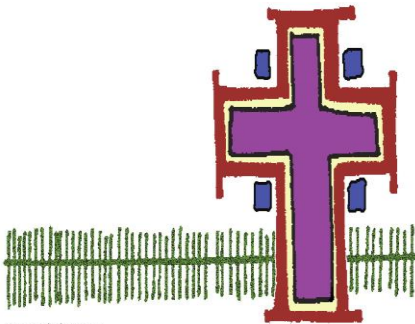


THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

JUNE 7, 2020

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son.

John 3:16



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GRACE AND ETERNAL LIFE

Moses is a man after our own hearts, for haven't we all dealt with more than our share of stiff-necked people? Indeed, haven't we all gotten a little stiff-necked ourselves at times? Complaining . . . impatient . . . quick to anger. How lucky for Moses—how lucky for all of us—that God is exactly the opposite! And we don't even have to guess about it. The Lord tells us so directly. Accordingly, Moses does what we all need to do. Even with the tablets in hand, he bows down and asks for God's forgiveness and grace.

Encouraging us to live together in peace—and in God's favor—the Apostle Paul knows all about this grace, joyfully invoking Christ's grace on us along with God's love and the Holy Spirit's. "Rejoice," he says. And when it comes to rejoicing, John offers us the gladdest words of all: the assurance of eternal life through Jesus.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD, merciful and gracious, rich in kindness and faithfulness (*Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9*).

Psalm — Glory and praise for ever! (*Daniel 3*).

Second Reading — Brothers and sisters, rejoice. Live with one another in peace, and the God of peace will be with you (*2 Corinthians 13:11-13*).

GOSPEL — God did not send the Son to condemn the world, but to give it abundant life (*John 3:16-18*).

SPECIAL PRAYER LIST

Edith Bolder	Holmesdale Care Center
Jeanette Hamilton Evans	Home
Eddie Jennings,	V.A. Rehab
Inell Hunter	Home
Martha Melton	Addington House Ctr
Marcheita Bush	Home
Carlos Nix	Home
Lavel McCullough	Home
Rosa Birch	Home
Sandra Cloyd	Home
Kevin Brown	Home
Jackie Countee	Home
Sharon Shackelford-Allen	Home
Earnestine Nard	Home
Mable Parson	Home
Earl Greene	Home
Michael Mize	Home
Chaunceyetta Mize	Home
Margaret Jones	Home
Flora Waddell	Home
Delores Bazy	Home
Deacon Greene	Home
Vera Brown	Home
Ovell Thomas	Home
Joann James	Home
Deacon Greene	St. Luke Plaza

Please inform Father Leonard, when a loved-one has become homebound, or has been hospitalized.

Call, 816-471-3696,

or email: leombuthia@yahoo.com

MASS TIMES

Must wear mask

at all times

– to attend.

SUNDAY:

8:00 a.m. (Live)

10:00 a.m. (Live and Recorded)

WEDNESDAY:

9:00 a.m. (Live and Recorded)

HOLY TRINITY

The Father is my trust, the Son is my refuge, the Holy Spirit is my protection. O holy Trinity, glory to Thee. —Byzantine Horologion, Troparion at Nocturns, sixth century



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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	1 Kgs 17:1-6; Ps 121:1bc-8; Mt 5:1-12
Tuesday:	1 Kgs 17:7-16; Ps 4:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 5:13-16
Wednesday:	1 Kgs 18:20-39; Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab, 8, 11; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Ps 65:10-13; Mt 5:20-26
Friday:	1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16; Ps 27:7-9abc, 13-14; Mt 5:27-32
Saturday:	1 Kgs 19:19-21; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-10; Mt 5:33-37
Sunday:	Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; 1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	The Most Holy Trinity; Julian Calendar Pentecost
Monday:	10th Week in Ordinary Time
Tuesday:	St. Ephrem
Thursday:	St. Barnabas
Saturday:	St. Anthony of Padua

SAINT BERNADETTE SOUBIROUS (1844-1879)

April 16

With Immaculate Mary's "Ave Maria" for its refrain, Andy Williams' "Village of Saint Bernadette" peaked at #7 on *Billboard's Top 40* at Christmas 1959, airing on radio stations all over America. Imagine! April 16 marks the feast of Bernadette Soubirous, the teenager who, combing a refuse heap for firewood, saw a "beautiful lady" who identified herself in words Bernadette faithfully reported to the bishop, though she did not understand their meaning: "I am the Immaculate Conception." Relentlessly interrogated, she never wavered in her story or sweetness. Chronically ill all her life and dead at thirty-five, Bernadette left behind the shrine at Lourdes where healing waters still flow from the spring that her "beautiful lady" pointed out to her.

