



CHURCH OF THE HOLY GHOST

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THE CATHOLIC FRAMEWORK FOR THE DOCTRINE OF THE HOLY TRINITY

The Doctrine of the Holy Trinity is the most central and profound mystery of the Christian faith, especially in Catholic theology.

It reveals the nature of God as one **essence (substance)** in three distinct **Persons**: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. This doctrine is essential for understanding God's inner life and how God relates to humanity in salvation history.

While it is a mystery beyond complete human comprehension, the Church, drawing from Sacred Scripture and Tradition, has formulated a coherent framework to understand and express this doctrine.

1. MONOTHEISM: ONE GOD IN THREE PERSONS

The Catholic Church teaches that God is one in essence or substance, meaning that there is only one true God, not three gods. This is grounded in the Shema of the Old Testament: "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one" (Deuteronomy 6:4). The oneness of God is absolute, meaning that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit share the same divine nature, will, and purpose.

However, the unity of God does not negate the distinction of Persons. Catholic theology affirms that God exists eternally as three distinct Persons who relate to one another within the divine essence. These Persons are not merely different ways God interacts with the world, as in Modalism, but are truly

distinct in their relations to each other.

2. THE DISTINCTION OF PERSONS: FATHER, SON, AND HOLY SPIRIT

In the Trinity, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are distinct from one another in terms of their relations. This distinction is not in their being or essence, but in how they relate within the Godhead:

- The Father is the source of the divine life. He is unbegotten and the origin of the Son and the Holy Spirit.
- The Son (Jesus Christ) is eternally begotten of the Father. His sonship does not imply temporal birth, but an eternal relationship where the Son proceeds from the Father.
- The Holy Spirit proceeds from both the Father and the Son, a teaching affirmed by the Filioque clause in the Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed, which states that the Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father and the Son.

These distinctions are expressed through the processions of the divine Persons: the Father generates the Son, and the Holy Spirit proceeds from the love between the Father and the Son. This eternal exchange of love and life within the Trinity reflects the inner life of God as a communion of persons.

3. EQUALITY AND CO-ETERNITY OF THE PERSONS

Catholic teaching emphasizes the full equality and co-eternity of the three Persons. The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are equally divine and possess the same eternal nature. They are not created beings, nor are

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they unequal in power or glory. The Nicene Creed (325 AD) and the Council of Constantinople (381 AD) explicitly affirm the equality of the Persons by stating that the Son is "consubstantial" with the Father (homoousios) and that the Holy Spirit is "worshipped and glorified" together with the Father and the Son.

The Fourth Lateran Council (1215) summarized the Catholic understanding of the Trinity in the statement that "the Father is neither made, nor created, nor begotten by anyone. The Son is from the Father alone, not made, not created, but begotten. The Holy Spirit is from the Father and the Son, not made, not created, nor begotten, but proceeding."

4. THE CHURCH MYSTERY OF THE TRINITY: KNOWN THROUGH REVELATION

The Holy Trinity is a mystery that can only be known through divine revelation. While natural reason can infer that God exists, the triune nature of God is beyond what human beings could discover on their own. It was revealed in stages throughout salvation history, culminating in the revelation of Jesus Christ and the sending of the Holy Spirit.

- In the Old Testament, the oneness of God is emphasized, but hints of the Trinity are present (Genesis 1:26, Isaiah 6:3).

- In the New Testament, the full revelation of the Trinity is made manifest, particularly in key events such as the Baptism of Jesus (Matthew 3:16-17) and the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19), where Jesus commands His disciples to baptize in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

5. ECONOMIC AND IMMANENT TRINITY

Catholic theology distinguishes between the Economic Trinity and the Immanent Trinity:

- The Economic Trinity refers to how the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are revealed and work in salvation history. For example, the Father sends the Son into the world, the Son redeems humanity, and the Holy Spirit sanctifies the Church.

- The Immanent Trinity refers to the inner life of God, the eternal relationships among the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, apart from their work in creation and redemption.

Understanding these two aspects helps us appreciate that while God acts in history, the inner life of the Trinity remains eternally present and unchanging.

6. HERETICAL MISUNDERSTANDINGS OF THE TRINITY

Over the centuries, there have been several heresies that the Catholic Church has condemned as false understandings of the Trinity:

- Arianism (4th century) denied the full divinity of the Son, claiming that He was a created being, inferior to the Father. This was condemned at the Council of Nicaea.

- Modalism, also known as Sabellianism, suggested that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are not distinct Persons but simply different modes or aspects of God. This was condemned because it denies the real distinction of Persons in the Godhead.

- Tritheism wrongly posits three separate gods, which contradicts the fundamental monotheism of Christianity.

These heresies highlight the importance of careful theological precision when speaking about the Trinity.

