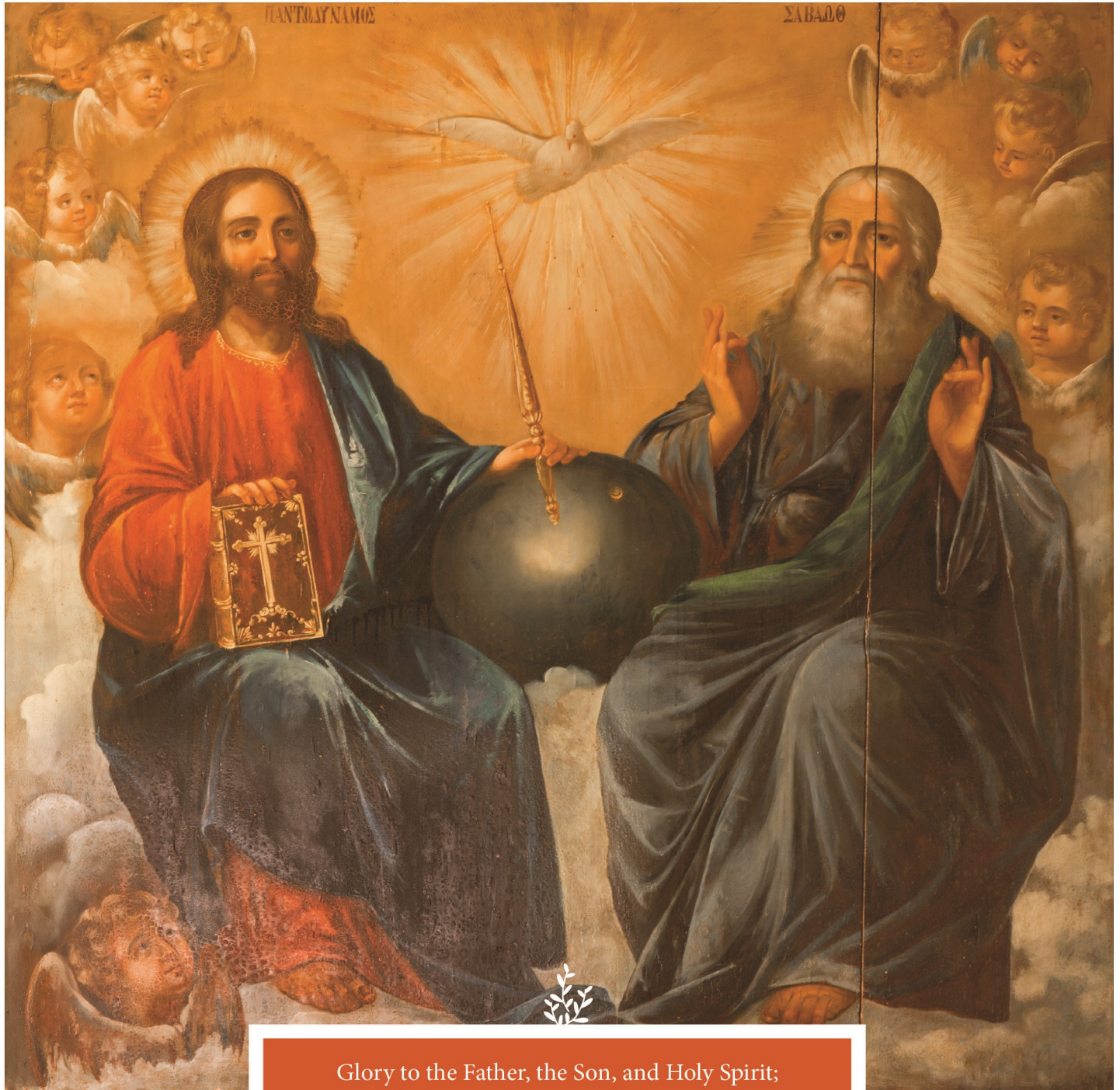




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JUNE 12, 2022 | THE MOST HOLY TRINITY



Glory to the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit;
to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

~Revelation 1:8

“Eye has not seen, and ear has not heard...what God has prepared for those who love him,” 1 Cor. 2:9

One God, three persons. It is a mystery. We acknowledge the Holy Trinity every time we sign ourselves. We were baptized in the name of the Holy Trinity. But as the word “mystery” implies, it is a difficult, seemingly impossible, concept and reality to comprehend.

