



WEEK 2: Trinity Sunday, May 30, 2021

Our Mission: Share Christ with the World

Our Vision: A dynamic and joyful church where people experience God's saving love.

We Value: Quiet intimacy with the Lord

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40 • Second Reading: Romans 8:14-17

Gospel: Mt 28:16-20

The eleven disciples went to Galilee,
to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them.
When they all saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted.
Then Jesus approached and said to them,
"All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me.
Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,
teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.
And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."

REFLECTION

God as three Divine Persons, unified in One Divine nature - Trinity is one of the most complex aspects of Christianity. It is a mystery we may not fully understand until we see God face to face.

Through God's countless revelations to man, we get a glimpse of our awe-inspiring Creator. It is through His revelations that He has invited us into life with Him. Although it is incomprehensible, it is still deeply personal. As baptized Christians, we share in the life of the blessed Trinity, in relationship with Father, Son, Spirit, and seek to invite others to share in God's love.

DISCUSSION

• In the first reading, Moses proclaims the greatness of our God as he recounts what the Lord did for the Israelites. Is God competing for our attention? Moses had to do a lot of reminding to the Israelites of all God had done. **What "works" can you recall recently in which God was revealed to you?**

- **Do you enjoy a good mystery?** What about the mysteries of our faith – much of which we celebrate in this season: Pentecost, Trinity Sunday, and next week, Corpus Christi and the gift of the Body of Christ in the Most Holy Eucharist. These mysteries may be hard to grasp, impossible to explain in human terms, yet so vital to our Catholic being. **Are you challenged by these mysteries?** How would you explain them to someone curious about our faith?
- Just as Moses gave his people a farewell speech, the Gospel presents us with Jesus' farewell to his apostles: Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them *in the name of the Father, in the name of the Son, in the name of the Holy Spirit*. That's intentional. Jesus wants us to know our God *by name, personally*, so we may build that relationship of love.
 - **Which revelation of God is most powerful for you – Creator, Savior, Sanctifier?** Which person of the Blessed Trinity do you relate to most? Has this changed over the years?
 - The Gospel reminds us of the Great Commission, which equates to our parish mission to go Share Christ with the World. **What's your sense: do others get to know God through your works? Do you ever evoke in some way that, what you do, is done in His name?**

LIVING WHAT WE VALUE

Trinity Sunday reminds us of the core truth of our faith: **God is a community of 3 persons.** God is relational. At the very center of God's existence is a community of love and life and an interdependent **relationship**. As Christians, we VALUE that relationship.

In the weeks ahead, we will discuss what we value as we grow in our faith. For what we value, we are willing to invest in. We can't just know God by name. We have to really get to know Him – that leads us to affirm that **We Value: Quiet Intimacy with the Lord.** **In the next week, how will you practice – nurture – this Value? Invitation: First Friday Adoration, 8am-12noon is June 4.**

CLOSING PRAYER

- **GROUP:** The sweetest sound to most anyone is the sound of their name. It automatically takes things from anonymous and distant – to personal and intimate. So, when you close today's reflections, go slow, be intentional, and talk to God...

In the name of the Father _____ In the name of the Son_____

In the name of the Holy Spirit_____

- **PERSONAL:** The Holy Spirit seems to be “the forgotten member of the Trinity”, even though this is the person in the Trinity we relate to most, says Fr. James Martin. “The Holy Spirit is responsible for drawing us closer to God...the feeling that moves you when you hear a beautiful hymn....or when someone says something that gets you out of a depression ...the voice that says it's wrong to just walk past the homeless...that's the Holy Spirit at work. The Spirit is active in your spiritual life – in fact, the Spirit is Your Spiritual Life. Fr. Martin suggests in your conversations to God, to consider asking: **God help me; Jesus be with me; Come Holy Spirit.**