

## From the Pastor's Office

### *The Holy Trinity*

I hate the Trinity. By that I mean I hate the memory that comes to mind when I had to study the mystery of the Trinity in Seminary. Ugh! Our lecturer was a very reputable expert on Trinity theology. He went into vast depths of knowledge and he seemed to speak a language that probably came from some ancient dead language because we certainly had no idea what he was saying. Our semester on the Trinity began immediately after Christmas during our final exam year. The tension among us rose. We grew very frustrated. It got so hot that one day the whole graduating class got up and walked out of the classroom. We demanded another professor to teach the course in a language we could understand. For those who love to read theology, try to understand Fr. Bernard Lonergan S.J. on the Trinity. To try to understand mystery is a difficult task. To try to understand the Trinity is an even more difficult task. But we try. What is the mystery of any person? How does it all come together to create you? The majority of us do not live in the rarified world of academic theology. Let the University Dons have at it. We live in the pews. All I know is that I love God. I love the Lord Jesus and I pray for the power of the Holy Spirit. The concept of Trinity is always going to be difficult to explain, so why bother when someone asks. I remember as a little boy there was a beautiful Sacred Heart statue in our Church. I loved to pray in front of it. Me and the Sacred Heart, we were best friends. I remember one day feeling a little bit guilty. So I scooted over more to the center of the altar rails and I prayed to God. I apologized to God that I spent so much time with the Sacred Heart of Jesus. I did not mean any offense just in case God was getting jealous. We come to God the way we come to God. Each one of us finds our place where we are comfortable before God. For some, they pray directly to God the Father Almighty. For others, they always pray to Jesus. For others, they always pray that the power of the Holy Spirit will come down upon them. That is how it should be. Nobody is going to ask you to explain yourself. Shouldn't have to. The way you express your faith belongs to you alone, and nobody else. Rest easy.



With love,  
Fr. Pat