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236 S. Beach Boulevard

Catholic Church

Waveland, MS 39576

Sunday, May 26, 2024

"Know, and fix in your heart, that the Lord is God."

hat a beautiful reading for today's feast of the Holy Trinity! Moses' words to the Israelite tell us that there is only one God: "the Lord" (Deuteronomy 4:39). And he is a wonderful God! He is generous and kind, not like the false gods that the pagans worshipped. He is so kind, in fact, that he rescued his people from slavery and led them into the Promised Land (Deuteronomy 4:34). No pagan could say anything like that about their "God!"

Now, with the coming of Christ, we have an even greater understanding of who this one true God truly is. And at the heart of that understanding is the proclamation that our God is a Trinity of Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

As *Father*, he treat us with great love and calls us into his family. He welcomes us into his throne room and promises to hear us when we call to him.



As *Son*, he takes on our own humanity and offers that humanity in sacrifice on a cross. And through that cross, he destroys the power of sin and showers us with mercy.

As *Spirit*, he pours his very life and love into us. He empowers us to live the life we've been called to—a life of love and mercy that mirrors the love of our heavenly Father.

This is our God! But we live in a world that tempts us to make false gods of riches and self-indulgence and to be indifferent to the needs of the poor. These "gods" aren't real; all they can promise are fleeting pleasures. By contrast, the one true God loves us unconditionally and wants to save us and care for us. So follow Moses' advice and "fix in your heart" the truth that you belong to God—he belongs to you (Deuteronomy 4:39)!

~ The Word Among Us

Our Mission:

To live a Gospel way of life

*Simply *With Humility *Out of Love of God and Neighbor

Readings for The Most Holy Trinity Sunday

- 1st Reading— Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40
 - ♦ 2nd Reading— Romans 8: 14-17
 - Gospel Reading Matthew 28: 16-20

Pastor:Fr. Jacob-Matthew Smith, OFM Deacon: Deacon Mike Saxer / (228) 216-5028 Choir Director:Cathy Allain Secretary:Michelle Fleming Parish Office:(228) 467-9275 Parish Email:StClareCatholic@yahoo.com Website:www.StClareWaveland.com Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/St-Clare-Catholic-Church Church Office Hours:.... Monday through Friday 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM (Holidays change these days and hours.)

CONFESSION: Saturdays - 1 hour before 4:00 PM Vigil Mass, by appointment, or anytime during office hours. Call the office ahead to schedule a time.

we thank you for your generosity!

In the spirit of giving, Last week's collection was: **Regular Offertory:** \$4,487.00

Catholic Communications

\$438.00

Pope Francis gives 3 reasons to pray the rosary.

- First, he said that the Rosary is a "compendium of the entire history of our salvation."
- Then, the Pope noted, the "Holy Rosary is a powerful weapon against evil."
- Finally, the Pope said, it is "an effective means of obtaining true peace in our hearts."

All are welcome to stay and pray the Rosary after morning Mass and after the 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday. Weekend Masses, the Rosary will be recited 30 minutes before Mass.



The Altar Flowers are a great way to honor and remember loved ones.

Gayle Probus is the contact person to have your special arrangement done. 228-342-3025

Intentions available for the living (SP) or Deceased (+). Check with the office for date availability.



Monday, May 27	8:30 a.m.	Jack Olin Bryant +
Tuesday, May 28	8:30 a.m.	Alan Noonan +
Wednesday, May 29	6:00 p.m.	Forrest "Cuddie" Bourgeois, Jr. +
Thursday, May 30	8:30 a.m.	Benton & Persis Williams +
Friday May 31	8:30 a.m.	Madonna Boos +
Saturday, June 1	4:00 p.m.	Des Bourgeois +
Sunday, June 2	8:30 a.m.	Kay Wallace +
	11:00 a.m.	Jack Olin Bryant +
	5:30 p.m.	Sick of the Parish

