

REFLECTION for the Solemnity of THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Fr. Don

'In the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.' The Sign of the Cross is the most recited prayer in Christendom and is the greatest of the Trinitarian prayers. Most of us use it several times each day. I grew up believing that whenever I needed divine help or protection, all I had to do was bless myself. Then I was in the loving caring hands of God and all would be well; I was safe.

Do you know that belief in the Most Holy Trinity is the central principle of the Catholic faith? We believe that all other expressions/doctrines of our Catholic faith flow from our dependence on God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit- one God in Three Persons.

The working of the Trinity is a mystery but here is our church's best guess as to how one God in Three Persons works: *The one Trinitarian God does not want to leave us where we are- we have to faithfully journey on our pilgrim way, living joyfully and peacefully, until we find our true eternal home in heaven.*

God the Father wants us to find our way home and to Him. So, God the Father gave us Jesus, God the Son for that purpose. Jesus redeemed us and Jesus teaches us at lot- He shows us the Way to live our lives so as to remain faith-filled. But we, left to our own devices, are not fully capable of possessing that much knowledge of the Divine; finding our Way requires divine help. Jesus promised, and sent, God the Holy Spirit to dwell within us and to bring us to a full knowledge of one Trinitarian God.

Through this divine gift we are sanctified, made holy, made children of the Light, and made capable of attaining our salvation. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are but a prayer away. Reach out in prayer.

Thus, out of love us, all Three Persons work together as one for our good and for our salvation.

The one Trinitarian God has 'got us covered'; the Trinitarian God has 'got our backs.'

We have to embrace this knowledge and recognize that it is one of God's gifts to us. We internalize this knowledge and activate our other gifts, such as understanding, to come to the conclusion that we are indeed loved and we are indeed empowered. God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, has equipped us for holiness, for greatness, and God wishes us to rejoice in this. We are called to action, to let our light shine.

We should be 'bursting out all over', finding it hard to contain our joy at being so loved and so blessed. We should never be driven to despair or loss of hope. We are God's children; we are God's beloved. Once we come to embrace this knowledge, there comes the obvious next step.

We are called to come together with other like-minded Christians to share our joy by communal worship (that's why we go to church), and to share our joy with others (that's why we are called to evangelize).

To gather for worship and to evangelize others, these are our Christian duties. If God is good to us, then we need to show gratitude and praise. The receiver of gifts is called to be the giver of gifts. Are we thankful for our gift of faith? Isn't our life's best gift, the merciful Jesus, worth sharing?

Well then, to the one Trinitarian God, let us bow in humble adoration. Here I am Lord!

Sacred Heart Parish

A Stewardship Parish In Love With Christ

Parish Information

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Liturgical Celebrations

Weekend Masses:
Saturday - 4:30 pm
Sunday - 11:00 am

Masses in Week Days:
Tues, Wed, Thurs 7 pm
Fri 10am

Holy Hour of Adoration:
Third Sunday of the Month,
at 2 pm

Reconciliation
Wed after Mass,
or by request

Marriages:
Six-month notice is required.
A year's notice is recommended.

Baptisms:
Celebrated at Weekend Mass
after preparation session.

May 22, 2016

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RECEIVED WITH THANKS

May 14, 15

Collection	\$1,696.00
Building Fund	80.00
Mass Stipends	80.00
Votive Candles	27.00
Pope's Pastoral Works	397.00
Ecclesial Students	15.00
Parish Insurance	45.00
Memory of B. Donahue	75.00
Dues	50.00

MASS INTENTIONS

May 23	No Mass
May 24	Brian Griffin
May 25	Basil Donahue/Brian Griffin
May 25+	Dr. Dennis O'Connor
May 26	Regina Furlong
May 27	Bernadette/ Anthony George
May 28	Basil Donahue/Marie Leonard
May 28+	Dana Beales
May 29	Parish Community

TIMES : see front of bulletin

HOLY HOUR

The Holy Hour will be held this Sunday May 22 at 2 pm in the church. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Recitation of the Rosary, and Benediction. Please try to attend.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Please mark these dates on your calendars and plan to attend these events. Nothing says I care like being there.

