

This week we return to the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. This Sunday and next, however, are designated as solemnities—special days that call our attention to central mysteries of our faith. Today on Trinity Sunday we celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity, one God in three persons.

Today's Gospel is from the beginning of John's Gospel. The passage we read follows Jesus' conversation with a Pharisee, Nicodemus, about what it means to be born of both water and the spirit. Nicodemus approaches Jesus at night and acknowledges Jesus as a teacher from God. Jesus tells him that only those who are born from above will see the Kingdom of God. Nicodemus misunderstands and questions how a person can be born more than once. Jesus tells Nicodemus that no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. Jesus is essentially explaining Baptism, which we celebrate as a sacrament today. Yet Nicodemus, we



are told, still does not understand what Jesus is saying. Jesus continues by testifying to the need to be born from above so that one might have eternal life.

After the dialogue with Nicodemus, the author of the Gospel offers his own explanation of Jesus' words. This is what we read in today's Gospel, John 3:16-18.

In the context of today's focus on the mystery of the Holy Trinity, the reading calls our attention to the action of God, who reveals himself in three persons: God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit. God the Father,

out of love for the world, sent his Son into the world in order to save it. Through the death and resurrection of the Son, we have been given the gift of the Holy Spirit. As three persons, God acts always as a God of love; he does not condemn the world but acts to save it.

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Saturday Vigil Mass @ St. Patrick: 4:00 PM

Saturday Vigil Mass @ St. Thomas: 5:30 PM

Holy Day Vigil @ St. Thomas: 6:30 PM

Weekday Masses @ St. Thomas: 12:00 Noon on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday

CONFESSIONS @ St. Thomas: 30 Minutes before Masses or by Appointment

Sunday Masses @ St. Thomas: 8:30 AM & 11 AM

Holy Day Mass @ St. Thomas: 12:00 PM Noon

Divine Mercy: Fri. 11:45 AM

Holy Rosary: Thurs. 11:40 AM

CONFESSIONS @ St. Patrick Mission: 3:30 PM

“Brothers and sisters, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.”

2 Corinthians 13: 11-13

Masses and Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, MAY 30, 2026

- 4:00 PM: **Holy Mass @ St. Patrick Mission**
†Herb Welch by Juliet Welch
- 5:30 PM: **Collective Holy Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle**
†Aida Deases by Yolanda Peña
†Amelia DeLeon by Yolanda Peña
†Sylvester Vo by John & Chi Bowman
†Robert Whitley by Raymond & Melissa Polasek

SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2026 - Holy Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

- 8:30 AM: Parishioners
- 11:00 AM: †Pat Gallagher (AOD) by Owen & Kim Gallagher

MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2026

12:00 PM: No Mass

TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2026 - Holy Mass @ St. Thomas

12:00 PM: †JoAnn Miller by Yolanda Peña

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2026 - Holy Mass @ St. Thomas

12:00 PM: †Jim Landreth, Sr. (AOB) by Pat Landreth

THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 2026 - Holy Mass @ St. Thomas

12:00 PM: Alyssa Hewlett (Birthday) by Pat Landreth

FIRST FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 2026 - Holy Mass @ St. Thomas

12:00 PM: †All Souls in Purgatory by Jerry Knesek

SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2026

- 4:00 PM: **Holy Mass @ St. Patrick Mission**
†Diana Flores by Javier & Gianna Flores
- 5:30 PM: **Holy Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle**
†JoAnn Dominguez by the Robert Dominguez Family

SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2026 - Holy Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

- 8:30 AM: Parishioners
- 11:00 AM: †Aida Deases by John & Chi Bowman

Please Pray for ...

All the homebound, all the sick and suffering of our parish, and especially pray for all those who have asked us for prayers.

Cathy Sikes, T. J. Williams, Larry Bryant, Frances Hicks, Eileen Champine, Dalia Gutierrez, Annette Freeman, Fred Nemeck, Harold Prejean, Mary Elva Estrada, Dee Molina, John Bowman, Wallace and Judi Prukop, Jeanette Respondek, Shannon Clubb, Courtney Dodd, Marty Douglas, Simon Bucknall, Brady Scarborough, Charlie & Jean Chapman, Beckie Ranly, Bill Wilson, Tommy Lopez, Richard Osburg, Laura Greenwood, Michael Chapman, Tyler Skidmore, Todd Crawford, Dawn Sherek, Yolanda Peña, Debbie Wood, and A.C. Basaldua.

Please call/email the parish office to include a person on the 2026 PRAYER LIST.