May 26	Priests & Brothers at St. Augustine Seminary and St. Stanislaus High School
May 27	Retired, extern & deceased Priests, Brothers & Deacons
Мау 28	Our Deceased Bishops Joseph Howze & Roger Morin
May 29	Our Deacons, Deacon Candidates & those discerning
May 30	Our Seminarians
May 31	Father Jacob-Matthew Smith, OFM
June 1	Pray for an increase in Vocations



AKS, Alan Atkins, Alice Richardson, Allen Proulx, Angie Pherson, Ben Turner, Bill & Marguerite App, Bill & Mary Gillen, Bill Boyd, Bill Kane, Bob & Donna Martin, Bobbie & Tom Worrel, Brandon Butera, Brenda Scianna, Brian Roe, Bruce Cranmer & family, Bruce Necaise, Butch Cuevas, Calvin Wood, Carmencita Baker, Carol Allen, Carol Legendre, Caspian Smith, Cathy Smith, Celeste Proulx, Celino families, Charles & Emily Piazza; Charlie, Harry & unborn baby Saale, Charlotte & John Johnson, Cherie Carlson, Christy Westbrook, Chuck Tucker, Cindy Russell, Cody Smith, Colin Burgin Plews, D.J. Lemaire, Jr., Daniel & Barbara Squillante, Danny & Daren Reinhart, Darin Cuevas, Darnell Cuevas, Dave & Laurie Stepro, Dawn Carver, DD Dauphin +, Deb Cranmer, Deidrich family, Diane Perkins, Dick Hall, Don Eskine, Donna & Ken Kennedy, Donna Kay Scianna, Doris Portera, Eileen Knight, Eleanor Lott & family, Ellen & Claire Palmer, Eric Cranmer; Erin, Amanda & Preston Cloyd, Ferron Courteaux, Fr. Joseph Dang, Frank Murphey, Frank Pelitere, Gail France, Gayle & Rex Probus, George McCann, Gerard Frommeyer, Howard

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PARISH MINISTRIES

ALTAR SOCIETY: Open to men and women; envelopes are available to pay \$5.00 membership.

BAPTISM: To schedule an appointment to setup a Baptism date, please call the Terry Calhoun at (228) 671-8063. Parents and godparents are required to attend a Baptism class.

CENACLE OF DIVINE MERCY: Meets each Friday at 10:00 a.m., a group meeting to study the Diary of St. Faustina & incorporate with Scripture and the Catechism. Contact Suzan Cox at (601) 209-6811 or suzan713@gmail.com.

GRIEF MINISTRY: Meets to support, encourage and equip those grieving the death of a loved one. For more information, leave a message at the Parish Office or contact Sherry at (228) 332-0256.

HOME BOUND: Volunteers bring Communion to the Home Bound. Volunteers must be trained as extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist. Contact the Charles Walden for more information (985) 285-2997

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS/LADIES AUXILIARY: Meet every 2nd Tuesday in the Parish Center—6:30 meeting. The Assembly meet on the 2nd Tuesday after the council meeting. Ladies Auxiliary meet every 2nd Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.

MARRIAGE PREP: Please contact Leslie and Terry Asher (228) 467-9275 if you are engaged and wish to be married at St. Clare. Marriages must be scheduled 6 months in advance.

OVER 50'S GROUP: All parishioners over 50 are invited to join (no charge). Luncheons 2nd Wednesday & Bunco 3rd Tuesday. Call Janis for details (228) 324-8715.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ST CLARE CONFERENCE: (228) 342-4117/stclaresvdp1@gmail.com. Utilities help and limited food pantry available. In-person interviews Tuesday and Wednesday 10 am-1 pm.

WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED: We invite all parishioners to join St. Clare as we embark on this journey together. For more information, and to ensure you receive news and updates, please contact: Linda Walden, OFS at (228) 304-2305 or lwalden855@gmail.com.

PARISH NEWS

Save the Date

On Saturday, June 8, 2024 following the 4:00 p.m. Mass we will celebrate our beloved Pastor, Fr. Jacob-Matthew. A reception will honor his years of service at St. Clare and other parishes in the Diocese of Biloxi, as well as recognize his upcoming retirement.

