



The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

June 3 / 4, 2023

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MASS SCHEDULE

St. Boniface:

Saturday

5:00 pm

**Our Lady of Perpetual
Help**

Sunday:

8:30 am Confession

9:00 am Mass

Tuesday & Thursday:

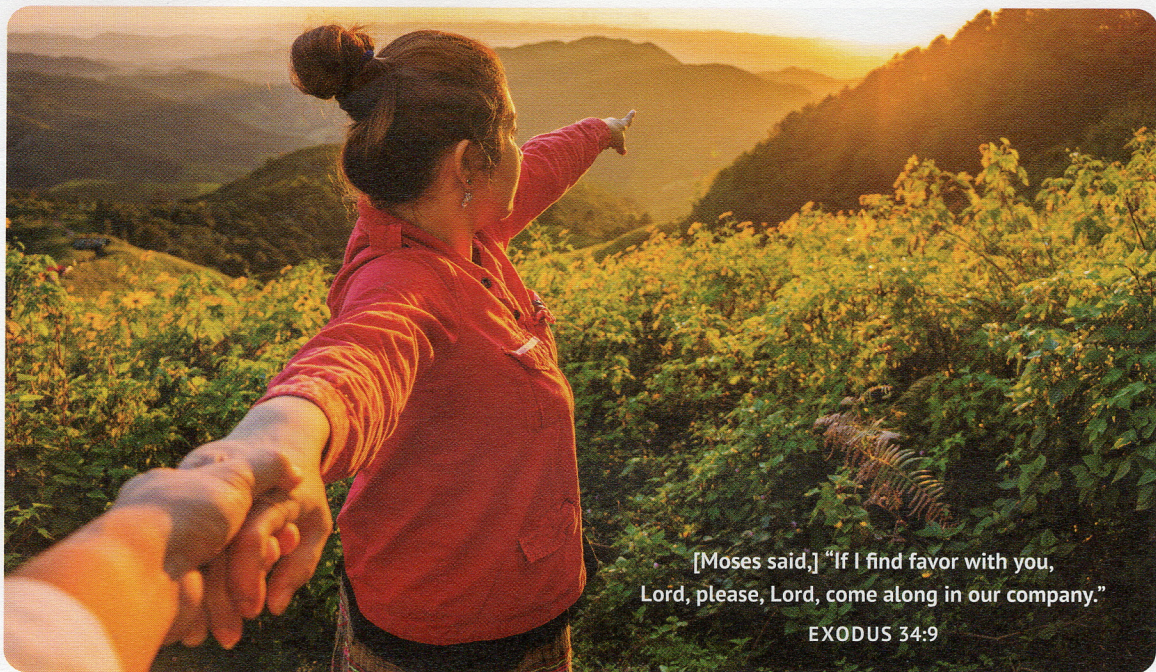
5:30 pm

Bible Study

Thursday 8:00 pm

***(will resume
in August)***

Mission Statement: We are a welcoming parish of Roman Catholic Christians with diverse roots deep in Appalachia and beyond. We are committed to growing in our faith and community through our worship and celebrations, with particular attention to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and The Holy Eucharist. We are a community gathered together by the Holy Spirit, filled with hope, to love and serve God and neighbor in the name of Jesus Christ; and through our sharing of Good News in word and deed, we seek to live and reveal to all the grace and peace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the unity of the Holy Spirit.



[Moses said,] "If I find favor with you,
Lord, please, Lord, come along in our company."

EXODUS 34:9

God Up There, God Down Here

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Which of these images best describes your God: gardener, friend, policeman, Santa Claus, magician, doctor, lover, parent, judge, the Force?

Theologically, God is both transcendent and immanent, up there and down here. In other words, God is powerful, majestic, awesome, and all-knowing but always close, caring for us, forgiving, and comforting. Most of us lean toward one or the other in our spirituality. Whichever image you choose will tell you something about how you usually relate to God. None of the images are necessarily right or wrong unless it locks us into relating to God in only one way.

Our tendency to relate to God as either transcendent or immanent may influence our preference for liturgical style. If we view God primarily as transcendent, we will tend to appreciate the Mass as a sacrifice, celebrated formally with processions, incense, and majestic music.

If we tend to relate to God as more immanent, we will tend to appreciate the Mass as a eucharistic meal with the community gathered around the altar table singing simpler music. As God is both transcendent and immanent, we should not have to choose. The ideal liturgical style would incorporate something of both transcendence and immanence.

Today's story of Moses, who climbs Mount Sinai and there bows down in worship before God, is a story of the transcendence of God—majestic, powerful, awesome to behold. Today's gospel is of an immanent God who loved the world so much that he sent his Son, not to condemn it but to save it. ●

Reflect

***Is your personal prayer to God "up there"
or to God "walking with me"?***

<i>Date</i>	<i>OLPH</i>	<i>Saint Boniface</i>
<i>June 3 / 4</i> The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity	8:30 am ~ Confession 9:00 am ~ Mass	5:00 pm ~ Mass
Tuesday	5:30 pm ~ Mass	
Thursday	5:30 pm ~ Mass	
<i>June 10 / 11</i> The Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ	8:30 am ~ Confession 9:00 am ~ Mass	5:00 pm ~ Mass