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CONDOLENCE

We extend our sincere sympathy, to Linda Williams, and family, for the loss of her husband, **MR. MICHAEL WILLIAMS**, who died Wednesday, June 3, 2020, in Fort Smith, Arkansas, following a long illness. Please remember in prayer, his wife, Linda, daughter Destiny, and the Williams Family, brother-in-law, Deacon Ken Greene (Carolyn) and family, in your prayers. May he rest in peace.

CONDOLENCE

MRS. VERNERSTINE GROVES, mother of Reginald Groves, passed away, Tuesday, June 2, 2020, with her loved-ones at her side. To Reginald, (Karen Hardy-Groves), and the Groves Family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, during this time of mourning. Your loved one will forever be present in your hearts. Peace be with you.

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE HOLY TRINITY

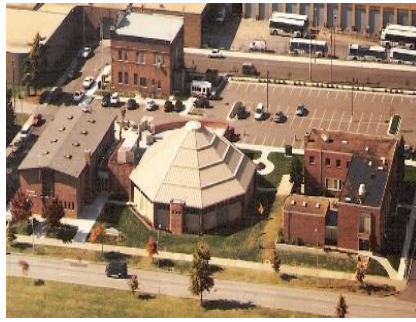
(Lect. 164 - Year A)

Today's readings are especially short, but it's hard to imagine a trio of spiritual passages that better emphasize the generosity of God. In the first reading, God reveals the Divine name, LORD, along with the meaning of that name to Moses on Mount Sinai. Every component of the description of the word "LORD" reveals God's generosity. God is generous with mercy, graciousness, patience ("slow to anger"), Kindness, and fidelity (Exodus 34:6). This is who God who is.

Paul concludes his second letter to the Corinthians by describing God as "the God of love and peace, two gifts that God freely offers to all humankind (2 Corinthians 13:11). Of course, the pinnacle of God's generosity comes in the gift of Jesus. God first gave him to be born into the world, then gave him over to death in order to redeem a world unable to do it for itself. Finally, God gives us the Holy Spirit to remain with us forever. In celebrating the Trinity today, we realize God's supreme generosity.

How do you respond to others' generosity? To God's?

FORWARD IN FAITH



Thanks to everyone who is participating in our "Forward in Faith" Campaign. The campaign is to take care of our accumulated diocesan assessment arrears and build reserves for our parish. Thanks to many of you, who took time to fill in pledge cards. More pledge cards are available in the pews.

Please take time to fill one out and drop it in the collection basket. If you have any question, please don't hesitate to approach one of our Stewardship Committee members, for clarification.

Your **2020** Annual Tithing Envelopes also include "Forward in Faith" Envelopes. **Please use the Forward in Faith envelopes toward the campaign.**

Our goal is, to raise **\$150,000** by October 2020. So far, we have received **\$29,948.31**, and **\$120,051.69**, still to go. The goal is huge, but God is faithful.

God bless you all,
Fr. Leonard



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

It is often heard that today's observance is an "idea feast," and that it is somewhat difficult to grasp its meaning. Other great solemnities, such as Christmas and Easter, have an easily grasped core. Yet, even though the Trinity is at the heart of our faith, firmly declared in the Creed since the Council of Nicea in 325, we are used to having people shrug and say, "Well, it's a mystery."

Perhaps it is more helpful to think of this as a "relationship feast," since it unveils our deepest identity. Dorothy Day was a great social reformer, pacifist, and ardent lover of the Trinity. When people told her that she would certainly be canonized one day (the process is indeed underway), she protested dismissively by remarking that people were raising a fuss just because she was not afraid to talk about God. She loved the Trinity, and treasured the traditional icon for the feast, also known as "The Hospitality of Abraham," depicting the three angelic beings seated at a table tilted toward the viewer and laden with bread and wine. For her, the Trinity revealed the heart of the Catholic life, three C's if you will: community, communication, and communion. That was not an "idea" for her, but what it means to be created in the image of the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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Noon

