THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

THE INEXPRESSIBLE MYSTERY

The God of the universe is mysterious. Science has not been able to solve the mystery of how the universe came into being or explain exactly what continues to give it creative energy and masterful design. No religion asserts that it has found words to name fully the ineffable mystery of God, for no matter what name we use, God always transcends our limited ability to understand. God is a mystery to be believed, not known. And yet, we Christians believe that our name for God best expresses that inexpressible mystery: God is the Most Holy Trinity of three persons united in a communion of love, pouring forth that creative, saving, sanctifying love into the world. Today’s scriptures celebrate the mystery of the Trinity and give us clues for living that mystery in our lives.

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The Most Holy Trinity
June 11, 2017
God so loved the world that he gave his only Son.
~ John 3:16

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.

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.
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RESURRECTION CALENDAR

ALL events take place in the Parish Center unless otherwise stated.

Adoration, First Fridays, 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.
Bereavement & Beyond Ministry, Mondays, 10:00 a.m. 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, 7:00 p.m., Sept. - May
Men’s Gospel Forum, Fridays 8:30 a.m.
Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Novena, Saturdays after the 8:00 a.m. Mass, church
Prayer for Priests, Thursdays after the 8:00 a.m. Mass, chapel
RCIA, Sundays, after the 9:00 a.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., 1:30 p.m., chapel
Rosary Makers, 3rd Thursdays Oct. thru May, 9-11 a.m.
St. Vincent DePaul Board Meeting, 1st Tues. every month, 7:00 p.m. For SVDP assistance call 239-600-6749, or email ssvdp@resurrectionch.org
Teams of Our Lady, call Joann for more information, 482-7982
Women’s Guild, 3rd Wednesday every month, 8:30 a.m. Sept. - May

CELEBRATION OF CORPUS CHRISTI (THE BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST)
SUNDAY, JUNE 18
After the 10:00 Mass

MAY our participation in this event help to foster greater devotion to Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

Craft Club News -
The Resurrection Women’s Guild Craft Club will continue to meet through the summer months in the classroom at the Parish Center on Tuesday mornings from 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.
Some Crafters prefer to work on projects of their own at home and donate these items for our sale and raffles.
We are always happy to accept donations of craft materials such as quilting fabrics, batting, knitting and crochet yarns, craft tools etc. We are also collecting jewelry and used books.
Thank you for any way that you want to contribute.
Our next bazaar will be held in November. Stop by on a Tuesday morning and have a cup of coffee with us. A great way for parishioners to meet and share!

A QUESTION OF FAITH

It is never a question with any of us of faith or no faith; the question always is, “In what or in whom do I put my faith?”
—Anonymous

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:

* Gulf Coast Hospital - visited daily by St. John XXIII Parish, 561-2245
* Lee Memorial Hospital - visited daily by St. Francis Xavier Parish, 334-2161
* Lee Memorial and Hospice at Health Park - visited daily by St. Columbkille Parish, 489-3973
Mystery  We can always draw from the well of mystery. It is an inexhaustible well. There is always something to be discovered. People are mysteries to us, even the people we live nearest and love most and think we know. The fundamental mystery of persons makes life interesting, of course. It also keeps the rumor and gossip mills going. The mystery of the individual and the depth of his or her soul offer us but a faint shadow of the mystery of God, who is three Persons—Father, Son, and Spirit. This is a mystery we will never cease contemplating and celebrating.

To no one’s surprise Moses’ response is adoration. But then he speaks. He recognizes that the transcendent Lord seeks to be personally involved with Israel. Big God looks favorably on little Israel. Moses puts himself on the line and asks God to “come along in our company” and receive an unworthy people as God’s own.

We know that God does just this. All Hebrew Scriptures in one way or another tell how it goes with a people and the God who chose them, small and contrary as they are.

The Hebrew Scriptures were the only Scriptures the followers of Jesus had. They formed the entire backdrop and stage against which and on which the story of Jesus was played out and understood. In the dark night, a troubled Nicodemus came to Jesus. He was a learned man and a ruler. Thanks to Nicodemus, we learn of Jesus’ relationship to the God of Moses, the God rich in kindness and fidelity. We learn the extent of God’s care for the world in the person of Jesus, the teacher. In this story, we learn that Jesus is more than a teacher. He is also the only begotten Son of the Father.

Comment  We consider the Holy Trinity today, not as a theological abstraction, but as a mystery into which we are drawn. We know God’s inner life because God has shown and told us. We proceed by way of story. We respond by way of prayer.

The first reading carries a sense of awe. Moses, summoned by the Lord, journeys to a high place. This “Lord” descends enshrouded in clouds and passes before Moses. This God not only tells, then repeats, the name “Lord” but offers a description: “a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity.” Scholaus tell us that the Hebrew words for God’s care are words of deep, visceral feeling. The Lord looks upon and cares about the people with the anxiety and eagerness of a parent. God, the Lord, cannot help but act on behalf of an admittedly stiff-necked people.

Reflection  The reflection on God—whom we address as Father and Son and Holy Spirit—is set before us today in two narratives: as abiding presence on a high place and as a quiet revelation to a troubled, hesitant Nicodemus. In these narratives we learn that God who is for us is with us in the Son. In the second reading, belief in the presence of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is evident. By the time this letter is written, the faith of the Christian community is manifest. The blessings of the Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—flow easily and familiarly. Faith in God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is already part of the language and living awareness of the Christian community. Their words and blessings point to the presence of a personal God whose inner life is a community of love, as theirs must be.
Are you searching for peace?
Do you have questions about meaning?
Does fear control your living?

Jesus says, “Peace be with you!”

If you are searching...
PLEASE CONSIDER CALLING

God’s love is poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit...
God’s presence often surprises us!

Inquiry sessions will be starting in October
Please contact: Joanne MacPeek:
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Jesus promises:
“I come that they may have life...
life in abundance!”

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*Add’l fee for Confirmation Prep. ~ 2yr. Program begins in 9th gr.

Registration forms can be printed out from our website: www.resurrectionch.org
Or stop in at the Parish Center!
A Meditation from the Diary of St. Faustina, entry 1485 -

Jesus: I am your strength, I will help you in the struggle.

Soul: Lord, I recognize your holiness, and I fear you.

Jesus: My child, do you fear the God of Mercy? My holiness does not prevent Me from being merciful. Behold, for you I have established a throne of mercy on earth - the tabernacle - and from this throne I desire to enter into your heart. I am not surrounded by a retinue or guards. You can come to me at any moment, at any time; I want to speak to you and desire to grant you grace.

Marriage Struggling?

If your marriage has become troubled and stressed, unloving or uncaring; if you have grown cold and distant; even if you are divorced or separated, or are thinking about it, no matter how bad it may be… Retrouvaille can help, as it has helped tens of thousands of others. Our next program in Tampa begins **Aug 18-20, 2017**. For more information, visit [www.HelpingMarriages.org](http://www.HelpingMarriages.org), or call (813) 816-0711. *Not counseling or group therapy.*

**This week’s Sanctuary Candle:**

*for Constance LeMay by husband, Armand*

**Altar Flowers This Week:**

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**Please join us here at Resurrection Parish for a special Mass for “A Greater Respect For Life”**

June 25, 2017 at 8:00 a.m.  
*(Please note time change of this Mass)*

**PRAY**

I will commit to pray this prayer every day for 5 months from now until Christmas:

Jesus, Mary and Joseph,  
I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

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