The name of the Trinity is, without a doubt, the most familiar sacred name to us. We speak it every time we make the sign of the cross, and it forms the heart of our Creed. Trinity Sunday is a good day, however, to stop and reflect on the unique role of each of the three persons we name so often in the Trinity and in our own lives.

When we celebrate the Eucharist on Sunday, we come together as the Body of Christ through our baptism, and through the power of the Holy Spirit we offer the whole prayer of the Mass to God the Father. This presence of the Trinity does not stop when we leave church on Sunday. We are—always and everywhere—members of the Body, and every thing we do as members of that Body is empowered by the Holy Spirit, all of it offered to the glory of our loving Father.

Take a moment each day this week to reflect on how the persons of the Trinity were present to you during the day, and how other people came to see the presence of the Trinity in your witness to the Good News.

JUNE 15, 2014
THE MOST HOLY TRINITY
LIFE IN THE TRINITY
The Most Holy Trinity
June 15, 2014

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son.
~ John 3:16a

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD, merciful and gracious, rich in kindness and faithfulness (Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9).
Psalm — Glory and praise for ever! (Daniel 3).
Second Reading — Brothers and sisters, rejoice. Live with one another in peace, and the God of peace will be with you (2 Corinthians 13:11-13).
Gospel — God did not send the Son to condemn the world, but to give it abundant life (John 3:16-18).

A FATHER’S DAY PRAYER

Thank you, friend Jesus, for my father who loves me, for my grandfather who cares for me, and for God, your father and mine, who made me and is always with me. How lucky I am!

by Gaynell Bordes Cronin

If you are scheduled to have a surgery and would like to meet with a priest beforehand for Confession and Blessing of the Sick please call the parish office to schedule an appointment, 481-7171.

POPE FRANCIS’ PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JUNE 2014

Unemployed. That the unemployed may receive support and find the work they need to live in dignity.

Faith in Europe. That Europe may rediscover its Christian roots through the witness of believers.

GIFT SHOP HOURS
May 1st - Nov. 1st
Sat. 2:30 - 3:30
Sun. 8:00 - 12:45

HAPPY FATHER’S DAY TO ALL FATHERS OF THE PARISH!!!
MINISTRY OF THE SICK

The following hospitals are attended to by the parish in which they are located:

* Gulf Coast Hospital - visited daily by Blessed Pope John XXIII Parish, 561-2245
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* Lee Memorial and Hospice at Health Park - visited daily by St. Columbkille Parish, 489-3973

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TO ALL PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS:

To protect your privacy hospitals do not give out information on patients without their permission. If you wish a visit from one of the Resurrection priests please notify the hospital as well as the parish office, 481-7171 as quickly as possible.

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THANK YOU!
FORTNIGHT FOR FREEDOM
The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) have called for a “Fortnight if Freedom” for this year, 2014. “Fortnight for Freedom,” is a 14-day period of prayer, education and action in support of religious freedom, from June 21 - July 4.

The fourteen days from June 21—the vigil of the Feasts of St. John Fisher and St. Thomas More—to July 4, Independence Day, are dedicated to this “fortnight for freedom”—a great hymn of prayer for our country. Our liturgical calendar celebrates a series of great martyrs who remained faithful in the face of persecution by political power—St. John Fisher and St. Thomas More, St. John the Baptist, SS. Peter and Paul, and the First Martyrs of the Church of Rome. Culminating on Independence Day, this special period of prayer, study, catechesis, and public action would emphasize both our Christian and American heritage of liberty.

FORTNIGHT FOR FREEDOM AT RESURRECTION PARISH

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. July 4th

- 8:30 a.m., Recitation of Divine Mercies, Litany for Liberty, Benedic-

tion

Daily Rosary for the Fortnight - Our Daily Rosary will be said for “RELIGIOUS FREEDOM”

Let Freedom Ring - Resurrection’s Church Bells will ring on June 21st to begin the Fortnight, and then again on July 4th to mark the conclu-

Let us all participate whole-heartedly.
The stakes are high!!
WHY WE NEED A HEALTH CARE CONSCIENCE RIGHTS ACT

The right of religious liberty, the First Freedom guaranteed by our Constitution, includes a right to provide and receive health care without being required to violate our most fundamental beliefs. Especially since 1973, when abortion became legal nationwide, federal lawmakers have worked in a bipartisan way to ensure that Americans can fully participate in our health care system without being forced to take part in abortion or other procedures that violate their conscience.

