

## Three in One, or One in Three?

**O**ur thinking moves far from the reality of God when we limit our reflection of the Trinity to numbers. The characterizations of an old man, a younger man, and a dove do not help much either. However, these are attempts to somehow talk about the mystery of all mysteries. We cannot adequately conceptualize or characterize God, but we try. Each reading today makes its own attempt.

In the Exodus passage, God actually describes God's own self: "gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in love and fidelity" (Exodus 34:6).

The Gospel passage tells us how these divine features play out in our lives: "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son" (John 3:16). This Son is God in the flesh. What greater love can there be?

The prayer in Paul's letter seems to scoop us up

like an adoring parent would into the embrace of the Trinity: "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the holy Spirit be with all of you" (2 Corinthians 13:13).

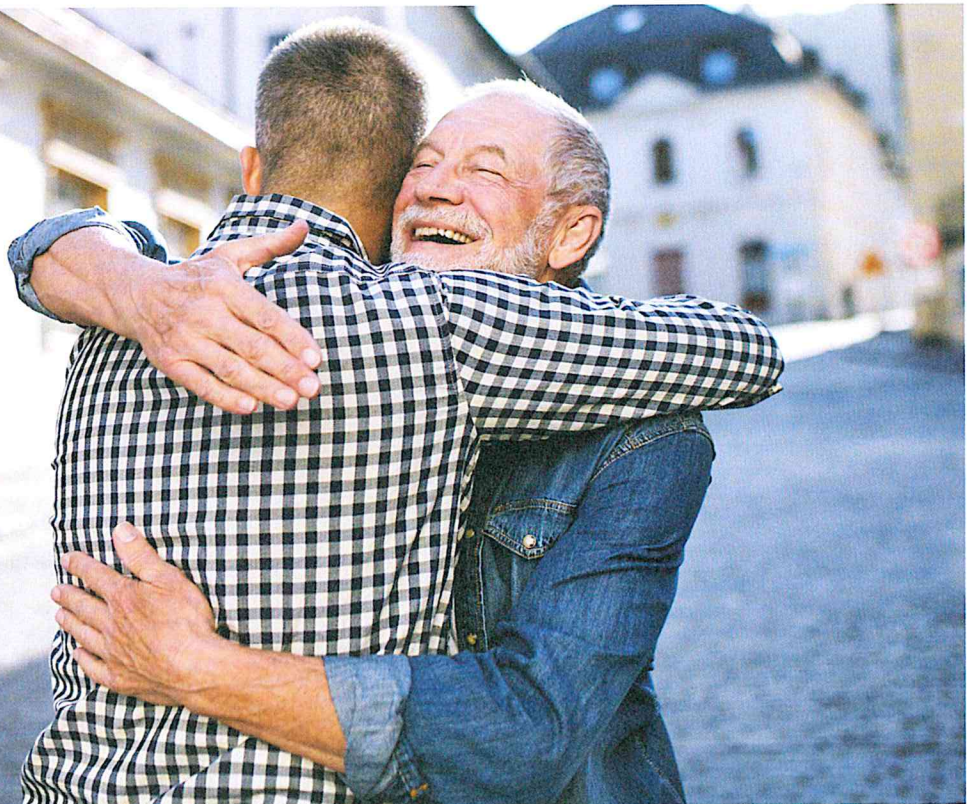
**T**heologians tell us that each person of the Trinity interacts with us and the rest of the created universe in a way unique to each person. Though different, each way is an expression of self-emptying love. The only response required of us is openness to that love. God only asks that we accept that love and allow it to transform us. Then we will be the living example of the Trinity's love for all.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

### FOR *Reflection*

- ✧ Say the Gloria slowly, reflecting prayerfully on the meaning of the words.
- ✧ What in today's readings touches you the most? Why?

God so loved  
the world that he  
gave his only Son,  
so that everyone  
who believes in  
him might not  
perish.  
JOHN 3:16





# Dear Padre,

**Why was the confusing word *consubstantial* added to our Creed some years ago? What was wrong with the old “one in being with the Father”?**

**T**he Creed or Profession of Faith is said at Mass so that the assembly “may respond to the Word of God proclaimed in the readings...and explained in the Homily and that they may also honor and confess the great mysteries of the faith...before the celebration of these mysteries in the Eucharist begins” (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 67). The Nicene Creed normally is used, although the Apostles’ Creed may replace it at Masses



with children or on Sundays during the seasons of Lent and Easter.