The Church will close following the 5:30 p.m. Mass on Sunday, May 26th and will reopen on Tuesday, May 28th for 8:30 a.m. Mass.

St. Clare Church will be

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FOR
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St. Clare St. Vincent de Paul Society Office will be closed Tuesday, May 28th and Wednesday, May 29th. SVDP will resume regular

office hours on Tuesday, June 4th at 10:00 a.m. and close at 1:00 p.m.

St. Vincent De Paul's Friends of the Incarcerated

In Honor of Father Jacob-Matthew Smith, OFM

Friends of the Incarcerated sponsored by St. Vincent De Paul will be collecting hygiene items. These items will be donated to Hancock Detention Center, where Father Jacob has ministered every Thursday for the last few years. Items being collected are bars of soap, deodorant (STICK ONLY), shampoo, conditioner, and hand lotions. The goal is to collect 250 of each. A box has been placed in the hall for all donations. Contact person for this drive is Suzan Cox, 601-209-6811.



MEMORIAL DAY

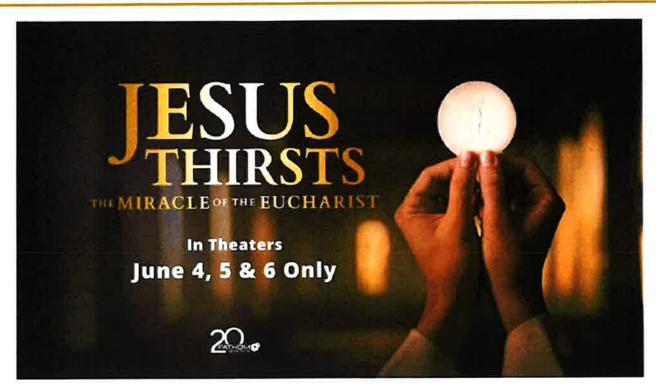
Honoring Those Who Died in Service to the Nation

- Established in 1868 as Decoration Day by the Grand Army of the Republic; a time for the nation to decorate the graves of the war dead.
- A crowd of about 5 thousand people attended the first large celebration at Arlington National Cometery in 1868.
- Waterloo, New York, was declared the official birthylace of Memorial Day by President Lyndon Johnson in 1966.
- Declared a federal holiday in 1971 and observed on the last Monday in May conforming to the Uniform Monday Holiday Act of 1968.
- The National Moment of Remembrance Act of 2010 encourages a moment of silence at 3 pm local time to honor those who died in service to the nation.

Source: Department of Veterans Affair



Terry Calhoun, Abigayle Conn, Barbara Truxillo, Chester Orgeron, Susan Ferry, Brett Ladner



Movie! Movie! Movie!

"Jesus Thirsts: The Miracle of Jesus in the Eucharist" will be playing in 2 local theaters June 4th & 5th

The Catholic Church teaches that the Eucharist is the most profound means by which God shares Himself with humanity.

In Jesus Thirsts: The Miracle of the Eucharist takes on a global journey to rediscover and revive the transformative power of the Eucharist and makes it unmistakably clear that the Eucharist is not merely a symbol but is indeed Jesus Christ Himself!

After watching, a viewer cannot walk away without believing in the true presence."

-Fr. Edward Looney, STL, pastor, author and podcaster

June 4 - Cinemark in Gulfport - 4 pm & 7 pm - Grand in D'Iberville - 7 pm June 5 - Cinemark in Gulfport - 4 pm & 7 pm - Grand in D'Iberville - 7 pm

You can also find out more about the movie at jesusthirstsfilm.com



There are several people at St. Clare who plan to attend the June 4th showing at Cinemark in Gulfport at 7:00 p.m. If you would like to join this group, please contact Janis Vezzoso at 228-324-8715 for more information.



OUR LADY OF THE GULF AND ST. ROSE DELIMA UNITE TO HOST A <u>LOCAL</u> EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION

SATURDAY, JUNE 1st.

