

Holy Trinity Sunday - May 30, 2021



Sunday's Readings

First Reading

Deuteronomy 4:32-34,39-40

Moses teaches the people that Yahweh is the only God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 33:4-5,6,9,18-19,20,22

A prayer for the Lord's mercy

Second Reading

Romans 8:14-17

Through the Spirit, we have been adopted as children of God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 28:16-20

Jesus sends his disciples to make disciples of all nations.

Background on the Gospel Reading

This week we return to the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. This Sunday and next Sunday, however, are designated as solemnities, special days that call our attention to the central mysteries of our faith. Today, on the first Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. This feast invites us to consider what we believe about God, who has revealed himself to us in the Trinity, one God in three Persons.

The Solemnity of the Holy Trinity invites us to remember that God has revealed himself to us as one God in three Persons. As Jesus departed from his disciples, he shared with them the power to make disciples of all nations. He taught his disciples to invite others to share in the life of the blessed Trinity by sharing with others the gift of Baptism. This continues to be the mission of the Church. Each of us who has been baptized shares in the life of the blessed Trinity and also shares in the Church's mission of inviting others to share in God's love.

This part of Matthew's Gospel is sometimes called, is given on the mountaintop. Throughout Scripture, many of the most important events happen on a mountaintop, and Matthew used this motif often. Peter, James, and John saw Jesus transfigured on the mountaintop, and Jesus taught the crowds from the mountaintop in the Sermon on the Mount. In today's Gospel, the eleven disciples go the mountaintop in Galilee, as Jesus had instructed them through Mary Magdalene and the other Mary. They see Jesus, and they worship and doubt at the same time. Jesus approaches them and commissions them to baptize and teach. It is a task for which Jesus had previously prepared his disciples; recall that Jesus had already sent the twelve apostles to preach the Kingdom of God and to heal. Yet earlier, the Twelve were sent only to the House of Israel; in this final commission, the eleven are told to go to all nations. The mission of Jesus is now to be taken to all people, and the task is to baptize and to teach.

Jesus commissions his disciples to baptize in the name of the Trinity; this is one of the clearest attestations for Baptism in the name of the Holy Trinity found in Scripture. Other New Testament references to Baptism describe it as being celebrated in the name of Jesus. As we read this Gospel on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, we are reminded that this central mystery of faith is meant to be lived. As baptized Christians, we share in the life of the blessed Trinity and seek to invite others to share in God's love.

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Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. (Proverbs 3.5)

If you have lost the taste for prayer, you will regain the desire for it by returning to its practice.

– St. Paul VI

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Fr. Joe has completed his 6 years as a pastor in Mount Forest, and the bishop has now assigned him to be a pastor at St. Patrick's parish in Cambridge.

Fr. Joe will be greatly missed!

Fr. David Avila is coming to our parish as a new pastor on June 30, 2021.

Let us keep both Fr. Joe and Fr. David in our prayers.

YEAR of ST. JOSEPH



To you, O blessed Joseph (Ad te, beate Ioseph)

To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our afflictions, and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also.

Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.

O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ; O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence; O our most mighty protector, be kind to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness.

As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen.

The Sisters of the Carmel of Saint Joseph will pray for you during the Novena to Our Lady of Mount Carmel, July 8th to July 16th, 2021

EX CORDE FOUNDATION GRANT

Thank You!

Ex Corde is a Foundation that Bishop Crosby established to financially help Parishes. The Foundation assists Parishes that are in need of basic repairs and renovations.

We are pleased to announce that St. Mary of the Purification Parish was awarded \$20,000 to repair windows in the hall, repair the Hall flat roof water leak and repair the garage roof leak at the Rectory.

We are very grateful to the Ex-Corde Foundation for their generous support!

May is the month of the Rosary devotion



"Give me an army saying the Rosary and I will conquer the world."

-Blessed Pope Pius IX