



THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

"He will glorify me, because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you. Everything that the Father has is mine; for this reason I told you that he will take from what is mine and declare it to you." - Jn 16:14-15

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THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

The Solemnity of the Holy Trinity is a celebration of the central mystery of the Christian faith—that God is one in essence but three in Persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. While the Trinity is present throughout the liturgical year, this feast is set aside to contemplate and adore this profound truth. Is a cornerstone of Catholic devotion, honoring the mystery of one God in three divine persons. This solemnity is celebrated on the Sunday following Pentecost, marking a significant moment in the liturgical year. The Mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of the Christian faith and life. The source of all the other mysteries of faith, the light that enlightens them. It is one of the mysteries of faith that are hidden in God, which can never be known unless they are revealed by God. And once this mystery is revealed to us in God's divine goodness, even though it seems an impenetrable paradox — one God in three Persons — we recognize that the reality of the Triune God is exactly what we need...what we were made for.

Jesus, the Son of God

If you look into your heart and consider the kind of god you deem ideal, what you come up with is Jesus. Given the chance to custom order the divinity who best satisfies the desires of our heart, we would design a deity tender and compassionate, whose joy was to accompany us as a friend in our earthly travails. We would want a god infinitely wise, eager to teach us the things we need to know in order for life to be filled with meaning and joy. We would insist on a god who was merciful and ever swift to forgive our sins... one with a special preference for the poor and the needy. We would want a god of perfect peace, promising happiness, blessing us with hope...one who was extravagantly generous and totally giving of self. We would want a god who was in love with us. But, in fact, when we meet such a man in Jesus Christ, we can't help but to respond the way people in the Gospel do: *Where did this man get all this? Don't we know his father and mother? Isn't this the son of the carpenter?* Which means that the automatic impulse when we meet Jesus Christ is to presume that what makes him so unique and exceptional — unlike anyone else we have ever met — is his Father.

God the Father

And Jesus does just that, revealing to us the most tender and attentive Father who knows what we need before we ask him. The Father of Jesus gives good things to anyone who prays to him. The Father turns his Son luminously radiant in the Transfiguration for us to behold — hope for our own transformation in holiness. But it is especially in the Passion and Death of Jesus Christ that we feel the Father closest to us. Our love of the cross is what makes that closeness permanent. For our divine Savior dying on the cross does not invoke his own godly authority, as would be his right, saying to his crucifiers, "I forgive you." Rather, he takes advantage even of this final agony to show us the Father in the resplendence of his mercy. The Crucified begs, *Father, forgive them*. Why would Jesus ever have agreed to undergo the injustices, the atrocities, the tortures he endured if there were not a Father loving him and inspiring him to love him back with every excruciating drop of his obedient blood?

The Person of the Holy Spirit

Our encounter with Jesus Christ brings about in us a love so great for him that we cannot bear Jesus ever departing from us. Christ's promise to send us the Holy Spirit saves us from despair. The Spirit will remain with us and will keep making Jesus Christ present. He will give us life, conforming us more and more to Jesus. This divine Person will guide us to all truth and meaning and purpose. The Holy Spirit will instruct us in everything and remind us of all that Jesus told us. We would be lost without a divine Spirit united to our human spirit empowered to imbue us with the ability to rise above our weaknesses and limitations, to change us into persons of courage, and to make us other Christs in the world — exactly what is promised us through the grace of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

The Father sent His Son to earth, for "God so loved the world as to give His only-begotten Son." The Father called us to the faith. The Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, became man and died for us. He redeemed us and made us children of God. He ever remains the liturgist *par excellence* to whom we are united in all sacred functions. After Christ's ascension the Holy Spirit, however, became our Teacher, our Leader, our Guide, our Consoler.

Sunday after Sunday we should recall in a spirit of gratitude the gifts which the Blessed Trinity is bestowing upon us. The Father created and predestined us; on the first day of the week He began the work of creation. The Son redeemed us; Sunday is the "Day of the Lord," the day of His resurrection. The Holy Spirit sanctified us, made us His temple; on Sunday the Holy Spirit descended upon the infant Church. Sunday, therefore, is the day of the Most Holy Trinity.

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FATHER'S DAY



Jesus showed us how the Father takes delight in His children, loves unconditionally, is provident and responsible, pays close and caring attention, forgives, teaches, lovingly disciplines, works hard, and shares his life. All of these are guideposts for earthly dads.

Pope Francis reminded us that "a good father knows how to forgive from the depths of his heart. Certainly, he also knows how to correct with firmness: he is not a weak father, submissive and sentimental. The father who

knows how to correct without humiliating is the one who knows how to protect without sparing himself."