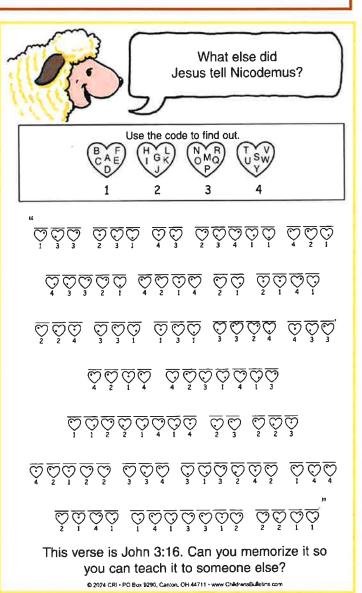
WE WILL CELEBRATE 8AM MORNING MASS AT ST ROSE (*NO 7:30AM AT OLG THAT DAY)

FOLLOWING MASS, WE WILL PROCESS FROM ST ROSE
TO OLG WHERE WE WILL HAVE BENEDICTION AND
THEN BRUNCH IN THE COMMUNITY CENTER.

Nicodemus asked Jesus many questions.

Circle 8 2s in the picture.







Eucharistic Adoration in the church every Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday in the chapel 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Adorers are needed for Wednesday Adoration.
 - Contact Terry Callhoun at 228-671-8063.



Catholics Participating in National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and the National Eucharistic Congress Have Opportunities to Receive Plenary Indulgences.

"It is with gratitude to the Holy Father that we receive his Apostolic Blessing upon the participants in the National Eucharistic Congress, and for the opportunity for Catholics in our country to obtain a plenary indulgence by participating in the events of the Eucharistic Revival," said Archbishop Timothy P. Brogilio, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. Fostering encounter, sparking personal conversion, and forming disciples will be opportunities for a personal revival in the faith and the fruits of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and National Eucharistic Congress to be held this summer.

Plenary Indulgence for National Eucharistic Pilgrimage

A decree issued by the Apostolic Penitentiary and approved by Pope Francis indicates that the plenary indulgence will be granted to the Christian faithful who participate in the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage at any point between May 17 and July 16, 2024. It will also be granted to the elderly, infirm, and all those who cannot leave their homes for a serious reason and who participate in spirit with the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage, uniting their prayers, pains, or inconveniences with Christ and the pilgrimage. This indulgence is granted under the usual conditions of sacramental Confession, Eucharistic Communion, and prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father. The faithful may also apply this indulgence through suffrage for the souls of the faithful departed in Purgatory. In recognition of this extraordinary event, the Apostolic Penitentiary also requests that all priests who have been endowed with the appropriate faculties for hearing Confessions present themselves willingly and generously in administering the Sacrament of Penance to all who participate in the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage.

Papal Blessing with Plenary Indulgence for National Eucharistic Congress

The second decree issued by the Apostolic Penitentiary and approved by Pope Francis, says that Archbishop Broglio or another prelate of episcopal rank assigned by him, following the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, may impart the Papal Blessing with a Plenary Indulgence to the Christian Faithful who participate in the National Eucharistic Congress, who are truly repentant, and who are motivated by charity, if the usual conditions for indulgences—sacramental Confession, Eucharistic Communion, and prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father—have been met. Faithful individuals who, due to reasonable circumstances and with pious intention, have participated in the sacred rites and received the Papal Blessing through media communications, may also obtain a Plenary Indulgence.

EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE DIOCESE OF BILOXI



NATIONAL Eucharistic Pilgrimage

DAY 1 -- SUNDAY JUNE 9, 2024

Holy Family Church 22342 Evangeline Dr, Pass Christian, MS 39571

https://www.holyfamilygarish.cc PRIVATE EVENT: Dinner with Council & Diocesan Team Conference Center 6 p.m.

DAY 2 -- MONDAY JUNE 10, 2024

Our Lady of the Gulf Church 228 S Beach Blvd, Bay St Louis, MS.39520-4320

Inttps://olgchurch.net

Mass in Church 10 a.m., Testimonies in Church 11 a.m.

