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The Most Holy Trinity May 27, 2018

THE TRINITY IS LOVE

Theologians throughout the Christian centuries have spilled much ink (and, on occasion, some blood) in describing and defining the mystery of the Holy Trinity. One of the earliest, most poetic, and beautiful descriptions comes from St. Augustine in *De Trinitas*, wherein he describes the Trinity as One (the Father) who loves, One (the Son) who is loved, and One (the Spirit) who is love. And these three Ones are also one Three.

It might be wisest for us to leave the technical wranglings to the academic theologians and focus on the fact that the three Persons of the Trinity are indeed persons; they are best known and understood in their love for each other and for us. We are made in the image of those loving persons, and our best relationships are lived out in the context of love. Truly loving relationships are inexhaustible mysteries to be lived in joy. If this is true of our human relationships, how much more so is it true of our relationship with the Trinity. And how much more does it call upon us to be joyful, loving witnesses of the holy mystery of the One-in-Three. This is the mystery to which we were called when we were chosen to be God's own, baptized with water in the name of the Holy Trinity. © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

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MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

Hear Our Prayer This Day

In the quiet sanctuaries of our own hearts,
let each of us name and call on the One whose power over us
is great and gentle, firm and forgiving, holy and healing ...

You who created us,
who sustain us,
who call us to live in peace,
hear our prayer this day.

Hear our prayer for all who have died,
whose hearts and hopes are known to you alone ...

Hear our prayer for those who put the welfare of others
ahead of their own
and give us hearts as generous as theirs ...

Hear our prayer for those who gave their lives
in the service of others,
and accept the gift of their sacrifice ...

Help us to shape and make a world
where we will lay down the arms of war
and turn our swords into ploughshares
for a harvest of justice and peace ...

Comfort those who grieve the loss of their loved ones
and let your healing be the hope in our hearts...

Hear our prayer this day
and in your mercy answer us
in the name of all that is holy.

The peace of God be with you. - Austin Fleming

Mass Intentions

Most Holy Trinity / Eighth Week in Ordinary Time

(May 27 – June 02, 2018)

Sat	4:30 p	†	David Brown <i>by Mike & Ann Brown</i>
Sun	8:30 a	†	George Schabl <i>by Grizio Family</i>
Sun	11:00 a	†	Don McConnell <i>by Joanna McConnell</i>
Sun	1:00 p	L	People of St. Francis <i>by Fr. Juan Areiza</i>
9a	Mon	†	Dick & Joan Gaeta <i>by Theresa Gaeta</i>
9a	Tue	†	Dick Werner <i>by Merry Balchunas</i>
9a	Wed	†	Beatrice Giampino <i>by Rick & Elaine Grenon</i>
9a	Thu	L	Fr. Juan Areiza <i>by St. Francis of Assisi</i>
9a	Fri	†	Penny Therese <i>by mother</i>
9 a	Sat	L	Curt Balchunas <i>by Merry Balchunas</i>
4:30 p	Sat	†	Dee & Mark Barnett <i>by Pat Pierce</i>



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Couples Celebrating 50th and 60th Anniversary in 2018

Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory would like to honor couples married in 1968 and 1958 with an invitation to a Golden/Diamond Wedding Anniversary Mass on Saturday October 6th, 2018, at 12:00 Noon at Saint Brigid Catholic Church. A reception will follow the Mass for the anniversary couples and their families. Space is limited.

Please go to <http://tiny.cc/anniversarymass> to RSVP for this event and for additional information.



Graduating Senior Jessica Palomo

Jessica Palomo, daughter of Jesus and Sanjuana Palomo is a 2018 graduate of Union County High School. Homecoming queen and excellent student, Jessica will attend Kennesaw State College in the fall. Congratulations, Jessica!