7. THE TRINITY IN CATHOLIC WORSHIP AND SPIRITUAL LIFE

The doctrine of the Trinity permeates every aspect of Catholic worship and spiritual life:

- Catholics are baptized "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit," signifying their entry into the life of the Trinity.

- The Mass is celebrated with prayers and blessings that invoke the Trinity, such as the Gloria and the Sign of the Cross.

- Catholic prayers often begin and end with the Trinitarian formula, reinforcing the believer's relationship with the triune God.

- The mystery of the Trinity is contemplated in prayers like the Rosary, especially in the Glory Be: "Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit."

8. PARTICIPATION IN THE LIFE OF THE TRINITY

The ultimate purpose of human life, according to Catholic theology, is to share in the divine life of the Trinity. Through grace, particularly through the sacraments, Christians are invited to enter into the inner communion of the Trinity. Sanctifying grace makes us partakers in the divine nature (2 Peter 1:4), allowing us to experience the love that eternally flows between the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

This theosis or divinization is the ultimate destiny of humanity: to be drawn into the perfect communion of love that is the Holy Trinity.

CONCLUSION

The doctrine of the Holy Trinity is the foundation of Catholic theology, expressing the mystery of one God in three distinct Persons.

It is both a mystery of faith revealed through Scripture and Tradition, and a central truth that shapes Catholic worship, spirituality, and the understanding of salvation.

The Trinity reveals God as a communion of love, eternally present to Himself and to us, drawing all creation into His life. While the Trinity transcends full human understanding, it invites believers into a relationship of love, worship, and participation in the divine life.



DISCIPLES MAKING DISCIPLES

This Fall, Holy Ghost begins its 7th year of small group Discipleship offerings to the teens and adults of the parish. Each year, we have grown in the number of people participating and in the variety of our topics. This year, you will see a number of new titles...some are scripturally based, centered in prayer, and others on growing your relationship with Jesus. One course is virtually so you can participate from home while the rest will meet on campus. Please pray and ponder which course (or two!) is calling you and then make the commitment to

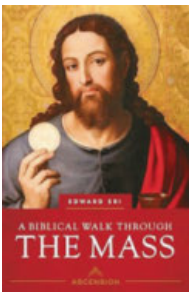
clear your calendar for approximately 9 weeks to participate in a group. If you are new to a group, you will need to register by going to the parish website: holyghostparish.org; scroll down to SignUpGenius; choose the course and time best for you and fill in your contact information. If you were a member of a small group during Lent, I will register you for the same time and day; however, if you wish to change, please contact Susan: 630-860-3691 or stutaj@holyghostparish.org



THE RESCUE PROJECT (9 weeks)

Sunday 7pm Virtual (begins October 5)
Wednesday 7pm Room 9 (begins October 8)

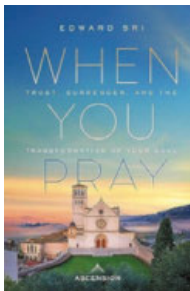
The Rescue Project seeks to proclaim the gospel in a compelling and attractive way in a small group format. The goal is to create an opportunity for people to be overwhelmed and be brought to the decision to surrender their lives to Jesus and be moved into mission. Let by the Holy spirit, we will pray, be enriched by a video by Fr. Riccardo and challenged by a series of discussion questions. Delve into how you have been called to be a disciple. Dare to discover how God is calling you.



BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS (9 weeks)

Monday 7pm Room 9 (starts October 6)
Monday 7pm Koinonia Room (starts October 6)

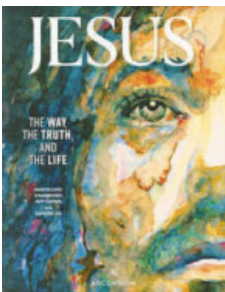
This course is scriptural tour through the prayers, hymns and rituals of the Liturgy. Almost every part of the Mass finds its inspiration in Scripture. The more we understand the biblical background, the more we will be able to enter into all we do and say at Mass. Each session includes a small group discussion, a video and some home preparation.



WHEN YOU PRAY (7 weeks)

Monday 10am Room 9 (begins October 6)

"When You Pray: A clear Path to a Deeper Relationship with God" meets over 7 weeks and includes a familiar format for those who have been in courses by Edward Sri previously. Included in this study are session summaries, engaging discussion questions, Talk Notes on the videos and short home reading assignments. The 30 minute videos are recorded in Italy by Dr. Sri. They provide comprehensive teaching and commentary on Catholic Prayer.