Many have tried to explain it with symbols with varying degrees of success. One example is the three-leaf clover. One plant three lobes. Or the three states of water, gas, liquid, and vapor. One essence, water, but three forms of structure. All very enlightening images, but the reality is none can truly explain the mystery of the Holy Trinity. What the church does understand is that the idea of three separate persons does not have to do with different natures or modalities, but rather the persons are distinguished within their relationship. In beginning to understand the idea of the Trinity, we are above all invited into this relationship.

In truth God is just too immense and too grand for us to truly grasp His nature through our limited human experience and abilities, at least while here on earth. That is what “mystery” is and rather than becoming frustrated in our inability to comprehend, we should revel in this incomprehensible reality.

God has privileged us to catch just a glimpse of His majesty. In the first reading from the Book Proverbs, God pours out Himself onto his creation. And he delights in it. God states “I delight in the human race”. He delights in beginning to reveal Himself, making Himself known to us. “What is man that you should be mindful of him” says the psalm but He has deigned to reach out to us. St. Paul adds “we have gained access by faith to this grace”.

It’s not that we understand God completely, but that He has favored us with his love and begun to reveal Himself to us. That is what lovers do, they reveal themselves to each other, and they share of themselves. It’s not that we have reached the goal of complete comprehension, but that we delight in the process of exploring more and more who He is. To know the one who loves. It is about the *journey*. Last week we experienced the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. God gives us the gift of the Spirit to help us understand Him more and more. While here on earth we can never truly grasp the full nature of the Trinity, but we delight in the journey and look forward to the time when we can completely experience God. As St. Catherine of Siena says “All the way to heaven is heaven”.

Every day God reveals himself more and more, every time we pray, every time we listen to his revelation in scripture, every moment we spend in absolute stillness and silence contemplating his wonders.

And here is the most amazing truth. We can grasp more and more the mystery of the Trinity as we allow God to “deify” us. The more we become like Him the more we can know Him. Fr. Garrigou-Lagrange reflects “such a knowledge and love cannot be realized in us unless God first defies us in a certain manner in the depths of our soul”. Imagine, our search for the mystery of the Holy Trinity literally “transforms” us. God wants to reveal Himself to us, so we can thirst and search for Him. And the journey of discovery will change us to be more and more like Him. St. John states this in so many words when he talks about our transformation in heaven, “what we shall be has not yet been revealed but we do know that when it is revealed we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is”.

Yes, the mystery of the Trinity is not within our grasp while here on earth. But God, within His love, calls us to come to Him and discover. And this journey of discovery is a sheer delight and it changes us.

~ *Rico Chapa*

PRO-LIFE NEWS

Beginning June 13, a Mass will be celebrated on the 13th of every month until May 13, 2023. The intention of these Masses is for an end to abortion and that people will become more aware of how devastating abortion is. Come to Mass and bring a friend or family member.

OTHER NEWS

Walking with Moms in Need is a nationwide initiative of the United States Conference of Bishops. Pregnant and parenting moms in our parish are often in need. As Pope Francis reminds us, our parishes need to be “islands of mercy in the midst of the sea of indifference.” Everyone should know how to help moms in difficult circumstances. We can support our local pregnancy center and we can also find and share other resources with pregnant and parenting women. If you are interested in being a parish leader of *Walking With Moms*, please contact Fr. Stephen 520-912-5919. You can also see the website at: <https://www.walkingwithmoms.com>

Feast of St. Anthony

You are invited to celebrate the Feast of St. Anthony at **St. Kateri Tekakwitha (507 W 29th)**, Monday, June 13. There will be a procession beginning at 6PM and Mass at 7PM.