But the need to improve current laws is clear, because the right of conscience is still under attack:

- Under the new health care reform law, the federal government is demanding that almost all health plans fully cover female sterilization and a wide range of drugs and devices to prevent pregnancy, including those that can cause an early abortion. Even individuals and organizations with a religious objection to abortion, sterilization or other procedures are forced to take part.
- A Catholic agency that for years had provided excellent service lost its federal grant to serve the victims of human trafficking, because it could not, in conscience, comply with a new requirement to facilitate abortions and other morally objectionable procedures for its clients.
- Dedicated health care professionals, especially nurses, still face pressure to assist in abortions under threat of losing their jobs or their eligibility for training programs.

- In some states, government officials are seeking to force even Catholic hospitals to allow abortions or provide abortion coverage in order to continue or expand their ministry.

This is why members of Congress of both parties sponsored the Health Care Conscience Rights Act (H.R. 940, S. 1204). The Act would improve federal law in three ways:

1. Correcting loopholes and other deficiencies in the major federal law preventing governmental discrimination against health care providers that do not help provide or pay for abortions.
2. Inserting a conscience clause into the health care reform law, so its mandates for particular “benefits” in private health plans will not be used to force insurers, employers and individuals to violate their consciences or give up their health insurance.
3. Adding a “private right of action” to existing federal conscience laws, so those whose consciences are being violated can go to court to defend their rights. (Current enforcement is chiefly at the discretion of the Department of Health and Human Services, which is itself sponsoring some attacks on conscience rights.)

All House and Senate members should be urged to support and co-sponsor the Health Care Conscience Rights Act, so our First Freedom can regain its proper place as a fundamental right protected in our health care system. For more details, see: www.usccb.org/conscience.

What can you do to ensure the protection of religious freedom at home and abroad?
Text the word “Freedom” to 377377 for updates from the bishops on current threats to religious liberty. Also, please visit www.usccb.org/freedom for more information on how you can take action to protect religious liberty!
MARRIAGE AND RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Redefining Marriage and the Threat to Religious Liberty

The Catholic Church teaches: “Marriage and the family are institutions that must be promoted and defended from every possible misrepresentation of their true nature, since whatever is injurious to them is injurious to society itself” (Sacramentum Caritatis, 29). As the following examples illustrate, efforts to redefine marriage are harming our religious liberties:

New Mexico (2013) – The owners of a photography studio would not take the pictures of a same-sex “commitment ceremony” because they did not want to participate in behavior contrary to their religious beliefs. In 2013, the New Mexico Supreme Court denied the owners’ appeal, affirming the lower court opinion that the studio violated the state Human Rights Act. The owners of the studio have asked the U.S. Supreme Court to hear the case.

Colorado (2013) – Two men “married” in Massachusetts requested a Denver bakery make a “wedding” cake for their wedding reception in Denver. For religious reasons, the owners of the bakery declined to make the cake. The two men filed a complaint with the Colorado Division of Civil Rights, which found that the bakery violated that law. After this finding, the Colorado Attorney General’s office filed a complaint against the bakery, resulting in an administrative law judge deciding against the bakery.

Washington (2013) – A florist who declined to provide flowers for a same-sex “wedding” was sued by the state Attorney General.

Maine (2012) – The State of Maine has informed all notaries public (approximately 25,000) that regardless of religious objections, they must “wed” same-sex “couples,” if they wed opposite-sex couples. Otherwise, these notaries could be subject to a claim of discrimination. In the words of one notary: “I'm a Catholic and under no circumstances would I do a same-sex marriage.” He added, “I'm concerned that if I refused to perform a same-sex marriage, I could be challenged legally.”

Vermont (2012) – For allegedly not hosting a “wedding” reception for a same-sex “couple,” Catholic owners of a bed and breakfast settled a discrimination lawsuit, requiring them to (1) pay $10,000 civil penalty, (2) pay $20,000 to a charitable trust, and (3) not host wedding receptions of any kind. Upon settling the lawsuit, the owners of the bed and breakfast said, “But no one can force us to abandon our deeply held beliefs about marriage.”

