

JUNE 7, 2020
THE SOLEMNITY OF
THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Reflection from Fr. Bernard Doré

Today's solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity celebrates that life of communal love. For God is one God, in three persons – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – whose relationship is one of complete self-gift and outpouring of love. In other words, God is not a being who loves, God is love itself.

That God is greater than we can ever know and yet is also one who revealed himself to us in his Son is truly something to celebrate. For the God who is transcendent – above all things – is also immanent: present to all things. He invites us to relationship with him; to seek more and know more and to open our hearts and minds to how he reveals himself to us.

As the fundamental mystery of faith, it permeates our identity and prayer. Already at this Mass we have invoked the Trinity in several ways: from the initial sign of the cross to the Gloria to our opening prayer, which is addressed to the Father but offered through Jesus Christ in the unity of the Holy Spirit ... one God, forever and ever. In a few moments, our creed will set out what we believe about the oneness of God, and yet a God who is Father, Son, and Spirit. And, of course, in the central act of the Mass we will ask the Father to send the Spirit so that our bread and wine might become for us the body and blood of Christ, his Son. Our faith is Trinitarian!

Here we have three divine persons who in the words of the creed are consubstantial – eternal – each to be adored and glorified, and yet, one God. Within the Trinity there is such a perfect relationship that they are fully united in every way – no boundaries or separations except that they are not the same person. Everything that belongs to one belongs to the other, and yet each is not the same as the other.

By celebrating the Trinity, we recall God's invitation to us to be in relationship with him. We are reminded that God loves each of us and wills only our good; that this love is so real that Christ was actually willing to die for us; and that the Spirit is the gift of the Father and Son to us, to remain present among us. The Holy Spirit teaches and reminds us of that Trinitarian love, strengthening and consoling us in times of challenge and trial, and empowering us to be disciples in a troubled world. Let us be honest, we will never fully know – in this world – how and why God loves us so much or why he has chosen to make us his sons and daughters. So let us today just simply revel in that divine love and holy identity.



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OFFICE HOURS	9:00 AM – 2:00 PM (MON, WED, THU, FRI)
WEEKDAY MASSES	9:00 AM (MON, WED, FRI)
SATURDAY VIGIL MASS	5:00 PM
SUNDAY MASSES	8:00 AM 10:00 AM

ST. PAUL'S UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Saturday June 6

5:00 PM Mass: Terry & Linda Benson on the Occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary

Sunday June 7

8:00 AM Mass: Rick & Lori Copp on the Occasion of their 45th Wedding Anniversary

9:30 AM Rosary

10:00 AM Mass:

Monday June 8

8:35 AM Rosary

9:00 AM Mass: Doris Duffy (RIP)

Wednesday June 10

8:35 AM Rosary

9:00 AM Mass: Wodziak & Tarsa Families

Friday June 12

8:35 AM Rosary

9:00 AM Mass: Souls in Purgatory

NEXT WEEKEND'S MASS INTENTIONS

5:00 PM Open for your Intentions

8:00 AM Mass: Sidney Bridges (RIP)

10:00 AM Mass: 2020 Graduates

PLEASE CONSIDER COMMEMORATING
A LOVED ONE AT THE EUCHARIST

Congratulations 2020 Grads

St. Paul's Parish would like to honor your accomplishments. All graduates of St. Paul the Apostle Parish are invited to attend the 10:00 Sunday morning Mass on **June 14th**.

Please let the church office know of any graduates so we can include them in next week's bulletin!

Congrats: Book Award

Please join St. Paul the Apostle Knights of Columbus in congratulating Ana Botelho who is the recipient of their 2020 Book Award for her essay on The Miracle of the Sun at Fatima and What it Means to her.

June Birthdays

Happy Birthday to all parishioners who will Celebrate a birthday in the month of June. May your Birthday be touched with His presence, and your heart be filled with His love and joy!

