THE MOST HOLY TRINITY June 15, 2025

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. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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.

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REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

Last week we celebrated the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church. This week's scriptures continue to explore the gift of the Holy Spirit, but this time they focus on how the gift of the Holy Spirit binds the church to God in a holy communion of love.

In John's Gospel we hear of the closeness of the Father and the Son. Jesus says, "Everything the Father has is mine" and that the Spirit will pass on what Jesus has to us. The Letter to the Romans helps us realize what it is that we have received: The holy love that is shared between Father and Son "has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us" (Romans 5:5). Not only does our God "delight in the human race" (Proverbs 8:31), care for us, and crown us with glory and honor (Psalm 8:6); through the gift of the Spirit God binds us in a holy communion to the eternal love of the Trinity. —Virginia Stillwell

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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

Living God's Word - Week after week we partake of the sacrament of Holy Communion. In this sacrament the Holy Spirit continues to pour out God's love into our hearts and bind the church more deeply into holy communion with the love of the Holy Trinity. How can we not reach out to others and draw them into that holy communion of love?

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MASS CHANGES *begin next Sunday*, June 22nd –

- The 8:30AM Spanish Mass will be celebrated @8:00AM
- Mass will be celebrated @ Holy Family at 9:30AM and every 3rd Sunday of the month thereafter.
- No Sunday morning confessions on the 3rd Sunday of the month. Same schedule for the other weekend Masses.

Saturday, June 14th -
5:00PM-IHM – For the People of Nolan County

Sunday, June 15th - IHM
8:30AM – Por nuestros Padres vivos y difuntos
11:00AM – For our Fathers living and deceased

Tuesday, June 17th 9:00AM - HF
+Ray T. Reyes

Wednesday, June 18th 6:00PM–IHM
+Vicky Soto, Moses Tovar, Susie Ramirez

Thursday, June 19th 9:00AM - HF
+Aurelia Garza

Friday, June 20th 9:00AM - HF
In Thanksgiving for Emilia Acevedo's birthday

Saturday, June 21st -
5:00PM-IHM – +Maria Morales & Carlos Guerrero, Rodolfo Morales; +Gloria Castro, Delia Sparkman, Rudy Torres, Nellie, Dolores, Francisco, Frank, Jr., Velia, Juana, Tony y Patricia Gomez

Sunday, June 22nd - IHM
8:30AM – +Margarito, Carlotta y Ray Gomez
9:30AM – HF +Kris Torrez
11:00AM – For the People of Nolan County

Celebrate the Baby by Helping Babies!

The parish will be collecting baby items during the month of June to donate to the Women's Pregnancy Crisis Center.

►**BABY DONATIONS to include:**
Diapers – Sizes 4-6, Wipes,
New or gently used Baby Clothes, preferably 12 months and up,
Baby Lotions, and Baby Shampoo.
You can bring your donations to any of the Masses.

¡Celebra al Bebé ayudando a los bebés!

La parroquia estará recolectando artículos para bebés durante el mes de junio para donarlos al Centro de Crisis de Embarazo de Mujeres.

►**DONACIONES PARA BEBÉS para incluir:**
Pañales - Tallas 4-6, Toallitas húmedas,
Ropa de bebé nueva o poco usada, preferiblemente de 12 meses en adelante,
Lociones para bebés y Champú para bebés.
Puedes llevar tus donaciones a cualquiera de las Misas.

NOTE: YOUTH GROUP – meets Wednesday, June 18th, from 7:00pm-8:30pm at Fraley Park.

HAPPY FATHERS DAY

FELIZ DIA del PADRE -- May God bless all fathers, grandfathers, and all those who have been father role models in our lives!

FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST is next Sunday, June 22nd. We will have a Eucharistic Procession beginning at @6:00pm from Holy Family to Immaculate Heart ending with a meal. Please sign up for the Procession today so that we can have a head count to prepare for the meal!

WHY AM I CATHOLIC?-Deacon Bill's sharing session is every Tuesday at his home, @6pm. All are invited!

WEDNESDAY – Confessions begin at 5:15pm followed by Mass at 6:00pm & Adoration until 7:30pm @IHM. Confession will also be available during Adoration.

ULTREYA– meets Monday, June 16th, 7:00pm at IHM Hall. All are welcome! You don't have to be a cursillista to attend.

¡ATENCIÓN! ¿Quiere aprender más sobre la fe? Entonces, está invitado a participar en las clases de catecismo para adultos en español. El curso comenzará a finales de abril y se prolongará durante todo el verano hasta que se hayan impartido todas las clases. La primera clase será miercoles 30 de abril, 2025, a las 7:00p.m. en el Salón de Inmaculado Corazón en 507 W. Alabama Ave. El catequista será Victor Rubio Jr. Note mas informacion en la entrada de la iglesia.

PARISH MOVIE GROUP–will not meet until June 29th.

BAPTISM – To schedule, please call the office

June 7/8, 2025 COLLECTION DATA

ENVELOPES/CHECKS……$3743.00
LOOSE PLATE……1094.00
Parishes in Need..*(Diocesan Collection)*.....1162.00
TOTAL COLLECTION…….$5999.00

Thank you for your generosity

HOLY SPIRIT CLEANING SCHEDULE

June 21, 2025 – Guadalupanas June 28-Jamaica

"JAMAICA 2025" -- September 28th

We're still handing out Jamaica Raffle Tickets
Don't forget yours; Keep Selling!

GUADALUPANA SCHOLARSHIPS –
The Guadalupana Society would like to thank all who donated monetary gifts & raffle items; all who bought tickets and for all the hard work that made these scholarships possible. The Guadalupanas awarded 8 scholarships of $440 each. Congratulations to our recipients! Kaitlyn Vera, Victoria Palacios, Jackson Cooper Horn, Tiffany Hardin, Nayely Hernandez, Diego Alvarez, Joseph Peña, and Maribel Carlos.

God's Blessings

PRAYER TO BE AN EXAMPLE OF LOVE

Lord Jesus, as my children watch me; what sort of man do they see? Someone wrapped up in his own enjoyments and pursuits? Or a man living for the sake of others? Lord, please may it be the latter. Help me to have a generous and giving heart, a love that shows itself in both word and deed, starting with my wife and children and extending especially to my neighbor in need. Lord God, may I imitate You, Who came not to be served, but to serve. *Amen.*