



Guardian Angels Parish

June 11, 2017

Most Holy Trinity

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Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit to God who is, who was, and who is to come

PARISH LITURGICAL AND PRAYER SCHEDULE

Liturgical Celebrations

Saturday 4:00 pm (Anticipated Mass)
Sunday 9:00 am; 11:00am; 12:30pm

Weekday Mass Times:

Monday 7:00 pm
Tuesday – Friday 8:00 am
Saturday 9:00 am

Sacraments:

Confessions– Saturdays between 3:00—3:45 pm or by appointment.

**Baptism / Marriage / Anointing of the Sick or Home
Communion / Funeral** - Please contact the Parish office.

Devotions / Prayers

Morning Prayers / Breviary:

Tuesday-Friday 7:40 am
Saturday & Sunday 8:30 am

Mother of Perpetual Help:

Wednesdays 7:00 pm

Infant Jesus of Prague:

Mondays 6:30 pm

Divine Mercy Chaplet:

Sundays 1:30 pm

First Fridays - Holy Hour at 6:00 pm (except during Lent)

Stations of the Cross (during Lent) - every Friday at 6:30 pm followed by Mass at 7:00 pm.

Pastor's Corner - Most Holy Trinity



Trinity signifies unity in eternity. This is what we all long. But our life, that is practical life does not seem to help this unity. The root of the word "Trinity" originates from the Latin word "trini" which means "three each," or "threefold." "The term has been used as early as the days of Tertullian (200 A.D.) to denote the central doctrine of the Christian religion. God, who is one and unique in His infinite substance or nature, or Godhead, is three really distinct Persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. Each of these Persons is truly the same God, and has all His infinite perfections, yet He is really distinct from each of the other Persons. The one and only God is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; yet God the Father is not God the Son, but begets the Son eternally, as the Son is eternally begotten. The Holy Ghost is neither the Father nor the Son, but a distinct Person having His Divine nature from the Father and the Son by eternal procession." In other words, in Jesus dwells the Father and the Holy Spirit. And the same can be said about the Father and the Holy Spirit. In each one dwells the other two Persons of God. This truth is supported by a verse in The Letter of Paul to the Colossians. "In Him (Jesus) all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell bodily." (Col. 1.19; 2.9) "All the fullness of God means the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

The next question that some may ask is, "Are there any biblical passages to support that in the fullness of God, there are Three distinct Persons?" The answer to this is "Yes!" We can quote the closing of the Gospel of Matthew where Jesus told His disciples, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit..." (Mt. 28.18) And we can quote the closing words of St. Paul in the Second Letter to the Corinthians where He states, "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you." (2 Cor. 13.13) These biblical passages affirm that while there is One God, there are Three distinct Persons in the Godhead.

Can we describe God? Down through the ages preachers have asked this question; and never more than on this Trinity Sunday, when we preachers have the task of explaining what it means to say that God is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

A story beloved of preachers tells of how the great fifth-century North African bishop St. Augustine strolled along the shore of the Mediterranean wondering how to explain the Trinity. As he did so, he saw a little girl going back and forth into the sea, filling a small bucket with water which she poured into a hole she had dug in the sand. "What are you doing, dear?" St. Augustine asked. "I'm trying to empty the sea into this hole," the child replied. "How do you think that with your little bucket you can possibly empty this immense ocean into this tiny hole?" Augustine countered. To which the girl replied. "And how do you, with your small head, think you can comprehend the immensity of God?" No sooner had the girl spoken these words than she disappeared.

The story contains an important truth. God is a mystery. not in the sense that we can understand nothing about God; but that what we can understand is always less than what we cannot. Pope Benedict, who has a special love for St. Augustine, has put the little girl's shell into his coat of arms as a reminder that God is always shrouded in mystery. One thing we can understand is how people have experienced God.

Our first reading shows us Moses experiencing God in a cloud — a symbol of mystery, for in a cloud we cannot see clearly. The same divine cloud appears at Jesus' Transfiguration, when his clothes and face shone with heavenly light. A cloud enveloped Jesus at his Ascension. At the Transfiguration Peter, James, and John experienced fear, and bowed down in worship. Moses does the same in our first reading. The witnesses to Jesus' Ascension also bowed down in worship. This is the first way people experience God in the Bible. as the utterly Other, whose presence inspires awe and worship.