More fatherly guidance is given to us by Pope Francis who said that God sets the father in the family so that by the gifts of his masculinity he can be "close to his wife and share everything, joy and sorrow, hope and hardship." He continues: "And to be close to his children as they grow — when they play and when they work, when they are carefree and when they are distressed, when they are talkative and when they are silent, when they are daring and when they are afraid, when they stray and when they get back on the right path. To be a father who is always present. When I say 'present,' I do not mean 'control-ling.' Fathers who are too controlling overshadow their children, they don't let them develop.' Some fathers feel they are useless or unnecessary, but the fact is that 'children need to find a father waiting for them when they return home with their problems. They may try hard not to admit it, not to show it, but they need it.' It is not good for children to lack a father and to grow up before they are ready."

---(Taken from his apostolic exhortation "Amoris Laetitia: On Love in the Family.")

Fatherhood is the coming of age for many, who, from then on, begin to straighten out their thoughts and behaviors.

Fatherhood is a gift, not a punishment, for anyone capable of withstanding the pressure of a society in which comfort and whimsy are seen as a paradigm of disillusioned progressivism.

Fatherhood is an effort that, once begun, never ends, and is perpetuated through grandparenthood.

Fatherhood is learning to love, respect, and consider one's "neighbor," based on growing admiration.

Fatherhood is a good that should be considered social, to guarantee the continuity of the species and the possibility of ancestors being remembered.

Fatherhood is the result of a responsible attitude, in which motherhood honors its traveling companion with its favor.

Good fatherhood is accepting that something unexpected can become wonderful in a matter of seconds. A woman is capable, through love and skill, of turning a grown boy into a man. The children then do the rest. But there it is: Each in his or her place, and God in everyone's.

Prayer for Safety In Hurricane Season

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed Your order and returned to its former quietude.

You are still the Master of land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control: the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land, and spread chaos and disaster.

During this hurricane season we turn to You, O loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with passing of time.

O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son on our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem, where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen.

[Composed by Most Rev. Maurice Schexnayder (1895-1981), Second Bishop of Lafayette (1956-1973), following Hurricane Audrey in 1957]

Safe Environment Training

As part of the Safe Environment Program, the Diocese of Venice requires that all employees and those volunteers who work with children and/or vulnerable adults be fingerprinted and complete online training in Safe Environment prior to beginning employment or volunteering.

Please visit the <u>Diocese of Venice</u> website for further information.

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SACRAMENTS		The Most Holy Trinity	
RECONCILIATION		Mass Intentions of the Week	
This sacrament is available every Saturday from		SATURDAY June 14th	
3:00—3:45 PM or by appointment with a Priest.	4:00 PM	For All Living and Deceased Fathers	
Anointing of the sick, Baptism & Marriage		SUNDAY June 15th	
For questions or more information (863)385-0049 or e-mail at office@stcathe.org.	8:00 AM	For All Living and Deceased Fathers — Fr. José	
	10:00 AM	For All Living and Deceased Fathers — Fr. José	
SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK		MONDAY June 16th	
Monday: 2 Cor 6:1-10, Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4,	8:00 AM	T. SMITH † John & Kimberly Millerick	
Mt 5:38-42		TUESDAY June 17th	
Tuesday: 2 Cor 8:1-9, Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a,	8:00 AM	Jerry Grinkiewicz — JoMarie Grinkiewicz	
Mt 5:43-48 Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-11, Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9,		WEDNESDAY June 18th	
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18 Thursday: 2 Cor 11:1-11, Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8,	8:00 AM	For peace and harmony throughout the world — Fr. José	
Mt 6:7-15		THURSDAY June 19th	
Friday: 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30, Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, Mt 6:19-23	8:00 AM	MARGARO RODRIGUEZ † Jose Rodriguez	
Saturday: 2 Cor 12:1-10, Ps 34:8-9, 10-11, 12-13,		FRIDAY June 20th	
Mt 6:24-34 Sunday: Gn 14:18-20, Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 (4b), 1 Cor 11:23-26, Lk 9:11b-17	8:00 AM	JEANNE LESNIAK † Jerry	
		DENISE MORALES † Mother	
		SATURDAY June 21st	
ADORATION Every Friday from	4:00 PM	CHARLES & CATHARINE RITCHEY † Madonna	
9 of the 8:30 to 11:45 AM		Williams JACK H. WILLIAMS SR. † Madonna Williams	
BLESSED in the Chapel		Larry & Pauline Price (50th Wedding Anniversary) — Pauline Price	
WELCOME TO ST. CATHERINE PARISH		SUNDAY June 22nd	
	8:00 AM	For All Living and Deceased Parishioners — Fr. José	
We invite you to register with us or if you have changed any of your contact information, please	10:00 AM	DAVID NUTTER † Mary Nutter	
fill out this form.		Mrs. Tom Lucas (for health) — Kathy & Dennis	
Visit the Parish Office during open hours.		Berard	
 Mail the Parish Registration or Update Form to the Parish Office. Drop the Parish Registration or Update Form into the weekend collection basket. Register online at www.stcathe.org 	MASS INTENTIONSMass Intentions forms are available at the Parish Office or online, athttps://web4ucorp.com/massintentions/catherinesebringReturn Mass Intention forms at Parish Office or drop it in the weekend collection. The usual donation is \$10.Please specify whether the person is living or deceased. Mass Intentions must be made a minimum of 10 days prior to the date of the intention.		
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E-mail: PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY () New Registration () Moving out of the Parish () Up-date information () Need contribution envelopes	G	rinity Sunday	