Second Collection: June 6/7

This weekend's second collection will be used to help with the **cost of air conditioning**.

Catholic Communication Campaign

Next weekend's second collection is in support of CCA, which focuses on ways to bring the gospel message to our society: on the Internet, podcasts, in social media, on television for news and sharing of the faith.

Let's Stay Connected

We've been emailing a weekly parish update to help us stay informed and to share resources. Please add your name and email to the list via our website:

www.stpaulsfoster.org

Your information is never shared with anyone else and is only used to communicate with you about the parish.

Support St. Paul's

Set up a reoccurring donation (or make a gift at anytime) using our secure, online giving tool by ParishSOFT.

Visit our website at **stpaulsfoster.org**, and click the "Donate Now" button.

Thank you!

Novena for National Unity & An End to Racism

SUNDAY, JUNE 7 – MONDAY, JUNE 15

"Time is cluttered with the wreckage of broken communities which have surrendered to hatred and violence. For the salvation of our nation and the salvation of mankind, we must follow another way. This does not mean we abandon our righteous efforts. ... But we shall not, in the process, relinquish our privilege and obligation to love. ... This is the only way to create beloved communities."

Inspired by these words of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the Knights of Columbus ask all to join in nine days of prayer to heal our nation of the evils of racism and violence, with this prayer: *Heavenly Father, you so loved the world that you sent us your only begotten Son as our Redeemer. The Holy Spirit rested upon your Beloved Son as he preached the Good News, cured the sick, and gave his life to break down each sinful barrier that separates us from you and from one another. With your Son, O Father, you sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church that she might extend your saving truth and love to every race and nation.*

So it is that we praise you, O Glorious Trinity, One God in Three Persons, united in one Divine Nature yet distinct in each Person — Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. As you are united in one Divine Nature, we ask you to bring together in your love all whom hatred and racism have separated. Pour your love into our hearts, that we may speak the truth boldly and in a spirit of charity, and labor unceasingly for justice, peace and reconciliation in our divided nation and world. O Father, source of every blessing, O Son, Radiant Truth, O Spirit of Love, enable us to respect and love those who are different from ourselves and remove from our hearts, our homes, our Church, and our society every trace of racism.

Grant us, in your mercy, renewed and lasting resolve 'to mend our ways, to encourage one another, to agree with one another, and to live in peace.'
Grant us the wisdom to create a civilization of truth, justice and love, worthy of your Kingdom. Then we shall know that you are truly with us, O God of life, truth and love, living and reigning forever and ever. Amen.

Reopening Guidelines

We are reopening church for public worship based on guidelines from the Diocese, developed in collaboration with public health officials. For details, visit **stpaulsfoster.org**.

Stay home if need be

The elderly and those with weakened health conditions are encouraged to stay home. If you are ill or are just not feeling well, you must stay home.

Livestreamed Mass

The 10:00 AM Sunday Mass will be livestreamed on Facebook at **facebook.com/foster.catholic**

Limited inside seating

Seating at each Mass will be limited to 43 people, which is 25% of our fire code capacity.

Listen from your car

We will broadcast the Mass on 107.90 FM on car radios. Those who participate from the outside will be brought Communion if they choose to receive.

Wear a face mask

A face mask helps limit the potential spread of infection and provides fellow parishioners with a sign of assurance, we care for each other.

Maintain social distance

Keep a distance at least 6-feet from one another unless you are with members of your household.

Holy Communion

Father and Deacon will sanitize their hands before distributing Holy Communion.

Ushers will guide the procession lines to and from the two Communion stations at the side aisles.

Coming forward with your face mask on, when presented with the Body of Christ, respond "Amen."

Remove your face mask; receive and consume the Host; and replace your face mask.

You may choose to not receive Holy Communion and make an act of spiritual communion instead.

Dismissal

Do not congregate inside the building. Keep the social distance of 6-feet.

Thank you for your support as the parish continues to deal with the effects of "lockdown".