



Blessed Trinity

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Memorial Day is Monday, May 31

“Memorial Day is an opportunity, as a nation, to remember and appreciate those who have died so that we might live ... freely. The civil blessings of stability, prosperity and freedom we enjoy are a testament to the price they paid. As Catholics, we remember those who have gone before and pray for their souls. I, like many priests on Memorial Day, will offer Mass for the repose of those who have died in service to our great nation. Honoring the fallen is important for us sinners who tend to take our blessings for granted.

But maybe, most important of all, Memorial Day can help inspire us to the greatest thing of which we are capable, by God’s graces: sacrificial love, Love that sacrifices for the beloved is divine and the only true love.”

Fr. Curtiss Dwyer, a priest of the Archdiocese of Denver, is a U.S. Navy Chaplain





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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses

Monday - Saturday 8:00 AM

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil at 4:00 PM

Sunday

8:00 AM, 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM

Follow the Sunday Mass on our
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Confessions can be arranged with
Fr. Wayne. Call his private
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Memorial Day Weekend

Dear Friends in Christ,

My friend and author Janice Connell in her book about the Spiritual Journey of George Washington summed up what we observe this weekend when we remember our fallen warriors who gave the last full measure of devotion so that we

might carry on in the spirit of our founding fathers the American Republic in which they pledged their lives, their fortunes and sacred honor so that freedom might flourish in the fledgling country that has been the envy of the world.

“Americans who die at their posts to defend freedom do not die in vain. God always brings good out of evil. Their sacrifice on the frontier of liberty unmasks segments of the world inhabited by the lost souls wallowing in the darkness of revolution, steeped in greed, selfishness, avarice, envy, lust and hatred. The perpetrators send their executioners to the four winds but they will not prevail. They never have in the past, not since Cain killed Abel. Washington’s spirit reaches through the centuries to remind every freedom loving person of the sacred duty to rout evil from the planet”

Let us be grateful this weekend for the sacrifice of millions of Americans who have given their last full measure of devotion so that the Republic will be preserved for generations to come. Like our founding fathers, and those who have gone before us, we also bear the responsibility as citizens to do all we can to stand up for the values that we have cherished since our founding. To do otherwise would be a disservice to the memory of those who gave the sacrifice of their own life to secure the liberties that have been the hallmark of our great Republic.

Reverend Wayne C. Genereux, Pastor

Memorial Day Mass

Join us on May 31, 2021 at 10:00 am for the Memorial Mass at Calvary Catholic Cemetery, 11801 US Highway 19 North, Clearwater.

Monsignor Robert F. Morris, Vicar General of the Diocese of St. Petersburg, will be the main celebrant. Please join us for this special Mass, as we remember those who gave their lives in service to our country and all the souls of all the faithful departed. All are welcome!





May 30, 2021

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Dt 4:32-34, 39-40 | Rom 8:14-17 | Mt 28:16-20

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

The first thing that came to mind when hearing the readings for this feast was the song, *How Can I Keep from Singing?* Moses' words attest to the wonders of God and his continual care and "championing" for us. This all-powerful God chose us to be his own; he created us in love and desires for us to be with him forever. He loves us enough to have become one of us - to live and breathe and suffer as one of us! While on earth as Jesus Christ, he showed us, in healing and forgiving, the depth of his merciful and unconditional love. Through the Son we are made adopted children of God, co-heirs with Christ to the promises of the Kingdom. The Holy Spirit is sent to remain with us - always - demonstrating the steadfastness and faithfulness of God to his people and drawing others to the Father's love. And we, members of the Body of Christ, are commissioned to go "and make disciples of all nations," that all may be given the pathway to the Kingdom. With all this Good News, how *can* we keep from singing?

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

"When they all saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted." These words jumped out at me from today's Gospel. After all the Apostles had witnessed, even after their encounters with Jesus following his resurrection, they doubted. That is, until Jesus reassured them that "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me." Then, look out! Once empowered by the Spirit, the disciples no longer doubt. In readings from the Acts of the Apostles throughout the Easter season, we have heard how the Apostles are transformed into bold and relentless preachers and leaders, healers and miracle workers, by their belief in the power of the Holy Spirit. And they can't suppress the joy they know in believing the Good News. We were made for this joy, and for sharing it as the earliest disciples did. Given all that God has done for us, how can we not?

STUDY Read Scripture verses or hymns that rejoice in God's love and bring you joy (Phil 4:4-9 is a good start). Pray the Act of Faith to reaffirm your belief in the Trinity. Be a joyful Christian!

Are You Looking to Receive One of the Seven Sacraments With Us?

Matrimony

Congratulations on your engagement! Every Diocese in Florida requires at least six months preparation before marriage. Please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Gene-reux, at the Parish Office for an appointment before setting a date.

Baptism

We are honored that you would like to choose Blessed Trinity Catholic Church for the Baptism of your child! We ask that you please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Genereux, at the Parish Office for information regarding the Pre-Baptism Class before scheduling a Baptism.

Office Hours

Monday—Friday 9-12 and 1-4
Closed for Lunch Noon to 1 pm

Website Mass

The church is open for our regular schedule of Masses. Recognizing that many will still be unable to attend Mass we will continue to record the Mass and upload it to the website. To view the Mass go to our website: btsp.org and click on the red words to start the video. The recorded Mass is from the Saturday vigil.

