

June 16, 2019

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THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH

The word "trinity" occurs nowhere in scripture, but the doctrine of the Trinity is basic to everything Christians believe. How did the church come to believe that the one God exists as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit? This complicated story is an example of the church being taught by the "Spirit of truth."

In today's first reading we hear that Wisdom is God's "craftsman," helping execute God's plan for creation. The text is not about a helper god; it is an imaginative portrayal of Wisdom being both "of God" and external to God. We could say that Wisdom is God's self-gift poured into creation, a sign that God loves creation, delights in it, and (in Genesis chapter 1) pronounces it "good."

This is the most colorful Biblical portrayal of something "of God" that is given to creation, but there are others. In Isaiah 55:10-11, God's Word (like the rain and snow) is sent down from heaven to do God's will on earth, not returning until it is accomplished. God's Word, like Wisdom, is also linked to creation, since in Genesis chapter 1, God creates by speaking, repeating "Let there be . . ." until the work is done.

THE MYSTERY OF FAITH

John's Gospel begins, "In the beginning was the Word . . . and the Word was God"; John later adds "the Word became flesh" (John 1:14). This is more than poetic imagery. Here John makes a very bold claim. The prophets proclaimed God's word, but Jesus is God's Word—coming from God to us who are not God.

It took more than two hundred years before a universal Council declared that Jesus was ". . . true God from true God, begotten not made, consubstantial with the Father . . ." Slowly, the church was working toward a doctrine of the Trinity. The doctrine doesn't explain the Trinity, but it does express the incomprehensible mystery of the God whose love overflows into the glories of creation, the messiness of our human condition, and the Spirit of truth that still guides the Church today.

Today's Readings: Prv 8:22-31; Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 5:1-5; John 16:12-1

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EL ESPÍRITU DE LA VERDAD

La palabra "trinidad" no está en las Escrituras, pero la doctrina de la Trinidad es básica para cada creencia cristiana. ¿Cómo la Iglesia llegó a creer que el único Dios existe como Padre, Hijo y Espíritu Santo? Esta historia compleja es un ejemplo de cómo la Iglesia es enseñada por el "Espíritu de la verdad".

En la primera lectura de hoy, escuchamos que la Sabiduría es la "artesana", ayudando a realizar el plan de Dios para la creación. El texto no es acerca de una buena ayudante, es un retrato imaginativo de la Sabiduría siendo tanto "de Dios" y externa de Dios. Podríamos decir que la Sabiduría es el don propio de Dios derramado en la creación, un signo que Dios ama a la creación, se place en ella, y (en el capítulo 1 del libro del Génesis) la proclama "buena".

Este es el retrato más colorido de algo "de Dios" que se da a la creación, pero hay otros. En Isaías 55, 10-11, la Palabra de Dios (como la lluvia y la nieve) baja del cielo para hacer la voluntad de Dios en la tierra, y no regresa hasta que la cumple. La Palabra de Dios, como la Sabiduría, también está vinculada con la creación, ya que, en el capítulo 1 del libro del Génesis, Dios crea al hablar, repitiendo "Hagamos . . ." hasta que la obra se realiza.

EL MISTERIO DE LA FE

El Evangelio de Juan empieza: "En el principio era la Palabra . . . y la Palabra era Dios"; más adelante Juan añade "la palabra se hizo carne" (Juan 1, 14). Esto es más que una imagen poética. Aquí Juan hace una afirmación muy audaz. El profeta proclama la palabra de Dios, pero Jesús es la Palabra de Dios, viniendo de Dios a nosotros que no somos Dios.

Requirió más de doscientos años antes de que un Concilio universal declarara que Jesús era ". . . Dios verdadero de Dios verdadero, engendrado, no creado, de la misma naturaleza del Padre . . ." Poco a poco la Iglesia fue elaborando una doctrina de la Trinidad. La doctrina no explica la Trinidad, pero expresa el misterio incomprensible de Dios cuyo amor desborda en la gloria de la creación, el desorden de la condición humana, y el Espíritu de la verdad que todavía hoy guía a la Iglesia.

Lecturas de hoy: Prov 8:22-31; Sal 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 5:1-5; Juan 16:12-15

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Please Pray for the Sick

Prayer List Updates



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| Robert Campos | Mary S. Martinez | Michael Sendejo |
| Frances Ramirez | Xavier Gerard Moreno | Ashley Arthur |
| Sister Louise - OLLU | Aurora Perez | Annette Vega |
| Frances Lozano | Angelina Castillo | Kevin Ryan Martinez |
| Alfredo M. Moreno | Susana Flores | David Ortiz |
| Celina Herrera | Maria del | Sammuel Cortez |
| Yolanda Verastegui | Carmen Langley | Mary Lou Medina |
| Amy Gomez | Jesse Jack Villarreal | Inez De Los Santos |
| Virginia & Jose | Crystal Davis-Perez | Clara Perez |
| Ponce, Jr. | Louie & Estefana Reyes | Sandra Amaya |
| Santos Aguilar | Arturo Parra | Danny Rae Schexnayder, Sr. |
| Olivia Lopez | Baby River Yanes | Sandra Jean Guerra |
| Hortencia Rodriguez | Frances Vasaldua | Kayla Scott |
| San Juanita Sanchez | Tisha De La Vega | Anna Santoyo |
| Estela De La Vega | Baby Violet Flores | Linda Davila |
| Diana Ledesma | Trini Torres | Irma Urias |
| David Santoyo | Martin Ramos | Mary Escalera |
| Suzanne Gutierrez | Daniel Hernandez | Maximus James Tobar |
| Jerry Ramirez | Debra Sendejo | Francisco Verastegui |

We thank God for the healing of so many sick parishioners. Please be courteous and call the Parish Office if your loved one is no longer suffering or sick. Thank you.

YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

JUNE 8-9, 2019

5:00 PM	-\$1,066.00	(098)
8:00 AM	-\$ 548.00	(086)
10:00 AM	-\$1,442.00	(127)
12:00 NOON	-\$1,316.00	(210)
Good Samaritans	-\$ 556.20	2nd Collection
2019 Gift of Giving	-\$ 236.46	3rd Collection
Mail/Drop In	-\$ 125.00	
TOTAL	\$5,317.66	

SECOND COLLECTION

June 16, 2019 - Altar Flowers/Father's Day

2019 GIFT OF GIVING

Contributions 6/8-9, 2019	\$ 236.46
RUNNING BALANCE TOTAL	\$13,478.39

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 15

5:00 p.m. † For All Deceased Fathers - Campos Family
† Ignacio & Beatrice Gomez - Family
† Cecilia Espinoza - Share the Word

Sunday, June 16 -FATHER'S DAY

8:00 a.m. † Guadalupe Treviño - Nora Treviño
† Eddie C. Vasquez - Wife
† Daniel Traspeña, Jr. - Family
† Mary Louise Lira - Family

Gift of Life

10:00 a.m. † Martin & Margaret Burrell - Daughter
† Luis Duran, Sr. - Family
† Thomas L. Torres, Sr. - M/M Sustaita
† John Sustaita - M/M Sustaita
† Ryan Sanchez - Sanchez Family
† Luis Lucio - Chelsea Neira

Gift of Life

12:00 p.m. † Daniel Lira - Family
† Maclovio Flores - Rosa Moreno
† Nasario Jaramillo - Family
† Pablo Luna - Family
† Gregorio Ramirez - Wife & Family

Monday, June 17

Tuesday, June 18

12:00 p.m. † Luis Duran, Sr. - Family

Wednesday, June 19

12:00 p.m. † Nereida Teneyuca

Thursday, June 20

12:00 p.m. † Jimmy Montoya

Friday, June 21

12:00 p.m. For Our SJB Pilgrims in Italy

Saturday, June 22

5:00 p.m. † George Hernandez - Wife & Family
† Katie, Cynthia De La Cruz - Sister
† Cecilia Espinoza - Bunco Club
† Elvira Moreno - Bunco Club
† Irene Prado - Parents

Sunday, June 23

8:00 a.m. † Guadalupe Treviño - Nora Treviño
† Cecilia Espinoza - Rosary Makers
† Elvira Moreno - Rosalinda Garza
† Petra Chavez - Rosalinda Garza

Gift of Life

10:00 a.m. † Daniel Lira - Family
† Juan C. Velasquez - Daughter Stella
† Martin & Margaret Burrell - Daughter
† Ryan Sanchez - Sanchez Family
† Daniel Arzola - Family

Gift of Life

12:00 p.m. For Our St. John Berchmans Community

In Loving Memory

We pray for the souls of our dearly departed who have passed from our parish community:

† Dora M. Garcia
† Jimmy Montoya

Sanctuary Light

Linda Davila



Dear Parishioners and Friends:

June 16th is dedicated to Fathers. I especially ask that you make this day most special for the person who has sacrificed for the family. Please remember our fathers who are in the presence of our Father. Fathers are a special gift from God. Happy Father's Day to our fathers in our parish community!

As we officially commence the joyful summer season, I wish each one of you a wonderful and relaxing summer time. My wishes of protection are upon those who will be traveling this summer. Be safe and have fun. Those of you who have worked diligently including teachers, school staff, faculty, student body and each volunteer, I thank you from the bottom of my heart. Remember we never take a vacation from God. Make it your top priority to go to church wherever you may be. I call upon the registered and non-registered parishioners on vacation to continue to fulfill your responsibility to your community by giving your weekly stewardship either to the church office or on Saturday and Sunday if you are in church service attendance.

I have cancelled the IGBO celebration previously scheduled for July 7th at 1:30 in the afternoon as I will be absent during the month of July. Upon my return, we will review the agreement and make the final decision.

Parishioners from Saint John Berchmans and I commend ourselves to your prayers as we continue our journey visiting holy sites on our pilgrimage to Italy. We will have visited sacred places in Venice, Florence, Padua, and are heading to Assisi and Rome and hope to be inspired by our ancestors in faith as we walk in their paths. A papal audience with the Pope will be on Wednesday, June 12th at St. Peter's Plaza in Rome is a highlight of our trip as well as when we celebrated Mass in Padua on the feast day of St. Anthony. We are praying for each one of you and for our community of Saint John Berchmans. Please keep us in your prayers

May God bless you always,

Father Fidèle Okitembo Dikete, Pastor
fr.fidele@stjohnberchmans.com

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The wisdom of God played on the surface of God's earth, finding delight in the human race (Prov 8:22-31).

Psalm — O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth! (Psalm 8).

Second Reading — The love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:1-15).

Gospel — The Spirit of truth will guide you to all truth (John 16:12-15).
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: 2 Cor 6:1-10; Ps 98:1, 2b, 3-4; Mt 5:38-42
Tue: 2 Cor 8:1-9; Ps 146:2, 5-9a; Mt 5:43-48
Wed: 2 Cor 9:6-11; Ps 112:1bc-4, 9; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thu: 2 Cor 11:1-11; Ps 111:1b-4, 7-8; Mt 6:7-15
Fri: 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30; Ps 34:2-7; Mt 6:19-23
Sat: 2 Cor 12:1-10; Ps 34:8-13; Mt 6:24-34
Sun: Gn 14:18-20; Ps 110:1-4; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Lk 9:11b-17

Events of the Week ~ June 16 - June 23, 2019

Sunday, June 16

7:30 a.m. Divine Mercy - Church
8:00 a.m. **Spanish Mass** - Church
10:00 a.m. **Mass** - Church
12:00 p.m. **Mass** - Church

Monday, June 17

Tuesday, June 18

12:00 p.m. **Communion Service** - Chapel

Wednesday, June 19

12:00 p.m. **Communion Service** - Church
9:15 a.m. Rosary Makers - Formation House
6:30 p.m. ACTS Core - Formation House

Thursday, June 20

12:00 p.m. **Communion Service** - Chapel
7:00 p.m. Youth Group - Formation House

Friday, June 21

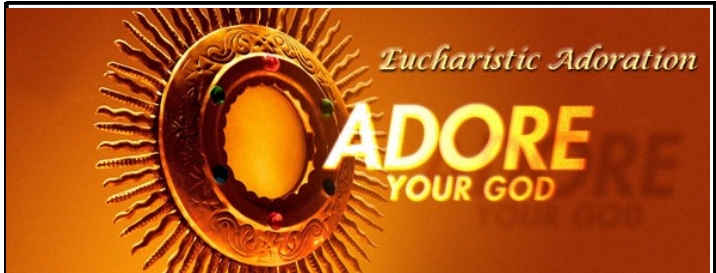
12:00 p.m. **Communion Service** - Chapel

Saturday, June 22

5:00 p.m. **Mass** - Church

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THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 2019
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

FAMILY ASSISTANCE CRISIS TEAM (F.A.C.T.)

Domestic violence is an issue that affects all of us. It is important to focus attention on how it affects the lives of individuals and the community, so we can help break the cycle of violence.

The F.A.C.T. Volunteer Program is a part of the Victims Advocacy Office of the San Antonio Police Department. Volunteers are needed to work one Friday or Saturday a month from 6pm-1am at one of the police substations. Volunteers offer crisis intervention services; a listening ear, assisting in planning for his/her safety, and providing referral resources.

FREE F.A.C.T. TRAINING is available and is required. Training is held at 315 S. Santa Rosa, Public Safety Headquarters Building. Req: Be in college or over 21.

For training dates or questions contact Ivie.Tovar@sanantonio.gov.

CHURCH CLEANING MINISTRY

Our parish is always in need of a few good hands every Saturday morning to help us clean our beautiful church. Let us all be reminded that, "A short time devoted to the taking care of the Lord's House is a small price to pay for all He does for us each and every day."

Cleaning Schedule of Ministries

June 22, 2019 - Knights/Ultreya
June 29, 2019 - Hospitality

The Most Holy Trinity
June 16, 2019

[T]he love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

— *Romans 5:5b*



BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

All requests must be sent by email to osantoyo1104@gmail.com and will be finalized for approval by Father Fidele. We ask that you submit your requests at least two (2) weeks in advance for placement in the bulletin.



NEW TO OUR PARISH AND WANT TO REGISTER AS A NEW PARISHIONER?

If you are interested in registering as a new parishioner at St. John Berchmans Church, please contact our Parish Office at 210-434-3247 to fill out a registration form.

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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY is celebrated a week after Pentecost Sunday in honor of the most fundamental of Christian beliefs - belief in the Holy Trinity.

This feast, which falls on the first Sunday after Pentecost, should make us mindful that actually every Sunday is devoted to the honor of the Most Holy Trinity, that every Sunday is sanctified and consecrated to the triune God, Sunday after Sunday we should recall in a spirit of gratitude the gifts which the Blessed Trinity is bestowing upon us. The Holy Spirit sanctified us, made us His temple; on Sunday the Holy Spirit descended upon the in fact Church. Sunday, therefore is the day of the Most Holy Trinity.



ST. JOHN BERCHMANS J.O.Y. WOMEN'S RETREAT will be held on **Saturday, June 22, 2019** from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. in the St. John Berchmans School Cafeteria. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m.

If you pre-registered, and have **NOT** been contacted by a retreat team member, please call Jessica Ramos at (210) 872-1870 or Sylvia Gomez (210) 215-4855, **as soon as possible to reserve your spot! Space is very limited.** Thank you!

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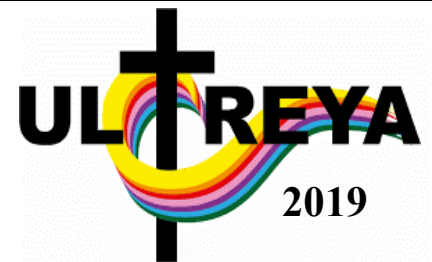
Sesenta Aniversario de Cursillos en San Antonio, Texas

Location: Meyer Hall (Holy Rosary Church)
155 Camino Santa Maria
San Antonio, Tx 7822

Date: Saturday, June 29, 2019

Time: 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Doors will open at 12 noon



GUADALUPE COMMUNITY CENTER PRESENTS A WELLNESS FAIR

Saturday, June 22 from 9:00 am - 1:00 p.m.

St. Matthew's Catholic Church, 10703 Wurzbach Road 78230

This community outreach program hosts quarterly wellness fairs to promote healthy lifestyles and habits in or community. Clients have the opportunity to visit with medical and dental professionals as well as nutrition and fitness experts to discuss health concerns and next steps to a healthier future! **FREE PRIZES** include Bikes and Gift Cards for attendees! For more information contact, Tom Hoog, 210.226-6178

PROJECT COOL - ATTENTION ADULTS 60 YEARS OR OLDER

If you are in need of a fan, please Contact Guadalupe Community Center, 1801 W. Cesar E. Chavez Blvd, (210) 226-6178, Monday thru Friday from 8am-5pm. Must bring valid ID.

If you wish to **donate** fans they may be dropped off at any San Antonio Fire Station.



THIS IS THE HOLY TRINITY

Today we celebrate the Holy Trinity, one of the most confounding mysteries of our faith. Through this mystery we experience our relationship to God: Creator, Savior, and Holy Spirit. This relationship is not easy to understand or to describe. It does not become clearer through analysis. Its complexity mirrors the complexity of all our relationships. We understand our relationships with our spouses, our children, our parents, and our friends only through daily give-and-take, annual rituals, and the life-changing moments we share. We understand our relationships only as we live them. The relationships we have with those we love, and who love us, sustain us through an uncertain and difficult life. This is the Holy Trinity.

What is striking about today's readings is that each is incomplete. What they do offer is a description of a moment in our relationship, a memory of a time and an event when our relationship made sense even though that sense may be beyond our ability to describe fully. Often that is all that our faith offers, that is, a memory of what is possible, what is promised, what has been given. A memory of eternity, of love beyond understanding is to be cherished and nurtured even if not fully understood. This is the Holy Trinity.

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Since the love of God has been poured out into my heart through the Holy Spirit, what can I do to share that love with others? How can I challenge myself to be more selfless and generous?