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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

May 26, 2024

SUNDAY MASSES:

SATURDAY

5:00PM

SUNDAY

9:00AM & 11:00AM

A CELEBRATION OF THE WORD WITH THE RITE OF DISTRIBUTING HOLY COMMUNION

PRESIDED BY DEACON HILMAR PABEL

FRIDAY, MAY 17

8:00AM

MONDAY, JUNE 3

9:00AM

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

8:00AM

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5

8:00AM

FRIDAY, MAY 31

8:00AM

FRIDAY, JUNE 7

8:00AM



Three in One, One in Three

The mystery of the Holy Trinity is at the very heart of our Christian faith. We Christians are monotheists who believe that there is only one God, but we also believe that one God is three Persons. Philosophers and theologians have written and filled libraries with articles, treatises, and books on this mystery – but it still remains a mystery.

For us who believe, it may be better to approach this mystery from the perspective of our knowledge of Jesus Christ. We know Jesus through the Gospels, and through the witness of others who knew him and wrote about him. Our faith is always a faith handed on to us by others, handed down through the ages, but still always in need of being renewed and made personal in each of us believers.

In the Scriptures, Jesus calls God his Father. This should be the beginning of our understanding of the Holy Trinity. Jesus also makes statements in the Gospels that imply that he himself is God. So we have an odd situation here, which is precisely what the people who knew Jesus on earth felt: a human being just like us, flesh and blood, who allows himself to be thought of as God. But at the same time, that human being, that man, prays to God, calling God his Father.

Later in the Gospels, Jesus speaks of sending to his followers his own Spirit. And he also speaks of himself and the Father sending the Spirit – their Spirit.

On this solemn day when we worship the mystery of the Holy Trinity, we begin with Jesus Christ. We must listen to his own words. If we are to accept Jesus, then we must accept his words. He is the one who puts into our minds and into our hearts an awareness that the mystery of the divine is more than simply an unknown God, more than what we had believed in by believing the Hebrew Scriptures. There is still a clear insistence on only one God in Jesus's teachings, and yet he opens up this mystery to reveal a God who is complex while remaining simple.

The Book of Exodus speaks about this God who reveals himself, a God who wants to be with his people. This is a God who knows human beings and still chooses to walk with them. This is a God who is truly interested in people, a God who accepts people with their defects.

In his Second Letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul mentions God, the Lord Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. This reflects a very early Christian formulation, so let us not imagine that the mystery of the Holy Trinity was dreamed up later!

The Gospel of John emphasizes this basic and almost incredible reality: God so loves us that he wants to save the world, not condemn it.

At the practical level of our spirituality, we Christians are invited to maintain this faith in one God. We are invited to pray to the Father just as Jesus himself did. We are invited to pray to Jesus himself, who says, "The one who sees me also sees the Father." And we are invited to invoke the Holy Spirit to come to us and to give us the inner strength and conviction to proclaim our faith by the way we live.

As we worship the Holy Trinity, it is important for us to recognize that the great witness to this mystery is our lives as Christians. We often stop at our words. But if our lives do not reflect our relationship to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, then our words remain empty.

This struggle to live in our lives what we believe in our hearts is the daily struggle of all who believe in any religion or faith. The spiritual life is an ongoing struggle to make real within our lives the words that we speak about belief and faith.

Let us ask the Father today to help us understand and celebrate his infinite love for us in his Son Jesus. Let us ask Jesus to show us how to love one another. And let us ask the Holy Spirit for the wisdom and strength to live what we believe.

Adapted from a reflection from the Benedictine Monastery of Christ in the Desert, Abiquiu, New Mexico

MONTHLY MASS AT BERKELY CARE CENTRE:

Working in conjunction with the Parish, our CWL members, along with our Parish priest celebrate Mass on the first Wednesday of each month. This Mass is celebrated with the Catholic residents as well as any other interested residents who would be comforted by the prayers. Spiritual care is not solely for those who identify with a religion, but also for anyone who would find peace and comfort from attending a church service.

The staff have observed that the mood of the residents is much calmer and more cheerful after returning from our Mass. They look forward to our monthly visit to the facility.

Our members and volunteers collect the residents from their rooms (most of them are in wheelchairs), sit with them during the celebration of the Mass and socially interact with them on a one-to-one basis.