New Jersey (2012) – The New Jersey Division on Civil Rights found that a Methodist organization violated a public accommodations law by not allowing a same-sex civil union ceremony at its boardwalk pavilion.


What can you do to ensure the protection of religious freedom at home and abroad?
The U.S. Bishops have called for a Fortnight for Freedom from June 21 to July 4, 2014. Please visit www.fortnight4freedom.org for more information on this important time of prayer, education, and action in support of religious freedom!
HAPPY FATHER’S DAY
TO ALL FATHERS OF THE PARISH
At a Mass which was held on Saturday, June 7, at 10 a.m. at Epiphany Cathedral in Venice, five area men were instituted as Acolytes. Bishop Frank J. Dewane was the main celebrant. Very Rev. Fausto Stampiglia, S.A.C. concelebrated with Bishop Dewane and Deacon William Ladroga assisted.

The men who were instituted as Acolytes are: Steve Beck of Incarnation Parish in Sarasota; Edison Gibbons of St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish in Port Charlotte; Roberto Landron of St. Agnes Parish in Naples; Yuri Perez of St. Katherine Drexel Parish in Cape Coral; and Dr. David Reardon of Resurrection Parish in Fort Myers.

When asked about the lengthy process required to become a Deacon for the Diocese of Venice Dr. Reardon, one of the newly instituted Acolytes, offered the following explanation:

“The formation process for the diaconate in the Diocese of Venice is a 5 year program that has included monthly formation weekends where a combination of classroom and practical information is studied and shared. Simultaneously the aspirants (as one is referred to in the first two years in our diocese) are enrolled in the Blessed Edmund Rice School for Pastoral Ministry where they earn either a Masters Degree in Pastoral Theology or Diploma in Pastoral Theology depending on whether or not they already have a B.S or B.A. degree. (prior degree qualifies you for the Masters).

In the first two years the wives of the aspirants are required to participate in the weekend formation sessions. After completing the first two years the aspirants are instituted to Candidates in a Mass/ceremony similar to the one they just experienced for Acolyte.

The following year in a similar way they are instituted to Reader, thereby qualifying them to read non-Gospel readings at Mass.

The last step before ordination is institution to Acolyte which just occurred. As an Acolyte they can serve at the altar, helping the priest and deacon and may care for the sacred vessels used at Mass.

At the end of the fifth year they will be ordained as Permanent Deacons.

“The entire journey has been a blessing”, says Dr. Reardon. “We have grown more mature in our faith and more pastoral in our attitude”.

The Deacon is the icon of Christ the servant. His ministry is threefold, of the Word (proclaim the Gospel), the altar (the source of his grace), and service (the primary role of the deacon is to go where the bishop and the priests cannot go, to the far and dark corners of the diocese to attend to the outcast and marginalized).

The priests and parishioners of Resurrection parish extend their thanks and congratulations to these fine men for following the call to serve our Lord.
Reflecting on God’s Word

Can you remember a time when you heard an *acappella* choir sing in perfect harmony? Perhaps you have sung in a choir like that. The many voices blend into one voice, the many parts into unified chords, the many notes into a single song. If we can imagine that harmony for an instant, we might hear an echo of the perfect harmony uniting our one God. The three-part harmony in God sings a single song of love. It sings of the merciful, faithful love of the Father who nurtures and protects this weak, beloved human family. It sings of the self-giving love of Jesus that liberates us from slavishly repeating our sins. It sings of the unifying love of the Holy Spirit that binds us together in love and unity and peace.

As we imagine that harmonious hymn of praise, we might also hear a summons to live in the harmony that the Holy Spirit empowers in us. Our God’s love is so powerful that it resounds in the Christian community and invites the whole world to sing along in the never-ending hymn of love.

—Virginia Stillwell

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**Living God’s Word**

The Corinthians, didn’t always show forth the love of the Trinity in their community. That is why Paul reminds them to “mend your ways.” How shall we respond to Paul’s encouragement to “agree with one another, live in peace” so that “the God of love and peace” will be with us today?

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