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Saints to help if Father's Day is hard

Meg Hunter-Kilmer—published on 06/12/21

No matter your particular struggle, there are saints to walk with you. You are not alone.

Father's Day can be a beautiful holiday, a day to celebrate your father or to be celebrated as a father. For many, though, this is a painful day, as

they remember their late fathers, grieve their broken relationships with their fathers or their children, mourn their lost children, or lament the children they've been unable to have. If Father's Day is hard for you, it may help to find some saints who can walk with you in your particular struggle. You are not alone.

Bl. Jarogniew Wojciechowski 1922-1942, lived with both parents until he was 11. Then his alcoholic father abandoned the family, leaving his wife. Jarogniew had recently begun attending the Salesian youth center, where the priests offered him fatherly love and wisdom. Before long, Jarogniew had to drop out of school and get a job at a pharmacy to help support his family. When the Nazis invaded Poland, the Salesian youth group was disbanded, but many of the young people continued to meet in secret—an act of resistance against the Nazis. Jarogniew was arrested with four friends and spent two years in prison before being martyred.

St. Alphonsus Liguori 1696-1787, was a brilliant Italian bishop who eventually became a Doctor of the Church. His father Giuseppe was a sea captain, and was displeased with his small, weak, asthmatic son, ridiculing him throughout his life. Knowing that his son would never succeed in the military, he set Alphonsus up to be a lawyer; when Alphonsus, by then a successful lawyer, chose to leave behind the practice of law to pursue the priesthood, Giuseppe was disgusted. Alphonsus's response? "I have no father but God." Giuseppe then tried to manage Alphonsus's ecclesiastical career and continued to be frustrated by his son's desire to be meek and poor. He was finally satisfied when he heard his son preach with great power and listened to the people calling him a saint.

Bl. Frédéric Ozanam 1813-1853, is best known as the founder of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. He married at 28 and doted on his wife Amélie; together, they experienced the anguish of losing their first two children to miscarriage. After their first loss, they spent some time apart as Amélie attempted to recover at her parents' home; Frédéric wrote her almost daily until he was able to rejoin her. His beautiful letters speak of his sorrow, his longing for his wife, and the consolation he found in the Eucharist. The couple ultimately had a daughter, Marie, on whom Frédéric doted until his death from consumption at only 40.

St. Abraham Kidunaia 267-366, was a monk in modern Turkey and the adoptive father of St. Mary of Edessa. Mary lived as an anchoress until a wayward monk manipulated her into sleeping with him. Though Mary was truly a victim of clerical sexual abuse, she blamed herself for the abuse. She ran away and became a prostitute, leaving her father to mourn her loss and long for her return. After two years, Abraham got wind of her location and went to find her, leaving his hermitage for the first time in 20 years because his little girl needed

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Weekday Masses, Monday - Saturday 8:00 am Weekend Masses, Saturday Vigil at 4:00 pm Sunday, 8:00 am, 9:30 am and 11:30 am

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him. He paid to spend the night with Mary, then went up to her room and fell on his knees, begging her in tears to come home. Because her father's love showed her the Father's love, Mary agreed and soon became a miracle worker, a testimony to God's tremendous mercy and healing power.

Ven. Pierre Toussaint 1766-1853, was born into slavery in Haiti and eventually taken to New York City, where he became a hairdresser to New York's elite. After he was freed, he purchased the freedom of Juliette Noel, a young woman whom he then married. Though the two were married for 40 years, they were unable to have children. They adopted Pierre's infant niece, in whom he delighted, fostered several children, and became philanthropists with Pierre's earnings and investments.

St. Louis Martin 1823-1894, had nine children with his wife St. Zélie, though only five survived to adulthood. When their oldest daughter was 17 and their youngest, St. Thérèse, just 4, Zélie died, leaving Louis to raise the girls without her. He moved the family to Lisieux to be near Zélie's brother and sister-in-law and continued to care for the girls for the next decade until dementia caused the exchange of their roles, leaving his daughters with the responsibility of caring for him.

