Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity – June 7, 2020

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, June 9th, St. Ephraim (Opt Mem)

1st Reading: 1 Kings 17.7-16 Gospel: Matthew 5.13-16

+Tony Pukarowski (Hauck Family)

Wednesday, June 10th

1st Reading: 1 Kings 18.20-39 Gospel: Matthew 5.17-19

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Thursday, June 11th, St. Barnabas (Obl Mem)

1st Reading: Acts 11.21b-26, 13.1-3

Gospel: Matthew 10.7-13

+Ignoc Kramar (Maria Berlot)

Friday, June 12th

1st Reading: 1 Kings 19.9a, 11-16

Gospel: Matthew 5.27-32

+Mirko Cavar (Ruzica Perko)

Saturday, June 13th, St. Anthony of Padua (Obl Mem)

1st Reading: 1 Kings 19.19-21 Gospel: Matthew 5.33-37

For the Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

Sunday June 14th,

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 8.2-3, 14-16 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 10.16-17

Gospel: John 6.51-59

For the Intentions of Ricardo & Hema Burguete

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY



"Everything, in Christian life, revolves around the mystery of the Trinity and is fulfilled in this infinite mystery. Let us look, therefore, to keep high the 'tone' of our life, reminding ourselves to what end, for what glory we exist, work, struggle, suffer; and to which immense prize we are called." -Pope Francis

First Reading

Exodus 34:4b-6,8-9

Moses pleads for God's mercy on Mt. Sinai.

Responsorial Psalm

Daniel 3:52-56

We praise God who is exalted above all forever.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Paul urges the Corinthians to live in peace with one another and with God.

Gospel Reading

John 3:16-18

God sent his Son into the world to save the world.

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BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING:

This week we return to the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. This Sunday and next, however, are designated as solemnities—special days that call our attention to central mysteries of our faith. Today on Trinity Sunday we celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity, one God in three persons.

Today's Gospel is from the beginning of John's Gospel. The passage we read follows Jesus' conversation with a Pharisee, Nicodemus, about what it means to be born of both water and the spirit. Nicodemus approaches Jesus at night and acknowledges Jesus as a teacher from God. Jesus tells him that only those who are born from above will see the Kingdom of God. Nicodemus misunderstands and questions how a person can be born more than once. Jesus tells Nicodemus that no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. Jesus is essentially explaining Baptism, which we celebrate as a sacrament today. Yet Nicodemus, we are told, still does not understand what Jesus is saying. Jesus continues by testifying to the need to be born from above so that one might have eternal life.

After the dialogue with Nicodemus, the author of the Gospel offers his own explanation of Jesus' words. This is what we read in today's Gospel, John 3:16-18.

In the context of today's focus on the mystery of the Holy Trinity, the reading calls our attention to the action of God, who reveals himself in three persons: God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit. God the Father, out of love for the world, sent his Son into the world in order to save it. Through the death and resurrection of the Son, we have been given the gift of the Holy Spirit. As three persons, God acts always as a God of love; he does not condemn the world but acts to save it.

The Gospel also calls attention to the response that is required of us. God's love for us calls us to respond in faith by professing our belief in God's son, Jesus, and the salvation that he has won for us. This profession of faith is a sign of the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

FAMILY CONNECTION

Because of God's great love for us, he sent his Son, Jesus, to save the world. Jesus, in turn, sent the Holy Spirit so that our faith in God and his love would be strengthened. The nurturing experiences of family life also help us to understand and have faith in God's love. Create a family poster together showing all the ways in which your family experiences God's great love. Use symbols, pictures, and words to show how you have seen God at work in your family life and in our history. Then read together today's Gospel, John 3:16-18. Pray together, thanking God for his gift of love. Conclude by praying the Glory Be to the Father or today's Psalm. (Www.loyolapress.com)

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

With the season of Easter over, we are now in the ordinary time of the year in the Churches Liturgical calendar, and yet we are faced with a lot of new changes in our lives and in the way we practically do everything including the way we worship God and practice our faith.

This weekend would have been the ordination of Mr. Paul Mulligan to the Permanent diaconate Order but for the pandemic and lockdown. We assure Paul of our prayers and good wishes in the months and years ahead. Please find a letter Paul has written on this weekend of the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. The letter can be accessed www.stmaryimmaculate.com.

PRAYER REQUEST FOR ALL THE SICK:

We pray for the sick around the world especially those who feel alone in their struggles, those who have been affected by the current COVID-19 pandemic, Healthcare Professionals and Frontline workers, may they experience healing and God's loving care and protection. We also pray for our sick parishioners and those who look after them: Don Woodham, Maverick Southern, Margaret Morris, Defina Segatti, Felix Kozak, Argene Pellegrini, Tom Wunder, Kaelynn Heines, and family and friends. May Our Blessed Mother Mary, Health of the sick, pray and intercede for us, Amen!

PLEASE KEEP OUR RECENTLY DECEASED LOVED ONES IN YOUR PRAYERS: **Wayne Robinson and Ethel Doucette**.