

Most Holy Trinity

MAY 30, 2021



Reading I: Deuteronomy 4: 32-34, 39-40

This selection highlights the unique calling of the Chosen People, which the author links with the uniqueness of Yahweh.

Reading II: Romans 8: 14-17

Through the Spirit, the Christian becomes an adopted "Child of God." This allows him and her to call God "Abba," which is translated as "Daddy."

The Gospel: Matthew 28: 16-20

This closing section of Matthew's Gospel comprises what has come to be called "The Great Commission." By reason of their baptism, future converts will be able to share God the Son's life. Additionally, they will acknowledge the fact that, according to Jesus, God is three Persons yet One.



5 p.m.: Sabina Shapiro, Jack Shapiro, Joe Britto and the Ryan, Borst & Costello families

10 a.m.: Michael Faso, Sr., Aida Seda, Anthony Bonanno and Richard Tolliver

LAST WEEK'S MASS ATTENDANCE

5 p.m. Saturday, May 22: **46** in the church/choir.

10 a.m. Sunday, May 23: **58** in the church/choir;
50 in the hall. Total: **108**.

GRATITUDE

Your Parish Community is

GRATEFUL

for your consistent contributions.

May 16-May 23: Totaled \$ 5,718.87

Envelopes: \$3,293.00 – Online: \$ 2,425.87

THANK YOU!

'WE CANNOT EXPLAIN THE TRINITY'

A wonderful fact to consider at Mass is that once upon a time, there walked on this good earth a Man of distinction who personified transparency to the nth degree. Being also God personally present in an adopted human nature, He could be no less. It is He who presented the revelation of God the Supreme Being as one, but comprised of three distinct Persons. It was and is the truth about God, even if our puny intellects can't grasp it. He would have been deceitful not to tell us, although this transparency on His part has set an everlasting challenge for us. Everything remains academic and harmless until someone asks: "What does it mean?" followed by "How do I explain it?"

The famous attempt to make it tenable by using a shamrock, as attributed to St. Patrick, is pure legend. So what do we do with this actual inbred curiosity of ours that prompts us to do such things as build exploratory hardware for work on Mars?

Here's the transparent fact: We cannot explain the Trinity. But our faith in Jesus who taught it guarantees its place in our creed. One wholesome deduction we can make, and one that I prefer, and am even exhilarated by, is that our Creator shared this intimate fact about Himself so that our love of Him would be based entirely on truth. He wants us to know the whole truth about Himself and nothing less.

There shall be no holding back, as so often happens with

purely human relationships. Once an essential element of a loved one's background is held back, only to be revealed at a later crucial juncture, the love usually dissipates, never to be fully rekindled. The Lord does not deal with us like that.

Consider the dizzying array of pagan presumptions made in the past about what God is like: Their statues of gods with human torsos crowned with birds' heads, or creatures more bizarre, testify more to their creativity than their grasp of truth. But that was not their fault, since they were bereft of authentic revelation. We, on the other hand, have the whole truth - and nothing but our fragile grasp. The problem is that we can become indifferent or bored with it, and turn to our own idols like wealth, pleasure or power. This great feast reminds us of what we have and our obligation to requite the Love of Christ Jesus that gave it to us.

Blessed John Henry Cardinal Newman, one of my favorites, once wrote, "My God, the Paraclete, if I differ at all from the world, it is because You have chosen me ... and have lit up the love of God in my heart. If I differ from Your saints, it is because I do not ask earnestly enough for Your grace, and for enough of it, and because I do not diligently improve what You have given me. Increase in me this grace of love."

**God love you and give you His peace,
Rev. Leonard N. Peterson**

*"The Trinity is therefore Love,
all in the service of the world,
which He wishes to save and recreate."*

- *Pope Francis*



END-OF-LIFE EDUCATION

Sr. Charity, the assistant director of Respect Life with the Archdiocese of New York, shares the following:

Peace at the end of life begins today.

“Care & Prepare” is a 30-minute educational video with essential information on Church teaching, practical guidance in navigating medical decisions and advice on legal preparation for the end of life.

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bitly.com/careandprepare

A CALL TO SOCIAL JUSTICE

We are continuing to share resources for insight into current social-justice issues from a Biblical/Church perspective. The anniversary of George Floyd’s death was last Tuesday, May 25. The recent verdict in Derek Chauvin’s trial for his murder is a wake-up call and summons to white America to examine its fears of people of color and to the Catholic Church to address its complicity in the country’s racism. To ready the commentary, visit:

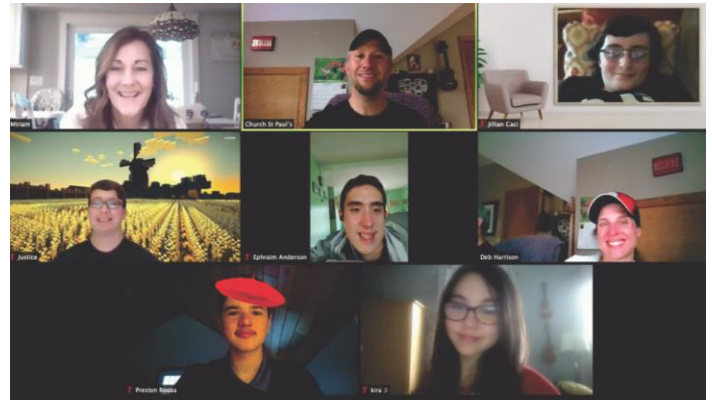
www.ncronline.org/news/opinion/chauvin-verdict-relief-vindication-not-celebration

Or for one-click access to this and all the other reflections, go to www.stpaulsbulleville.org; then click “Read More” under the Social Justice heading on the home page.



SUMMER HOURS

Beginning Memorial Day and continuing through Labor Day, the church office will be open 9 a.m-3 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, and yes, closed Mondays.



YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE

Turns out Zoom pairs perfectly with Pictionary, which was evident at last week’s meeting. Each budding van Gogh drew an object - perhaps a sunset, bicycle, tent, merry-go-round or corner. In between laughs, the others tried to ID the abstract renditions.

As always, Scripture sharing followed:

Romans 8:38-39 - For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Psalms 37:4 - Take delight in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart.

Isaiah 43:2 - When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze.

Galatians 3:24 - So the law was our guardian until Christ came that we might be justified by faith.

1 Peter 5:6-7 - Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you.

Psalms 139:7 - Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?

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