St. Michael Nguyễn Huy Mỹ 1804-1838, was a Vietnamese husband, father, and mayor of his village who was tortured three times in place of his father-in-law. Orphaned at 12, married at 20, and had eight children. When he was arrested, his 12-year-old daughter visited him in prison, as did his wife with their newborn. Huy Mỹ said goodbye to his children, and to the six remaining at home, entrusting them to his wife to care for since he could no longer raise them. He was later martyred.

St. Lydwina 1380-1433, was a Dutch woman who was injured while ice skating and spent decades in agony from her injury. Though at first she nearly despaired over her chronic illness, she ultimately found joy in suffering alongside Jesus, particularly in the spiritual ecstasy that she often experienced. But the loss of her kind father, so unlike the mother who treated Lydwina like a burden, threatened to rob her of the peace she'd found. Lydwina was so distraught that she was simply unable to entrust his soul to God. But in her grief she was consoled by the Blessed Mother and ultimately came to find peace in that suffering as well.

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How to apply the Sacred Scriptures this week to your life.



June 15, 2025

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Prov 8:22-31 | Rom 5:1-5 | Jn 16:12-15

Written by THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

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

Between two people who love each other, speech often gives way to silence. But first, in order to nourish love, there must be a mutual exchange of words. Persons in love wish to share their most intimate secrets so that they might know and be known. In an act deserving of our endless wonder, God disclosed his most intimate secret to us: He is a communion of Persons - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - who relate to each other in an eternal exchange of love. St. Thomas Aquinas insisted that the Trinity is not a reality we could have figured out on our own (in contrast to, for example, God's existence - which we can know simply by examining creation). God had to reveal his Trinitarian nature to us. While humanity was wandering further and further away from him over the millennia after the Fall, God was preparing us for the revelation of the Son and the Holy Spirit. This is what Jesus is announcing in today's Gospel: "Everything that the Father has is mine; for this reason I told you that [the Holy Spirit] will take from what is mine and declare it to you." To his bewildered disciples, Jesus is expressing God's intention to communicate his identity to us - an unmerited gift which he offers simply because he loves us.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

This is our inheritance as Christians: God has revealed himself to us out of love. Once we've assented to this truth, we can no longer dismiss the mystery of the Holy Trinity as "above my theological paygrade." One who loves is not bothered that the beloved always remains a mystery; instead, he or she is content to remain in wonder and seeks to enter more deeply into the exchange of love. For us, this means responding to God's gift of himself with reverence, gratitude, and obedience to his will. We approach him in prayer with the respectful but confident attitude of a child who knows itself to be deeply loved; we listen to him, express our thanksgiving for his gift, and seek to know his will for us.

PRAY

Be attentive to the ways God is revealing himself and his love for you in your daily life. Discover that *everything* is an expression of his care: answered prayers, a kind word given or received, the beauty of nature — even crosses which induce us to turn to him for help! Take a few minutes each day to thank God for his gifts.



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.

Office Hours

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



Grief Support

At this time, individual/one-on-one *Grief Support* is available by calling Rachel at the church office.

Group support meetings will take place when a group is formed.

For more information call: 867-3663

Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 14, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Bill Barr (dec)

Saturday, June 14, Vigil for Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

4:00 p.m. Denise Santos-Colonel (liv)

Sunday, June 15, Most Holy Trinity

8:00 a.m. Jason Bayly (liv)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners and

Matti Kosonen (dec)

11:30 a.m. Linda Watson (liv)

Monday, June 16, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Gary Kraynak (liv)

Tuesday, June 17, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Tom LeBoeuf (dec)

Wednesday, June 18, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Mass for Vocations

Thursday, June 19, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Donna Ayers (liv)

Friday, June 20, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Connor and Marissa Ayers (liv)

Saturday, June 21, Memorial of Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

8:00 a.m. Tobias, Rose, and John Weber (dec)

Saturday, June 21, Vigil for The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body

and Blood of Christ

4:00 p.m. Paul Mayhew (dec)

