

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

22 MAY 2016

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Next Week's Readings

1st Reading : Gen 14:18-20

2nd Reading : Cor 11:23-26

Gospel : Lk 9:11-17

RESPONSE

O Lord our God,
how wonderful
your name in all
the earth

ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy
Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come.
Alleluia!

Joyfully caught up in the Trinitarian Life

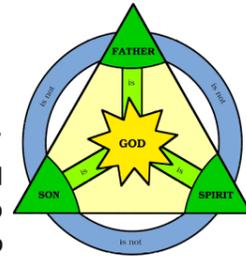
by Sister Veronica Lawson, RSM

The opening sentence of today's gospel touches something very deep in human experience. Jesus tells his disciples: "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now." In John's gospel, Jesus is depicted as sensitive to the anguish of his friends and to their limited capacity to absorb the enormity of what was happening to him and to them. There was only so much they could "bear" as the inevitability of Jesus' death dawned on them. They will come to understand who he is and what he has taught them, but only through the power of God's "Spirit of truth" who will guide them into "all the truth".

As we think back on our own lives and tell stories of the past, we realize how little we understood of what was happening in our world and in our own lives at the time of the events we recount. We become wiser with the knowledge of hindsight, even if we never fully understand. As Christians, we credit any insight and understanding we may have to the power of God's Spirit at work in our lives. We believe in the Triune God and, along with the whole Earth community, we are caught up into a wonderful dynamism of Trinitarian life.

No one image can capture the mystery of God's dynamic Trinitarian existence. Since God is neither male nor female, it is important to remember that the traditional male language of Father, Son and Spirit is one way of imaging the Trinity and is not to be absolutised or taken as a literal description of God who is three in one. Perichoresis, a Greek term suggestive of dancing or of figures interweaving, is one of the earliest and probably one of the most striking images used to explain this Trinitarian life of God. The life that is in God is three and yet one in a totally harmonious dance of equals. The wonder is that we are invited to join the dance. Trinity Sunday is the day that we set aside to celebrate who God is in Godself and who God is in relation to everything that exists. We celebrate the nearness of the Triune God who draws us as participants into the dance of life and love. The Spirit of truth guides us "into all the truth". We continue to listen to the Spirit so that we might understand more fully the "things that are to come" and the relatedness we are called to live. The dance of Trinitarian love casts out hatred and enmity and wanton destruction. It calls us to live in harmony with one another and with the whole of the Earth community.

Source: Catholic Religious Australia



"AMORIS LAETITIA" ("THE JOY OF LOVE")

All members of the family need to be encouraged to live good Christian lives. Much of "Amoris Laetitia" consists of reflections on the Gospels and church teaching on love, the family and children. But it also includes a great deal of practical advice from the pope, sometimes gleaned from exhortations and homilies regarding the family. Pope Francis reminds married couples that a good marriage is a "dynamic process" and that each side has to put up with imperfections. "Love does not have to be perfect for us to value it" (122, 113). The pope, speaking as a pastor, encourages not only married couples, but also engaged couples, expectant mothers, adoptive parents, widows, as well as aunts, uncles and grandparents. He is especially attentive that no one feels unimportant or excluded from God's love.

Prayer to the Holy Trinity

Glory be to the Father, Who by His almighty power and love created me, making me in the image and likeness of God.

Glory be to the Son, Who by His Precious Blood delivered me from hell, and opened for me the gates of heaven.

Glory be to the Holy Spirit, Who has sanctified me in the sacrament of Baptism, and continues to sanctify me by the graces I receive daily from His bounty.

Glory be to the Three adorable Persons of the Holy Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING AND THEIR FAMILIES

RECENTLY DECEASED: Johannes van den Heuvel. The parish family offer its prayers and condolences to his family

ANNIVERSARIES: Ronan Hart, Alice Read, Thelma Treverton, Harry Harrison, Frank Walshe

SICK : Margaret Jeary, Mary Edmonds, Edith Swain, Brian Taggert, Pauline Muscat, Marta Kristan, Kala Lindsay.

PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday, 19 June after 10 am Mass

Please come and participate.

Coordinators please submit your reports ASAP latest by 29 May



OUR LADY OF LOURDES CRAFT GROUP

MORNING TEA

Come and join us for a scrumptious morning tea at the Narthex on Thursday, 26 May 2016 at 9:30~12:30. for just a gold coin donation.

There will be door prizes as well as Crafts Display and Craft Stall. All funds to be raised will be donated to Cancer Research.

FEAST OF THE WEEK

24 May - Our Lady, Help of Christians
26 May - St. Philip Neri, priest

CHAPLAINCY APPEAL

We would like to thank all our parishioners who have responded to Chaplaincy Sunday Appeal. For those who have not have the chance to help the Chaplaincy Appeal, you may give your donation at the end of the mass.

Thank You



Pope Francis

Vatican City, May 18, 2016 / 08:03 am (CNA/EWTN News).- If we don't show mercy to others we shouldn't expect to get it from God, Pope Francis said, stressing that while turning a blind eye to the poor might make life on earth easier, the eternal result will be much different.

Pope said May 18.

He spoke to the thousands of pilgrims gathered in St. Peter's Square for his general audience, continuing his ongoing catechesis on mercy as understood through scripture.

Francis focused his speech on the parable of The Rich Man and Lazarus, a poor beggar who laid outside the man's house every day, asking for the leftover scraps from his table.

Both men eventually die, and the rich man, who ignored Lazarus and denied him the scraps, is tormented by constant fire and an insatiable thirst, whereas Lazarus is "carried by the angels" to heaven and comforted.

During their lives, "the door of the rich man's house is always closed to the poor man," the Pope observed, noting that the rich man wore expensive, luxurious clothing and ate lavish feasts every day, Lazarus starved and was covered in sores, with only the dogs to lick his wounds.

This scene, he said, is reminiscent "of the harsh rebuke of the Son of Man at the final judgement."

"Lazarus represents well the silent cry of the poor in all ages and the contradiction of a world in which immense riches and resources are in the hands of the few," he said, noting that eventually everyone, rich and poor alike, will die, just like Lazarus and the rich man in the parable.

Francis pointed out that after both of them die, the tormented rich man appeals to Abraham for help, calling him "father."

By using this word, the rich man is claiming to belong to the people of God, yet during his life "he showed no consideration for God, and in fact, he made himself the center of everything, closed in his world of luxury and waste."

Pope Francis then noted how in the parable, the rich man does not have a name, but is only referred to as "rich," while Lazarus, the name of the poor man, is repeated five times.

Lazarus had served as a living reminder to the rich man to remember God, but the rich man did not welcome the opportunity, he said, explaining that in the end, the rich man "will be condemned not for his wealth, but for having been incapable of feeling compassion for Lazarus and assisting him."

To read the complete article, please go to www.vatican.com/news



An easy way to help the mission:

The Mary MacKillop International mission helps the poor women and school kids to get an education and training to alleviate their poverty. We can help them by:

1. Donating your used postage stamps to the Parish office to be sent to them.
2. Helping to cut the 4 sides of the stamps collected.

PARISH DIARY

29 May : **The Body and Blood of Christ,** Mass for the poor, SVDP winter appeal

Submission of reports for AGM

THANKSGIVING

Church \$1,902.50

Presbytery \$1,004.00

Retired Priest & Archdiocese)