LECTORS for JUNE 6-7, 2026

- Saturday, 5:30 PM: Annette Freeman
- Sunday, 8:30 AM: Frances Nelson
- Sunday, 11:00 AM: David Gonzalez



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION - JUNE 6-7, 2026

- Saturday, 5:30 PM: Tony Arredondo, Louis Deases
- Sunday, 8:30 AM: Deacon Bill, Aaron Hoelscher, Tony Nelson
- Sunday, 11:00 AM: Gianna Flores, Javier Flores, Kera Steward

ALTAR SERVERS for JUNE 6-7, 2026

- Saturday, 5:30 PM: Abraum Flurry, Able Flurry
- Sunday, 8:30 AM: Sarita Nelson, Charleigh Nelson, Casey Gwynn
- Sunday, 11:00 AM: Carlos Camacho, Liam Sanchez, Eliana Garza

USHERS for JUNE 6-7, 2026

- Saturday, 5:30 PM: D. Kurtz, W. Riebschleager, E. Flurry, J. Freeman
- Sunday, 8:30 AM: B. Gwynn, M. Rektorik, M. Reilly, R. Mendiola
- Sunday, 11:00 AM: D. Bluntzer, D. Dusek, P. Pilarczyk, J.R. Sanchez

Save the Date

**SOLEMNITY OF THE
BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST**

RECEPTION OF THE BISHOP
INTO HIS CATHEDRAL AND
CONSECRATION OF THE NEW ALTAR

THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 2026
MASS BEGINS AT 6 PM
PROCESSION TO FOLLOW

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INFORMATION CORNER

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Altar Flowers: Contact the parish office to schedule flowers “in honor of” or “in memory of” a loved one or for a special occasion.

Baptism: Contact the parish office to register for the Sacrament of Baptism. All paperwork must be completed before attending class or scheduling Baptism. See website for more information.

Bulletin: Bulletin announcements are due on Monday by 1:00 PM.

Confession: Religious Education Student will have confessions on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month from 7:30-8:30 PM.

Religious Ed: For registration and questions contact the parish office or the DRE Michele Hoelscher at 361-244-2138.

Scripture Study: Sunday’s after the 8:30 a.m. Mass in the KC Bldg.

Catholic Daughters of America Court #2290: Contact Cynthia Garcia, Regent at 361-537-4470.

Knights of Columbus Council #9318: Contact Tony Arredondo, Grand Knight at Tonyent62@gmail.com or 361-947-8036.

LITURGY OF THE DAY

The Gospel also calls attention to the response that is required of us. God’s love for us calls us to respond in faith by professing our belief in God’s son, Jesus, and the salvation that he has won for us. This profession of faith is a sign of the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

Reflection on the Gospel Reading (John 3:16-18)
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FAMILY CONNECTION

Because of God’s great love for us, he sent his Son, Jesus, to save the world. Jesus, in turn, sent the Holy Spirit so that our faith in God and his love would be strengthened. The nurturing experiences of family life also help us to understand and have faith in God’s love.

Create a family poster together showing all the ways in which your family experiences God’s great love. Use symbols, pictures, and words to show how you have seen God at work in your family life and in our history. Then read together today’s Gospel, John 3:16-18. Pray together, thanking God for his gift of love. Conclude by praying the Glory Be to the Father or today’s Psalm.

Courtesy of Loyola Press *from the Pastor’s desk*

Holy Mass Readings for the Most Holy Trinity

**Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9; Daniel 3:52-56;
2 Corinthians 13:11-13; John 3:16-18.**

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: St. Justin, Martyr; **Tuesday:** Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs;
Wednesday: St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs;
First Friday: St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr;
Saturday: St. Norbert, Bishop, Blessed Virgin Mary;
Sunday: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

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Counters: A. Freeman and K. Gallagher



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THE BIBLICAL EVIDENCE FOR APOSTOLIC SUCCESSION

The first Christians had no doubts as to how to determine what was the true Church and which doctrines the true teachings of Christ: simply trace the apostolic succession of the claimants. Apostolic succession is the line of bishops stretching back to the apostles. Catholic bishops worldwide are part of that lineage, something that is impossible in Protestant denominations, most of which do not even claim to have bishops.

To make sure the apostles’ teachings would be passed down after their deaths, Paul told Timothy, “What you have heard from me before many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also” (2 Tim 2:2). In this passage he refers to the first three generations of apostolic succession: his own generation, and the generation Timothy will teach.

Hebrews 6:1-3 presents insight into the doctrine of apostolic succession:

Therefore, let us leave the elementary doctrines of Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of (1) repentance from dead works and faith toward God, with (2) instruction about ablutions; i.e., baptisms, (3) the laying on of hands, (4) the resurrection of the dead, and (5) eternal judgment. And this we will do if God permits.

Yet with the advent of the Protestant rebellion of the sixteenth century, each of these five topics have manifold different definitions depending upon the Protestant sect, or quasi-Christian sect, you may happen upon.

In this article, I want to focus on the “laying of hands,” a phrase that has multiple applications in the New Testament and in Catholic theology, including confirmation (Acts 19:6; 8:14-17) *Catechism of the Catholic Church* 1289), the anointing of the sick (James 5:14-16; CCC 1519; 1507), and the charismatic gift of healing (CCC 1508). *Courtesy of Catholic Answers*

(to be continued) *From the Pastor’s desk*

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