Lunch, Welcome talk Bishop Louis Kihneman III, Bishop of Biloxi,

Community Center 12 p.m., Right to Life Ministries talks Community

Center 12:30 p.m., Exposition, Holy Hour and Benediction in Church 5 p.m.,

Social in Community Center 6 p.m.

DAY 3 -- TUES, START JUNE 11, 2024

Our Lady of the Gulf Church 228 5 Beach Blvd, Bay St Louis, MS 39520-4320 https://olgchurch.ngt

Mass in Church 7 a.m., Pilgrim Walk to St. Paul's Chapel 8 a.m.

DAY 3 -- TUES. MID DAY JUNE 11, 2024

St Paul's Chapel

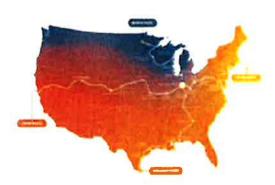
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https://www.holyfamilyparish.cc Rosary at St. Paul's Chapel 12 p.m., Cultural Event & Lunch on Chapel Street 12:30 p.m.

DAY 3 - TUES. END JUNE 11, 2024

Holy Family Church 22342 Evangeline Dr. Pass Christian, MS 39571

https://www.holyfamilyparish.cg Adore Event in Church 6 p.m., Adoration in Church 8 p.m.-Midnight



DAY 4 -- WEDS. START JUNE 12, 2024

St Paul's Chapel

101-199 E Scenic Dr.,
Pass Christian, MS. 39571
https://www.holvfam#vparish.cs
Mass in Chapel 6 a.m., Pilgrim Walk to
St. Thomas Apostle Church 7 a.m.

DAY 4 -- WEDS. END JUNE 12, 2024

Saint Thomas the Apostle Church 720 East Beach Blvd, P.O., 80x 1529, Long Beach MS, 39560

https://saintthomas/b.org Adoration in Church 11:30 a.m., Lunch in Center 12:30 p.m., Deo Gioria in Church 5 p.m., Blessing of the Sea 7 p.m.

DAY 5 -- THURS. START JUNE 13, 2024

Saint James Church 366 Cowan Road Gulfport, MS 39507

https://www.saintjamescc.com

Mass in Church 7 a.m., Pilgrimage Rally in Parking Lot 8 a.m., Pilgrim Walk to Nativity B.V.M. Cathedral 9 a.m., XIT in Church 7 p.m.

DAY 5 -- THURS. END JUNE 13, 2024

Nativity B.V.M Cathedral 870 Howard Ave, Biloxi MS., 39530

https://nativity.bvmcathedral.org Benediction in Cathedral upon arrival between 2 p.m. & 3 p.m.

DAY 6 -- FRIDAY JUNE 14, 2024

Saint Alphonsus Church 502 Jackson Ave.

Ocean Springs, MS 39564

https://osstalphonsus.org

Mass in Church with Vietnamese Choir 8:15 a.m., Corporal Works

Mercy Cross Property 9 a.m., PRIVATE EVENT, Lunch at

Anthony's Restaurant 1 p.m.

National Eucharistic Revival: https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/
Diocese Eucharistic Revival: https://www.biloxidiocese.org/eucharist



Vacation Bible School Snack Craft Wish List

The items listed above may be dropped off in the Church Office, through Wednesday These items are used as a snack activity to teach our children how to 'Start the Party' and Celebrate the Good News!!

Jumbo Marshmallows | Long Thick Pretzel Sugar Cones **Chocolate Sprinkles** Frosting Mini Oreo Cookies

Sticks Fruit by the Foot (Roll-ups) **Graham Crackers**



Nicodemus asked Jesus many questions.





