THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

We are on a long and eventful journey. Today’s readings for Trinity Sunday succinctly cover the depth and breadth of our human travels.

The very beginnings of our journey are revealed in the reading from Proverbs. God’s plan filled with divine wisdom was born before the earth was made. In today’s Gospel, Jesus speaks of his own personal journey. He has come from the Father and will return to the Father. Only then will the Advocate—the Spirit of Truth—take us onward.

This does not diminish the fact that the journey will be hard. The very setting of the Gospel is the night before Jesus died. As Saint Paul writes to the Romans, “[W]e even boast of our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance, proven character, and proven character, hope” (Romans 5:3-4).

Ultimately, our human journey is modeled by the Holy Trinity—a family of love among Father, Son, and Spirit that we are all called to emulate.

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The Most Holy Trinity
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The love of God has been poured out into our hearts the Holy Spirit.
— Romans 5:5b

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Angelo Viticone
by wife, MaryLou

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ALL events take place in the Parish Center unless otherwise stated.
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Bereavement & Beyond Ministry, Every Monday, 8:30am.
For more information call Alouise 481-8168
Coffee & Donuts, Sundays after 10:30 Mass
Craft Club, Tuesdays, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.
Men's Club, 2nd Monday of month, 7:00p.m., Sept. - May
Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Novena, Saturdays after the 8:00a.m. Mass, church
Prayer for Priests, Thursdays after the 8:00a.m. Mass, chapel
RCIA, Sundays, after the 9:00a.m. Mass, for info, 482-6883
Rel. Ed., September - May
Resurrection for Life, for info, call Judy at 287-1237
Resurrection Prayerline Ministry, call Deanna Latell 481-1170.
Rosary, before daily Masses and Tues. & Thurs., 1:30p.m., chapel
Rosary Makers, 3rd Thursdays Oct. thru May, 9-11 a.m.
St. Vincent DePaul Board Meeting, 1st Tues. every month, 7:00 pm. For SVDP assistance call 239-600-6749, or email, svdp@resurrectionch.org
Teams of Our Lady, call Joann for more information, 482-7982
Women’s Guild, 3rd Wednesday every month, 8:30a.m. Sept. - May

MINISTRY OF THE SICK
IMPORTANT NOTE TO ALL PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS:
When admitted to the hospital please register as Catholic and notify the parish office immediately, 481-7171. Resurrection priests visit the hospitals daily.
To protect your privacy hospitals do not give out information on patients without their permission.
The following hospitals are attended to by the parish in which they are located:
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2016 CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL
Our assessment for this year is $347,000.00
Payments made thus far Total: $253,056.62, Thank you!
We still need $93,943.38 to pay our assessment.
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Altar Flowers This Week:
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Nancy Crowther
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Dolores Laporta
In loving memory of:
Ray & Barbara Walsh
Congratulations to our own Kendall Brent, Scholar and Athlete

Resurrection parishioner, Kendall Brent, daughter of Kenneth and Deborah Brent, is to be congratulated! She was a recipient of the annual Athlete of the Year Award given recently by Fort Myers Rotary South. Kendall was the female winner of the $5,000.00 SWFL Rheem Team Scholar Athlete Scholarship.

Kendall, who is a senior at Fort Myers High School with a 5.10 GPA, is also a qualifier for the Open Water World Jr. Championships for Team USA Swimming. Kendall plans to study politics and economics at Yale.

Congratulations on your impressive achievements, Kendall!! And, best wishes for your future endeavors. May God bless you and keep you, along your journey!

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Around the turn of the fourth century, Augustine, still fairly fresh from the baptismal waters in Milan, was elected bishop of a tiny city in North Africa, Hippo. He told his people, “While I am frightened by what I am for you, then I am consoled by what I am with you. For you I am a bishop, with you I am a Christian.” He had his priorities right, and also knew that everyone coming from the water arises with a ministry, a specific role, in bringing about God’s kingdom.

If we were asked to purge English of Greek vocabulary, we would gain an insight into key ministries in our church. Bishop, from the Greek episkopos, would become simply “overseer;” priest, from the Greek presbyter, would become “elder;” and deacon, from the Greek diakonos, would be “servant.” Each title stands in relationship to all the baptized, serving the community, helping it to be the Body of Christ. In our deepest tradition, each of these ordained ministries is attuned to help us become our best selves, to hunger and thirst for the coming of God’s kingdom. The goal for each one of us is to be able to recognize the presence of Christ in worship and in service. Although only some of us are ordained to ministry, each of us is called to ministry.

