

## Trinity B - 2021

**The Sundial:** A missionary from Africa, on his home-leave, came across a beautiful sundial. He thought to himself, "That sundial would be ideal for my villagers in Africa. I could use it to teach them to tell the time of the day." The missionary bought the sundial, crated it and took it back to Africa. When the village chief saw it, he insisted that it be set up in the center of the village. The villagers were thrilled with the sundial. They had never seen something so beautiful in their lives. They were even more thrilled when they learned how it worked. The missionary was delighted by everyone's response to his sundial. He was totally unprepared for what happened a few days later. The people of the village got together and built a roof over the sundial to protect it from the rain and the sun! -- Well, I think the sundial is a lot like the Holy Trinity, and we Christians are a lot like the African villagers. The most beautiful revelation of our Faith is the teaching about the Holy Trinity, namely, the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit. But instead of putting the teaching to work in our daily lives, we have built a roof over it, just as the villagers did over their sundial. For many of us the Trinity seems of little practical value, when it comes to our daily lives. We treat it more like an ornament of our Faith. (Mark Link in *Sunday Homilies*; quoted by Fr. Botelho). Fr. Tony (<http://frtonyshomilies.com/>)

**"I'm surprised at you!"** An English teacher of a 21-sophomore high school class put a small chalk dot on the blackboard. He then asked the class what it was. A few seconds passed and then someone said, "That is a chalk dot on the blackboard." The rest of the class seemed relieved that the obvious had been stated, and no one else had anything to say. "I'm surprised at you," the teacher told the class. "I did the same exercise yesterday with a group of kindergartners and they thought of 50 different things the chalk mark could be: an owl's eye, a cigar butt, the top of a telephone pole, a star, a pebble, a squashed bug, a rotten egg, a bird's eye, and so on." -- The older students had learned how to find a right answer but had lost the ability to look for more than one right answer. The Holy Spirit helps us, in His wonderful Wisdom, to see more than we might have seen by ourselves. The Spirit's vision allows us wonderful options for expansion and new possibilities. It is the Spirit's Wisdom that reveals the Word to us. It is the Wisdom of the Spirit that shows us our sin, which guides us, which instructs us, and which leads us in the way to Life Everlasting. Fr. Tony (<http://frtonyshomilies.com/>)

**Exploring the mystery of Holy Trinity:** Explorers and the pioneer families did solve the mystery of what was out there beyond the coastal strip. In fact, people have been exploring the mysteries of our world on many fronts - medicine, technology, and what is out there in space. Where there is any kind of a mystery, people will try to solve it. But

there are some Mysteries that will always be Mysteries. Today, Trinity Sunday, we come up against one of those Mysteries - God. Who is God? Where is God? What is God? I can't touch Him. I can't say how big He is. I can't see Him. The early Christians started talking about a Triune God. This wasn't to make God more logical and understandable and acceptable to human ways of thinking. In fact, the idea of the Trinity intensified the Mystery and awesomeness of God. They observed that Jesus had a unique relationship with the Father and that the Holy Spirit had a unique relationship with the Father and the Son. Against all sorts of odds, against all human logic, and in the face of mounting opposition, the Church maintained that Jesus Christ is true God, equal with the Father, and that the Holy Spirit is God, equal with the Father and the Son. Who is God? He is our Heavenly Father Who made us, takes care of us and calls us His dear children. Who is God? He is Jesus Christ Who gave His life on the cross to re-establish our relationship with God. He reveals the way to God and to eternal life. Who is God? God is the Holy Spirit in you giving you Faith in God and guiding you in your daily walk as a Christian. Faith in the Triune God acknowledges the might and majesty of God but, at the same time, trusts in His care and intimate knowledge of our needs and of what is happening in our lives. *O LORD, our Lord, the majesty of Your Name fills the earth! Your glory is higher than the heavens.* Let us make this our prayer: "Lord God, in spite of our unbelief and lack of understanding of Who You are, show us Your new way of living. Amen." (Rev. Gerhardy). Fr. Tony (<http://frtonyshomilies.com/>)

A group of three young mothers who lived on the same street agreed to pool their time and resources so that they could help each other take care of their kids and at the same time provide one another with a little free time. It worked fine, the kids liked it, the fathers liked it (anything to escape from the demands of child-rearing), and, most important, the women like it. They discovered in practice what they had heard so often in theory: it's easier to do things as members of a community than as isolated individuals. They bragged to their friends in other streets about how well their little community worked and how everyone should try to imitate them. But then one of the women began to tally up the hours she gave the community effort and concluded that she was giving more time than the other two. They added up their own times and concluded just the opposite. Indeed they accused the first woman of making up numbers so she could escape her fair share. Since they had all studied economics in college, they began to shout "free rider" at one another. Soon they were not speaking to one another. Their community collapsed under the pressures of success, resentment, and envy - in that order. See, we told you so, said the neighbors on other streets. Later none of the three could figure out what went wrong. (Andrew M. Greeley)