

Dear Padre,

During Mass, is it proper for the faithful to raise our hands when pronouncing the words, "For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever"?

When the priest and people offer the Our Father together to God, the presider assumes an ancient posture of prayer, known as the *orans*—with arms extended and palms opened upward. After the Lord's Prayer, the priest keeps his hands extended and says alone the embolism ("Deliver us, Lord..."). At the end, he joins his hands, and the people acclaim, "For the kingdom...." This acclamation is meant to be the people's response to the embolism, and the priest remains silent for it. It would appear unnecessary for the faithful to now extend their hands during this acclamation—especially when it's a response to an embolism prayer that just called for the presider to have extended his own hands and now has them joined together.

Although the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* doesn't mention a specific congregational hand posture during this acclamation, it speaks in favor of "what serves the common spiritual good of the People of God, rather than private inclination or arbitrary choice," stating that a common bodily posture "is a sign of the unity of the members of the Christian community gathered together for the sacred Liturgy: it both expresses and fosters the intention and spiritual attitude of the participants" (*GIRM* 42). ●

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The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

2 CORINTHIANS 13:13

Reflect

How does the mystery of the Trinity reveal God's nature as a communion of love?

Embracing the Mystery

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSsR

The Christian confession of a triune God cannot be explained, it can only be believed. It is not a cop-out to proclaim that this belief is rooted in mystery. Mystery is the essential language and experience of belief. We lose something when we try to explain a mystery instead of embracing it. It may make us uncomfortable; it may provoke more questions than answers. Regardless, it does not suggest the weakness of mystery but rather the beauty, the wonder, and the awe.

Embracing belief and living as a person of faith is a singular journey. You cannot believe for someone else, and that person, even one you dearly love, cannot believe for you. It is also important to understand that as singular as the journey of faith may be, it ultimately ends in community. Belief does not isolate a person, but rather invites a person to connect with others who also walk in faith.

The community/communion of the triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—is the perfect witness to the truth that mystery creates. One God, three divine persons. The Eucharist that we celebrate on this day proclaims the unity of our belief—to the Father, through the Son, by the power of the Holy Spirit. ●



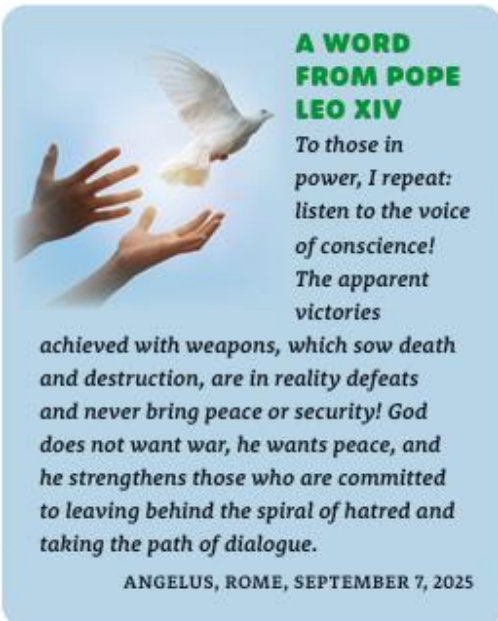
LEARN ABOUT THE AUTHORS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

To those in power, I repeat: listen to the voice of conscience! The apparent victories

achieved with weapons, which sow death and destruction, are in reality defeats and never bring peace or security! God does not want war, he wants peace, and he strengthens those who are committed to leaving behind the spiral of hatred and taking the path of dialogue.

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Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

Monday June 1 <i>St. Justin, Martyr</i> 2 Pt 1:2-7 Mk 12:1-12	Thursday June 4 <i>Weekday</i> 2 Tm 2:8-15 Mk 12:28-34	Sunday June 7 <i>The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)</i> Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a 1 Cor 10:16-17 Jn 6:51-58
Tuesday June 2 <i>Weekday</i> 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18 Mk 12:13-17	Friday June 5 <i>St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr</i> 2 Tm 3:10-17 Mk 12:35-37	
Wednesday June 3 <i>St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs</i> 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12 Mk 12:18-27	Saturday June 6 <i>Weekday</i> 2 Tm 4:1-8 Mk 12:38-44	

Most Holy Trinity (A) May 31, 2026

This week we return to the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. This Sunday and next, however, are designated as solemnities—special days that call our attention to central mysteries of our faith. Today on Trinity Sunday we celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity, one God in three persons.