228-452-4514/228-452-6309



Saint

Of the Week

St. Mary Ann of Quito

Patroness of the Americas and the Sick

Feast Day: May 26

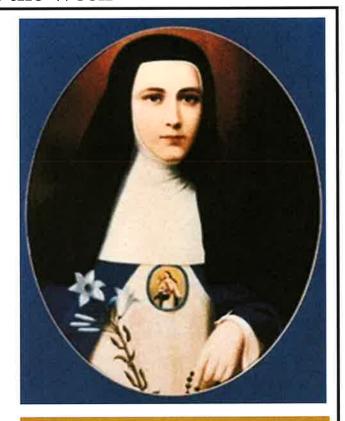
Born Mariana Paredes y Flores in 1618, Mary Ann was the daughter of a noble family in Quito, which was then part of Peru. When her parents died, Mary Ann moved in with her sister's family. Showing great piety at an early age, she received her first Communion at seven years old, which was unusual for the time. Three years later, the devout young girl took vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, and soon after, she became a member of a Franciscan lay group.

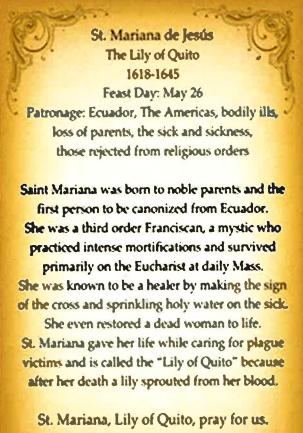
Counseled by Jesuits, Mary Ann spent most of her life in solitary prayer in her sister's house, leaving only to attend Mass. She did not, however, completely cut herself off from the world. Mary Ann taught Indian school children at the house and tended to the sick and poor who came to her door.

Tradition holds that Mary Ann had miraculous powers of prophecy and healing. She was also known for the austerities she practiced during her many hours of prayer. By some accounts, she ate only a few scraps of break every few days and lived mostly on Communion wafers. At times, she slept only three hours a night and wore a crown made of thorns.

Offering Her Life

In 1645, Quito was struck with a series of natural disasters. Epidemics ran rampant while nearby volcanoes erupted and earthquakes shook the city. One day during Mass, Mary Ann offered her life to God to pay for the sins of the City's residents, hoping to end the disasters. The earthquakes did cease soon after, but the epidemics ran their course. Within a few weeks, Mary Ann died. It is said that almost immediately a white lily bloomed where some of her blood had spilled. Today, she is remembered as "the Lily of Quito."





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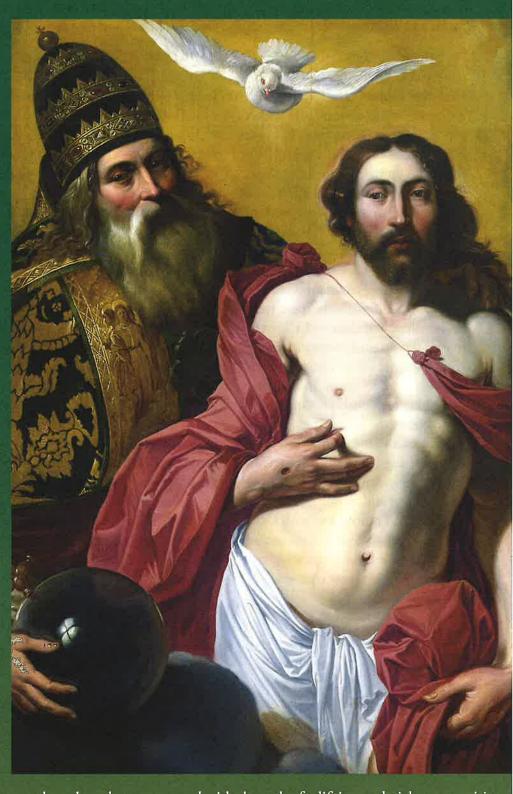
COMMUNION AND MISSION

Today we celebrate the feast of the Most Holy Trinity, which, as Pope Francis explains, "reminds us of the mystery of one God in three Persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Everything in Christian life revolves around the mystery of the Trinity and is fulfilled according to this infinite mystery. The Trinity is the communion of divine Persons who are one with the others, one for the others, one in the others. This communion is the life of God, the mystery of the love of the living God.