– Catholic Men –

Support the Church and your community by joining the **Knights of Columbus**

Fr. Ignacio / Bro. Angel Santa Cruz Council 14139 For more information on upcoming meetings please call the parish office 520-623-3833.

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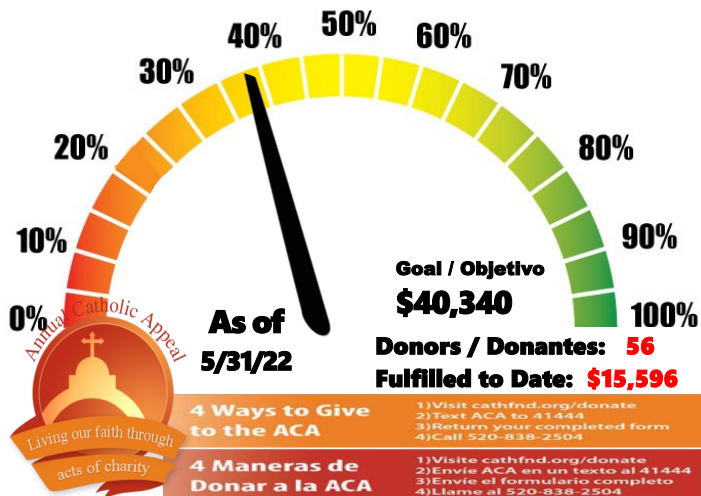
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Business Hours Monday - Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm

Closed for lunch 12:45pm - 1:45pm

Pastor:
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Rev. Stephen Watson, O.C.D.
Rev. David Costello, O.C.D.

Saturday, June 11th

8:00am Mary Helen Cassidy/R.I.P.

5:30pm Mercedes T. Burruel/R.I.P.

Sunday, June 12th

6:30am Santa Cruz Parishioners

8:00am Daniel Talamante/R.I.P.

10:00am Daniel Insunsa & Carmen Contreras/R.I.P.
Lalo Romero/Happy Birthday

12:00pm Juan Cota/R.I.P.

6:00pm Eva Cota/R.I.P.

Monday, June 13th

Antonio Amado/R.I.P.

8:00am In Honor of Our Lady of Fatima/
Int. Children, victims of abortion

Tuesday, June 14th

In Thanksgiving to Saint Joseph

8:00am Grace Nuno/R.I.P.

Wednesday, June 15th

In Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:00am Charles Kelly/R.I.P.

Thursday, June 16th

In Thanksgiving to Saint Joseph

8:00am Armando A. Gonzalez/Improved Health

Friday, June 17th

John Nguyen/R.I.P.

8:00am Mercedes Gutierrez/R.I.P.

Parish Collection May 29th, 2022

Collection: \$ 3,882.47

Catholic Communication: \$ 990.00

Parish Collection June 5th, 2022

Collection: \$ 5,167.72

PayPal for the Month of May 2022

Collected: \$ 1,495.55

New Parishioners: Always welcome!

Please register by using our forms available in the church.

*Please note that the 12 noon Mass is following full COVID protocols:
social distancing, masks required and distancing in pews

Masses: Sun. 6:30 am, 10 am, *12 noon & 6 pm

8 am Spanish at Capilla de Guadalupe (409 E. 31st Street)

Mon. - Fri. 8:00 am, Sat. 8 am & 5:30 pm (Vigil)

Confessions: Sat. 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Baptisms: Call the parish office for more information / Llame a la oficina parroquial

Matrimony: Please call at least six months in advance.

Por favor de llamar con seis meses de anticipación.

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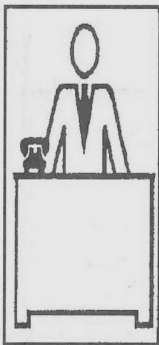
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