

May 30, 2021



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.

Matthew 28:19

The Most Holy TRINITY

SHALL WE DANCE?

The Most Holy Trinity is the central truth and, indeed, mystery of our lives as believers in God. Even so, few seem to be able talk about it. (Or is it “them”?) Must we be satisfied to take this truth as an inscrutable object of faith that we can easily ignore? Not at all! We are immersed in Trinitarian reality in many ways.

Please consider these clues to God as more than just Person of the Father. Remember the words of God in scripture when the world and all its wonders were coming to be. The formulas for each stage in creation begin with “Let us . . .” (Genesis 1:26). This is not merely the “Royal We.” This is God as a plurality of Being. In Isaiah, the seraphim cry out “Holy, holy, holy . . .” (Isaiah 6:3). Ancient Middle Eastern superlatives come in threes, but why not consider it a sign of God’s three-ness? And these Old Testament foreshadowings are nothing compared to our well-known baptismal formula, “I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” Notice that “name” is singular, and yet refers to three persons. Finally, as Christ tells the Apostles in today’s Gospel, they are to go out and teach in that same singular triple name.

The famous icon by the equally famous fourteenth-century iconographer Andrej Rublev is a depiction of the Trinity densely packed with symbolic content. The three “angels” sitting at a table are actually meant to be the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. They relate to each other in loving gesture, each one to the other, often described as “dance-like.” And yet this triangular circle seems incomplete. Indeed it is, because we must become one with this circle of life-giving love. As in a dance, we are drawn into the divine life in the Trinitarian embrace of abundant glory and harmony. Then we complete the movement by taking that love incarnated out to the world, revealing the mystery to our sisters and brothers through our own lives.

Today’s Readings: Dt 4:32–34, 39–40;
Ps 33:4–5, 6, 9, 18–19, 20, 22; Rom 8:14–17; Mt 28:16–20

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Tues - Fri: 9:00 AM

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Welcome Visitors!

*We hope that you have enjoyed celebrating Mass with us
and felt welcomed in our church as your “home away from home.”*

*Whether you are new to the area or have lived here for years,
you are invited to join our parish family. Please come again!*

The Most Holy Trinity

We remember in our prayers all the sick, especially the following:

Belinda Flowers. Dona Jordan. Jaye Anderson. Georgette March. Daniel Corrigan. Kyle Fabitz. Greg Mooney. Valerie Branch. Garry Fetsch. Karee Haney. Yvonne Scott. . Bollinger Family. Kate Guthrie. Charlie Parker. Molly Dunn. Regina Davies. Tammy Johnson. Carolyn Simmons. Dianne & Gary Laudt. Gayle McCloskey. Shay Mikalonis. Wanda & George Duke. Fleming Family. Doris & Jo Hoffman. Jo Ann Crowell. Ann Richardson. Jacob Stephens. Mary Margaret Ellison. John Kominis. Ester Coronel. Ed Stanley. Elise Sugg. Joann Rayl. Judy Fazzio. Marsha Blahitka. Joshua & Chase Larsson. Avery Boultinghouse. Wanda & Mike Stephens. Jim & Geri O'Neil. We list the names of our sick Parishioners. Friends and Relatives for one month. **We remember in our prayers all those who have recently died, especially: Marty Blahitka. Diane Stanley (Wife of Ed Stanley). Ulysses Cormier (Brother of James Cormier). Rev. Octavio Suaraz 1938—2021.**

Please pray for the men and women active military service from our parish community:

New active recruit, Dawn Quinn, US Army (Granddaughter of Bob & Jean Quinn). Reid Patrick Hope, US Marine (Nephew of Mike & Wanda Stephens). 2LT Joseph Chandler, U.S. Army (Nephew of Mike & Margaret Jernigan) Seaman Logan Adkinson (great grandson of Fr. Mike). Jay Guajardo, Navy Rescue School (Great Nephew of Lex & Liza Forster). Senior Airman, Natalie York (Daughter of Steve & Julie York). Pvt First Class Randall Scheaffer US Army (Grandson of Carlos & Pat Gallardo). Lt. Col. William P Shea. (Nephew of Deacon Sam and Nancy Mullen). Colonel John Anthony Fontana. U.S. Army (Son of John & Mary Fontana). Lt. "JG" Gary Buchanan; 2nd Lt. Blake Gaughan; 2nd Lt. Will Corrigan (Great Nephews of Jess & Eva Corrigan). Paul Moreno E4 AMT 3rd Class (Grandson of Kathy & Dale Boman). Staff Sergeant Daniel Hodan. U.S. Army (Grandson of Ron & Barbara Eamma). Warrant Officer Michael Hauck (Son of Jerry & Vicki Hauck & brother of Cathy Ellis) & Seaman Rainer Hauck (Grandson of Jerry & Vicki Hauck & nephew of Jeff & Cathy Ellis).

