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Dates to Remember

- All Masses and Parish Gatherings have been suspended by Cardinal Cupich until further notice.
- Please see our parish website for more information and links to view Sunday or weekday Masses online.

God's Love Revealed in the Divine Family

The mystery of the Trinity speaks to us of ourselves, of our relationship with the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. In fact, through baptism, the Holy Spirit has placed us in the heart and very life of God, who is a communion of love. God is a "family" of three persons who love each other so much as to form a single whole. This "divine family" is not closed in on itself, but is open. It communicates itself in creation and in history and has entered into our world to call everyone to form part of it. This trinitarian communion surrounds all of us and stimulates us to live in love and fraternal sharing, certain that where there is love, there is God.

— Pope Francis

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity John 3: 16-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

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. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

One God in Three Persons— Creator, Redeemer, Sanctifier

In the mystery of the Most Holy Trinity we profess our belief in One God with a triune nature. God is our heavenly Father, the Creator of heaven and earth and all that is in it. He is One with Jesus His Son, who was "born of the Father before all ages," who "became man" and through his suffering, death, and resurrection, is our Savior and Redeemer. The dynamic love of the Father and Son is made present in the person of the Holy Spirit, given to us in Baptism to be our Sanctifier, to make us holy.



This great mystery is the center of who we are as believers in a God who loved us into being and created all that we have, who sent His Son to bring us the promise of salvation and eternal life through the redemption of our sins, and who lives in us through His Spirit, who consoles, strengthens and sanctifies our life in God.

As we transition back into Ordinary Time during these challenging days, let us remember that we are still surrounded each day by the beauty and abundance of God's creation. Though we are not yet able to join together at the Lord's Table and receive the Eucharist, Jesus remains with us always. And may we also be open each day to the working of the Spirit in our lives who guides and directs us in all that we do in God's Name.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Sunday Gospel Connection: June 7, 2020

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, Cycle A

John 3: 16-18

Gospel Background: 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.

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