If you wish to volunteer two hours, one afternoon a month, not only CWL members, but also, their spouses and all parishioners, are welcome to participate in this important outreach ministry which fulfils a joyful and essential role of spiritual care in a long-term facility. Please contact Carol Landy at 604-929-6235 or e-mail at glandy@telus.net

FIAT HIKE:

All single women aged 18-35 are invited to spend quality time with the religious sisters of the Archdiocese and enjoy some outdoor activity and fun on Saturday, June 1. We will start with 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Anthony's Parish in West Vancouver and then drive to Cypress for a hike up Black Mountain. There is no cost to join. **Registration deadline: Wednesday, May 29.** Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/events.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE: *"The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ."* **Romans 8:16-17.** If we are heirs to the kingdom of God, shouldn't we work to build up His kingdom? Shouldn't we be good stewards of our inheritance, using our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to care for the Church that God has left to us? Our Church is a treasured heirloom from God. Do we treat it that way?

BACK BY DEMAND

FAMOUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, JUNE 2



The parish is excited to provide a pancake and sausage breakfast to everyone after the 9am and 11am Masses on June 2nd. The cost will be \$5 per person or \$15 per family. Everyone is invited to attend. Any men of the parish who would be interested in volunteering, or for more information, should contact Alex Volpatti at: avolpatti57@gmail.com.

We will miss you, Mrs. B!

After 34 years of dedicated service in the Catholic Independent Schools of the Vancouver Archdiocese, our very own Mrs. B has announced her retirement. Mrs. Brassington's contributions to Catholic education and sports in elementary schools, particularly as one of the founding educators of St. Pius X School, are significant and valued. **Please Save the Date:** June 19th to celebrate Mrs. B's retirement with an evening Mass, followed by a light reception in the school gym.

CATHOLIC WOMEN UNITE

52 Reasons to Join the CWL

#20 Help: The Catholic Women's League

was formed in the early 20th century to help immigrants arriving in Canada. Members continue to help the most vulnerable across the country. Come and add your helping hands to ours. Join us today!

May 30 – Movie Night – Doors Open at 6:30 pm

A lovely opportunity to share a movie and popcorn with a friend! All are welcome, this is a community event!!! More information on our website – in Events.

June 13 – Domestic Abuse Society Thrifty Fashion Show:

The June monthly meeting will be a fashion show in support of DAS. Appies, drinks, raffle and door prizes also available. Tickets are on sale – so purchase one so you don't miss out.

SECOND COLLECTION: Next weekend for Catholic Missions in Canada. This second collection exists to advance and sustain the Catholic Faith in remote and poor mission communities across Canada. Thank you for your generosity.





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OUR SCHOOL IS A VIBRANT FAITH AND LEARNING COMMUNITY DEDICATED TO DEVELOPING THE FULL POTENTIAL OF EACH CHILD USING CHRIST AS OUR CENTRE. WE ARE BLESSED WITH CARING AND DEDICATED EDUCATORS COMMITTED TO INSPIRING LIFE LONG LEARNERS IN ALL AREAS. WE WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE THE MANY ENRICHING LEARNING EXPERIENCES WITH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:
 MONDAY-FRIDAY
 10AM-1:30PM
 604-929-1404
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REGISTRATIONS AND DONATION ENVELOPES:
 REGISTRATION TO THE PARISH AND REQUEST FOR DONATION ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE VESTIBULE OR YOU MAY CALL THE PARISH OFFICE.

REQUESTS FOR MASSES:
 FOR THE LIVING AND DECEASED. PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE. SUGGESTED MASS STIPEND IS \$10. MASS CARDS MAY ALSO BE PURCHASED FROM THE PARISH OFFICE. FOR A COST OF \$3.00

MARRIAGES:
 TO BEGIN THE SPIRITUAL AND PRACTICAL PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE, PLEASE CONTACT FR. JEFF AT LEAST 9 MONTHS IN ADVANCE.

BAPTISM:
 PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO ARRANGE AN INTERVIEW AT LEAST ONE MONTH PRIOR.

VISITATION OF THE SICK:
 Please call the parish office when a parishioner or family member is hospitalized or housebound to arrange visitation, Holy Communion and Anointing.

BERKLEY CARE CENTRE:
 Every 1st Wednesday at 1:30pm. Mass or Prayers with Communion.

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PARISH GROUPS AND CONTACT INFORMATION & TO VOLUNTEER:

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

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 236-999-1286

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GREETERS

WE ARE IN NEED OF MORE USHERS/GREETERS

AT ALL THE MASSES

PLEASE CALL PARISH OFFICE

TO VOLUNTEER

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To volunteer for Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament please contact Lisa Miiller adoration.spx@gmail.com

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Come and pray the Rosary every Saturday morning before Mass at 8:30am

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ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

FOLLOW US – See what's happening! Check out our Bulletin Board in the Church vestibule.

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DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICES

Our Lady of Good Counsel: 604-640-7543

BIRTHRIGHT:

MONDAY—FRIDAY,

110-207 West Hastings St. 604-687-7223

RACHEL'S VINEYARD: 604-525-0999