Today's Gospel is from the beginning of John's Gospel. The passage we read follows Jesus' conversation with a Pharisee, Nicodemus, about what it means to be born of both water and the spirit. Nicodemus approaches Jesus at night and acknowledges Jesus as a teacher from God. Jesus tells him that only those who are born from above will see the Kingdom of God. Nicodemus misunderstands and questions how a person can be born more than once. Jesus tells Nicodemus that no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. Jesus is essentially explaining Baptism, which we celebrate as a sacrament today. Yet Nicodemus, we are told, still does not understand what Jesus is saying. Jesus continues by testifying to the need to be born from above so that one might have eternal life.

After the dialogue with Nicodemus, the author of the Gospel offers his own explanation of Jesus' words. This is what we read in today's Gospel, John 3:16-18.

In the context of today's focus on the mystery of the Holy Trinity, the reading calls our attention to the action of God, who reveals himself in three persons: God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit. God the Father, out of love for the world, sent his Son into the world in order to save it. Through the death and resurrection of the Son, we have been given the gift of the Holy Spirit. As three persons, God acts always as a God of love; he does not condemn the world but acts to save it.

The Gospel also calls attention to the response that is required of us. God's love for us calls us to respond in faith by professing our belief in God's son, Jesus, and the salvation that he has won for us. This profession of faith is a sign of the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

Mass Schedule & Intentions For the week of June 1, 2026

Mon.	June	01	7:00 AM	SJ	Rain
Tues.	June	02	7:00 AM	SJ	No Mass
Wed.	June	03	5:30 PM	SA	Ben Neal
Thurs.	June	04	5:30 PM	SB	Carl & Barbara Wildhagen †
Fri.	June	05	7:00 AM	SJ	Marie Lemmer †
Sat.	June	06	5:30 PM	SJ	Norma Schacher †
Sun.	June	07	9:30 AM	SA	Kerri Brosius †
Sun.	June	07	11:00 AM	SB	People of the Parish †

Priest Jubilee Celebrations - See flyers at your church

Fr. Don Buhrman 40th Saturday & Sunday, June 13-14
 Fr. Vince Parsons 25th Sunday, June 7
 Fr. Art Faesser 50th Sunday, June 7



Janel Brestel June 1st



Mr. & Mrs. John Beshaler
June 4th

Ministry Schedule

Date: June 5-6	St John's	St Agnes	St Boniface
Time	Saturday 5:30 PM	Sunday 9:30 AM	Sunday 11:00 AM
Hospitality	Steve & Cindy F.	Aleta & Conrad P.	Bartley & Kaylee B.
Lector	Toby K.	Mary A.	Molly P.
Server	Kelsey A. & Bria B.		Wyatt B. & Newt O.
EMHC	Jon & Molly W.	Aleta & Conrad P.	Seth & Tristan Pearson
	Music: Jenny J.		<i>Communion to shut ins</i> Kristen B.

St. John's
Our Gifts to God & Church
May 24, 2026
Total Collection: **\$281.75**

Pancakes, Prayer, & Play

Join us for Mass Sunday
June 28th at 8 AM.
Afterward, we are gathering at the Stapleton Park Pavillion for a pancakes feed and fellowship while the kids enjoy the park and slash pad!
Grilling will be available for lunch: please bring meat for your family, while salads, chips & all other supplies will be provided.



St. Agnes
Our Gifts to God & Church
May 24, 2026,
Total Collection: **\$170.00**

Thrift Store
Open June 6th 9AM to 4PM

Consecration of the Diocese to the Sacred Heart of Jesus (June 13)

As part of the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. bishops will consecrate the United States of America to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Bishop Hanefeldt will make this consecration during the 7 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral on Saturday, June 13th. Please view this link to the USCCB website about this great spiritual moment for the Church in this country. [Consecration of the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus | USCCB](#). Also, we encourage you to join Bishop in praying the [Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus](#) beginning June 3rd – 11th.

St. Boniface
Our Gifts to God & Church
May 24, 2026
Total Collection: **\$1535.00**

Quotes for Today

Saint Boniface (675-754)

“What we ourselves cannot bear let us bear with the help of Christ. For he is all-powerful and he tells us: ‘My yoke is easy and my burden is light’.