At the very moment, however, in which Moses was worshiping the true God atop Mount Sinai, his people below were bowing down in worship to a golden calf, a deity of their own devising, who made no demands upon them; who symbolized a superhuman virility and power which, the people vainly imagined, they could harness to their own ends. This is idolatry — for the Bible one of the worst sins there is. We become guilty of idolatry whenever we suppose that prayer and other religious practices give us access to some supernatural power which we can turn on or off like the light switch; which we can use to get whatever we want. God always hears and answers prayer. But he does so in sovereign freedom. not at the time, or in the way that we want — or think we can dictate. God is never at our disposal. We are at his disposal.

God's appearance to Moses at the very moment when Moses' people were committing the ultimate sin of idolatry shows that God is not only mysterious and fearful. He is also tender and compassionate. He is a God of love. This is how Jesus experienced God. Our gospel reading reflects this experience. "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish, but might have eternal life."

Jesus devoted the whole of his early life to helping people experience God's love. He demonstrated this love through deeds of compassion. He illustrated God's love through stories still told and pondered twenty centuries later. And on Calvary he gave us the supreme example of love.

Following Jesus' resurrection and ascension, his friends came to realize that he had not left them. He was still with them, though the manner of his presence was different. They recalled that Jesus had foretold this.

"I will not leave you orphans. I will come back to you" (Jn. 14.18). "I will ask the Father and he will give you another to be your Advocate, who will be with you forever — the Spirit of truth" (Jn. 14.15). "I shall see you again; then your hearts will rejoice with a joy no one can take from you" (Jn. 16.22). This joy at Jesus' continuing presence is the third way people experience God.

Pondering these three ways in which people experienced God, the Church developed the doctrine of the Holy Trinity. The God who is one is also three. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This is the description, in formal religious language, of how we experience God. He is the utterly Other, who inspires awe and worship. But he is also a God of love, a love so amazing, so divine, so undeserved by sinners like ourselves that he kindles within us an answering love- love for God, love for our fellow humans. And whenever we experience God in either of these ways — as the almighty creator and Father of the universe whose presence inspires awe, or in his Son Jesus in whom we see unconditional love in human form — we are experiencing God in and through the power of his Holy Spirit. The Spirit is God at work in our world, and in our hearts and minds, here and now. The Spirit is God's love- the love exchanged between Father and Son, the love poured into our hearts — not just to give us a warm feeling inside, but to share with others.

God bless you.

Fr. Rudy, O.C.D.

Daily Readings
June 12—17



Monday: June 12

2Cor. 1:1-7; Psalm 34;
Matthew 5:1-12

Tuesday: June 13

2Cor. 1:18-22; Psalm 119;
Matthew 5:13-16

Wednesday: June 14

2Cor. 3:4-11; Psalm 99;
Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday: June 15

2Cor. 3:15-4:1, 3-6; Psalm 85;
Matthew 5:20-26

Friday: June 16

2Cor. 4:7-15; Psalm 116;
Matthew 5:27-32

Saturday: June 17

2Cor. 5:14-21; Psalm 103;
Matthew 5:33-37

Mass Offerings



June 12—18

Monday 7:00 pm-

+ **Rosemarie Mascarenhas** +
By: Theresa Dagenais

Tuesday 8:00 am-

+ **Milagros Llamado** +
By: Jean Olegario

Wednesday 8:00 am-

+ **Maxima Dilla-deLeon** +
By: Riz & Oscar Geronimo

Thursday 8:00 am-

+ **Rosemarie Mascarenhas** +
By: Theresa Dagenais

Friday 8:00 am-

+ **Maxima Dilla-de Leon** +
By: Riz & Oscar Geronimo

Saturday —

9:00 am: + **Kathleen Brooks** +
By: Daniel Brooks

4:00 pm:

Sp. Int. of Shairoon Bainbridge
By: Ellen Bilek

Sunday —

9:00 am:
+ **Maxima Dilla-De Leon** +
By: Riz & Oscar Geronimo

11:00 am:
+ **Carmelita Baksh** +
By: Shairoon Bainbridge

12:30 pm:
**For the special intentions of
Guardian Angels Parishioners**

**You, eternal Trinity,
are a deep sea.**

— St. Catherine of Siena

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Knights of Columbus wish to thank all those parishioners who donated and participated in our Pancake breakfast last week. **Almost \$300.00 was raised for the famine relief in Southern Sudan.** Thank you for your generosity.