Sunday, June 22, The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and

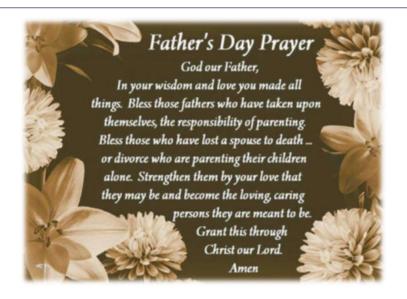
Blood of Christ

8:00 a.m. Paul Mayhew (dec)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners and

Robert Jacks (liv)

11:30 a.m. Gabriella Mullins (dec)





EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The Church is one, holy, catholic, and apostolic. That oneness is mirrored for us in the Holy Trinity: one God in three Persons. We are a diverse community with different backgrounds, cultures, realities, and gifts, but we are truly one. Unfortunately, we too often forget this and function as a fractioned body. We needlessly compete against one another, judge one another as opposed to help, and sit silent when our brothers and sisters call out for help.

When we take seriously our stewardship way of life, we see our lives as not truly belonging to ourselves. We want to offer our very existence to God and the Body of Christ. If we find that we are resistant to that fullness of generosity, or we begin to use our gifts in a way that fractures community, we then actively work in contrast to this mark of the Church.

The Church that was established by Jesus and fortified by the institution of the sacraments cannot be destroyed and deprived of Her four marks. The human element may be strained and injured, but not even the gates of hell will prevail against this institution alive in the Spirit. Our actions can either bear witness to that reality or it can bring offense. Let us pray that enough of us will choose the holy way so all the world may see that God is real, Jesus is alive, and we are ONE.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



Weekly Offering

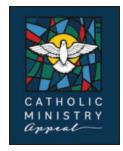
Weekly Giving 06/01/25

Offertory	\$ 8,516
Other Donations	\$ 20
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 382
Restoring the Sacred*	\$ 278

^{*}includes only loose cash.

An up to date accounting for the campaign will be published upon Fr. Wayne's return from vacation.

Thank you for your generosity!



Catholic Ministry Appeal



Thank you for your prayerful giving!

Upcoming Events

Sunday, June 15- Father's Day

Coffee and Donuts after the 8:00 am and 9:30 am Masses PC

Monday, June 16

6:30 pm Life in the Spirit CYH

Wednesday, June 18

Adoration

8:30 am Church open all day for prayer CH

5:30 pm Rosary

6:00 pm Eucharistic Exposition and Meditation

7:00 pm Benediction

Thursday, June 19- Juneteenth Day

Parish Office Closed

Sunday, June 22

Coffee and Donuts after the 8:00 am and 9:30 am Masses PC

Monday, June 23

6:30 pm Life in the Spirit CYH

Wednesday June 25

Adoration

8:30 am Church open all day for prayer CH

5:30 pm Rosary

6:00 pm Eucharistic Exposition and Meditation

7:00 pm Benediction

Thursday, June 26

4:00 pm SVDP Meeting CYH-1

Friday June 27

Blessed Trinity's Social Group meets after 8:00 am Mass

(a) Kahwa Coffee 400 45th Ave. South

Key for Events

PC= Parish Center, MR=Music Room, CYH= Courtyard Hall, CH=Church, CYH-1= Courtyard Hall Classroom #1, CR=Choir Room, FF=Faith Formation Room, PL=Parking Lot

Prayer for Protection from Hurricanes

God, Our Father, Creator and Lord of the universe, you have set the earth on its foundation and all the elements of nature obey your command. We humbly beseech you to keep us safe from all dangers and calm the storm that threatens us.

May we be secure in your loving protection and serve you always with grateful hearts.

We ask this through our Lord

Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen.



ST. JOSEPH'S FOOD COLLECTION

Please continue to bring food for our St. Joseph's Food Collection.

The basket is located in the Narthex of the church.





Everything you wanted to know about your faith

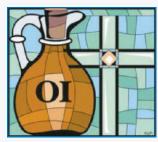
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Anointing of the Sick

To request the Anointing of the Sick for yourself or a loved one, please contact the parish office, 727-867-3663.

If you or a close family member would like to be added or removed from our prayer list, please contact the parish office at 727-867-3663.





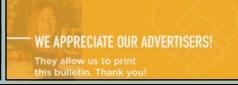


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