We are very grateful to Brent Beauchamp who has been volunteering his services to record the Mass each week. Thank you Brent for your continued support.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 29, Saint Paul VI, Pope

4:00 p.m. Richard Plouff (Dec)
Jon Vande Laare (Dec)

Sunday, May 30, Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

8:00 a.m. Flo Crigler (Dec)
9:30 a.m. For Parishioners
11:30 a.m. José Bispo (Dec)

Monday, May 31, Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 a.m. Mary Barry (Dec)

Tuesday, June 1, Memorial of Saint Justin, Martyr

8:00 a.m. Ron Grabowski (Dec)

Wednesday, June 2, Saints Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs

8:00 a.m. For Vocations

Thursday, June 3, Memorial of Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

8:00 a.m. Chris Connerton (Dec)

Friday, June 4, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Vincenzo Catapano (Dec)

Saturday, June 5, Memorial of Saint Boniface, Bishop and Martyr

8:00 a.m. Vince Heffern (Dec)
4:00 p.m. Terry Ray (Dec)

Sunday, June 6, Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

8:00 a.m. Lloyd Chin (Dec)
9:30 a.m. For Parishioners
11:30 a.m. Bill Maslar (Dec)

Prayer for Priests & Future Priests

Eternal Father,
we lift up these and all the priests of the world.
Sanctify them. Heal and guide them.
Mold them into the likeness and holiness of your Son,
Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to You.
In Jesus' name, we pray.
Amen.

05/30	For All the Priests in the World
05/31	Rev. Raphael Ambadan
06/01	Rev. Krzysztof Gazdowicz
06/02	For Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life
06/03	Donald Amodeo Seminarian
06/04	Rev. Phillip Clement
06/05	Rev. Joshua Hare

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

God Doesn't Take a Break

An acquaintance who works in church ministry once told me a story about one of the students she had in Faith Formation. This student informed my friend that his family doesn't come to Mass in summer. "God takes a break in summer, and so do we," he said.

There's a lot to unpack here. First, it's tragic to think of anyone voluntarily missing out on the Eucharist for so long. It's also a real problem in the church today that a lot of our folks don't understand the beauty of the Sunday obligation. But if I had to dissect this situation and pinpoint the thing I find most troubling, it's the idea of God taking a break.

I hope it's starting to look like summer where you are. We've still got a few weeks left before it's official, but the school year should be winding up for most kids, the birds should be chirping a little louder, and hopefully your lawn is starting to green up nicely. You're probably daydreaming about the annual cabin getaway weekend or water-skiing on the Fourth of July.

All in all, summer is going to be a nice break, even if — like typical Americans — our break is full of productive work.

Thank God — literally — that He doesn't take a break, even if we do. Can we try to remember that, even in the midst of our many wonderful distractions? Let's enjoy this summer. Let's live it to the full. But let's see it for the gift that it is — and remember the thanks we owe the Giver.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Electronic Giving Information

During our recent Stewardship Campaign, a lot of people requested information on our Electronic Giving Program. Making contributions electronically is really easy, whether you would like to make a one-time gift or make it a recurring gift for a specific or indefinite period of time.

All you have to do is go to the parish website at www.btsp.or and click on the big green box on the home page that says:

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Then, click on "sign in" and then, if you're new to online giving, "register for an account". If you need help, our business manager, Alice Coston, will be happy to help in walking you through it. You can reach her at the parish office at 727-867-3663.



Weekly Giving

Online Giving May 17-23

Offertory	\$ 3,745
Building Fund	\$ 20
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 125

May 23, 2021

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APA	\$ 25

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Why popular depictions of Heaven always fall short



By Philip Kosloski

Heaven is not a place "in the clouds," but an eternal and intimate relationship with God.

Heaven is often depicted in paintings or popular culture as a physical place, such as a location “in the clouds.” Yet, this and other illustrations of Heaven fall short and don’t encourage us to run the race to reach our final home.

St. John Paul II reflected on our various images of Heaven in a general audience he gave in 1999. He explains that Heaven is **not** a place in the clouds, but is more of an intimate **relationship** with God.

*In the context of Revelation, we know that the “heaven” or “happiness” in which we will find ourselves **is neither an abstraction nor a physical place in the clouds**, but a living, **personal relationship with the Holy Trinity**. It is our meeting with the Father which takes place in the risen Christ through the communion of the Holy Spirit. It is always necessary to maintain a certain restraint in describing these “ultimate realities” since **their depiction is always unsatisfactory**. Today, personalist language is better suited to describing the **state of happiness and peace we will enjoy in our definitive communion with God**.*

This is difficult to describe in words, as it does not match our expectations of what a physical Heaven would be like. However, this personal relationship with God is what we truly desire in life, and it will fulfill all of our deepest longings.

*When the form of this world has passed away, those who have welcomed God into their lives and have sincerely opened themselves to his love, at least at the moment of death, will enjoy that **fullness of communion with God which is the goal of human life**. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches, “this perfect life with the Most Holy Trinity — this communion of life and love with the Trinity, with the Virgin Mary, the angels and all the blessed — is called ‘heaven’. **Heaven is the ultimate end and fulfillment of the deepest human longings, the state of supreme, definitive happiness**” (n. 1024).*

We should be glad that Heaven isn’t a cloudy palace but a real and intimate place where we will be in perfect union with God and all those in union with him.

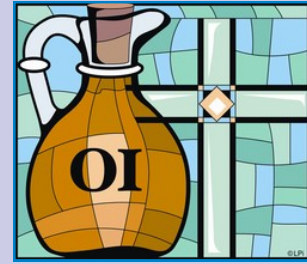
It is a “place” of ultimate happiness, as we rest quietly in the heart of our loving God. Even though we may not fully understand it, we can be confident that it will be a place of light, happiness and peace.

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Chavez, John
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Cline, Wayne
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Deuel, Fred
Devyn & Donna
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Kirkpatrick, Donna
Kirkpatrick, Susan
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Lashley, Diana
LeVan, George
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McAfee, Riley
McGarry, Jean
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Oliphant, Brian
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Seaquist, Tim
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