



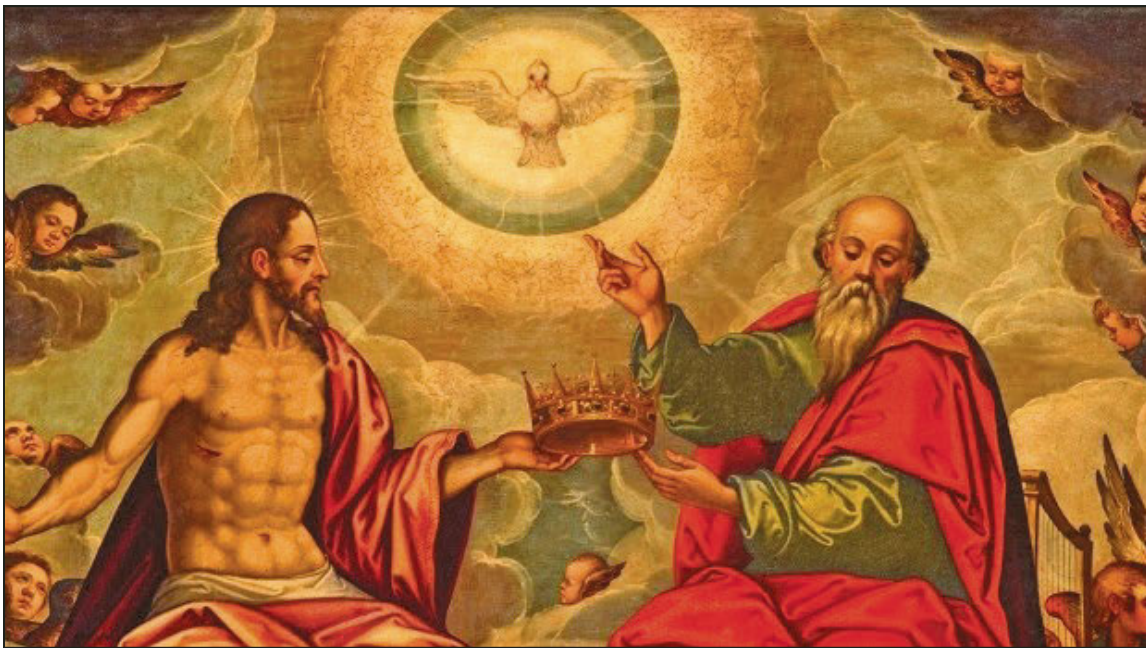
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No “yours” or “mine”: Celebrating the Most Holy Trinity



By Brother Silas Henderson, SDS

Sunday's feast was a late addition to the Church calendar.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you. —2 Corinthians 13:13

There is an Indian folk tale about three blind men who examine an elephant to try to determine what sort of animal it might be. One grabs hold of the elephant's tail and exclaims, “This creature is very like a rope.” The second man runs his hand over one of the tusks, declaring, “This creature is very like a spear.” Finally, the third man, patting the wide, solid side of the elephant, says, “This creature is surely a wall.”

Individually, each of the blind men grasped *an aspect* of the majestic creature, but their understanding was limited. But, by sharing their insights, they were given an understanding of elephants than none of them could have alone.

Like the experience of those three men, all of the Church's various celebrations throughout the year work together to help us enter more deeply into the mysteries of salvation and the ways that God has been—and continues to be—at work in the world. This Sunday's celebration honoring the Most Holy Trinity is no exception.

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This special day honoring the Holy Trinity was, however, a fairly late addition to the Church's cycle of seasons and feasts. In fact, Pope Alexander II (d. 1077) is said to have objected to having a special day to honor the Holy Trinity because, as he observed, the Holy Trinity is celebrated every Sunday and every day in the Church's prayer. It was Pope John XII who made the Feast of the Holy Trinity part of the official liturgy of the Universal Church in 1334.

Falling as it does on the Sunday after Pentecost, this day honoring the Trinity brings together all the mysteries that we have celebrated during the seasons of Lent and Easter: the creative, saving, and sanctifying work of God that not only freed us from the powers of sin and death, but which also unites us as a community of faith—the Church.

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity also reminds us that the God whom we adore is “one God in the Trinity” and “Trinity in unity” (from *The Athanasian Creed*), inviting us to consider that all of our relationships are reflections of that unique and dynamic communion that exists within God—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. By grace, we are constantly being invited to be part of that relationship, to live in the love of God.

We get a sense of this when we recall Jesus' words to his disciples (recounted in the Sunday and weekday Gospels in the days before Pentecost) about his relationship with the Father and the Holy Spirit, whom he promised would come to his followers after his departure. In these beautiful texts, Jesus explains that the promised Spirit “will take from what is mine and declare it to you.” But, as Sister Barbara Reid, O.P., notes, “What is Jesus' is also what is the Father's as Jesus asserts, ‘Everything that the Father has is mine.’ There is no ‘yours and mine’ in the Godhead—only ‘ours,’ as the three interweave in a communion of love in which there is no possessiveness” (from *Abiding Word*).