Mass—Intentions

Sat. 5/29 Mary Jane Snodgrass (K of C)
Sun 5/30 Carolyn Edwards+ (Page Sugg)
Tue 6/01 Mary Jane Snodgrass (K of C)
Wed 6/02 Elayne Hayes (K of C)
Thurs 6/03 Barbara White (K of C)
Fri. 6/04 Deceased Legionaries + (Legion of Mary)
Sat. 6/05 Barry Simoncelli+ (Mary Catalano)

PARISH SUPPORT

Average weekly amounts through March 31, 2021

Expenditures \$ 3,642
Regular and debt & maintenance collections \$ 3,364

Attendance 5/15 Saturday 63 5/16 Sunday 56

One can Give without Loving...But one cannot Love without Giving.



Pope's Intention for June:

The beauty of marriage. Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

TRUE RICHES

They are rich enough who are poor in Christ.
—St. Jerome

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: The Lord is God in the heavens above and on earth below (Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40).

Psalms: Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own (Psalm 33).

Second Reading: You received a Spirit of adoption, through whom we cry, "Abba, Father!" (Romans 8:14-17)

Gospel: Baptize them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:16-20).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lk 1:39-56

Tuesday: Tb 2:9-14; Ps 112:1-2, 7-9; Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday: Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a; Ps 25:2-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mk 12:18-27

Thursday: Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 12:28-34

Friday: Tb 11:5-17; Ps 146:1b-2, 6c-10; Mk 12:35-37

Saturday: Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20; Tb 13:2, 6efgh-8; Mk 12:38-44

Sunday: Ex 24:3-8; Ps 116:12-13, 15-18; Heb 9:11-15; Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

THE MYSTERY OF THE BLESSED TRINITY

Today we celebrate the solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. The Church sets aside this Sunday to focus our attention on the mystery of the Blessed Trinity, God who is one, but three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The first reading from Deuteronomy emphasizes both God's awesome greatness and amazing nearness. It might seem beyond belief, but the God of all creation speaks to us, protects us, and guides us. The second reading from Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans describes how we are to relate to the three persons who are one God. We are led by the Spirit to meet God the Father as adopted children. Our adoption is such that we are even heirs with our brother, Christ, the second person of the Trinity, in whose sufferings we must also share. In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus speaks with his authority as God and sends us to teach and baptize in the name of the Trinity.

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Holy Spirit Garage Sale
June 4th 9:00am—3:00pm
& 5th 9:00am—12:30pm

WE'RE RUNNING OUT OF TIME. WE NEED MORE ITEMS FOR OUR SALE

Last day to **drop off items is this Wednesday between the hours of 9:30—11:30am. NO CLOTHING or ELECTRONICS.** Call Jean Kelly 903-857-9868 if you have questions or unable to drop off items on Wednesday mornings.



Ordination to the Priesthood

Saturday, May 29
10 a.m.

Bishop Joseph E. Strickland will ordain four transitional deacons to the priesthood on Saturday (May 29) in Tyler.

The Mass of Ordination of David Bailey, Michael Ledesma, Albert Motte, and Nicholas Nappier is scheduled for 10 a.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

The public are invited to watch the liturgy live on YouTube at: <https://youtu.be/BaScuwO2pfo>

June Second Collections: 5th & 6th: "Building & Maintenance Fund"; 19th & 20th: "Priest Pension Fund of the Diocese" 26th & 27th: "Peter's Pence (Pontifical Collection)."

Cenacle of Life: Cenacle of Life devotion each Wed. from 3:30—4:30pm. Please join us in church as we pray two rosaries for an end to abortion, euthanasia and all sins against the sanctity of human life. **Questions call Vicki 817-637-9382**

Legion of Mary—Pilgrim Statue: Thanks to a couple of parishioners, Our Lady of Fatima Statue was not in lockdown during Covid. Now She is ready to visit your home. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex or you may contact: Jane Bidlack, 903-569-7749 or Marge Clymer, 903-216-7953. The Statue will be delivered to your home on the day of your choice and picked up at the end of one week. If scheduling permits, the Statue may be kept for two weeks.

