

HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY (C)
GOD CARES ABOUT MY WELL-BEING

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Today, we celebrate one of the greatest mysteries of our faith, the Blessed Trinity, the three persons in one God. There are many mysteries surrounding us which the human mind cannot understand or explain. For example, life and death, the color of the wind, where the wind comes from and where it goes, the nature of human beings and animals, growth in all aspects. Some created things may be used to explain, but they may not be accurate. Examples are the egg and coconut.

The presence of the Trinity is expressed in different ways in the scriptures. In the creation story, we read: “God said, let us make man in our own image, in the likeness of ourselves” (Gen.1:26//Jn.1:1). Scholars of scripture explain that this may imply the presence of the Trinity. The first reading also gives us a hint of the presence of the Trinity. Wisdom was beside the Creator, and this Wisdom is Jesus Christ (1Cor.1:24). The second reading presents the work of the Son, and the gospel is about the action of the Holy Spirit. In short, the Father creates, the Son redeems, and the Spirit sanctifies, all leading to the salvation of man.

During the Annunciation, the presence of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit was indirectly expressed by the Angel; (Lk.1:35). In today’s gospel, Jesus told the disciples the oneness of the three Persons of the one God: “He (Holy Spirit) will glorify me, since all He reveals to you will be taken from what is mine. Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said: all He reveals to you will be taken from what is mine”. Before Jesus ascended into heaven, He commissioned His disciples to “go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit” (Mt.28:19).

The mystery of the Trinity tells us more about the love of God and the unity that exists between the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. At the same time, it reminds us of the unity between us human beings, the rest of creation and God. It manifests God's care for and interest in His creatures.

We were baptized in the name of the Trinity; we begin and end every prayer in the name of the Trinity; every Sunday we profess faith in the Trinity; in short, we make the sign of the cross many times a day, and this reminds us of the Trinity and the Crucifixion. How does this bring us close to God who has interest in our well-being and wants to be close to us?

Moses told the Israelites that in order to be close to God and for things to go well for them and their children, and have long life on the land, they should keep His commandments and statutes (Dt.4:39-40). Jesus also told His disciples: "Anyone who loves me will be true to my word, and my Father will love him; we will come to him and make our dwelling place with him" (Jn.14:23). In the priestly prayer of Jesus, He prayed for unity among believers, and between believers and the Trinity (Jn17).

The Holy Trinity cares about my well-being as a priest; God has interest in your marriage; He is interested in your education; He has interest in what you want to achieve in life; He is concerned about my weaknesses and yours as well; He is concerned about your sickness and worries, what goes on in your home and workplace. His wish is that I accept Him into my life.

This feast reminds us also that we are children of one Father so we should be one in mind and heart. We should foster unity and love as the early believers did. Your cry should be my cry, and your laughter should be my laughter. I should not rejoice over your failure or downfall, but to sympathize and empathize with you. It is said that "unity is strength", but how can we be strong in our faith if

there is no unity, and how can there be unity if there is no love? “It is by your love for one another that everyone will recognize you as my disciples” says the Lord; (Jn.13:35).