

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Father Ed's Homily

THEME: "AND BEHOLD, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS, UNTIL THE END OF THE AGE"- Mt 28:20

Today, we celebrate one of the mysteries of our Catholic faith namely Most Holy Trinity. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches: "The Trinity is a mystery of faith in the strict sense, one of the mysteries that is hidden in God, which can never be known unless they are revealed by God" – 237. It explains further: "The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of Christian faith"- 234. St. Caesarius of Arles says it well also: "The Faith of all Christians rests on the Trinity."

The simple way I try to explain the Trinity to children is that his/her dad is the husband to his/her mom, and the CEO/President of the Company. The same person is a husband, dad, and the CEO. He never changes except in his roles/duties. Even the great theologians like St. Augustine, St. Pope John Paul II, etc. could not comprehend fully the doctrine of the Trinity. Nevertheless, they all believed and preached it. It is a great mystery! Most parents would agree that the first thing they taught their kids about our Catholic faith was how to make the Sign of the Cross. It is interesting to know that the last thing a priest will do at our graveside is make the Sign of the Cross over our body. Yes, it is true that a Christian's life is marked with Trinity. We profess our faith in Trinity every day when we make the Sign of the Cross at the beginning and the end of our prayer.

All three readings mention the concepts of the Trinity. St. Paul reminds us that we are adopted children of God and that the Spirit helps us to call God, Abba, Father. Paul expresses an experience of his total involvement in the triune God and wants all of us to do the same as God's children.

Jesus commissions the eleven disciples, as we heard in the Gospel reading: "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, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." The Church uses these words during baptism as Jesus directed her to do. Jesus assured his disciples and future followers, he would always be with them: "And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." Jesus' promise reminds us of his name, the name the angels gave him, "Emmanuel - GOD WITH US." It is my hope and prayer that each and every one of us will always remember this promise of Jesus especially when we're going through challenges/difficulties in life that Jesus Christ, Emmanuel- God With Us, is always with us. Human beings, as we are, will sometimes fail our promises but NOT so with Jesus. He never fails his promise. This also explains why his Church, the Roman Catholic Church, continues to flourish in every part of the world. It is Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit at work in the Church that is helping the Church to grow, in spite of our frailties as human beings.

Again, if we always remember that Jesus is with us until the end of the age, then no matter the storms of life, we will continue to persevere and have a meaningful purpose of life. For me, it is a great comforting to know that I have Jesus, always with me 24/7.

Moses also reminds his people in the first reading of God's divine presence with them. During his leadership, Moses reminded them of the close and loving relationship God has for them and their obligation to follow his commandments: "You must keep his statutes and commandments that I enjoin on you today, that you and your children after you may prosper, and that you may have long life on the land which the LORD, your God, is giving you forever." We know from Scripture--all went well with the Hebrews when they faithfully adhered to Moses' advice. But when they think they knew better than Moses and departed from God's commandments, they started to have no meaningful life. As parents, you know this better, when your children think they know better than you and do not follow your advice, you notice when they begin to have difficulties in their life. We can't do without the Most Trinity being the center of our life. We need God, the Father, the Originator of all life, Jesus Christ, God the Son, our Redeemer/Savior, and the Holy Spirit, our Advocate, Counselor in every day of our life.

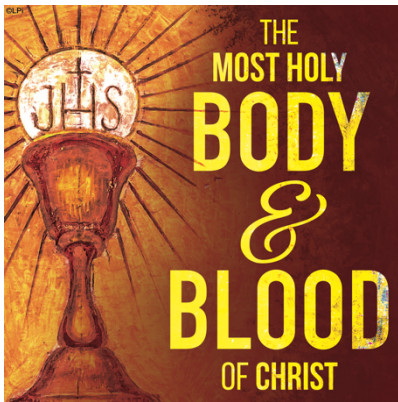
As we celebrate the solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, let us always remember that we're baptized into the Trinity, and our entire life must be centered in the Trinity. Again, this belief tells us we can only find meaning and purpose in life if we place the Trinity at the center of our life.

Today also, we recognize our 2024 High School graduates and all graduates. We're very proud of you and your accomplishments. We thank God for you and your parents, teachers, and all those who helped you to achieve your dreams. Congratulations and God's blessing to you all in your future endeavors.

Monday is Memorial Day. We are very grateful to God for our men and women in uniform who gave up their lives for our country. May God grant them eternal rest and consolation to their families and friends. We will always remember them and their ultimate sacrifices for us.

Wishing you all a happy and blessed Memorial Day!

Corpus Christi Procession



Our Second Annual Corpus Christi procession will take place Sunday, June 2 immediately following our Sunday Liturgy. After Mass, please gather at the front on the sidewalk with the altar servers following the priest. The congregation will be behind the altar servers. The Knights of Columbus will bring up the rear of the procession. At Father Ed's signal, we will begin our procession. This is a very solemn procession. We are honoring the Blessed Sacrament, our Holy Eucharist, the gift that our Lord gives to sustain us, protect us, and to keep us faithful to Him. We will do this in a very prayerful manner.

We will first walk to City Hall where we will pray and sing to the Eucharist and for our country. We will then walk to Jawbone Park, again singing and praying, this time for our beautiful state. We will follow up by walking to the Courthouse again with prayers and singing, this time for our country. We will return to Marist Hall for a lovely reception in honor of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO WALK THIS PROCESSION, you may choose to station yourself at any of the three stops and participate in that way. There should be plenty of parking since this is a Sunday.

We will all return to the church for Benediction, then be sure to attend the reception in Marist Hall afterwards. You will receive your program after mass on June 2. We hope that you will be in attendance to honor our Blessed Sacrament.