In the Nicene Creed, “We believe” changed to “I believe” because a profession of faith is a profoundly personal act, even when it’s made in public while at Mass. Plus, the literal translation of the Latin word *credo* is “I believe,” not “we believe.”

The word *consubstantial* indicates that Christ isn’t simply united with the Father but that they share the same substance. In other words, Christ is not a different God, but he’s the same God with the Father, since our God is One. They’re coequal and coeternal. In St. John’s Gospel, Philip asks Jesus to “show us the Father, and that will be enough for us.” Jesus replies, “Whoever has seen me has seen the Father....Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else, believe because of the works themselves” (John 14:8–9, 11).

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR  
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## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*With our eyes fixed on Jesus and his merciful gaze, we experience the love of the Most Holy Trinity....His person is nothing but love, a love given gratuitously....The signs he works, especially in favor of sinners, the poor, the marginalized, the sick, and the suffering, are all meant to teach mercy.*

—MISERICORDIAE VULTUS, APRIL 11, 2015

## Calendar

### Monday

JUNE 8

Weekday

1 Kgs 17:1–6

Mt 5:1–12

### Tuesday

JUNE 9

Weekday

1 Kgs 17:7–16

Mt 5:13–16

### Wednesday

JUNE 10

Weekday

1 Kgs 18:20–39

Mt 5:17–19

### Thursday

JUNE 11

St. Barnabas,  
Apostle

Acts 11:21b–26;  
13:1–3

Mt 5:20–26

### Friday

JUNE 12

Weekday

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11–16

Mt 5:27–32

### Saturday

JUNE 13

St. Anthony of Padua,  
Priest and

Doctor of the Church

1 Kgs 19:19–21

Mt 5:33–37

### Sunday

JUNE 14

Body and Blood  
of Christ

Dt 8:2–3, 14b–16a

1 Cor 10:16–17

Jn 6:51–58



## BULLETIN NEWS 6-07-2020

The Mass will be live-streamed on Facebook from St. Patrick Church in Jonesburg, at 7:00 AM and from St. Joseph Church in Martinsburg, at 9:00 AM, on Sunday, June 7.

### Bishop McKnight's June prayer intention for our Local Church

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus transform all men, especially fathers, to trust in the model of St. Joseph to instill in them courageous leadership and devotion for those whom God has placed in their care.



### Fr. Austin's Schedule

Saturday, June 6                      Mass @ Montgomery 5:00 PM    Intention: Our Parish Family

day, June 7                      Mass @ Jonesburg 7:00  
AM

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   Sunday, June 7                      Mass @ Martinsburg 9:00  
AM

nday, June 7                      Mass @ Montgomery 11:00 AM    Intention: Angela Witthaus  
Keller

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Sunday, June 7

Baptism after Mass

Monday, June 8                      Funeral Mass for Harold Arnold @ Montgomery 10:00AM

Tuesday, June 9                      **No Mass @ Montgomery 5:30  
PM**

Funeral in Martinsburg

Wednesday, June 10                      Mass @ Jonesburg 8:30AM

Parish Council COR 6:00PM

Finance Council @

Martinsburg 7:30PM

Thursday, June 11

Mass @ Montgomery 8:00AM Intention: +Judy  
Cunningham

Parish Council @

Montgomery 5:00PM

Friday, June 12

Mass @ Martinsburg 7:45AM

*Congratulations to the following couples as they celebrate  
their special  
day.*

*Justin and Gabrielle Talley - 5 years of marriage on  
June 6*

*Gerry*

*and Diane Witthaus - 45 years of marriage on June 7*

*Ed and Cathy McCormack - 42 years of marriage on June  
10*

*Don and Lila Broz - 9 years of marriage on  
June 12*

**Congratulations to Jeremy and Nicole Hines on the baptism of their  
daughter Lillyan Rose Hines on Sunday, June 7. Welcome to our parish  
family, Lillyan!**

### **PASTOR'S PEN**

I'm happy to announce to you that after consultation with the Diocesan School Office and upon the recommendation of the principal search committee, Dana Schroeder is hereby hired as the

new principal of Immaculate Conception School. In the coming weeks, Ms. Schroeder will have a brief description of herself and her vision for Immaculate Conception school. May we all welcome her to this new position. God bless you all.

