



St. Benedict Catholic Church

May 30, 2021

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Wow!



Some might think that “Wow!” is an inappropriate, even irreverent response, when talking about God. But what words would be appropriate? There are no words, there are no precise doctrinal statements that even come close to identifying God. The readings for today’s feast invite us to ponder, not define, this mystery. The people at the time of Moses had no concept of a Trinitarian God. However, they were convinced that God worked in their lives. They believed they had been delivered from bondage by God,

invited into a special relationship with God, and promised by God a long and fruitful life in a land they could call their own. In other words, they were cared for by God, who demonstrated again and again that they were loved. The Gospel story tells of how Jesus entrusted his disciples with the mission he himself had exercised during his lifetime. Ask from one end of the sky to the other: Did anything so great ever happen before? Was it ever heard of? (DEUTERONOMY 4:32) What once might have been considered the special privilege of the nation of Israel was now seen as a promise for all nations. All people could now rely on God’s care for them and God’s ever-present love. Saint Paul identifies this privilege as the Spirit of adoption. Today’s readings may not paint a clear picture of God or provide a precise definition. God is far beyond any picture or definition. However, each reading gives us a glimpse into the way God works in our lives—inviting us into intimacy, caring for us, loving us. Wow!

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- ☞ Spend time thinking how your life has been blessed with goodness.
- ☞ Pray the Glory Be slowly and thoughtfully.

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading: ...the LORD is God in the heavens above and on earth below, and that there is no other. **Dt 4:32-34, 39-40**

Psalms: Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own. **Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22**

2nd Reading: For those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. **Rom 8:14-17**

Gospel: “...and behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.” **Mt 28:16-20**

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The office is closed on holidays and weekends.

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WEEKEND MASSES

St. Benedict Hall, Honaunau

Saturday 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m.

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

St. John the Baptist

Saturday 6:00 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

St. Benedict, Honaunau

7:00 a.m. Tues., Thurs. &

Friday

St. John the Baptist

Kealahoukua

7:00 a.m. Wednesday

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ALOHA AND WELCOME HOME

In compliance with Bishop Silva's directives, our Masses are being held at St. Benedict Hall Chapel. Social distancing and masks are required. Due to limited space it would be best to arrive early. No one has been turned away yet, however more are attending each week. Thank you for your understanding.

FROM BISHOP LARRY SILVA:
EFFECTIVE EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4, I am **ending the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass**, which has been in effect since mid-March, 2020. However, anyone who is sick, may have been exposed to anyone with COVID-19, or who has a health condition that would endanger themselves or others by being present in church, continues to be dispensed.

SACRAMENTS

Funerals may now take place again in St. Benedict Hall Chapel according to the same guidelines as weekend Masses, i.e. following all health and safety precautions. Funerals at this time may not include visitation times, only the Vigil for the Deceased, a Funeral Mass and Committal may be held.

Baptisms may take place according to the same guidelines as weekend Masses. They will be done in such a way that the same water is not poured on more than one person or stored in the font after use.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

At this time Father Sieg is available for Confessions by appointment, observing all proper precautions. Call the office 328-2227.

Eucharist to Homebound and Hospitalized

Call the office to arrange for a visit from a priest or an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.

The Eucharist is the bread that gives strength... It is at once the most eloquent proof of His love and the most powerful means of fostering His love in us. He gives Himself every day so that our hearts as burning coals may set afire the hearts of the faithful.
- *Saint Damien of Molokai*

LIVE STREAMING ONLINE MASS

Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace—Oahu
Sunday: 10am (Bishop Silva) Mon—Sat: 12pm Sat: 5pm. <https://www.facebook.com/HonoluluCathedralBasilica/live>

MEMORIAL DAY PRAYER

God of power and mercy, you destroy war and put down earthly pride. Banish violence from our midst and wipe away our tears, that we may all deserve to be called your sons and daughters.

Keep in your mercy those men and women who have died in the cause of freedom and bring them safely into your kingdom of justice and peace. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH 12/08/20 to 12/08/21

"Since we all must die, we should cherish a special devotion to St. Joseph that he may obtain for us a happy death." -*St. Alphonsus Liguori*



ST. JOSEPH, ADVOCATE OF THE DYING AND THE SINNER,
PRAY FOR US WHO HAVE RECOURSE TO THEE.

FOR THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF ALL

**** IF YOU FEEL SICK PLEASE STAY HOME! ****

WE MUST CONTINUE TO:

- 1-WEAR MASK**
- 2-SOCIAL DISTANCE –SIX FEET**
- 3-SANITIZE OUR HANDS BEFORE ENTERING OUR HALL CHAPEL**
- 4-SANITIZE YOUR SEATING AREAS BEFORE LEAVING**



PRAYER

DEVOTION TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER



May Mary make your memories joyful as you keep them in your heart, and may she gain for you every blessing from Jesus, her Son.

Pray the Rosary Daily!

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

God of all goodness, Look with mercy on all who suffer any kind of infirmity, sickness or injury, that they may be comforted. Let your hand of healing and protection be upon them. When they are fearful, ease their fear and anxieties. When they are afraid, give them strength and courage. When they feel alone, send them someone to listen and to care. When they are confused, provide reassurance and direction. When they are in pain, ease their suffering. When they despair, give them hope. May they experience your healing presence in the comfort of a caregiver's calm gaze and tender touch. We ask this in your holy name. Amen.

FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH, KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Susan Pegelow, Gloria Grapa, Francisco Javar, Tamayo Hanato, Cheryl Ono, Mary Bunao, Bill Myers, Gary Whitaker, Alex Cadang, Linda Laskow, Caroline Smith, Liam Jones (age two), Hilda Sebastian, Stephen Texeira, Dorothy Kelepolo, Tony Dias, Elizabeth Awa, Ruby Ann Kaho'onei, Johnny Koene, Tony Dias, Robin Crusat, Charles Tripoli, Danny Burgess Jr., Helen Doria, Linda Adkins, DeeDee Tripoli, Guy Miranda, Venancio Mendoza, Keiki San Filippo, Eddie Navas, Dottie Combs.

***Call the office to add your loved one or yourself to the list of those needing prayer.



"As for me, I call to God... and he hears my Voice"

(Psalm 55:16-17).

PRAYER

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

Thank God... for the gift of Jesus in the Eucharist!

CALENDAR

Monday MAY 31 Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16 Lk 1:39-56

Tuesday JUNE 1 St. Justin, Martyr Tb 2:9-14 Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday JUNE 2 Week-day Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a Mk 12:18-27

Thursday JUNE 3 St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a Mk 12:28-34

Friday JUNE 4 Weekday Tb 11:5-17 Mk 12:35-37

Saturday JUNE 5 St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20 Mk 12:38-44

Sunday JUNE 6 The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) Ex 24:3-8 Heb 9:11-15 Mk 14:12-16, 22-2



When we pray,

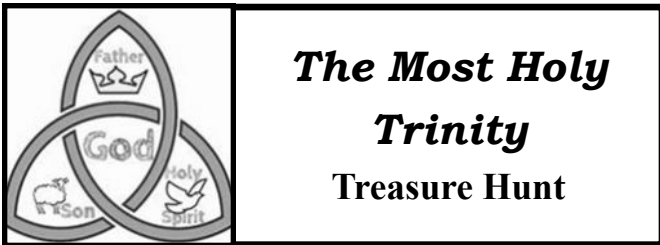
we talk to God;

when we read

Scripture,

God talks to us.

-Saint Isidore of Seville-



**The Most Holy
Trinity
Treasure Hunt**

1. **Why** is the Holy Trinity the most important *Mystery of Our Faith*?
2. We begin prayer with the _____ to affirm our belief in the Holy Trinity.
3. Which person(s) were present at the Creation?
4. Which person of the Trinity do the following words describe? (Paraclete, Advocate, Sanctifier)
5. What **word** in the Nicene Creed establishes the Holy Trinity as being 'of the same substance'?
6. [Bonus] The trinity not only explains who _____ is but it also teaches us how to live as _____.

**Answers to last week's Treasure Hunt
Pentecost Sunday**

1. Passover and Jesus' Resurrection; 2. red; 3. rushing wind; 4. speaking in tongues; 5. Catholic Church; **Bonus:** Joel 2:28

**SAINT OF THE WEEK - Feast Day—June 3
SAINT CLOTILDE Died 545**



The Catholic Clotilde persuaded her pagan husband, King Clovis of the Franks, to allow their children to be baptized and eventually witnessed his baptism in 496 in Reims, France. But her 34-year widowhood was marked by family fights over power. Clotilde took charge of the three sons

of Clodomir, her son killed in 524 by a cousin bent on revenge. Another son, the ambitious Childebert, killed the two older grandsons in her care. The third grandson, called Cloud or Clodoald, gave up his claim to the Frankish throne and became a monk. Clotilde left Paris, devoting her final years to charitable works in Tours.

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Dear Padre,

I unsuccessfully tried using a clover to explain the Trinity to a non-Catholic relative. She says the leaves are separate and share a single stem, so it doesn't mean they're one entity. How can I help her understand? Legend tells us St. Patrick used a shamrock to speak about the God who is one and three, but that doesn't mean everyone will find the clover imagery convincing. It took hundreds of years, many arguments, and multiple Church councils to refine the basic outline of orthodox Christian belief in the Trinitarian nature of God. So, it's no great shock that you can't easily break it down into convincing sound bites for a resistant relative. You should concentrate on the way humans came to know the Trinitarian God, how we have encountered the God who is at once Father, Son, and Spirit in the events of history and revelation. In sharing the way Christians have gradually understood what we do about the nature of the God who saves us, you can speak of how that understanding leads us to pray. Perhaps you can relate the Trinitarian concept to something more recognizable: the idea of a father and son, and the spirit of love that exists between them and also pours from them. At our liturgies, we have a distinct pattern of praying to the Father, through the Son, in the Spirit. There's more than a shamrock to discuss in all of that. And remember the Creed we pray each Sunday. Discussions like yours are what the Creed was made for.

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A WORD FROM Pope Francis



God loves each one of us even when we make mistakes and distance ourselves from him. God the Father loves the world so much that, in order to save it, he gives what is most precious to him: his only-begotten Son....The Trinity is therefore love, wholly at the service of the world.

ANGELUS, TRINITY SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2020

SERVICE

ST. BENEDICT FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry is open from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on every 2nd and 4th Friday of each month. Next open for distribution on June 11, 2021.

MAHALO FOR THE FRUIT!

Thank you to all who share their abundance of fruit with our Painted Church visitors. We can always use more!