

The Solemnity of the Trinity Sunday-A: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9; 2Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18: “Three persons, one love.”

Joke: Trinitarian Love, the essence of family life: One day, while Adam was walking with God in the Garden of Eden he said, “*Excuse me God, can I ask you a few questions?*” God replied, “*Go on Adam, but be quick. I have a world to create.*” So, Adam says, “*When you created Eve, why did you make her body so curved and tender unlike mine?*” see Adam “*I did that, so that you could love her.*” “*Oh, well then, why did you give her long, shiny, beautiful hair?*” see Adam “*I did that, so that you could love her.*” “*Oh, well then, why did you make her so stupid? Is that too because I should love her?*”, no Adam, *I did that so that she could love you.*”

The mystery of the most Holy Trinity is a basic doctrine of Faith in Christianity, understandable not with our heads but with our hearts.

Pope Francis says, God is not a solitary God. He is a communion of love. And we are invited into that love.

A house caught fire in the middle of the night. Flames were spreading fast. A small child was trapped inside, crying for help from an upstairs window. A crowd gathered, watching helplessly. Suddenly, a man rushed forward. It was the child's father. Without thinking, he ran straight into the burning house. Moments later, people saw him inside, searching desperately. The smoke was thick, the heat unbearable, but he kept going. Then from another side, a firefighter climbed up, broke the window, and reached the child. At that same moment, someone outside shouted instructions, guiding them safely out. Finally, the child was brought out alive.

Later, someone asked, finally, who saved the child? One said, the father risked his life. Another said, the firefighter rescued him. A third said, the one guiding from outside made it possible. But the truth is, it was one rescue carried out by three persons, each fully involved, each acting in love.

That is how God saves us. The father sends. The son enters into our burning world. The Holy Spirit guides, strengthens, and brings us to safety. God did not save us from a distance. He came. He entered, and He stayed with us.

In the first reading, we see, “God reveals His heart to Moses as merciful, compassionate, slow to anger, and rich in love.” Like the father, rushing into the burning house, God does not remain distant. He comes close to forgive, save, and stay with His people.

In the second reading, St. Paul speaks of the Trinity, as the love of the Father, the grace of the Son, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, guiding believers. Just like the rescuers were working together, God continues to act in unity, to strengthen, guide and protect us.

The gospel presents that God loves the world so deeply that He sends His son not to condemn, but to save. Jesus enters our burning world to rescue us, offering life and salvation to all who believe.

These things we need to take away from today's feast: First, God doesn't watch, but He enters our life. In the story, the father doesn't stand outside. But He runs into the burning house. This is exactly what the readings reveal. In Exodus, we see, "God is merciful and compassionate."

In John, we see, "God sends His only son to save, and not to condemn." The lesson is, God is not distant in our struggles. But He steps into our pain, our sin, and our brokenness. So, St. Augustine beautifully says, "God loves each of us, as if there were only one of us. When our life feels like a burning house, God is already inside with us. We need to trust His presence even when we don't see him."

Second, God works in unity, so must we, in the rescue. Three persons act together, but it is one mission. Likewise, in 2Corinthians, we see, love, grace, and fellowship, flow together as one. The Trinity is perfect unity in diversity. Similarly, we are called to reflect that same unity in our families, communities, and church. Pope Francis says, "the unity of the Trinity is the model for human community."

Hence, we need to stop division, ego, and isolation. We are called to build relationships of love, patience, and forgiveness. Realize that unity is not sameness. It is love, holding differences together.

Third, we are all part of God's rescue mission. The story doesn't end with the rescue. The saved child will never forget that love. In the same way, God saves us through the Trinity, and then sends us out to be instruments of that same saving love. The lesson is, we are not just rescued. We are called to rescue others. In this regard, St. Francis of Assisi says, "Preach the gospel at all times. When necessary, use words." We are called to be home where there is despair. We are called to be loved, where there is hurt. We are called to be light where there is darkness. The Trinity is not just a mystery to believe. It is a love to receive, a unity to live, and a mission to share. Amen