



Wisdom à la Water Balloons

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A *Calvin and Hobbes* comic strip finds Calvin filling water balloons. Immediately, we know there's trouble ahead. Calvin's plan is to drench Susie Derkins unless, as he says, the universe can give him some sign that there is a moral law against it. Calvin gives the universe thirty seconds. When there is no sign, Calvin concludes he is allowed to soak Susie. He finds her and pummels her with water balloons. Susie takes off after Calvin as he runs, screaming, "Help! Help!" The final frame shows Calvin, dazed and beaten, wondering why the universe always gives the sign *after* you do something.

It does seem that we learn more about the ways of life from our mistakes and upheavals than we do from the times when life unfolds smoothly. It is how we come to wisdom—the wisdom that is the very aura of God present in our lives. In fact, John's Gospel

points out that God is always the one who brings us to that wisdom; a God woven into the very ups and downs of what we are about. "When he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth" (John 16:13). It is St. Paul who notices how the troubles of life are always the source of new wisdom. He writes of how our afflictions lead us to endurance, and how endurance brings about character, and how it is our character (our inner values) that brings us to hope and trust in God's wisdom rather than in our own. In so many ways, it is the power and presence of the Holy Trinity making us new. •

Reflect

**Think of a time when life was difficult.
What blessings or important lessons
did you receive as a result?**

[Jesus said to his disciples,]
"Everything that the Father
has is mine; for this reason I
told you that [the Holy Spirit]
will take from what is mine
and declare it to you."

JOHN 16:15



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The Most Holy Trinity (C) June 15, 2025

This week we return to the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. This Sunday and next Sunday, however, are designated as solemnities, special days that call our attention to central mysteries of our faith. Today, on the first Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. This feast invites us to consider what we believe about God, who has revealed himself to us in the Trinity—one God in three persons.

The verses of today's Gospel come near the end of Jesus' long discourse at the Last Supper. In the early part of this discourse, as we saw last week on Pentecost, Jesus offers assurances to the disciples. Even though he must leave the disciples, he tells them that they will have a future because of the help he will send them in the Holy Spirit. In this section he focuses more on the shape of the future, which will include Jesus' victory over the world that they will share in. The disciples of Jesus cannot know the future. They can only know that whatever shape the future takes, they will not have to face it alone. They have the Spirit of Truth, who will continue to provide the teaching of Jesus in the future.

Reading this passage on Trinity Sunday reinforces our understanding of the unity shared by the members of the Trinity. Although the idea of one God in three persons remains a mystery, we have the assurance that, as Jesus and the Father share all, Jesus and the Spirit share all.

**Mass Schedule & Intentions
For the week of June 16, 2025**

Mon.	June	16	6:30 PM	SJ	NO MASS
Tues.	June	17	7:00 AM	SJ	NO MASS
Wed.	June	18	5:30 PM	SA	Deborah Breuer †
Thurs.	June	19	5:30 PM	SB	Special Intention
Fri.	June	20	7:00 AM	SJ	Charli Sierks
Sun.	June	22	8:00 AM	SJ	Kaye Venhaus †
Sun.	June	22	9:30 AM	SA	People of the Parish
Sun.	June	22	11:00AM	SB	Richard Ridder †



Cecelia Stallbaumer June 19th

Daniel Trumbull June 19th

Carlos Ortiz June 20th

Jeana Hanna June 21st


Dwayne Barraza June 21st

Klara Dailey June 22nd

Avery Boeser June 22nd

Ministry Schedule

Date: June 22	St Agnes	St Boniface	St John's
Time	<u>Sunday 9:30 AM</u>	<u>Sunday 11:00 AM</u>	<u>Sunday 8:00 AM</u>
Hospitality	Julie B.	Bartley & Kaylee B.	Jason & Jenny J.
Lector	Mary A.	Molly P.	Kristy O.
Server		Katie P. & Amelia P.	Cayson J. & Wyatt D.
EMHC	Charles F. & Conrad P.	Emily P. & Diane P.	Rex & Kristie W.
Communion to shut ins or Music		David P.	Music: Toby K.

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>St. Agnes</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Our Gifts to God & Church</i> June 8, 2025 <u>Total Collection:</u> \$1573.00 <u>Diocesan Appeal</u> Dollar Goal = \$2480 of \$4014 Donor Goal: 6 of 16</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thrift Store Open June 27 9AM to 4PM</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>St. Boniface</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Our Gifts to God & Church</i> June 8, 2025 <u>Total Collection:</u> \$1080.00 <u>Diocesan Appeal</u> Donation Goal MET!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>St. John's</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Our Gifts to God & Church</i> June 8, 2025 <u>Total Collection:</u> \$423.40 <u>Diocesan Appeal</u> Donation Goal MET!</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Saint Moses of Optina (1782-1862) Feast Day June 16 "If at some time you show mercy to someone, mercy will be shown to you."</p>	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;">  <p style="font-size: 2em; color: green; font-family: cursive;">Happy Anniversary</p> </div> <p style="text-align: center;">Mr. & Mrs. Bart Harris June 17th Mr. & Mrs. Richard Peterson June 19th</p>	

Father's Day June 15th

Fatherhood has its origins in God, who chose to reveal Himself to us as Our Father, sending his only Son for the sake of our salvation. Fathers therefore have a special role "in revealing and in reliving on earth the very fatherhood of God" (Familiaris consortio 25). Father's Day is an appropriate time to recall the essential role of fathers in the life of the family and in building a culture of life. It is also an opportunity to highlight spiritual fatherhood, which all men are called to embrace.

Dear Padre,

What does the Church teach about respect for the body after death? Is burial the most respectful? It's certainly the most expensive. What about donating your body to science? Or cremation? If someone is cremated, can the ashes be kept respectfully by a family member, or do they have to be buried?

Your question serves as a summation of current practice and exposes the real-life dilemma and choices facing loved ones: "How can I be respectful and at the same time practical?"

Catholics believe that the body of the deceased must be respected and not simply disposed of without care or concern. Current practice allows for burial, cremation, and the donation of the body to science, and choices depend in large part on tradition, culture, and economic circumstances. If someone chooses to donate to medical science, it is with the understanding that the body will be cremated or properly buried. If cremation is the chosen option, proper burial of the cremains in a sacred place is required.

All of this assumes an uneventful passing of the deceased person. It does not account for war, disease, or disaster. When faced with ordinary, rather than extraordinary, circumstances, loved ones have a real opportunity to be grateful and thankful for the chance to mourn, grieve, and show respect for the person. Unfortunately, that is not always the case in today's world. •



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Celebrating the Most Holy Trinity is not so much a theological exercise, but a revolution in our way of life. God, in whom each Person lives for the other in a continual relationship...provokes us to live with others and for others. Open. Today, we can ask ourselves if our life reflects the God we believe in.

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Monday

June 16
Weekday
2 Cor 6:1-10
Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday

June 17
Weekday
2 Cor 8:1-9
Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday

June 18
Weekday
2 Cor 9:6-11
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday

June 19
Weekday
2 Cor 11:1-11
Mt 6:7-15

Friday

June 20
Weekday
2 Cor 11:18, 21-30
Mt 6:19-23

Saturday

June 21
St. Aloysius Gonzaga,
Religious
2 Cor 12:1-10
Mt 6:24-34

Sunday

June 22
The Most Holy Body
and Blood of Christ
(Corpus Christi)
Gn 14:18-20
1 Cor 11:23-26
Lk 9:11b-17