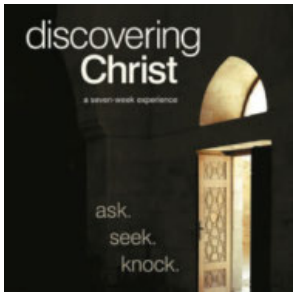
JESUS, THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE (10 weeks)

Tuesday Noon Room 9 (starts October 7)

This course was so rich the first time around that we did not have time to adequately study the scriptures connected to the material. This time around, the scriptures and the small book will be our focus. This course is open to people who previously went through the course who already have the books and to new participants who really want to "know" who Jesus is, what he is really like, what he did for our salvation and what it means for us. Definitely homework for this course but even if you don't have time to do it, you will learn plenty during the class.

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DISCIPLES MAKING DISCIPLES



DISCOVERING CHRIST (9 weeks)

Sunday 9-10:15am Gym (begins September 28)

This is the series that began our small group process 7 years ago. If you didn't attend then, please join us as it is a lovely introductory course! It is also a class that you can repeat and discover even more about your faith so please feel free to sign up again. Discovering Christ offers you the opportunity to reignite your relationship with Jesus or to have the opportunity to personally encounter Jesus for the first time. During each session we will pray and listen to a thought-provoking talk that is designed to explore the meaning and purpose of your life.

Everyone is invited to attend this fast moving class held between our two Sunday Masses.

If you have questions or want to discuss which course might best fit you, please call me and leave a message. I will return your call and we can discuss over the phone or set up an appointment to meet in person.

Susan Tutaj, Coordinator of Discipleship

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Save the Date

Holy Ghost Parish will participate in the



SEPTEMBER

Sat, 20th & Sun, 21st, 2025

9am—2pm

Want to be a seller?

The cost is \$30 to rent a table
(which includes 1 - 8' table and 2 chairs)

Please contact Frannie @

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Or text—708-218-6511

Or Email fran@holyghostparish.org





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**Holy Ghost Council of Catholic Women
Invites You to
Bunco Game Night !**

**Tuesday, September 9, 2025
7:00 P.M. in the Gym**

*Bunco is a dice game, easy to learn and loads of fun.
Bring your friends and family to reserve a table, or
come alone. All are welcome!*

Family Fun! Fellowship! Light refreshments.

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- ◆ Call Grand Knight Warren Wawczak for more info. 630-487-7925

FAITH FORMATION

Parents if you haven't already done so, it is time to register for Faith Formation classes that will be starting on **September 7, 2025**. ***The Celebration of the Mass** is an integral part of our Faith Formation

program and our Roman Catholic faith. Classes will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Sundays, after 8:00 a.m. Mass or before 10:30 a.m. Mass, for Preschool (4 and 5-year old's) and Kindergarten through 8th grade and Confirmation.

Registration forms can be found on the Holy Ghost web site or at www.holyghostparish.org under the Faith Formation tab, or you can pick up a form at the Welcome Center. While the children are in their classrooms, nine (9) Discovering Christ classes will be offered to parents and all interested parishioners, in the gym starting September 21 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. Please contact Nancy Siemers at 630-766-4509 for additional information.

"If we only knew how God regards this sacrifice, we would risk our lives to be present at a single Mass." St. Padre Pio

We celebrate the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary on September 8, and The Most Holy Name of Mary on September 12. The Feast Day of Our Lady of Sorrows is on September 15. It recalls the special bond between Jesus and Mary and reminds us of the torment and suffering of Christ, and as the Mother of Christ, Mary suffered greatly.

"I look to all of you brothers and sisters of every state of life, to you Christian families, to you, the sick and elderly, and to you, young people: confidently take up the Rosary once again. Rediscover the Rosary in the light of Scripture, in harmony with the liturgy, and in the context of your daily lives." Pope John Paul II

May we all rejoice in the Lord! Nancy Siemers -Director of Faith Formation

For all seeking Baptism, Communion and/or Confirmation or for anyone that wants to learn more about the Catholic faith, classes will begin in the fall. Please sign up now. For more information, contact Nancy Siemers at 630-766-4509 or at: nsiemers@holyghostparish.org. Complete this form and return it to the Faith Formation Office or drop it in the collection basket.



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Please circle the sacraments needed: Baptism Communion Confirmation

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Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and may the perpetual light shine upon
them. May the souls of all the faithful
departed, through the mercy of
God, rest in peace.

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.



Mass Intention Information \$10 stipend per Mass Intention.

Mass Intention requests, in compliance
with the Decree on Mass Stipends, began on
January 1, 2016: There will be one intention
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Christmas Day, Holy Thursday, Easter Vigil,
Easter Sunday, and Holy Days of Obligation.
No other intentions will be taken
for the Masses on these days.

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

4 pm Saturday
8 am Sunday
10:30 am Sunday

DAILY MASS

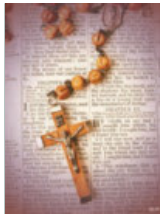
8:30 am Mon-Thurs

FIRST FRIDAY

8:30 am



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MASS ON SUNDAY, SEPT. 14, 2025



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AT 9 AM AND ON
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