In the end, our celebration of Trinity Sunday is an invitation for us to continue to move beyond our selves and our own sense of “mine.” God continues to bless us—in the ongoing act of creation, in the freely given gifts of healing and redemption of Christ, and the life-giving Spirit that inspires faith, hope, and love—and invites us to receive the graces and gifts he so freely gives. We are called to extend that invitation to others by sharing what we have received.

What gifts and blessings have you received that you are hesitant or unwilling to share with others? How does the communion of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit challenge you to open yourself to building relationships of love with those around you?

Words of Wisdom: “I am deeply convinced that most human suffering comes from broken relationships. Anger, jealousy, resentment, and feelings of rejection all find their source in conflict between people who yearn for unity, community, and a deep sense of belonging. By claiming the Holy Trinity as home for our relational lives, we claim the truth that God gives us what we most desire and offers us the grace to forgive each other for not being perfect in love.” —Henri Nouwen in *Sabbatical Journey* Reprinted with permission Aleteia.org



June 4, 2023

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9 | 2 Cor 13:11-13 | Jn 3:16-18

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Last Sunday the Church celebrated the Solemnity of Pentecost: the birthday of the Church and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit into the world. Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, giving adoration and glory to the three divine persons in our one God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – three in unity, or Triune. In the Gospel we heard, John tells us: “God so loved the world that he gave his only Son.” If you’re going to write one Bible verse on a piece of cardboard and hold it up at a football game, this is it! John 3:16 encapsulates a Christian belief: We are loved by the Father beyond measure, and that love is incarnated – takes human flesh – in the divine person of his Son. But there is something deeper within this verse that comes to light much later in the Gospel: Jesus revealed that when he, the Son, returned to the Father, he would not leave us alone. (Jn 14: 26-28) Instead, the Holy Spirit came to be with us and remain with us. This is our God whom we celebrate and give thanks to: one in being, three in person. His love is unceasing and his Spirit dwells within and among us to guide us, advocate for us, and draw us ever closer to himself in that love.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

When it comes to evangelization, you could write a Bible verse on a piece of cardboard, hold it up in a crowded place and hope it piques someone’s interest. But we can take a cue from St. Paul in the second reading as well. He encourages us to mend our ways, encourage one another and “greet one another with a holy kiss.” And then he offers a prayer for the Corinthians: “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.” Imagine what the world would be like if we all lived like that – if we worked to mend our mistakes, encouraged each other, and earnestly prayed for the grace, love, and fellowship of God to be upon every person. That would be a true witness to God’s presence in the world.

PRAY This week, pray a Holy Trinity novena. The word “novena” comes from the Latin word for “nine,” and they typically include nine days of prayer, asking God for a specific intention, and beginning or ending on a feast or solemnity. Trust in the Triune God who loves you and offer him your heart. You may find the comfort or wisdom you seek.



Are You Hoping 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 Genereux, 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.

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 3, Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs
8:00 a.m. Gary Tocklin (Dec)

Saturday, June 3, Vigil for The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity
4:00 p.m. James Lawler and Pat Sullivan (Dec)

Sunday, June 4, Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity
8:00 a.m. Robert Smith Family
9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners
11:30 a.m. Rosemary Smith (Dec)

Monday, June 5, Memorial of Saint Boniface, Bishop and Martyr
8:00 a.m. Vince Heffern (Dec)

Tuesday, June 6, Memorial of Saint. Norbert, Bishop
8:00 a.m. Rosemary Smith (Dec)

Wednesday, June 7, Weekday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Mass for Vocations

Thursday, June 8, Weekday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Bill Hueston (Dec)

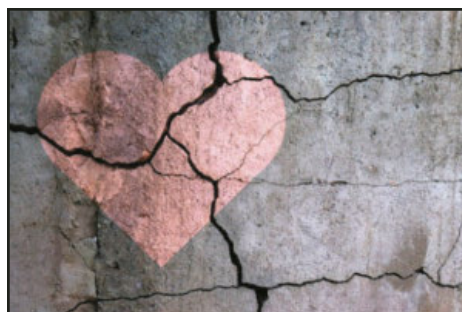
Friday, June 9, Saint Ephrem of Syria, Deacon and Doctor of the Church
8:00 a.m. Jay Lamb (Dec)

Saturday, June 10, Weekday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Tom Margraff (Dec)

Saturday, June 10, Vigil for The Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ
4:00 p.m. Bill Hueston (Dec)

Sunday, June 11, Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ
8:00 a.m. Bill Hueston (Dec)
9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners
11:30 a.m. David Alienello (Dec)

Journeying Through Grief



“Grief is not a sign of weakness. It is a tribute to the loved one who died, and a healthy response to our heart ache.”

If you would like to be part of a Grief-Support “group” or you would prefer “one on one” support, please call Rachel between 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the parish office, 727-867-3663

Prayer for Priests & Future Priests

Eternal Father, We lift up to you 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.

