

## Christ Our Hope Catholic Church

### Faith in Laity Corner

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## Trinity Sunday/Father's Day

### Fathering Trinity

One week after the Feast of the powerful coming of the Holy Spirit upon the earth, - Pentecost which descended upon the disciples, we now come to Trinity Sunday. It is not only the Feast of the Trinity, but it falls on the special Sunday set aside to celebrate fatherhood. Yet, maybe the most clear-cut of all is the fact that God our Father, held all the qualities for which we long. How does Trinity Sunday and Father's Day relate to each other? Let us examine the idea- God is the center of Trinity; He is Three Persons in one. God as the great Father, who calls His children by name, who has rooms in His mansion for all His children; God created the earth by His love and concern for man/womankind.

*"The LORD begot me, the beginning of his works,  
the forerunner of his deeds of long ages." (Pro. 8:22)*

God in all His entities of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, all Three Persons were witnesses to the wonder of the creation of heaven and earth.

*"When the earth and the fields were not yet made,  
nor the first clods of the world." (Pro.8: 26-27)*

God Creator designed the food source, animals to roam and the ultimate creature-man.

*“Yet you have made him little less than a god,\*  
crowned him with glory and honor” (Ps. 8:6)*

God the Father continued to demonstrate who He was throughout the ages- during the biblical time of Abraham, Moses and David; acting as protector, guide and provider. Our earthly Father, likewise provide the love and care for His earthly children. God in all His facets demonstrated for those whom He had especially chosen His true self; they were allowed to enter His presence, God forged a special relationship with His children (Israelites), yet this relationship was an upward struggle, with God, Creator Father was disappointed with the Israelites again and again. He punished them and then, He relented and demonstrated His mercy, just as any true loving Father.

As any good father God provided for all the needs of His children, and offer hope that they will return His love with obedience to His laws. Our lives were created by God with the need for love and the capacity to love those close to us. Our earthly Fathers too, expect our obedience and respect and to the best of their human ability provide for us and love us. Fathers are willing to accept our errors and welcome us back into the ‘fold’.

On Trinity Sunday we are reminded of the unity of God’s love for us is brought forth in the Son Emmanuel – *God with us* and the Holy Spirit, which unites the Son and Father. God is Spirit and Truth- the Holy Spirit is the essence, the wisdom and understanding which is God. It is God’s Holy Spirit which is bestowed on us during our Baptism and then again at our Confirmation. It is this same Holy Spirit which, God shared with us on earth on Pentecost Sunday (*last week Sunday*) It is the Spirit of wisdom which helps us understand the Scriptures, to speak boldly in God’s Name. The Holy Spirit is the third Person in the Blessed Trinity. Earthly fathers have to rely on the Holy Spirit to enable them to bring the correct virtues and support to their earthly families.

The three Persons in God is doing the work unites us on earth so as to join as one with- the Trinity. Will we ever fully understand this spiritual truth? No, our under-used brain will not allow us to fully comprehension all aspects of the Trinity. We have nothing to doubt about the Holy Trinity, God as

Father leads us to this Father's Day, we share this time to return the honor and appreciate the love received from our earthly fathers. Today we celebrate our heavenly Father in all three of His entities- Father- Creator, Son – Redeemer and Messiah, and the Holy Spirit- God's Wisdom and Intellect. On a day like today, we recognize that our earthly fathers who for many of us make every effort to provide and love us; honesty also helps us to admit that not all fathers are able to provide the nurturing care, involvement necessary that will bring us to learn to love and provide. For those whose fathers' fall short at times of what we as children long for; there is the knowledge that our Heavenly Father does not falter He will complete the areas in our lives which are lacking, as He sends His guiding light to our fathers here on earth.

May our praise to the Trinitarian nature of God, provide us with love needed, and to include our fathers those alive and those who have returned to the Creator; and enable us to appreciate the *Fathering Trinity*.

*"Everything that the Father has is min." (Jn. 16:15)*

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***Let us pray this time for our fathers how are unemployed, wrongly incarcerated, and those who have terminal illnesses. May we lift up the people of South Sudan who are suffering unimaginable pain, we lift our Twin- island state of Trinidad and Tobago who have welcomed thousands of native Venezuelans, who are under a humanitarian crisis. We need to pray.***

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