

Christ Our Hope Catholic Church
Faith in Laity Corner
THE TRINITY



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Trinity Sunday

Year 1/Cycle A
2Cor 13:11-13, Jn. 3:16-18

Holy Trinity Love

As we gather with joy to celebrate one week after the powerful descent of the Holy Spirit upon us, now comes the blessings of Three Persons in One God- the Blessed Trinity. For as we stand '*mere mortal men*'; to pretend that there is an easy and practical way to define the Trinity, then we don't appreciate our shortcomings as humans. The fact that our belief as Catholics that God is Three Persons -God as Father, God as Son and God as Holy Spirit, a Catholic dogma; does not help in our comprehension of this great mystery. Somethings we need to take on *faith value*, over practical understanding. These are some facts supported by the Bible to boost our belief in the Blessed Trinity.

'God's spirit hovered over the darkness' (Gen. 1:1)

Before anything ever existed (*hard for us to imagine*) there was God in that dark void. He has no beginning, none before or after. He just was. This *Spirit* is God!! The creation of man with his ability to have free will was a component accomplished with the Triune God in attendance.

"Then God said: Let us make human beings in our image, after our likeness." (Gn. 1:28)

The choice of the 3rd person object pronoun 'us', one is left to conclude that this act of creation has the consultation of the 3 Person Godhead.

We can recall the scene during the Baptism of Jesus in the river Jordan, giving us a public peep into the mysterious existence of the Trinity.

*"He saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit,
like a dove, descending upon him.
And a voice came from the heavens,"
"You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." (Mk. 1:9-10)*

A public declaration of Who is God. The term **He** is used, Jesus the Son who was being baptized is the *He*-second Person of the Trinity. (*No, the focus was no longer be on John the baptizer, his work was to*

decrease as Jesus increased.) The Holy Spirit came in the form of dove resting on Him- third Person of the Trinity, and finally the ‘Voice’ the Word who pronounces and it is. Let us not forget that God in the beginning did not touch or manipulated objects, He the Creator, - spoke – it was. The Voice pronounces delight in His Son. Are they all working independently? Yes. Are all 3 the One and the same? -Yes they are!! Will we fully understand on this earth? No we won’t!!!

What is the connectedness of the Trinity? Jesus spent His whole life, working on the Will of His Father. Yet, He declared that there was no difference between Them. If you want to know the Father, you can see Me. Father and Son are of one accord.

‘I and the Father Are One.’ (Jn. 10:30)

There is no getting around one or the other. Seeing Jesus is like seeing the Father, who could claim such, but the Son?

“No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really know me, you will know my Father as well?” (Jn. 14:6-7)

The bond of the Spirit has to be so ‘tight’ among them. Why? The bond or the ‘glue’ of the Father and the Son is the Spirit of God. With such a level of bonding. Jesus could declare such

“Everything that the Father has is mine;” (Jn. 16:15)

How confident can you be to declare that whatever belonged to your parents will automatically be yours without any question or reservation? This was the Son Who is of His Father. Of one mind and one accord.

On Jesus’ departure from the life on Earth, He asked His followers to wait and be ready for the ‘Advocate’ the spokesperson for the Father and Himself- The Holy Spirit. What will this ‘Spirit’ do for them. We can recall the frightened and anxious men and women praying behind locked doors and sealed windows of the week before Pentecost.

*“The Advocate, the Holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name—
He will teach you everything and remind you of all that [I] told you.” (Jn. 14:26)*

When the ‘Spirit’ arrived at Pentecost, the first day of the week... windows were opened, doors were unlatched and those who were silent -spoke in various languages- far from their native tongue.

Maybe most importantly the Holy Spirit taught the followers how to travel on the road to truly LOVE. If love did not exist the Trinity could not exist, the bonds of love binds the Triune God. What was the powerful aspects of the early followers of Christ? It was their ability to unselfishly love and share that love for their Savior and each other, that nothing was too much to share, suffer or do for the sake of the Name of Jesus. It is the Holy Spirit which enables us to love God, to love ourselves and to love others. Our understanding of the Holy Trinity is founded on the basis of love. Love enables us to
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*“Mend your ways, encourage one another,
agree with one another, live in peace...” (2C0r. 13:11)*

The great act of love was bestowed upon us at our birth, then at our Baptism and again at our Confirmation; and these love bond can sustain us so that we can be united with the Trinity forever.

*“For God so loved the world that He gave His Only Son,
so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life. (Jn. 3:16)*

*May the Trinity be blessed and worshiped on earth and in the heavens, help us as we try to
learn to love following the example set for us all.*

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