

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

JUNE 7, 2020

HOLY TRINITY



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Cycle A -- Reflections on the Readings

Trinity Sunday

Exodus 34:4-6,8-9; Daniel 3:52-56; 2 Corinthians
13:11-13; John 3:16-18

Theme: **one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity**

A father was driving his little son in a car. Suddenly, the son turned towards his father and asked him, “Dad! Is God one or many?”

The father replied, “one, my son.”

Is the Father – God?

His father replied, “Yes.”

“Is Jesus – God?”

“Yes.”

“Is the Holy Spirit – God?”

“Yes.”

“Then how can Jesus be His own Father?” asked the son. The father thought quickly. He drove the car to the side of the road and stopped it. He turned towards his son and said, “You see the bonnet in the front. Inside the bonnet there is the battery. There is only one battery. Yet I can start the car with it, turn on the lights and also blow the horn. How this happens, I don’t know. It is a mystery to me. Likewise, God is one, but Three Person – the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. It is a mystery, and we cannot understand it completely.”

This weekend we celebrate the Christian mystery that God is one yet three. The dangerous consequence is that the Trinity becomes a phrase in the Creed rather than a way of life. Today's readings offer a compelling view of the Trinity as the pattern for living.

All believers must act upon their name

We usually take pride in our family name as we recall our ancestors and our history. The love we have for those who gave us life means that we seek to enhance, rather than tarnish, the family name.

Some Christians think that the doctrine of the Trinity is so baffling that it's better to forget about it. Others recognize that it must be important in some way, but do not see how it could possibly be of any help to us in our daily lives as followers of Jesus Christ.

When we reflect on what Jesus shows us about relationship with God, we see that this relationship is about our sharing in the life of the Trinity. There is in God a profound and perfect unity, so that we can rightly speak of God as One. And yet in that unity there is distinction, of Father, Son and Spirit.

Our relationship with the Trinity of Persons

If we are invited by Jesus to address his Father as our Father, then we must have a relationship with the Father that is like Jesus's relationship with the Father, because the Father is not only his Father but ours. As Christians we believe that Jesus is both God and man, and that the Father is God. What allows us to address the Father as our Father in the full sense of that is not simply that we share in the same humanity as Christ, but that we are raised to the level of the divine. Being raised to the level of the divine, the Father is not only the Father of Jesus the Son but is truly our Father too.

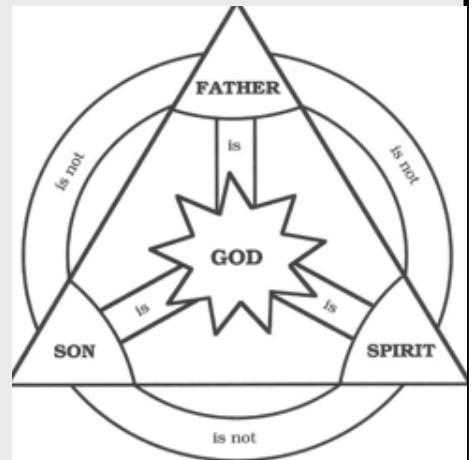
The Spirit works and shape us

We are like Christ, the Son because the Spirit is working in us, shaping us. By the power of the Spirit we are raised to the level of Christ and can address the Father as our Father, because by the working of the Spirit we are made brothers and sisters of Jesus the Son, who is both God and man. We are not only brothers and sisters of Jesus in his humanity. We are also brothers and sisters of Jesus in his divinity.

Like Jesus, Christians are intimate heirs of God called to act on behalf of the family.

The beautiful summary of our faith life is the conclusion of each Eucharistic Prayer: “through him (Jesus), with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours Almighty Father, forever and ever.” And we conclude every liturgical prayer to the Father “through Jesus Christ...in the unity of the Holy Spirit.”

May the unity and fellowship in the Blessed Trinity be felt in our families. Shalom!



When the game is
over!

WHEN THE GAME IS OVER,

WE SHALL ALL RETURN HOME

A boy was sent by his father to urgently buy him food from a restaurant. On his way going, he was in a hurry because of the urgency of the assignment.

