

The Most Holy Trinity June 16, 2019

[T]he love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

— Romans 5:5b

THIS IS THE HOLY TRINITY

Today we celebrate the Holy Trinity, one of the most confounding mysteries of our faith. Through this mystery we experience our relationship to God: Creator, Savior, and Holy Spirit. This relationship is not easy to understand or to describe. It does not become clearer through analysis. Its complexity mirrors the complexity of all our relationships. We understand our relationships with our spouses, our children, our parents, and our friends only through daily give-and-take, annual rituals, and the life-changing moments we share. We understand our relationships only as we live them. The relationships we have with those we love, and who love us, sustain us through an uncertain and difficult life. This is the Holy Trinity.

What is striking about today's readings is that each is incomplete. What they do offer is a description of a moment in our relationship, a memory of a time and an event when our relationship made sense even though that sense may be beyond our ability to describe fully. Often that is all that our faith offers, that is, a memory of what is possible, what is promised, what has been given. A memory of eternity, of love beyond understanding is to be cherished and nurtured even if not fully understood. This is the Holy Trinity.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today's feast, extending a dimension of Easter joy into Ordinary Time, reminds us that every aspect of worship centers on the mystery of God in three persons. At baptism, we are initiated into Christ *and* the Spirit. The Creed we recite at Mass every Sunday has its roots in the ancient celebration of baptism, when a new believer was questioned at the edge of the waters of the font with three questions: Do you believe in God, the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit? Three questions, three affirmations, three immersions into the saving waters. Because every liturgy abounds with references to the Trinity, not only in words but in blessings by the sign of the cross, this feast was not easily accepted into the calendar. Pope Alexander in the eleventh century remarked that the liturgy is so laden with praise of the Trinity that there was no need for a special feast. Two hundred years later, while in exile in France, Pope John XXII proclaimed the feast, but it was not until 1911 that Pope St. Pius X gave it status as a solemnity.

A favorite image in art for today is the Icon of the Trinity, showing three glorious winged men seated at a table laden with bread and a cup of wine. It recalls Abraham's hospitality to angels and gives expression to the inner life of God, a life lived in relationship, a life poured out in abundance whenever Christians gather at the table of the Eucharist to give praise to the Father, in Christ, in the embrace of the Spirit.

—Rev. James Field, © J. S. Paluch Co.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Cor 6:1-10; Ps 98:1, 2b, 3-4; Mt 5:38-42
Tuesday: 2 Cor 8:1-9; Ps 146:2, 5-9a; Mt 5:43-48
Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-11; Ps 112:1bc-4, 9; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: 2 Cor 11:1-11; Ps 111:1b-4, 7-8; Mt 6:7-15
Friday: 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30; Ps 34:2-7; Mt 6:19-23
Saturday: 2 Cor 12:1-10; Ps 34:8-13; Mt 6:24-34
Sunday: Gn 14:18-20; Ps 110:1-4; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Lk 9:11b-17

HARD ROWING:

Learning is like rowing upstream;
not to advance is to drop back. —Chinese proverb

Finance Corner:

Your generosity is greatly needed and appreciated!

Weekly Offering



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For the month of **June** offerings:

6/9: 1st Collection: \$2766. Diocese Priest Benefits Welfare: \$1309.
6/16: Capital Expenditures. 6/23: No 2nd collection.

Mark your Calendar for Future Events & Meetings:

Parish Council: TBD

Finance Council: Tues., 6/25/19, at 11:00AM in Hall

Liturgy Committee: Fri., 7/19/19, at 9:30AM in Hall

St. Teresa Ladies Guild: Contact Diane, 823-6044

St. Philip Ladies Guild: Contact Susan, 829-1189

Every Friday, Centering Prayer: 9:30AM at St Philip

Coffee & Goodies: Following 8AM Sunday Mass and Wednesday/Friday after 9AM Mass, at St Philip Hall

Mondays & Wednesdays-Seniors Lunch at 12noon:

All seniors welcome! (No lunch Monday before 2nd Tues. of month)



✠ ♥ ✠ Mass Intentions ✠ ♥ ✠ Schedule

Sat., June 15, 5pm Mass ✠ Bob Corda
Sun., June 16, 8am Mass ✠ Chris & Michael Wirtz
Sun., June 16, 9:30am Mass ✠ Bob Tiller
Sun., June 16, 11:15am Mass for the People
Mon., June 17, 9am Mass for the conversion & just punishment of the perpetrators and concealers of sexual abuse
Tues., June 18, NO Mass [clergy workshop]
Wed., June 19, NO Mass
Thurs., June 20, NO Mass
Fri., June 21, 9am Mass for the strength of the bishops to be holy shepherds in protecting/ leading their sheep from all harm
Sat., June 22, 5pm Mass ✠ Brendan Smith
Sun., June 23, 8am Mass for the People
Sun., June 23, 9:30am Mass for the healing and support of all victims of clergy sexual abuse
Sun., June 23, 11:15am Mass ✠ Emily & Joe Palmer

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Most Holy Trinity; Father's Day
Wednesday: St. Romuald
Friday: St. Aloysius Gonzaga; Summer begins
Saturday: St. Paulinus of Nola; Ss. John Fisher and Thomas More; BVM

