

The Work of the People
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. 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 nonfiction.

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: Tb. 1:3; 2:1b-8/Mk. 12:1-12
 Tuesday: Tb. 2:9-14/Mk. 12:13-17
 Wednesday: Tb. 3:1-11a, 16-17a/Mk. 12:18-27
 Thursday: Tb. 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a/
 Mk. 12:28-34
 Friday: Tb. 11:5-17/Mk. 12:35-37
 Saturday: Tb. 12:1, 5-15, 20/Mk. 12:38-44
 Sunday: Dt. 8:2-3, 14b-16a/1 Cor. 10:16-17/Jn. 6:51-58

FAITH FORMATION SOCIAL

Faith Formation will be hosting a coffee and donut social to honor those students who have reached a Sacrament milestone. Please join us after the 9:30 Sunday mass today, June 4th to meet and greet our special young people.

All are invited to share in fellowship and celebration.

WORSHIP

Monday, June 5
 8:00 am + Edward Rembielak (Joan Rembielak)
 Tuesday, June 6
 8:00 am + Joseph Parlak (Susan Parkin)
 Wednesday, June 7
 8:00 am + NO MASS
 Thursday, June 8
 8:00 am + Michael Milligan (Barb Milligan)
 Friday, June 9
 8:00 am + Liv. & Dec. Members PNA Lodge 1540
 Saturday, June 10
 4:30 pm + Margaret Weidner
 (Ginger (Weidner) & Dick Kester)
 Sunday, June 11
 8:00 am + AT ST. BERNADETTE MISSION
 Jeanne Mercier (St. Bernadette Altar Rosary Soc.)
 9:30 am + AT ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA
 Living & Deceased Parishioners

PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

Monday, June 5
 5:00 pm - Doors open for BINGO
 Tuesday, June 6
 After Mass - St. Anthony Novena
 Saturday, June 10
 3:30 - 4:15 pm - Confession
 Sunday, June 11
 AT ST. BERNADETTE MISSION
 Before Mass - Confession
 AT ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA
 After Mass - Confession

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.

ST. BERNADETTE MISSION STEWARDSHIP

Offertory	\$401.00
Maintenance	<u>130.00</u>
TOTAL	\$531.00

PATRONAL FEAST

This year, on Tuesday, June 13 we invite all parishioners to gather at 5:30 pm at St. Anthony of Padua Church for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Evening Prayer, and Benediction followed by a tureen dinner in the Parish Center. So please bring a dish to share if you are planning to attend. This is to celebrate the memorial of our patron, St. Anthony of Padua.

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (Corpus Christi)

On Sunday, June 11, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, all clergy, religious and lay faithful are invited to participate in one of the regional Eucharistic Processions as part of the Eucharistic Revival which began a year ago.

Epiphany of the Lord Parish, Meadville, will have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for adoration at the end of the 11:30 am Mass at St. Agatha Church. The procession will form at 2:30 pm moving to St. Brigid Church. After pausing at St. Brigid for prayer, the procession will return to St. Agatha Church for benediction.

BACCALAUREATE

Today, June 4th, there will be a Baccalaureate service for graduating seniors at the First Baptist Church at 7:00 pm. Please check for further information on the bulletin boards at the church entrances.

IT'S FINALLY HERE!!

St. Anthony of Padua Parish is pleased to announce the introduction of an electronic option for making regular offerings. Contributions can now be debited automatically from your checking or savings account. Our new electronic giving program offers convenience for you and provided much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. To access this electronic giving option, please go to the parish website: www.stanthonycambridgesprings.org and click on the VANCO link.

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA STEWARDSHIP

Offertory	\$1,732.73
Maintenance	454.00
Ascension	50.00
International Needs	30.00
Candles	52.00
CSA	850.00
Rice Bowl	<u>4.10</u>
TOTAL	\$3,172.83

Catholic Services Appeal
Pledged:

CHURCH NAME: ST. ANTONY OF PADUA

CHURCH NO.:

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:
