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The Solemnity
of the Most
Holy Trinity

In the Beginning...

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COMING THIS SUMMER! June 10 will be an exciting day for the people of our diocese! As part of the Eucharistic Revival, Bishop Walkowiak invites you to join him on the campus of Aquinas College for "Into the Mystery" – an extraordinary opportunity to celebrate and honor our Eucharistic Lord. To learn more and register, visit <https://grdiocese.org/eucharistic-revival/>, or call 616-288-0908.

This event will serve as a sort of mini-Eucharistic Congress for the diocese, gathering Catholics throughout the diocese for a daylong celebration of our unity in faith and sacrament as we transition to the parish year of the national Eucharistic Revival.

The day will include Mass with Bishop Walkowiak; talks by Father Jonathan Kelly, rector of St. John Vianney College Seminary, and Missionary Meg Hunter-Kilmer; along with a Eucharistic procession to publicly witness to our faith.

The day will also include time for participants to:

- celebrate the sacrament of confession
- visit a ministry fair showcasing ways to serve and give within our diocese
- explore the Vatican display of Eucharistic Miracles provided by the Mary Our Mother Foundation (some of you may be familiar with this exhibit which has already been hosted by some of our parishes)
- participate in Eucharistic Adoration in Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Chapel.

All are invited to stay after the event for a festival which will include live music and food available for purchase from food trucks. The festival will run from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Boxed lunches will be provided to registrants. [Registration](#) cost for the day is \$10/person or \$40/family household. Please plan to join us for this day focused on worship of the Blessed Sacrament and growth in our understanding of its mystery.

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SUNDAY LITURGY REFLECTION

By Scott Hahn

Readings:

[Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9](#)

[Daniel 3:52-56](#)

[2 Corinthians 13:11-13](#)

[John 3:16-18](#)

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We often begin Mass with the prayer from today's Epistle: "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you." We praise the God who has revealed Himself as a Trinity, a communion of persons.

Communion with the Trinity is the goal of our worship—and the purpose of the salvation history that begins in the Bible and continues in the Eucharist and sacraments of the Church.

We see the beginnings of God's self-revelation in today's First Reading, as He passes before Moses and cries out His holy name.

Israel had sinned in worshipping the golden calf (see Exodus 32). But God does not condemn them to perish. Instead He proclaims His mercy and faithfulness to His covenant.

God loved Israel as His firstborn son among the nations (see [Exodus 4:22](#)). Through Israel—heirs of His covenant with Abraham—God planned to reveal Himself as the Father of all nations (see [Genesis 22:18](#)).

The memory of God's covenant testing of Abraham—and Abraham's faithful obedience—lies behind today's Gospel.

In commanding Abraham to offer his only beloved son (see [Genesis 22:2, 12, 16](#)), God was preparing us for the fullest possible revelation of His love for the world.

As Abraham was willing to offer Isaac, God did not spare His own Son but handed Him over for us all (see [Romans 8:32](#)).

In this, He revealed what was only disclosed partially to Moses—that His kindness continues for a thousand generations, that He forgives our sin and takes us back as His very own people (see [Deuteronomy 4:20; 9:29](#)).

Jesus humbled Himself to die in obedience to God's will. And for this, the Spirit of God raised Him from the dead (see [Romans 8:11](#)), and gave Him a name above every name (see [Philippians 2:8-10](#)).

This is the name we glorify in today's Responsorial: the name of our Lord, the God who is Love (see 1 John 4, 8, 16).

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. "

JOHN 3:16-17

The Gospel at Home

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

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.

Family Connection

Because of God's great love for us, he sent his Son, Jesus, to save the world. Jesus, in turn, sent the Holy Spirit so that our faith in God and his love would be strengthened. The nurturing experiences of family life also help us to understand and have faith in God's love.

Create a family poster together showing all the ways in which your family experiences God's great love. Use symbols, pictures, and words to show how you have seen God at work in your family life and in our history. Then read together today's Gospel, John 3:16-18. Pray together, thanking God for his gift of love. Conclude by praying the [Glory Be to the Father](#) or today's Psalm.

"He who believes in him is not condemned; he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God."

JOHN 3:18

Did You Know?

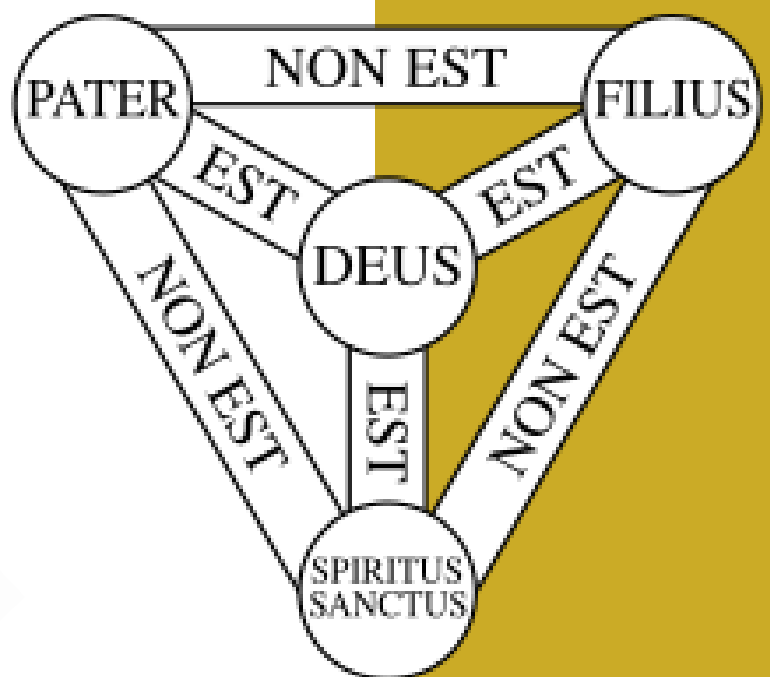
Trinity Sunday is sometimes called Heresy Sunday

While the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity was born out a response to the Arian Heresy, some theologians jokingly refer to Trinity Sunday as Heresy Sunday because pastors often try to explain the Trinity during their homilies. In doing so, they unwittingly fall into heretical teachings.

Technically, then, it's not "heresy." It's "error." As the Catechism says, "Heresy is the obstinate post-baptismal denial of some truth which must be believed with divine and Catholic faith, or it is likewise an obstinate doubt concerning the same..." (CCC 2089).

The Trinity is one of the "mysteries" of our faith. According to Catholic Answers, "In its strict sense a mystery is a supernatural truth, one that of its very nature lies above the finite intelligence."

Therefore, any analogy, picture or description of the Trinity that we try to use to explain it will fall short in its understanding of this divinely revealed Truth. And sometimes, when we attempt to explain it, we accidentally fall into errors that stem from different [historical heresies](#), some of which are still around us today!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Opportunities to Grow in Faith

Saturday, June 3:

4:00pm - Mass

Sunday, June 4:

8:30am - Mass

10:30am - Mass

Monday, June 5:

7:30pm - Rosary study in the Kelly Conference Room.

Tuesday, June 6:

6:30pm - Training for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion in the church for all newly signed up EMHC's that have attended the diocesan training and all veteran EMHC's who are either active or inactive but would like to rejoin the ministry. All veteran EMHC's are eligible to continue in (or rejoin) the ministry even if they missed the diocesan training. (They will be required to take the "make-up" session scheduled for August 15.)

7:00pm - Men of Emmaus in the Millennium Conference Room.

Wednesday, June 7:

8:30am - Senior Men's Group in the Thaddeus Center.

7:00pm - Mass for Faith, Hope and Healing

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!!

Please prayerfully consider volunteering.

St. Jude Vacation Bible School

Children aged 4 - 5th grade join us

JULY 24-28 9am – 12 noon

Register your children NOW

Sign up @

<https://stjudes.net/ubs/>

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Contact Janet DeBoe at: jdeboe@stjudes.net



"Jesus replied,
'The first is
this: 'Hear, O
Israel! The Lord
our God is Lord
alone! You shall
love the Lord
your God with
all your heart,
with all your
soul, with all
your mind, and
with all your
strength.'"

MARK 12:29-30

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The Holy Trinity

Today we are celebrating the feast of the Holy Trinity. "Trinity" means "three" and tells us that there are three Persons in God. There is only one God, but God is a relationship of the Father and the Son (Jesus) and the Holy Spirit.

Each of the Persons in the Holy Trinity is really God, so the Father is really God, and Jesus is really God, and the Holy Spirit is really God. But they are not all the same Person. Each of the Persons in the Holy Trinity is also equal to all the others. So the Father is not greater than the Son or the Holy Spirit; they are all equal.

Sometimes we can understand the Holy Trinity as if it were like a family. Each of the persons is different, but the family wouldn't really exist if any one of them were missing. The Holy Trinity is also a relationship of love. Because God is so full of love He wanted to share it with others, so that is why He made us! When we live the way God wants us to we are joining in the life of the Holy Trinity. Isn't that amazing?

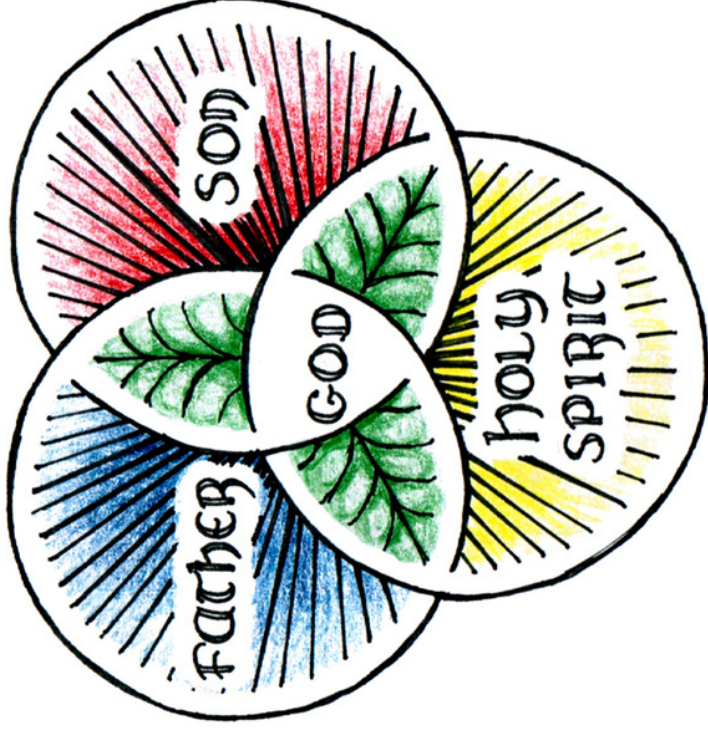


Answer to puzzle on front page: Three Persons in One God.
Answers to Cross-Word Puzzle: Across: 1. send 3. gave 5. be 6. condemn 8. life 10. loved 12. not 13. perish 15. only Down: 2. everyone 3. God 4. world 7. eternal 9. into 11. who 14. in

The Kids' Bulletin

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

June 4th, 2023



What does the word "Trinity" say about God?
Use the code to find out!

Y H T E E 7 E F I O A I

I A O A E U O X

D E G H I N O P R S T
X E U H T A O 7 F I Y

Saint William of York

June 8



WILLIAM WAS BORN TO AN IMPORTANT FAMILY IN ENGLAND AROUND THE YEAR 1100. HIS UNCLE BECAME KING AND WILLIAM BECAME A PRIEST.

THE KING CHOSE WILLIAM TO BECOME THE BISHOP BUT AN ARCHBISHOP REFUSED TO CONSECRATE HIM.

My nephew will make an excellent bishop.



ST. BERNARD EVEN THOUGHT THAT WILLIAM SHOULD NOT BE MADE A BISHOP!

He is under too much influence by the king.



THE POPE MADE HIM A BISHOP ANYWAY, BUT IT TOOK A LOT OF TIME AND TRAVEL.



EVEN THOUGH THEY HAD CAUSED HIM SO MUCH TROUBLE SAINT WILLIAM WAS KIND TO HIS ENEMIES.

I'm sure he has reasons to not trust me.



WHEN THEY WOULDN'T LET HIM ACT AS BISHOP HE LIVED A QUIET LIFE OF PENANCE.



I don't feel very good.

JUST A FEW MONTHS AFTER HE FINALLY TOOK HIS PLACE AS BISHOP OF HIS PEOPLE HE SUDDENLY DIED. IT WAS SUSPECTED THAT HE WAS POISONED.

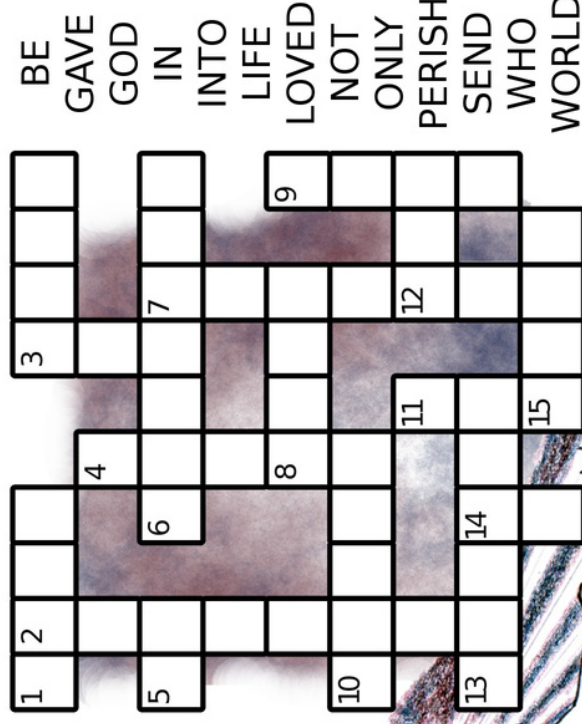
VERY SOON AFTER HIS DEATH MIRACLES STARTED HAPPENING AT THE TOMB OF ST. WILLIAM. WE CAN LEARN FROM HIS STORY THAT EVEN IF WE DON'T SEEM LIKE WE ARE SUCCESSFUL IN THIS LIFE WE CAN STILL BE HOLY AND PLEASE GOD. WE CAN ALSO LEARN NOT TO BE SPITEFUL TO THOSE THAT HURT US.

God So Loved The World

Cross-Word

____ (3d) so ____ (10a) the world
that he ____ (3a) his ____ (15a) Son,
so that ____ (2d)
____ (11d) believes ____ (14d) him might
not ____ (13a) but might have
____ (7d) ____ (8a) For
God did ____ (12a) ____ (1a) his Son
____ (9d) the ____ (4d) to
____ (6a) the world, but that the
world might ____ (5a) saved through him.

Use the words in the list to fill in the blanks in today's Gospel reading. Then fit them into the cross-word



BE
GAVE
GOD
IN
INTO
LIFE
LOVED
NOT
ONLY
PERISH
SEND
WHO
WORLD
CONDEMN
ETERNAL
EVERYONE