Prayer Requests: Teresa K., Pat K., Thomas T., Susan B., Lorri McC., Sarah, Clifford J., Terri A., Marilyn Vitali, Fred Pisani, Theresa Spiteri, Sara, Mary Anne P., Barbara, Dave Creeth, Jim P., Gen B. William, Parson Pfsorich, Dave, Mary O., Bill Z., Daniel, Sally T., Mary K., Columбина A., Michael Dan, Richard Macche, Kathleen, Lisa, Aaron, Rosa S., Susan B., Zeidan family, Joyce Doughty, Anita C., George H. and Mimi H, Steve, Barry, Colleen Lunardi, Jacinta G., April K., Lorrin K



saint snippets

I do not care very much what men say of me, provided that God approves me.

St. Thomas More
English lawyer, father of four, and the patron saint of politicians

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FATHERHOOD

My father didn't tell me how to live;
he lived, and let me watch him do it.

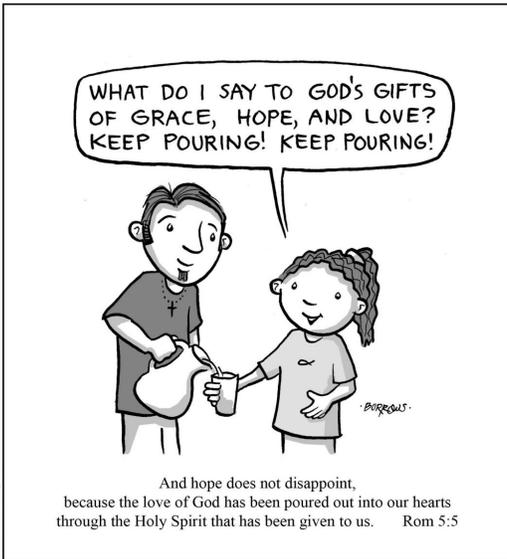
—Clarence Budington Kelland

Thomas Stuart to be Ordained Deacon in June 2019:

Thomas Stuart from our own parish will be ordained to the Transitional Diaconate along with John Plass this Friday, June 21, 2019 at 6 p.m., at the Cathedral of Saint Eugene in Santa Rosa. Please come to support Thomas and John by attending their ordination Mass. Bless you!

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



Flowers for the Altar during the Year are a spiritual investment for a loved one, to celebrate any occasion, or just to express gratitude for your blessings. Flowers are also a gift to all of us as we enter and see the glorious display around the altar and experience the liturgy framed by such exquisite beauty. We appreciate your donations! To contribute for St. Philip Church flowers, please call Dolores at 874-6072.

Parish Notes:

Please be aware that Fr. Fergal's last days with us are next weekend, June 22-23. We thank him for his energy, ideas, and time with us here at St. Philip & St. Teresa, and wish him well in his new assignment at St. Apollinaris, Napa.



CBIS Fund:

"The balance in the CBIS endowment account was \$147,758 at close of business May 31." [per Bill McCann, Finance Council]

Pope Francis Quote

"Give freely that which you have received freely, so that God's graces may reach the hearts of all."

RURAL FOOD PROGRAM UPDATE for MAY 2019

On May 14 we welcomed 89 families representing 125 adults, 37 children and 33 seniors for a total of 195 people receiving nutritional support. This program is funded through the Rural Food Collection on the last Sunday of each month as well as through private donations and the generous support of our volunteers.

RURAL FOOD VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We can use your help in the following ways:

- Any day: Develop recipes for clients use, using products we provide
- Publish a one-page client newsletter six times/year
- Help with the food ordering process
- Shop for our clients at Redwood Empire Food Bank
- Collect paper grocery bags with handles and egg cartons

Monday: Unload our storeroom and delivery truck.

Set up the hall for food distribution.

Pick up produce at Andy's Produce.

Tuesday: Help our clients take groceries to their vehicles.

Contact Hal McGuirk, Cathy McCool or Rod DeMartini if you can help with any of these tasks. THANK YOU!

Saturday, June 8, from 9-10:00am repackaging -- Parish Hall

Monday, June 10, from 12:30 – 2:30pm to set up the Parish Hall

Tuesday, June 11, from 8:30 – 11:00am to distribute the food and assist clients.

ALERT! People have again been getting scam texts and emails, supposedly from clergy or friends, asking for gift cards, money favors, etc. **DO NOT RESPOND TO SUCH EMAILS OR TEXTS.** (If worried about the real person, contact him/her directly instead.)

"I'm Home Alone" is a free daily telephone check-in service by volunteers to elders, disabled, and housebound individuals throughout Sonoma County. Registered clients receive a telephone call once a day, Monday through Friday (Saturday, Sunday, and holidays can be arranged), within a four hour time frame. If you would like to register for the program, please see information below. If you are interested in volunteering as a caller, Catholic Charities might be able to use another friendly voice. To register for the program or as a volunteer caller, please call us at 707-528-8712 ext. 185.

FATHERHOOD

When a father gives to his son, both laugh;
when a son gives to his father, both cry.

—William Shakespeare