Fr. Austin

**Our Parish is looking for the names of post-secondary graduates so that we can include**



**them in our celebration of graduates.**

**If your family member is graduating or you know of someone graduating, please contact the parish office.**

### **Financials for the week of May 31, 2020**

Actual: \$9,943.89      Needed each week: \$11,775.43      Difference: (\$1,831.54)

Capital Improvements: \$1,045.00, Catholic Missourian: \$42.00, Cornerstone Campaign: \$20,563.19      Communication & Education: \$35.00

IC Church received an insurance payment of \$20,038.19 for storm damage to the church roof. The money has been deposited into the Cornerstone Campaign account for the replacement of the roof.

### **Drive By Birthday Celebration – June**

**7**

Please help us celebrate the 90th birthday of **Sylvester Sommer**. His birthday is June 6. Syl and his wife, Ethel, farmed in Montgomery County, and were parishioners of Resurrection Parish in Wellsville for 50 years, before moving to Wentzville. Because of the Coronavirus, larger celebration plans unfortunately had to be changed. Please help Syl celebrate this milestone by sending a birthday card to his home at 104 Green Gables Drive, Wentzville, MO 63385. Also, please join us in a "drive by and shout out parade" anytime between 1:30 and 3:30 on Sunday, June 7, at his son Wayne's house, 143 Sommer Road (east end of the road), Wellsville. We'll have Dad under a tent, near the road to greet well-wishers. Please greet him with honking horns, waves, smiles, brief words, etc! Rain or shine. Thanks so much for helping Dad celebrate! Joyce Monnig [joycemonnig@att.net](mailto:joycemonnig@att.net)

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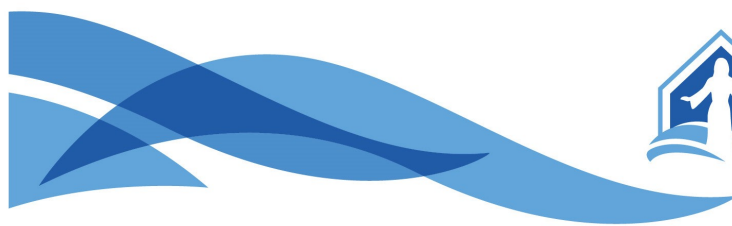
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**104 Green Gables**

**Wentzville MO 63385**





THE  
NATIONAL  
SHRINE OF **Mary**  
MOTHER OF THE CHURCH



**SATURDAY, June 20, 2020**

**8:30 am—5:30 pm**

**FEATURING SPEAKER**

**FR. Anthony Viviano**

Don't miss the opportunity to hear the sought-out keynote Speaker, Fr. Anthony Viviano, at the Shrine Pilgrimage!

Fr. Viviano, the oldest of five children, was born and raised in St. Louis, Missouri. His mother died of cancer when he was 18 years old. He was educated by the Brothers of Mary at Chaminade High School and graduated from Benedictine College where he excelled in baseball. For several years he ran a very successful produce business in St. Louis before his fascinating journey to the priesthood started at age 45. He was ordained a priest in June of 2012 and serves in the diocese of Jefferson City, MO. His story is sure to inspire you.

## SCHEDULE

8:30-9:00	Registration
9:00-9:05	Blessing of Mary - Welcome – Fr. Schmitz
9:10-9:45	Life or Death, Jesus or Satan – Fr. Viviano
10:00-11:15	Adoration/Meditation/ Benediction The rosary will be recited as an option at 10:30
11:15-12:30	Personal Testimony, composed songs, Q&A –Fr. Viviano
12:30-1:30	Lunch in lower level of the church
1:30-2:30	Personal Reflection—an option available will be Family Financial Unity
3:00	Divine Chaplet
4:30	Mass
9:10—3:00	Confessions will be available throughout the day

**FOR MORE DETAILS ABOUT THIS PILGRIMAGE OR TO REGISTER PLEASE CONTACT US!**

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A little bit of heaven is tucked away within the Ozark hills of Missouri. The Mother's Shrine is a magnificent National Shrine, dedicated to Mary, Mother of the Church, located on the beautiful west side of the Lake of the Ozarks, between Versailles and Camdenton, Missouri.

The Shrine is the 16th National Shrine in the United States. With its awe-inspiring fourteen-foot stainless steel sculpture of Mary as the Mother of the Church, with her arms outstretched, the Shrine welcomes all to her embrace. Dedicated to motherhood, it is one of the most meaningful shrines in our country. There are hundreds of monuments dedicated to heroic men and women, but this is one of the few shrines in the world that honors mothers.

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We would love to hear about your visit to the Shrine! Take a few minutes to leave us a Google review. Please share your Shrine photos online and tag them using #ntlshrineofmary or #friendsoftheshrine.

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