LA GRACIA DE LA OBEDIENCIA

Gran San José, quien es el director, el amigo y el protector de aquellas almas que desean ser perfectas, tú que aprendiste de Jesús y María cómo conquistar los poderes del infierno, y practicar todas las virtudes, obtén para mí la gracia de la **OBEDIENCIA**. Amado San José, mi padre, mi guía y mi modelo, tú que tienes tanto celo por la gloria de Jesucristo y por mi santificación, por favor escuche mi petición. Tengo la dulce confianza de que no lo rechazará. Tu bondad suplirá lo que falta en mi fervor, y según la profundidad de tu amor por mí, y de tu poder con Aquel que se ha dignado ser llamado Hijo tuyo, me escucharás favorablemente. Amén.

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Millie Haylock
Baptisms

FAITH FORMATION

PENTECOST PARTY PICTURES



Father kicked off our festivities with a prayer to the Holy Spirit.



Not only did we play games, but we made Holy Spirit headbands to wear!



Fr. Emery played Jenga with the kids...guess who won!



Our kids and their families sat down and played board games together.



Everyone had a great time at the water balloon toss!



A good time was had by all... Come Holy Spirit!



To the left: Our RCIA coordinator, Tony Chaoui, along with our class of 2020-2021.

To the right: On Saturday, May 22, Tadeo Ismael Vazquez was baptized. Congratulations to Tadeo!



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