SENIORS' TEA

Seniors of the parish are invited to the monthly Seniors Tea on Wednesday, June 14 at 2:00 pm in the Rectory Hall. Please RSVP attendance by calling Cecile at 604 683-0143.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

***Celebrate Life on Father's Day**

June 18 is Father's Day, and also Pro-life Sunday! This is a day to honour the giving of life to others. Last year, we raised \$160,000 through your donations on Pro-Life Sunday, which was given to 22 local Pro-Life groups to support their life-affirming work. This year, there will be a second collection on Sunday, June 18, Father's Day, to help local pro-life groups in our Archdiocese. Your dollars will be spent to strengthen and uphold the value of human life from conception to its natural end. Envelopes will be available at your parish or you can give online today at rcav.org/ prolife Please give generously.

***The Importance of Self-Worth**

In this small group, we're exploring and investigating into your childhood realities about the family you grew up in. To explore and investigate without blame or judgement, simply to observe historical events as fact and the meaning created by the experience. Facilitated by Patricia Vickers Ph.D. Join us on **Monday, June 12 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Kateri Centre, 887 Keefer Street, Vancouver.**

***Men's hostel in need of Clothing!**

We can finally put away the rain and winter gear and pull out our summer clothes. Our guests too are in need of lighter clothing like shorts and t-shirts. If your old clothes don't fit you or your family anymore, please consider donating them to our guests and if you are clearing out winter clothes we will be happy to take those too and store them until the next cold winter! To donate, please drop-off items to Men's Hostel at 828 Cambie Street, Vancouver; John Paul II Pastoral Centre, 4885 Saint John Paul II Way or your parish office. Thank you for your generous gift.

***Rosary Rally**

Come and pray the Rosary in public in honour of Our Lady and be a witness to your faith! It is 100 years since Our Lady came to Fatima. Bring all your family! Join us on **Saturday, June 10, from 10-11 a.m. at the Vancouver Art Gallery, South Plaza.** For more info. please contact David Pearce at davidnoelpearce@hotmail.com

Employment Opportunity

Administrative Assistant, Chancellor's Office (Full Time, 1-year leave)
The individual would work within a team to support the daily administration of the Chancellor's Office, as well as assisting the Vicar General's Office and the Archbishop's Office.

**PROJECT ADVANCE
2017**

Thank you to all those who have submitted and/or paid their pledges. This year's appeal focuses on the message

One Faith. One Church. One Family

Our faith community is expansive and despite our geographical locations and our cultural diversity, which is to be celebrated, we are all united by our faith; we all belong to one Church.

**Pledge Status Report
May 31, 2017**

Parish Goal	\$50,000
Total Pledges	\$14,500
Total Paid	\$13,660

View this year's video or find out more about the works supported by Project Advance at www.projectadvance.ca

**STEWARDSHIP
REFLECTION**

Holy Trinity Sunday

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son..." John 3:16 Is your love conditional? Is there a price others have to pay to receive your love? Are you generous with your time, money and possessions? If you give someone something, do you expect something in return?

Do you give your time freely or do you "fit it in" when it's convenient for you? Pray for a grateful and generous heart.

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Contact 604-924-9179

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*Volunteers do not necessarily have the time;
they have the heart.*



Let us pray for those in our long-term prayer list

Maggie, Geoffrey & Doreen DeSousa,
Joyce Kisoondath, Pat Williamson,
Masooma Noorzai,
Hassiran Hakim, Elizabeth Walton,
Barry McDermott, Eddie Bilek, Lucille
Johnston, Ralph Milburn, Milta Rapalo, Ida Brown, Sonja
Lawrence, Colleen Mason,
Jara Asterova, Zenaida Nicolas, Doreen Millburn, Helena
Glavot, Zeenith Garay, Florence Nichols, Joanne Borrys,
Soledad dela Cruz, Rosa Maria Santos,
and all the sick / shut-ins of our Parish whom we may not
know by name.



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