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Claiming the Holy Trinity


Sunday, May 22, 2016, Most Holy Trinity

The day after Pentecost Sunday, we re-entered the “green days” of ordinary time. These are the days, weeks, and months when we are given a breathing space to allow the seeds of faith planted within us during our celebrations of Christmas, Epiphany, Easter, and Pentecost to begin to take root and grow within us, enriching our lives and allowing us to be transformed by the mysteries we celebrated. In this sense, these days are, in fact, extraordinary time—a time to reflect, remember, and to renew our commitment to live as disciples of the Risen Lord.

Of course, on Pentecost Sunday we recalled how the Holy Spirit came to Mary, the apostles, and the holy women in the upper room (cf. Acts 1:13-14). But part of the wonder of that first Pentecost was the unity—the communion—created by the Holy Spirit, who brought those faith-filled women and men together as the church. This was symbolized by the fact that diverse people from different lands, who spoke different languages, heard those first Christians speaking in a language that everyone was able to understand. The Holy Spirit had empowered the church to praise God and proclaim the good news with one voice! Individuals who had been isolated by their own fear and uncertainty had entered into a new relationship with one another, drawn together by nothing less than the power of God.

This Pentecost-wonder carried through into our ordinary time celebration of the Most Holy Trinity. It’s almost as if the church brought together, in a single solemn feast, the creative, saving, and sanctifying work that we celebrate in all the other great feasts of the church year. But Trinity Sunday also gives us a chance to recall that the God whom we adore is “one God in the Trinity and the Trinity in unity” (from The Catechism of the Catholic Church, 266).

This truth about God invites us to consider how all of our relationships are reflections of that unique and dynamic relationship that exists within God—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. And the great gift for us is that we are constantly being invited to be part of that relationship, to live in the love of God.

Reflecting on this, the spiritual writer Henri Nouwen wrote that he was convinced that “most human suffering comes from broken relationships. Anger, jealousy, resentment, and feelings of rejection all find their source in conflict between people who yearn for unity, community, and a deep sense of belonging. By claiming the Holy Trinity as home for our relational lives, we claim the truth that God gives us what we most desire and offers us the grace to forgive each other for not being perfect in love” (Behold the Beauty of the Lord).

It is this “claiming the Holy Trinity” that Saint Paul spoke of in his Letter to the Romans: “We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith to this grace in which we stand … because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us” (5:1b-2, 5).

All of this having been said, we have to accept that human language fails us when we try to describe or explain the nature of the Trinity or how we share in that divine relationship. It is the dynamic life and love of the Trinity itself, and our experience of the Trinity—that “claiming the Holy Trinity”—that makes it real for us.

In the end, our celebration of the Most Holy Trinity is an invitation for us to continue to move beyond our selves. The feast reminds us of the powerful ways that God remains at work in the world: in the ongoing act of creation, in the perduring gifts of healing and redemption, and the life-giving Spirit that inspires faith, hope, and love. This is something extraordinary to remember and celebrate each and every day of ordinary time.

Silas S. Henderson, MTS
May 22, 2016 -
The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

John 16:12-15
Whatever the Father has is mine. The Spirit of truth will guide us.

Background on the Gospel Reading
This week we return to the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. This Sunday and next Sunday, however, are designated as solemnities, special days that call our attention to central mysteries of our faith. Today, on the first Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. This feast invites us to consider what we believe about God, who has revealed himself to us in the Trinity—one God in three persons.

The verses of today's Gospel come near the end of Jesus' long discourse at the Last Supper. In the early part of this discourse, as we saw last week on Pentecost, Jesus offers assurances to the disciples. Even though he must leave the disciples, he tells them that they will have a future because of the help he will send them in the Holy Spirit. In this section he focuses more on the shape of the future, which will include Jesus' victory over the world that they will share in. The disciples of Jesus cannot know the future. They can only know that, whatever shape the future takes, they will not have to face it alone. They have the Spirit of Truth, who will continue to provide the teaching of Jesus in the future.

Reading this passage on Trinity Sunday reinforces our understanding of the unity shared by the members of the Trinity. Although the idea of one God in three persons remains a mystery, we have the assurance that, as Jesus and the Father share all, Jesus and the Spirit share all.

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