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Family Faith Focus

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Dates to Remember

- June 12: Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity — Masses at 4:00 PM on Saturday and 9:00 AM on Sunday
- June 13: Memorial of St. Anthony of Padua
- June 19: Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ — Masses at 4:00 PM on Saturday and 9:00 AM on Sunday

When You Pray

The conditions for being "missionaries of joy" are praying constantly, always giving thanks to God, giving way to his Spirit, seeking the good and avoiding evil. If this becomes our lifestyle, then the Good News will be able to enter so many homes and help people and families to rediscover that in Jesus it is possible to find interior peace and the strength to face different life situations every day, even the most difficult. The Christian's heart is filled with peace because they know how to place their joy in the Lord even when going through difficult moments in life. To have faith does not mean to never have difficult moments but to have the strength to face those moments knowing that we are not alone.

— Pope Francis

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity John 16: 12-15

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus said to his disciples:

"I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now.

But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth.

He will not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears, and will declare to you the things that are coming.

He will glorify me,

because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you.

Everything that the Father has is mine;

for this reason I told you that he will take from what is mine and declare it to you."

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

One God in Three Persons— Creator, Redeemer, Sanctifier

In the mystery of the Most Holy Trinity we profess our belief in One God with a triune nature. God is our heavenly Father, the Creator of heaven and earth and all that is in it. He is One with Jesus His Son, who was "born of the Father before all ages," who "became man" and through his suffering, death, and resurrection, is our Savior and Redeemer. The dynamic love of the Father and Son is made present in the person of the Holy Spirit, given to us in Baptism to be our Sanctifier, to make us holy.



This great mystery is the center of who we are as believers in a God who loved us into being and created all that we have, who sent His Son to bring us the promise of salvation and eternal life through the redemption of our sins, and who lives in us through His Spirit, who consoles, strengthens and sanctifies our life in God.

As we transition back into Ordinary Time during these summer months, let pause and reflect on the beauty and abundance of God's creation that surrounds us. Let us continue to come together each week to be nourished by the Body and Blood of Jesus, and be open to the working of the Spirit in our lives to guide and direct us in all that we do in God's Name.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Sunday Gospel Connection: June 12, 2022

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John 16: 12-15

Gospel Background: This week we return to the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. This Sunday and next Sunday, however, are designated as solemnities, special days that call our attention to central mysteries of our faith. Today, on the first Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. This feast invites us to consider what we believe about God, who has revealed himself to us in the Trinity—one God in three persons.

The verses of today's Gospel come near the end of Jesus' long discourse at the Last Supper. In the early part of this discourse, as we saw last week on Pentecost, Jesus offers assurances to the disciples. Even though he must leave the disciples, he tells them that they will have a future because of the help he will send them in the Holy Spirit. In this section he focuses more on the shape of the future, which will include Jesus' victory over the world that they will share in. The disciples of Jesus cannot know the future. They can only know that, whatever shape the future takes, they will not have to face it alone. They have the Spirit of Truth, who will continue to provide the teaching of Jesus in the future.

Reading this passage on Trinity Sunday reinforces our understanding of the unity shared by the members of the Trinity. Although the idea of one God in three persons remains a mystery, we have the assurance that, as Jesus and the Father share all, Jesus and the Spirit share all.

Family Connection: Think of the last time you witnessed an act of selfless love in your family. Parents and caregivers of all kinds are called upon to act selflessly every day. Family life calls us to share selfless love with one another.

God is the model for us of selfless love. There was no need for God to create our planet or the creatures that inhabit it; it was an act of selfless love. There was also no need for God to send his only Son to save us. That too was an act of selfless love.

As we draw closer to God and the mystery of the Trinity, we learn about God's love. God has lavished us with love in the persons of the Son and the Spirit, who in turn nurture in us the desire to do the same. When we open ourselves to be filled with an awareness of the divine life within us, we participate in the endless spiral of love that leads to eternal life. Whenever we share selfless love in the family, we are sharing in the life of the Trinity.



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Each time we bless ourselves with holy water and make the Sign of the Cross, we remember that we are baptized in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.