- BEREAVEMENT TEAMS MEETING

There will be a meeting on Wednesday, June 1, following the 7pm Mass for all present members and for anyone else who may be interested in joining this vital ministry. It will take place in the parish house.

- FEAST of the SACRED HEART- in celebration of our parish feast day, there will be a special 7pm Mass on Friday, June 3. It will be followed by a social at the parish house, please join us.

- BINGO- the last game for this year is Sunday, June 5 at 2pm in school cafeteria. Come enjoy and support this parish fund-raiser

- PARISH COUNCIL Meeting- Monday, June 6 at 7pm in parish house.

- YEAR-END PARISH SOCIAL- Everyone is invited on Sunday, June 12 following 11am Mass. It takes place at the school cafeteria.

HELPERS NEEDED.

We are asking you to consider volunteering for service with our Altar Servers, our Ushers, our Choirs, our Lectors, our Eucharistic Ministry, our Greeters, our Finance and Parish Council Committees, and any other task you may want to offer. Parish Council has sub-committees to match your talent.

We are in immediate need of persons to help our Responsible Ministry-where we need persons to count and record the weekly collection, and also for our Bereavement Teams who help prepare funeral liturgies and in comforting those in mourning. Please don't underestimate the contribution your involvement can add in building up this parish. You are needed and your gifts and talents are wanted. Just let Fr. Don or the Office know and soon you will begin blessing us with the gift of **you**.

LADIES GROUP FUND-RAISER.

Ticket sales are doing well thanks to your support. Anyone who has taken out tickets to buy or sell please return them a.s.a.p. We are hoping to have them back by the end of May.

NEWFOUNDLAND CATHOLIC RENEWAL

This Group is announcing that its Annual Summer Conference will be held on the weekend of July 22-24 at the Mint Brook Campsite near Gambo. Come and experience the merciful love of God. For further details, please contact Amelia Dicks 388-1048. This is a great opportunity to seek/find the Spirit of God.

ROSARY FOR MAY

The Ladies Group will lead the recitation of the Holy Rosary before each Saturday Mass during the month of May. They will begin the rosary 20 minutes (4:10) before the start of Mass. Please plan to come early and join in this Marian devotion.

BIBLE STUDY

The next session will be this Monday May 23 at 7 pm in the parish house. Come join us in studying and sharing God's Word.

FOOD FOR THE SOUL: TRY THIS MEDITATION

from BOOK X of St. Augustine's CONFESSIONS. He is speaking to God; try reading this excerpt slowly twice; allow it to enter your inner core. *'I have learnt to love You late God, at once so ancient and so new! I have learnt to love You late! You were within me, and I was in the world outside myself. I searched for You outside myself, and disfigured as I was, I fell upon the lovely things of Your creation. You were with me, but I was not with You. The beautiful things of this world kept me far from You and yet, if they had not been in You, they would have had no being at all. You called me; You cried aloud to me; You broke the barrier of my deafness. You shone upon me; Your radiance enveloped me; You put my blindness to flight. You shed Your fragrance about me; I drew breath and now I*

gasp for Your sweet odor. I tasted You, and now I hunger and thirst for You. You touched me, and I am enflamed with love of Your peace- a peace only You can give.'

Christmas in June Drive

On Monday, June 6, residents in the Corner Brook area are asked to place food donations on their front doorstep for pickup. Crack-and-peel labels will be delivered to households before the drive. This label is to be placed on a bag with your food donations. Volunteers will begin collecting at 6:30 p.m. Last year we received 25,095 pounds of food, which has a dollar value of \$62,737.75!

LARGE PRINT BIBLES

We have placed another order for more of the NRSV large print Bibles from the Canadian Bible Society. They will arrive soon. They sell for \$25.00. If you wish to purchase one, please let the parish office know and we will save one for you.

CONGRATULATIONS

Our parish family extends best wishes to Fr. Andrew White on his recent ordination to the priesthood for this Diocese. He will be serving as associate pastor at Holy Redeemer Church.

GOT A GREEN THUMB?

We have placed new topsoil on the ground near and behind Fr. Brosnan's vault. It would be nice to have some flowers growing there. If anyone would like to do this, or form a group to do it, we would greatly appreciate it.

PRAYER FOR YEAR OF MERCY

Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