06/04 • Rev. Tim Cummings

06/05 • Rev. Joshua Hare

06/06 • Alexander Fleming, Seminarian

06/07 • For Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life

06/08 • Rev. Lou Turcotte

06/09 • Thuan Tran, Seminarian

06/10 • Msgr. Robert C. Gibbons

These are the names of the active priests and seminarians in our Diocese. Remember our Bishop has designated Wednesdays as Diocesan Day of Prayer for Vocations. Please continue to pray that more young people will hear and answer God's call to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Ready for His Return

Where is that guy with the rainbow wig holding a "John 3:16" sign in the end zone at NFL football games? Younger readers may not have any idea what I am talking about! You used to see this guy on TV all the time wearing "Jesus Saves" shirts and holding his sign. Most thought he was a harmless guy, but now he is serving multiple life sentences for taking hostages at a hotel near LAX in 1992. His name is Rollen Stewart and he believed — and continues to believe while in prison — that Jesus' second coming is imminent. His extreme actions were meant to make people take notice and listen to him. Now he sits behind bars, and most in the world see his name as nothing more than an answer to a trivia question.

It is a sad story when people hurt others or use extreme methods in the name of God. Mr. Stewart's belief that simply getting people to listen to his message is the most important step in their salvation is misguided. His poor stewardship should stand in stark contrast to our good stewardship. Our actions, seasoned at times with our words, should be the evidence people need to see the transformative power of Jesus Christ. We do believe that he is indeed coming again. But once you have committed yourself to him and live in his life on earth, when he returns is not our main concern. We are ready whenever that time comes, and hopefully, we can help others be ready as well by our example.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

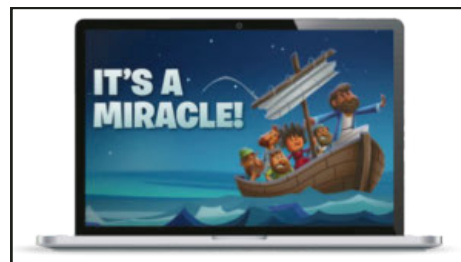
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June 11

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Hurricane Season Safety Tips



Be Prepared

In the storms of life, we turn to God and pray that we will be spared from harm. We are also called to take the necessary precautions to protect the precious gift of life and to minimize damage to property.

Take Shelter

If you are elderly or have special needs, please contact your county's Emergency Management Office to pre-register prior to any storm if you will need to evacuate.

Use Good Judgment

Use good judgment when deciding if conditions are safe to travel to Mass. In the event that roadways are not clear and weather conditions are unsafe to travel, the faithful are reminded that the obligation to participate in the Sunday Mass does not apply when there is grave difficulty in fulfilling this obligation (Code of Canon Law, Canon 1248 §2).

Stay Informed

If a storm threatens our area, please check local news stations for weather updates. Also, check with your parish and school about closures and cancellations. Also, check the diocesan website, www.dosp.org.

Local Resources

Florida Department of Emergency Management:
www.floridadisaster.org

Citrus County Emergency Management:
www.sheriffcitrus.org/divisions/bureau_of_support_operations/emergency_operations.php

Hernando County Emergency Management:
www.hernandocounty.us/departments/departments-a-e/emergency-management

Hillsborough County Emergency Management:
www.hillsboroughcounty.org/residents/public-safety/emergency-management

Pasco County Emergency Management:
www.pascocountyfl.net/365/Emergency-Management

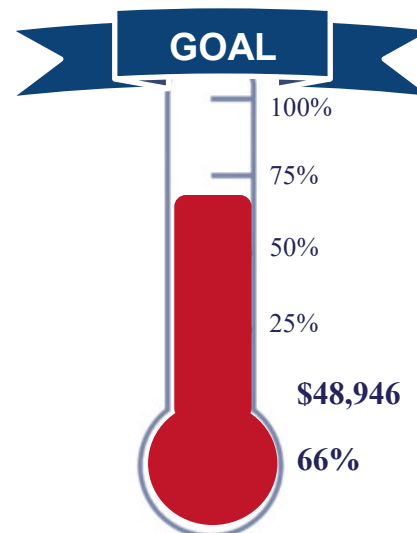
Pinellas County Emergency Management:
www.pinellascounty.org/emergency/

For More Information: Visit www.dosp.org/insurance/hurricane-season



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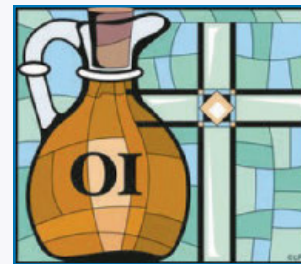
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Missionaries of Africa Community Retirement Home (9 men) in St. Petersburg has an immediate opening for a cook, to provide meals for lunch and supper on Saturday and Sunday. If you, or someone you know may be interested in this hourly position, please send an e-mail to star30@verizon.net.

Contact Denise at 813-215-9535 with any questions you may have regarding this position.

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Ferrara, Antoinette
Fitzgerald, Dan
Forbes, Monica & Tom
Genereux, Carol
Grimberg, Carol
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