Please Pray For

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| ✓ Abby Wall | ✓ Roger Grewe |
| ✓ Janice Barlotta | ✓ Betty Mendenhall |
| ✓ Mathew Manzo | ✓ Louvelle Hoffman |
| ✓ Myron Grizio | ✓ Joan Tufford |
| ✓ Barbara Lewis | ✓ Lorene Glenn |
| ✓ Kathy Wheeler | ✓ Bob Wilson |
| ✓ Madeline Rousseau | ✓ Jerry Smoot |
| ✓ David Drake | ✓ Maureen Wilson |
| ✓ Andrea Jensen Tesh | ✓ Baby Habach |
| ✓ Your Spiritually | ✓ Rita Casey |
| ✓ Adopted Baby | ✓ |

Masses / Sacraments

Sat: 4:30 pm, Sun: 8:30 a, 11:00 a, 1:00 p Span.

Daily Mass: Mon to Sat: 9:00 a

Adoration: Mon to Fri: 9:45 – 12

Reconciliation: Sat: 3:30 - 4:15, or by appointment

Baptism/Marriage Please contact the parish office.



June 11-14, 2018

9:30 – 12 Grades 1-6

Help needed from parents, teens, grandmothers. Contact Joe K.

Father's Day Novena – Just as we celebrated Mother's Day with a novena, we celebrate Father's Day with a nine day novena starting June 7th. Pick up an envelope in the vestibule. Honor your dad with prayer. This is for both living and deceased fathers.

Eucharistic Congress – June 1- 2, 2018 is the greatest local Catholic event of the year. Designed for parishioners like us, join thousands for a day of inspiration. Carpooling available. Call office: 706-745-6400

Farewell for Sr. Mary Francis – Where are all our clergy and sisters going? Let's see...Ft. Oglethorpe, Conyers, Canton. Yes, Canton. But before Sr. Mary Francis leaves, we'll wish her well over coffee and brunch. Tuesday, June 5th after the 9 am Mass.

Anniversary Mass & Party for Fr. Juan – this Thursday, May 31st. Reception is from 3-5pm. Mass is at 6pm. Dinner is at 7pm (or 7:15, 7:20).

Parish Picnic – next Sunday, June 3rd @2 pm at the church. Bring a chair, a side dish and we will be ready to roll (eat)!

Regular and Important

- First Saturday Devotion after morning Mass, June 2nd
- Food Pantry Weekend June 1 & 2
- Book Club Tues, June 5 @ 10
- Fire of the Spirit Prayer Group Wed @ 10
- Mom's Group – second and fourth Tuesdays @ 10am
- Light Weigh – Tuesdays @ 12:15
- Daily Mass @ 9. Adoration 9:30-12.

LA TRINIDAD DE AMOR

Una de las más antiguas, más poéticas y más hermosas descripciones de la Santísima Trinidad se halla en el libro *De Trinitate*, por San Agustín. Allí, el santo describe a la Trinidad como Uno que ama (el Padre), Uno que es amado (el Hijo) y Uno que es el amor (el Espíritu Santo). Y esos tres Unos suman Uno solo.

Tal vez lo mejor para nosotros sea dejar las dificultades técnicas de este misterio a los teólogos profesionales, y enfocarnos en el hecho que las tres Personas de la Santísima Trinidad son precisamente *personas*; se les conoce y se les comprende en su amor mutuo y en su amor hacia nosotros. Hemos sido creados a imagen y semejanza de esas tres Personas amorosas, y nuestras mejores relaciones se viven en el contexto del amor. Las relaciones verdaderamente amorosas son misterios inagotables que se expresan en una profunda felicidad. Y si esto es así en nuestras relaciones humanas, ¡cuánto más lo será en nuestra relación con la Santísima Trinidad! Y, ¡cuánto más somos llamados a dar un testimonio alegre y amoroso de este sagrado misterio de los Tres que son Uno! Este es el misterio que fuimos llamados a vivir cuando fuimos escogidos como hijos de Dios, bautizados en el nombre del Padre, del Hijo, y del Espíritu Santo.

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