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE: May 31, 2021 @ 2:00pm at Veterans Memorial Park, Hawkins - If you know of a veteran that has recently died in 2020 & 2021 please notify Jeanette Sterner ASAP with their name and service: jeanettefrw@gmail.com or call 903-769-0962

The Holy Spirit Food Ministry would like to thank all our parishioners for their food donations. We are in the need of beans, rice and pasta; canned vegetables and sauce.

Thank you,
 Bob Mailliard; Bryan & Dolly Todd; Stan & Terry Evans
 Holy Spirit Food Ministry Team

MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS: EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION, LECTORS AND USHERS

TRAINING CLASS IS CANCELLED. PLEASE WATCH THE BULLETIN FOR REVISED DATE.

If you have been involved in one of the ministries' above, you still need updated training. If you signed-up or you did not get a chance to sign-up, you may attend the training.

OUR CHURCH IS COMPLETELY OPEN WEEKEND & WEEKDAY MASSES

Liturgies During COVID-19: Because of the progress being made against the COVID-19 pandemic in Texas, Governor Greg Abbott has announced that he is increasing the capacity of all businesses and facilities in the state to 100 percent and lifting his mask requirement for the state. Governor Abbott said that COVID-19 has not disappeared and that "removing state mandates does not end personal responsibility." The governor stressed that removing these mandates doesn't abandon safe practices. The same applies to our churches. We are still in a pandemic that has tragically caused over 500,000 deaths in the United States and there is still a virus that can easily spread if we are not careful.

I ask and expect all clergy and faithful to continue to take measures to keep everyone safe. This is essential in order to protect the health of our communities and so that we do not lose the progress that, by God's grace, has been made against COVID-19. In light of the actions taken by the governor, I issue the following updates and instructions: **Dispensation:** The general dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Day of Obligation that I issued in March of 2020 is withdrawn as of March 10, 2021. Many have already returned to Mass, and I encourage everyone to do so now, aware of the centrality of the Mass to our lives as Catholics and the obligation attached to it. One does not have an obligation to attend Mass if you are sick or in a high-risk category for COVID-19; if you were recently in contact with a sick person; if you care for the sick or homebound; if you are pregnant; or if you have a significant fear or anxiety of becoming ill by being at Mass. **Seating at Mass:** Pastors may open additional pews in churches, but all must be responsible for observing social distancing (6-feet between households) according to CDC guidelines. Depending on the church, seating every other pew may still be the best way to maintain social distancing, per the Texas Minimum Standard Health Protocols for churches. Pastors should consider making special areas available for vulnerable persons. **Masks:** While there is no requirement to wear masks, and it is an individual choice, I encourage all to continue to follow the recommendations of the CDC. **Holy Communion:** Churches in the diocese will continue to distribute Holy Communion only under the form of bread. Ministers of Communion must continue to observe the practices that are currently in place. **Holy Water and Hymnals:** Parishes may make holy water, hymnals, and misalettes available. Holy water should be changed, and fonts/stoups cleaned frequently. **Events:** Parish social events, classes, and other activities are permitted if CDC guidelines can be followed. **Other:** Parishes should continue to observe heightened sanitization and hygiene standards for common surfaces. Hand sanitizer should continue to be made available.

Let us continue to be mindful of the sanctity of the life of each person we encounter and, in love, do our part to keep our families, friends, and communities safe and healthy.

+ Joseph E. Strickland
 Bishop of Tyler

“Could you not watch one hour with me?” Matthew 26:40

Not for an hour of activity did He [Jesus] plead, but for an hour of companionship.
(Archbishop Fulton Sheen)

The Lord is asking *us* to spend time with Him in companionship as well. The church gives us this opportunity with a devotion called Eucharistic Adoration.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is not only a very old devotion in our Church, but one that highlights the fundamental mystery of the Holy Eucharist that our Lord is truly present, body and blood, soul and divinity, in the Blessed Sacrament.

Why would this be of importance to you?

“A Holy Hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament is worth more than a thousand years of human glory.” (St. Padre Pio)

Some Catholics think that we can share in the Eucharist and gain grace from the Eucharist only in the Mass by receiving Holy Communion. This idea *limits* the power and the love of Jesus. Certainly participation in the sacrifice of the Mass and receiving Holy Communion *is the most powerful source of grace for us*, but it is not the only source of Eucharistic grace. After the sacrifice is completed, the sacrament continues on. Jesus, in His sacramental body and blood remains here with us as our friend, just as He promised. This is why Eucharistic Adoration is so important.

This is why we should visit our friend, Jesus, in the Blessed Sacrament, to return His love for us and to draw spiritual strength and nourishment and encouragement from that love.