"Jesus revealed this mystery to us. He spoke to us of God as the Father; he spoke to us of the Spirit; and he spoke to us of himself as the Son of God. After he rose, he sent the disciples to evangelize to the peoples and to baptize them "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Mt 28:19). This command is entrusted by Christ in all ages to the Church, which has inherited the missionary mandate from the Apostles. He also directs it to each one of us who, through the power of Baptism, are part of his community.

"Therefore, today's celebration, while making us contemplate the amazing mystery from which we come and toward which we are going, renews for us the mission of living in communion with God and living in communion among ourselves according to the model of the divine communion. We are called to live not as one without the others, above or against the others, but one with the others, for the others and in the others. This means to accept and witness in harmony the beauty of the Gospel, experiencing love for one another and for all, sharing joy and suffering, learning to ask and grant forgiveness, appreciating various

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY



charisms under the guidance of pastors. In a word, we have been entrusted with the task of edifying ecclesial communities which increasingly become families, capable of reflecting the splendor of the Trinity and evangelizing not only with the words but with the power of the love of God that lives within us."

OUR TRINITARIAN VOCATION AND MISSION

We have been created in the image of God (Gen 1:27), which for us Christians means that we have been created in the image of the Trinity and our vocation is to be in a relationship with God as three in one. And just as we learned how to be in relationships by imitating our parents and those around us, so we learn how to be in relationship with God by imitating the activity of each of the three persons of the Trinity: the Father, the loving creator who brings everything into existence and orders all into right relationships; Jesus, the crucified reconciler sent from God to show us how to live as God's children and re-establish the relationships broken and disfigured by sin; and the Holy Spirit, who transforms and sanctifies everything through God's presence and power now at work in our world and in our community.

IMITATING GOD THE FATHER, THE CREATOR AND ORDERER

God the Father's relationship with us begins with creation, in which everything is ordered into the right relationships that God wanted. But sin broke down those relationships, thus requiring reconciliation. So God immediately began the work of transforming the sinful relationships into a "new creation" that would be evil-free. To achieve this change, God called the covenant community of Israel to embody these right relationships and then sent Christ to restore the original harmony of creation. Now we are invited to cooperate with God to create in our lives the right relationships God envisioned from the beginning. In practical terms, this means that every day we must align ourselves with God and struggle to bring about right relationships within our self, among ourselves and others, and with God. We must change the domination and rule of evil and sin over our world into God's "new creation."

imitating jesus the son,

THE REVEALER AND RECONCILER Jesus, God become human, reveals who God is and what God is doing to bring about God's new creation. Jesus' saving work—the forgiveness of sins or reconciliation—transforms our disordered relationships into rightly ordered ones. Jesus whole life was dedicated to the service of God's hidden presence in our world. As a prophet, he called people's attention to God's presence in the ordinary events of their lives. As a priest, he invited people to celebrate this presence with inclusive meals that prefigure the end-time feast with God in heaven. As a king, he showed people how to reorder their lives according to the kingdom values of justice, love and peace. Through our baptism, we have been anointed to continue his work as prophet, priest and king (See Vatican II, Lumen Gentium, #31-41). The more we imitate Jesus and live by his values, the more we create the right relationships that God desires for us.

IMITATING THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE UNIFIER AND SANCTIFIER

What the Holy Spirit does within the Trinity as the divine power of life and the bond of love, is also done for us in salvation history. Through the Holy Spirit we experience God dwelling within us to empower us for life and to draw us together through the bonding power of love into a community of rightly-ordered relationships. But we must also realize that our lives are not just for ourselves. As with the Trinity, everything we think and do is directed towards right relationships and our life together with God. Today, whenever and wherever we experience new life in Christ and the bond of Christian community, we know the Holy Spirit is active in us, in our local community, in the universal Church and in our world. Quietly but effectively, in ways we often don't discern, with our cooperation God is transforming our world through the power of the Holy Spirit into God's community of justice, love and peace.