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BOOKKEEPER'S CORNER	Tax Smar	rt Giving
OFFERINGS	Fulfill Your Required Minim	um Distribution
<u>Second Collections</u> This Week: Charity Fund Next Week: Insurance	If you reached age 73 in 20 Minimum Distribution is d based on your account balan	ue by December 31, 2025,
<u>June 8th</u> Regular Collection: \$4,699.00 Second Collection: Youth Group: \$1600.00	Did you know that you can mum Distribution to St. C and avoid increasing your ta Qualified Charitable Distri your IRA Administrator to s Catherine Catholic Church	Catherine Catholic Church axable income by making a ibution? You can request send a check payable to St.
Weekly Online Giving: \$2,994.00	Minimum Distribution.	
For Online Giving instructions visit <u>https://www.osvhub.com/stcathe/funds</u>	Please check with your professional advisors for more information on this beneficial giving option.	
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https://stcatherineofseb.flocknote.com/fundit/give		
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GOAL: \$110,000		A REAL PROPERTY AND A REAL
62%-	Summer Hours Youth Group will continue to meet on Fridays during the month of June.	
	6:30pm-8:00pm	Last Day: June 27
	For more information please contact: Jose Rodriguez (863)245-7597 or Leyda Calvillo (863) 245-3237.	
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CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL 2025 Our assessment for 2025 is \$115.00.00 We have received: \$80,128.00 Please make checks payable to CFA and in the Memo write "St. Catherine".	tors/shopp bers. 7 vo ated the fe	ek we served 21 visi- ers with 63 family mem- lunteers /Vincentians oper- ood pantry. We received 4 from our Parish families.
Thank you for your generous support to St. Catherine's and the CFA. To contribute online go to <u>https://</u> <u>dioceseofvenice.org/ways-to-give/cfa/</u>	For more information call 8 We thank you for your gener	
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MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

Women of our parish, come join us and see how St. Catherine's Council of Catholic Women can enrich your life. We meet on the third Tuesday of every month at 4:30 P.M. with a social time starting at 4:00 P.M. Meeting is at building S200 Hickory Street. For more information please call Mrs. Jennifer Lindsey at (618) 521-8730 or email jcsojlindsey@yahoo.com.

GRIEFSHARE GROUP

For more information please contact (863) 385-0049

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Council Member Business Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the Month at 7:00 PM in Building S200 on Hickory Street with the Rosary being said starting at 6:30 PM. **Fourth Degree Assembly Meetings** are held on the first Monday of **every other Month** at 7:00 PM in Building S200. **New Members and Transfers are ALWAYS welcome!** Any questions please contact Grand Knight Donald Israel (239)691-4777. Thank You!

LEGION OF MARY

Meetings are Wednesdays at 9:00 AM in the Parish Hall, Room #17. For more information please contact Mary Ann Buckley (863)385-1386.

PRAYER CHAIN

For questions or more information please call Claudia Spradlin at (863)991-3271 or email <u>claudia@stcathe.org</u>.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

For First Communion, Confirmation classes or more information please call (863)385-0049.

ROSARY

The Holy Rosary will be prayed at 9:30 AM each Sunday in the Chapel.

Raffle: You Can't Win if You Don't Play

To help us achieve our goal of \$100.000 to pay the cost of our insurance, we offer you the opportunity to participate in a raffle with your donation of \$10. For \$100 you can receive 11 tickets (\$10 each, ONE FREE) to win any of the following prizes.

1st Prize : \$3,000 2nd Prize: \$1,500 3rd Prize: \$500

The proceeds will go to help the Parish offset the price of our Insurance Premiums . **Time to move the thermometer!**

BUY YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS NOW: <u>https://stcatherineofseb.flocknote.com/</u> give/33806 and we will send your tickets by regular mail.

For those who wish to enter personally (rather than electronically) raffle tickets will also be available:

- At the Parish Office
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