

Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity – May 27, 2018

God of Love and Light - Trinity Sunday

Readings: Dt 4:32–34, 39–40; Ps 33:4–6, 9, 18–20, 22; Rom 8:14–17; Mt 28:16–20

Last Sunday we celebrated the sending of the Holy Spirit upon the Church, which sealed God's new covenant and made a new creation. A joyful Day for us all and especially this year as we celebrated 18 children receiving 1st Communion!

The Church is the Body of Christ, the Holy Spirit is the Soul of The Church--we are now a new creation--In this new creation, we live in the family of God, who has revealed himself as a Trinity of love. We share in His divine nature through His Body and Blood (2nd Peter 1:4). This is the meaning of the three feasts that cap the Easter season—Pentecost, Trinity Sunday, and Corpus Christi. These Feasts should be intimate reminders of how deeply God loves us, how He chose us, from before the foundation of the world, to be His children (Ephesians 1:4–5).

Today's readings illuminate how all God's words and works were meant to prepare for the revelation of the Trinity and God's blessing in Jesus Christ—the blessing we inherited in Baptism, and renew in each Mass. By God's word the heavens and earth were filled with His kindness, we sing in today's Psalm. Out of love, God called Abraham and chose his descendants to be His own people, Moses says in today's First Reading (Deuteronomy 4:20,37). Through the Israelites, He revealed to the nations that He alone is Lord and there is no other.

In Jesus, God's word took flesh as a son of Abraham (see Matthew 1:1). And Jesus reveals in the Gospel today that the one God is Father, Son, and Spirit, and that He desires to make all people His own. As He led Israel out of Egypt, God freed us from slavery, Paul says in today's Epistle. As He adopted Israel (Romans 9:4), He gives us the Spirit by which we can know Him as "Our Father." As God's heirs, we receive the commissions of Moses and Jesus today. We are to fix our hearts on Him, and to observe all that He has commanded. The Eucharist is His pledge—that He will be with us until the end, that He will deliver us from death to live forever in the promised land of His kingdom.

Father Blake Evans, Pastor



The faithful are reminded that Memorial Day, though a secular holiday, is not about BBQ, beaches or road trips. Catholics should this weekend or that day PAUSE and pray for those who have died serving the nation, especially in the military and times of war. A visit to a cemetery, attend mass, or praying the rosary is a beautiful gift to offer are fallen soldiers and others. One mass will be offered on Memorial Day at 10am in our Great Upper Church.

Monday – May 28, 2018 No Bible Study class.



To members of "The Legion of Mary" for sponsoring our May parish spiritual talk "Mary in Art" last week by Father Vincent DeRosa, pastor of St. Francis Xavier parish in SE Washington,

& thanks again to Father Vinny! Should you like an email format of the talk in print contact the Rectory.

Thanks also to the El Shaddai community who have donated over \$3,200 to the parish this winter/spring. May God bless you in your 25th anniversary!

Ordination Day: Priesthood! "Behold...your sons become your Fathers". Join thousands of faithful from the ADW as we celebrate & thank God for our new Priests, Saturday June 16th at 10am at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception for Mass and the ancient Rite of Ordination celebrated by Cardinal Wuerl. Come Holy Spirit!



Come pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament

For the intentions of the men being ordained and an increase in vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life

Date: Friday, June 1, 2018

Time: 6:00 – 7:00 pm

Pray for the generous response to a call from God to a vocation to the Priesthood and the Consecrated Life.



Mass Intentions

May 26 – June 2, 2018

Sat. 5/26	8:00am	Sick Home-bound parishioners
	5:30pm	+Matthew Walker
Sun. 5/27	8:00am	El Shaddai Community
	10:00am	People of the Parish
	1:00 pm	+Romel Morales
Mon. 5/28	10:00am	+All deceased US Veterans & victims of war
Tue. 5/29	Noon	+Charles Ferry
Wed. 5/30	Noon	+People of Puerto Rico (Huracaine Maria victims)
Thu. 5/31	Noon	+Kathleen Wofsy
Fri. 6/1	Noon	Sacred Heart League Members (deceased)
Sat. 6/2	8:00am	Ordination Day. Father Patrick Hake
	5:30pm	Nativity: Confirmands

Please pray for the sick of our Parish:

*Alice R. Allen, *Amina Anderson-Pringle, *Ann Butler, *Carla Andrea Catacora, *Shawn Coleman, *William Corbel, *Maria Cruz, *Maurice & Flora Detiege *Isel Fitzgerald, *Dion A. Fortune, *Linda Foster, *Charlie Gick, *John Green, Sr., *Janet Henery, *Blanca Hernandez, *Lawrence C. Hill, *Lee Hobbs, *Francis Howard, *Elaine Hunt, *Helen Hurd, *Larry Ivy, *Geraldine Jones, *Odile Kalla, *Michael Kelly, *Busara Kennedy, *Claude Kolthoff, *Betty Lawton, *Yavonna Lewis, *Sandra Lucas, *Eric Malcolm, *Edwin & Regina Mbanude, *Edith Mebane, *Maria Magdalena Medrano, *Agnes Moore, *Robert Myers. *Iris Newman, *D. Cynhia Peters, *Willie Poole, Jr., *James Pope, *Margaret Pope, *Dorothy Richburg, *Rosa Maria Santos, *Bonafacio Selayo *Delores Sloan, *Adrian Smith, *Alice Smith, *Bernadette Smith, *Theresa Smith, *Louise Sweatt, *Emily Towles, *Dominic Valentine, *Dorothy Waring, *Paul Williams, *Florentina Zoretta.

Supreme Court Decisions: The Roman Rota, the Supreme Court of The Church based in Rome has made announcements in response to concerns and requests by Pope Francis the Bishop of Rome, who is the Supreme Pontiff (bridge builder) and Chief Justice of The Court. Changes in Church Law have been made If you would like a copy of these update please email the rectory to Laura Juarez at juarezlau@verizon.net for an email copy.

ATTENDANCE REPORT

5/20/18

Attendance: 533 souls

Offerings & Tithes: \$6,808

Spanish Mass: \$275

Utility fund: \$460

Rice bowls: \$327.28



To celebrate the glory of Christ present in the Eucharist and to bring his love into our suffering Brightwood neighborhood, there will be a joyful procession with the Blessed Sacrament on Corpus Christi Sunday,

June 3rd, 2018, immediately following the 10:00am Mass. All parishioners are encouraged to come out and celebrate Jesus as we march with him in our streets. Please pray and sacrifice for this effort.

2018 Annual Jubilarian Mass – Cardinal Donald Wuerl will celebrate the Annual Jubilarian Mass honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 50+ years on Sunday June 17, 2018 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Please call the rectory at 202-726-6263 or use the sign-up forms located at both entrances to the church to register.



Upcoming Days of Grace!

June 1: Holy Hour for Ordinandi –Upper Church at 6:00 pm

June 2: Confirmation – Basilica at 2:00 pm

June 2: Ordination of Father Patrick Hake.

June 2: African Catholic Association – Celebration of African Saints at St. Camillus Parish

June 3: Corpus Christi Sunday.

June 9: Ordination of Deacon Ebuka Mbnude

June 16: Youth Day

June 17: Annual Jubilarian Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.