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The Most Holy Trinity

June 16, 2019

[T]he love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.— *Romans 5:5b*

THIS IS THE HOLY TRINITY

Today we celebrate the Holy Trinity, one of the most confounding mysteries of our faith. Through this mystery we experience our relationship to God: Creator, Savior, and Holy Spirit. This relationship is not easy to understand or to describe. It does not become clearer through analysis. Its complexity mirrors the complexity of all our relationships. We understand our relationships with our spouses, our children, our parents, and our friends only through daily give-and-take, annual rituals, and the life-changing moments we share. We understand our relationships only as we live them. The relationships we have with those we love, and who love us, sustain us through an uncertain and difficult life. This is the Holy Trinity.

What is striking about today's readings is that each is incomplete. What they do offer is a description of a moment in our relationship, a memory of a time and an event when our relationship made sense even though that sense may be beyond our ability to describe fully. Often that is all that our faith offers, that is, a memory of what is possible, what is promised, what has been given. A memory of eternity, of love beyond understanding is to be cherished and nurtured even if not fully understood. This is the Holy Trinity.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today's feast, extending a dimension of Easter joy into Ordinary Time, reminds us that every aspect of worship centers on the mystery of God in three persons. At baptism, we are initiated into Christ *and* the Spirit. The Creed we recite at Mass every Sunday has its roots in the ancient celebration of baptism, when a new believer was questioned at the edge of the waters of the font with three questions: Do you believe in God, the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit? Three questions, three affirmations, three immersions into the saving waters. Because every liturgy abounds with references to the Trinity, not only in words but in blessings by the sign of the cross, this feast was not easily accepted into the calendar. Pope Alexander in the eleventh century remarked that the liturgy is so laden with praise of the Trinity that there was no need for a special feast. Two hundred years later, while in exile in France, Pope John XXII proclaimed the feast, but it was not until 1911 that Pope St. Pius X gave it status as a solemnity.

A favorite image in art for today is the Icon of the Trinity, showing three glorious winged men seated at a table laden with bread and a cup of wine. It recalls Abraham's hospitality to angels and gives expression to the inner life of God, a life lived in relationship, a life poured out in abundance whenever Christians gather at the table of the Eucharist to give praise to the Father, in Christ, in the embrace of the Spirit.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The wisdom of God played on the surface of God's earth, finding delight in the human race (Proverbs 8:22-31).

Psalm — O Lord, our God, how wonderful you name in all the earth! (Psalm 8).

Second Reading — The love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:1-15).

Gospel — The Spirit of truth will guide you to all truth (John 16:12-15).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Cor 6:1-10; Ps 98:1, 2b, 3-4; Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday: 2 Cor 8:1-9; Ps 146:2, 5-9a; Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-11; Ps 112:1bc-4, 9;
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: 2 Cor 11:1-11; Ps 111:1b-4, 7-8; Mt 6:7-15

Friday: 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30; Ps 34:2-7; Mt 6:19-23

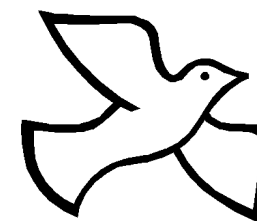
Saturday: 2 Cor 12:1-10; Ps 34:8-13; Mt 6:24-34

Sunday: Gn 14:18-20; Ps 110:1-4; 1 Cor 11:23-26;
Lk 9:11b-17

Mass Intention

Repose of the souls

Maximina Mora and
Bacilio Frutis



HARD ROWING

Learning is like rowing upstream; not to advance is to drop back.

Our monthly lunch for July will be hosted by Mary C. and Darlene R. The date is July 7th. The menu is fried chicken plan to bring sides and a dessert for a good southern meal.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Most Holy Trinity; Father's Day;
Julian Calendar Pentecost
Monday: Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time
Wednesday: St. Romuald
Friday: St. Aloysius Gonzaga; Summer begins
Saturday: St. Paulinus of Nola;
Ss. John Fisher and Thomas More;
Blessed Virgin Mary

FATHERHOOD

My father didn't tell me how to live; he lived, and let me watch him do it.



June 23rd
Lector Peggy

E/M Florencia /Maurisio

Ushers Tom/Diane

Server Jesus

Offertory 6./9/2019
BUDGET \$1249.00
ACTUAL \$643.00

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\$5.00