“Each time you approach the Blessed Sacrament remember that Jesus has been waiting for you for twenty centuries for this personal visit from you.”
(St. Josemaria Escriva)

St. John Paul the Great wrote in *Dominicae Cena* that, “The Church and the world have a great need of eucharistic worship. Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love. Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Him in adoration and in contemplation that is full of faith and ready to make reparation for the great faults and crimes of the world. May our adoration never cease.”

Would you be interested in spending just one hour with our Lord in adoration? Contact Cathy Ellis at cathy.ellis@gmail.com. I will need your name, and a one hour time slot on Tuesdays that you would be willing to come to the church and adore our Lord.

“Every holy hour we make so pleases the Heart of Jesus that it is recorded in Heaven and retold for all eternity!” (Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta)

Article for the Big Sandy-Hawkins Journal. 26 May 2021 Edition
(Submission date: 21 May 2021) Submitted by: Randy Munoz

With graduations happening all around us, we may have wondered about a tradition or two. In an article entitled *The Stories Behind Graduation Traditions*, Ethan Trex answers a few questions with some excerpts from his article. (<https://www.mentalfloss.com/article/24706/stories-behind-graduation-traditions>) ... **How does a school lure in its graduation speaker?** Sometimes the speakers are alums willing to do a favor for their alma mater, but it often takes a boatload of cash to secure a speaker. Fees can range anywhere from \$25,000 to \$100,000 for a commencement address, and that's before you tack on extra costs for lodging and occasional perks like private jets. ... **Who received the first honorary degree?** ... The practice actually dates back more than 500 years. The first honorary degree on record went to Lionel Woodville sometime around 1478. Oxford forked over an honorary doctorate of canon law to Woodville, who was Dean of Exeter and Edward IV's brother-in-law. Historians say the degree was a shameless ploy to curry favor, but you can't fault Oxford's timing. Woodville became Bishop of Salisbury just four years later. **Does anyone take these degrees seriously?** Well, they're not "real" degrees, since the recipient generally didn't have to do anything to earn them other than be famous and show up for commencement. That doesn't stop some people from running with their honorary degrees' titles, though. Ben Franklin, Billy Graham, and Maya Angelou have all used the title "doctor" despite only having honorary doctorates. Kermit the Frog, on the other hand, received a controversial honorary doctorate of amphibious letters when he spoke at Southampton College's 1996 commencement (though he apparently never bragged about his academic achievement). **Who were the first grads to throw their caps up in the air?** We can thank the Navy for this tradition. It's thought that the practice of chucking one's cap to the heavens at the end of the ceremony started in 1912 at the U.S. Naval Academy's graduation. For the first time the Navy gave the newly commissioned graduates their officers' hats at graduation, so they no longer needed the midshipmen's caps they'd been wearing for the past four years. To show how pleased they were, the new officers tossed their old headgear up in the air. Other students [universities] heard about the practice and followed suit. **Is throwing your mortarboard actually dangerous?** Apparently so. ... the pointed caps do seem to have some destructive power. England's Anglia Ruskin University banned cap-tossing in 2008 after a student received stitches when a mortarboard came down on his noggin... A search of medical database PubMed also turns up the case of a 17-year-old girl who took a mortarboard corner to the eye and suffered retinal trauma. **Where did we get the idea of having baccalaureate services?** If you get bored during a baccalaureate service this month, blame Oxford. A 1432 statute required that every Oxford grad deliver a sermon in Latin before he got his sheepskin, and the service took its name from the practice of presenting the new Bachelors (bacca) with laurels (lauri). Since the first colonial colleges [were] modeled after the big-name schools back in England and largely focused on educating clergymen, the tradition came to the United States. (Just thank your lucky stars you only have to hear one sermon, not a Latin sermon from each member of the graduating class. **Where did that song you always hear at graduations come from?** The graduation song is often referred to as "Pomp and Circumstance," and is actually a small piece of Sir Edward Elgar's 1901 composition "March No. 1 in D Major," ... In 1905, Elgar received an invitation to Yale's commencement to receive an honorary doctorate. To honor their guest ... the New Haven Symphony Orchestra played parts of Elgar's compositions as students marched in and out of the ceremony. People enjoyed the tune so much that it soon spread to other schools' graduations. ... **Why do we call diplomas "sheepskins"?** Because they were originally written on a sheep's skin. Early paper was pretty fragile and difficult to make, but parchment was both plentiful and durable. Parchment, of course, is made from the skin of a sheep, goat, or calf, and its durability made it ideal for a keepsake like a diploma.

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