# MAY 26, 2024 HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY





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Holy Trinity Parish - 25521 Hwy 19, Nisku - Feast Celebration - This Saturday May 25 Mass at 5:00 pm BBQ Hamburgers and Hotdogs will be served after mass. Everyone is welcome to stay for the meal.

PLEASE NOTE : This Saturday, May 25, THERE WILL NOT BE A MASS AT ST. MARIA GORETTI - DEVON Please attend Holy Trinity Parish in Nisku instead.

#### Cemetery Contacts:

Our Lady of Victory - Thorsby: Mark Bendoritis - 780.985.3779 St Francis: Ed Naprawa - 780.789.2195 and/or George Cygan 780 918 3412 St Charles: Clem Coffey - 780.696.2221 and/or Barry Gidish 780 910 1003 Holy Trinity - Nisku: Ron Chamulka 780.955.8031 St. Margaret Mary - Calmar: Barb Abel 780-985-3655 and/or Cheryl Hancar 780-980-3046 1st Reading: Deuteronomy 4.32-34, 39-40

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 8, 14-17

Gospel: Matthew 28, 16-20

### The Essence of the Most Holy Trinity

"All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." Matthew 28:19–20 (Year B Gospel)

Of all the great feasts we celebrate within the Church throughout the year, today's Solemnity presents us with a Mystery that is so deep and transcendent that our eternity will be spent in perpetual contemplation. The Trinity, the life of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, will never get old, never be fully understood, and will be the cause of our everlasting adoration and joy. Though the Church has used philosophical concepts to explain the Trinity, no human concept or description will ever fully explain Who God is. Though we can point to some general truths about God, we will never be able to fully depict the inner essence, depth, beauty and omnipotence of the Trinity.

As we consider that fact, it's important to understand that the Trinity is not first a theological mystery we try to define. Rather, the Trinity is first a communion of Persons we are invited to know. We do not primarily come to know God through intellectual deduction. We come to know God through prayerful union with Him. Though theology is exceptionally useful and important, the essence of God is beyond any and every philosophical concept we can define.

The Father, Son and Holy Spirit are Persons. And as Persons, they want to be known. And they want to be known primarily through a life of deep and intimate prayer. Praying to One Person, of course, is praying to all, since they are One God. But we are, nonetheless, called to a relationship of love with the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. And though our feeble minds may not be able to fully comprehend the essence of God, He will draw us deeper and deeper into a knowledge of Him if we let Him.

Prayer often begins by saying prayers, by meditating upon Scripture, and by listening. But true prayer is something much deeper. True prayer is contemplative prayer that ultimately leads to divine union. Only God can initiate this form of prayer in our lives, and only God, through this deep form of prayer, can communicate Himself to us as He is. Some of the greatest mystics of our Church, such as Saint John of the Cross and Saint Teresa of Ávila, explain in their mystical theology that the deepest knowledge of God does not come through concepts or images. In fact, if we wish to obtain a knowledge of God in His essence, we must allow Him to purge every concept of Who He is so that the pure light of His essence can be poured forth upon our minds. This knowledge, they say, is beyond knowing "about" God. It's the beginning of a knowledge "of" God.

Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, please draw me into a relationship of love with You Who are one God and three divine Persons. May the mystery and beauty of Your life become more known and loved by me each day through the gift of transforming mystical prayer. Jesus, I trust in You. (mycatholiclife.com)

# Please Pray for our young parishioners Preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation <u>Their Confirmation Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Smith</u> <u>this Tuesday May 28th at 5:30 pm.</u>

Alianna	Brody	Bruce	Cadence	Claire	David	Elliot
Eva	Hayden	Jared	Jeremy	Kashton	Kayden	Liliana
Mason	Nathan	Reid	Rhett	Thomas	Tolson	Wyatt

St. Charles Cemetery - Warbug - Blessing of the Graves - Saturday June 8

Saturday June 8 Mass will be celebrated in the hall at 1:00pm followed by a visit to the cemetery for a Blessing of the Graves; then returning to the Hall for Lunch and Fellowship.

## Sick? Shut-in?

Would you like to receive communion? Please call the office at 780-987-2858 to arrange communion, and/or to be put on our prayer list.

### Our Lady of Victory Cemetery - Thorsby - Blessing of the Graves - Sunday June 2

Sunday Mass will be celebrated at 4:00pm. on Sunday June 2. Followed by a visit to the Cemetery for the Blessing of the Graves. Then returning to the Parish Hall for a light Supper and Fellowship for ALL PARISHIONERS.

#### St. Francis Cemetery - Blessing of the Graves - Saturday June 15

There will be a gathering at the cemetery for a Blessing of the Graves on Saturday June 15 at 1:00pm. Followed by Lunch and Fellowship.

# PPC is Hosting a Volunteer Appreciation BBQ For our parish volunteers and their families

Wednesday, June 5th

at 6:00pm

### Saint Maria Goretti parish



please RSVP by May 31

to Roger 780-987-2858

## or by email at dcc2006@telus.net

Kids bring along your soccer ball, for some outdoor play in the feild

# <u>Please Pray for our young parishioners</u> <u>Preparing for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion</u>

Clair	Gavin	Marcus
Mireya	Myles	Grace
Sophia	Timothy	Xander

#### **YOUCAT Study Group**

The YOUCAT is the Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church. Although written for the youth, it is relevant for all to study and learn from. It has a different format from the Catechism of the Catholic Church as it clusters various passages from the catechism and poses them as a question. The four major parts include: What We Believe, How We Celebrate the Christian Mysteries, How We Are to Have Life in Christ, How We Should Pray.

The next YOUCAT Study Group will meet on **Friday, June 7 at 9:45 am** at St. Maria Goretti Parish; following the morning Mass This group is sponsored by the Catholic Woman's League and as our Spiritual Advisor, Father Luan will be with us. **All parishioners from all parishes are welcomed to attend.** 

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

When a priest celebrates Mass every day, he offers each celebration of the Eucharist for a particular person or intention. By doing so, he applies special graces from God upon that person or intention. To request a Mass intention, please visit or call the parish office.

#### **Mass Intentions for this week**

Da	ate	Intention
25	Sat	For the Health of Marlene Brannick
26	Sun	Repose of the Soul of Mary R.I.P.
29	Wed	Repose of the Soul of Norna Gates R.I.P.
30	Thu	Thanksgiving for the Birthday of Erick Barba
31	Fri	Repose of the Soul of Norna Gates R.I.P.
1	Sat	Rhodes & Hills Family members, Living & Deceased
2	Sun	Repose of the Soul of Norna Gates R.I.P.

# Harvest Fest Dinner, Dance & Auction

Adult Ticket \$50

Sponsored by **St Maria Goretti Church** Saturday, Sept 7, 2024 Devon Community Centre Cocktails: 5:30pm Dinner: 6:30pm

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For more information please contact: Nicole@ 780 619-5649 Steve @ 780 982-5421

# Our Lady of Victory Camp CWL Sponsorship

Devon Catholic Women's League is sponsoring a \$200 reimbursement towards camp fees for one youth from our parish to attend Our Lady of Victory Camp. Complete your application and deposit it in the blue box at the back of the church. The draw will be made on Sunday June 9th.



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