

The Work of the People

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

With the celebration of Pentecost, we move from the Easter Season back into Ordinary Time. We might feel exhilarated, exhausted, or a combination of both as the major seasons of the liturgical year – Advent, Christmas Time, Lent, Triduum, and Easter Time – are over for another year. This year all of this is compounded by the pandemic. We do come back together once again this weekend though, and this is an opportunity for giving thanks. Filled with the Holy Spirit, we go forward to the counted weeks in Ordinary Time in summer and fall. However, we are not finished with the great celebrations of the Church. The Sundays of Ordinary Time begin with the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity and the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ reminding us of the core of our faith in God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – a communion of divine Persons and the source of our life together, the Body and Blood of Christ.

Today's solemnity commemorates the central dogma of Christianity: the Trinity. One of the greatest gifts of the Christian faith is the belief in the triune God: God is three (tri) in one (une). The Christian God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – is relational.

In the reading from the Book of Exodus, Moses has begged to see the glory of God, and God grants his request. On Mount Sinai, God proclaims his name, and lets Moses glimpse his glory as he passes by. But most revealing of all is what God cries out about who God is: "merciful and gracious... slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity." This solemnity does not explain God, but gives us a glimpse of God as a community of love and fountain of mercy.

The simple words of St. Paul to the Corinthians come in sharp contrast to the splendid imagery of the first two readings. God does not confine himself to a throne, high above the cherubim: wherever his people live in peace, reforming their lives, encouraging and supporting each other, God dwells there also.

In these famous words in John's Gospel, we meet the same God of overflowing love that Moses encountered on Mount Sinai in today's First Reading. This reading is full of contrasts: perish/live, condemn/save, disbelieve/believe. God's will is always for our life and salvation, and Jesus comes to be Savior, not judge. Through faith, we enter into this relationship of love.

The reflection for this Sunday is from Paula Huston who is a Camaldolese Benedictine oblate and the author of two novels and seven works of spiritual non-fiction.

I'm pretty sure I was in first grade when I memorized John 3:16 as part of my church's memory work program. It was, after all, the quintessential profession of faith, and you were never too young to start wrestling with it. But was it really true that all you had

to do was believe in the Son sent by God the Father, and off you went to heaven? What about the kids whose parents never even took them to church? By third grade, I had a little more of this troublesome verse under my belt: it wasn't the folks who'd never even heard about Jesus who had to worry, it was the people who said thanks but no thanks. And that just didn't seem fair to me. They probably had their reasons.

By high school, I was already flirting with atheism. In my twenties, I dived headfirst into Mortal Sin. At forty, appalled at the damage my willfulness had wreaked in my own and other people's lives, I limped back to God. And suddenly that old verse looked different to me. Believing was only the first step. Then came obeying. And only after that came seeing and understanding. If as a child I'd caught a glimpse of the light but then sheered off in the other direction, what could God do about it? He'd left the decision to me, after all.

Thank heaven, I thought, that the door was still open, the light still streaming through it.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Kgs. 17:1-6/Mt. 5:1-12
 Tuesday: 1 Kgs. 17:7-16/Mt. 5:13-16
 Wednesday 1 Kgs. 18:20-39/Mt. 5:17-19
 Thursday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3/Mt. 5:20-26
 Friday: 1 Kgs. 19:9a, 11-16/Mt. 5:27-32
 Saturday: 1 Kgs. 19:19-21/Mt. 5:33-37
 Sunday: Dt. 8:2-3, 14b-16a/1 Cor. 10:16-17/Jn. 6:51-58

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

As the Father "sent his son into the world" so parents send their children into the world "so that the world might be saved." This is the missionary role of the Christian family. Your family is a school where your children develop convictions which enable them to make a difference in the world. Fathering is an awesome responsibility and not for the weak or transient.

***We are happy to announce
 the Baptism of
 Mara Ann Slocum
 child of
 Mark and Erika (Eckstein) Slocum***

"...believe."

—John 20:27

WORSHIP

Monday, June 8
8:00 am + John Auer

Tuesday, June 9
8:00 am + Gary Parkin (Josie Osiecki)

Wednesday, June 10
8:00 am + NO MASS

Thursday, June 11
8:00 am + Chochetta Mattera (M/M Nelson Allen)

Friday, June 12
8:00 am + Living & Deceased of PNA Lodge 1540

Saturday, June 13
4:30 pm + Living & Deceased of Leandro/Silva Families
(Silverio S. Leandro Family)

Sunday, June 14
8:00 am + AT ST. BERNADETTE MISSION
Marie Genung (Pat & Richard)
9:30 am + AT ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA
Living & Deceased Parishioners

PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

**PARISH EVENTS
HAVE BEEN
SUSPENDED
UNTIL
FURTHER
NOTICE**

*“Lord,
I believe that you want to help me
overcome the mountains I face.
Help me today to hear and obey you
as you come to my aid.”*

MARRIAGE MOMENT

A week of Trinity. It has become popular to quote various “Rules of 3.” So what’s this got to do with marriage? There’s YOU, ME, and US. The US is different than each of us individually. Perhaps you might call it the Spirit of our union. Identify 3 ways you are stronger together this week.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION CONFESSION

Every Friday 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Please go up the ramp to the right
and into the Daily Mass Chapel.

YOU MUST WEAR A MASK

If there are several people waiting,
please observe healthy social distancing.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every Friday, Noon - 3:00 pm

For the health and safety of all,
Please wear a mask
during your time
in the church building
and maintain proper social distancing.

SAMPLE PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen

*“Lord,
I pray boldly:
please reveal yourself to my loved ones!”*

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