However, on his way back, he passed where his mates were playing football. He slowed down, began to watch the game, gradually slowing down until he finally stopped. He watched for a while and got carried away, he became interested, and indicated his interest in playing, he was invited.

He left the food in the care of some unknown people and entered the field. He forgot the assignment completely and played his heart out. He became the man of the match, dribbled opponents, created chances, scored goals and changed the face of the entire game.

When night came, the owner of the ball picked it up. It was time for everyone to go home; to go back to their parents, the game was over!

It's now dawned on the boy after everyone had left that he had actually been sent to buy food by his hungry father. He went to where he kept the food, it had already been eaten by goats and dogs, "but I kept this food with some guys here a moment ago." He said.

He picked the plates, but was no longer happy, all the excitement of the game disappeared, the people clapping for him were all gone, the opponents he was playing against were all gone, the ball itself was gone, time was gone, those selling food were gone, he couldn't buy another!

Regrets took over him, he sluggishly walked home, with tears of sorrow and regrets whilst hiding in the dark.

When people saw him, they asked him why he was crying and hiding in the dark with empty plates! He had left with clean plates full of excitement, but returned with same empty plates, so dirty and stained!

When they asked him "Why he couldn't go home, he said his father will beat him". He knew the implications of a wasted time. So sad, too late.

Moral lesson

Hear this: We have a home and a Father to return to at the end of life's journey when all is said and done.

Don't be distracted, don't rejoice when people are clapping for you while doing the wrong things, they won't be there when you are to give an account.

Avoid Distractions, we are sent here for an assignment, the Father is waiting for us, this ball we are busy playing, when night comes, the owner will pick it, the crowd will disappear, we'll be left alone to go back and give a report to our Maker. What will you tell Him?

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This and That

- ❖ I wish to register my profound gratitude and appreciation for your active participation via zoom. Indeed, it has been wonderful meeting remotely and praying together. For some of us, it has enhanced our knowledge on zoom and social media. It has also been a challenge in navigating through our devices. However, full of fun!
- ❖ As we regather for Masses, remember things are not going to be the same in this pandemic. Let us seek to adjust to new changes by following precautionary guidelines for the safety of our families and community.
- ❖ It is worth mentioning all those called upon to lector, cantor & play accompaniment, clean-up, serve at the altar, led various pious devotions, decorate the sanctuary for their dedication and commitment to duty. In the same breath, much gratitude to our Computer gurus for hosting, preparing power point presentations and facilitating all zoom events.
- ❖ **Important Family data:** There is no doubt that this pandemic has challenged us as individuals or family. One major challenge for our church community is our data base. Some have changed emails, house address, phone/cell numbers. However, our church register does not have these changes to reach out to you in moment like this. I humbly call on every member to call the secretary to ensure your family data and contacts are correct. *Please update your individual and family records.* Let us all seek to be each other's keep by checking on members.
- ❖ Please contact the church office if you or anyone would like to join the church through RCIA.
- ❖ I wish to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to you for your words of encouragement and motivation during this time through phone calls, cards and text message.
- ❖ A big thanks to you for your continuous generosity and tithing for our Church and contribution for the ADA in this pandemic. God Bless you!

ST. MARYS HAPPENINGS

PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

CHRIS HINES

JOSH SIMMONS

JACOB ANDERSON

DERRICK HUBARD

STEVEN ANDERSON

COLBY MCGINLEY



6-1—Colby McGinley

6-5—Lori Goodman

6-14—Margaret Roberts

6-14—Nicole Zavadil

6-15—Susan Hilton

*ADA update
Our goal this year
is \$19,824.*

*To date, we have
received
\$14,475.00
with 36 families
contributing*

We want to Thank
those of you who
have continued to
tithe during this
pandemic!!

The month of May
we collected
\$3,154.00

Thank You!!!



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Grady Secht
Reese Kemp
James Dowling
LeRoy Herscheid
Noah Howe
Mary Lou Miller
Dottie Dankof
Isacc Durr
Robert & Nancy Dalton
Todd Quick
Verona Mitchell
Joel Loggins
Kenneth Russell
Bill Long
Henry Johnsen
Lawrence DuBois
Angie Witter-Childers
Pat Sheldon
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