	<i>OLPH</i> <i>Mass 9:00 am</i>		<i>ST. BONIFACE</i> <i>Mass 5:00 pm</i>	
Date	June 4	June 11	June 3	June 10
Lector	Mandy Hall	Joe McNaughton	Jerry Nowak	Mary Jo Leygraaf
Server	Joe McNaughton	Joe McNaughton		

Mass Intentions	<i>OLPH</i>	<i>St. Boniface</i>
June 3 / 4	Heyward McCowan Tibbs, Jr	Heyward McCowan Tibbs, Jr
June 10 / 11	† Andrew Laschon	Heyward McCowan Tibbs, Jr

Our Gifts	OLPH	St. Boniface
May 27 / 28	\$115.00	\$60.00

*May God bless you for your generous contributions
to our Church!*

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Reading 1

Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9

Early in the morning Moses went up Mount Sinai as the LORD had commanded him, taking along the two stone tablets.

Having come down in a cloud, the LORD stood with Moses there and proclaimed his name, "LORD."

Thus the LORD passed before him and cried out, "The LORD, the LORD, a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity."

Moses at once bowed down to the ground in worship.

Then he said, "If I find favor with you, O Lord, do come along in our company.

This is indeed a stiff-necked people; yet pardon our wickedness and sins, and receive us as your own."

Responsorial Psalm

Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56

Glory and praise for ever!

Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers,
praiseworthy and exalted above all forever;
And blessed is your holy and glorious name,
praiseworthy and exalted above all for all ages.

Glory and praise for ever!

Blessed are you in the temple of your holy glory,
praiseworthy and glorious above all forever.

Glory and praise for ever!

Blessed are you on the throne of your kingdom,

praiseworthy and exalted above all forever.

Glory and praise for ever!

Blessed are you who look into the depths
from your throne upon the cherubim,
praiseworthy and exalted above all forever.

Glory and praise for ever!

Reading 2

2 Cor 13:11-13

Brothers and sisters, rejoice.
Mend your ways, encourage one another,
agree with one another, live in peace,
and the God of love and peace will be with you.
Greet one another with a holy kiss.
All the holy ones greet you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ
and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Alleluia

Cf. Rv 1:8

Alleluia, alleluia.

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit;
to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Jn 3:16-18

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.

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

Whoever believes in him will not be condemned,

but whoever does not believe has already been condemned,

because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

REFLECTION

Many of our Protestant brothers and sisters point to John 3:16 as must-memorize material: *"God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life."* And, indeed, it's a great bit of Sacred Scripture to have on hand; it is a foundational element of the faith that those who believe in Christ have a proven path to Heaven.

However, the entirety from John 3:16-18 should also be firmly in our minds. There is so much here, especially about our relationship with work and acts. In fact, to do the video equivalent of slowing down to frame-by-frame speed, and really point out something that you might not have noticed.

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Christ does not *want* the world to suffer; John 3:17 makes clear that salvation is possible for the *whole world*. We should view this belief with an optimistic eye. We would have little use for a fire department whose goal was to limit destruction by fire to 30% of the city, leaving 70% of the town's structures and citizens to perish amid flames. When fire erupts, we hope that losses are minimal, and we do what we can to keep the fire's touch from inflicting too heavy a cost; *any* loss is lamentable. In the same way, we should not view Christianity with an eye to keeping our flock safe and stable in size; we should do what we can to spread the word to as much of the world as we can. God wants the whole world saved, and it falls to those of us outside of and within the fold to do what we can to make this happen.

Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only-begotten Son of God. Sometimes others view Christians as judgmental, but we aren't . . . not really. We are tellers of truth. A doctor who evaluates your condition and says, "You are going to die within a year" is not condemning you to death; the *facts of your medical condition* are condemning you to death. In a similar way, we as Christians are not judging nonbelievers to be denied Heaven; we are merely reporting the facts as we understand them. Again, there should *not* be any glee in our hearts at the prospect of nonbelievers being denied Heaven; we should remain ever humble in our hopes that those who have yet to see the light do so before it is too late.

UPCOMING SAINTS AND FEASTS

Saint Boniface, Bishop and Martyr ~ Memorial

June 5

Saint Norbert, Bishop

June 6

Saint Ephrem, Deacon and Doctor of the Church

June 9

BVM

June 10

For these we pray

Pray to end Abortion, Russell Brooks, Cassie & Clifton Centers, Maere Tekanene, Bill Moses, Jerry Roberts, Donna Blevins, Norma Wilson, Dennis Parks & Family, Erica Davis, Chris & Amanda Decker, Debbie Moses Haggins, Rose Grant, Sandy Hurts, Dominic Cureton, Todd Morris, Alex Woods, Christopher Braden, Sister Alice, Curt and LeeAnn Hall, Jay Baird, Gail Willis, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Bisceglia, loved ones who are ill, Brody Beavers and family, Shawn Lee Day, Judy Delisle, Dal Macon, Linda Mills, Judy Patrick, Bob and Marie Alvaro, JoAnn Brown, Cathy Sims, Robert Moses, Kristina Neitsch,

Danny Ezell, Yvonne Laschon, Iva Lee Hamblin, Gilbert Steely, Ella Johnson, Garrett Moore and Todd Moore.

Mass intentions in memory or honor of someone are a beautiful tribute representing the love and admiration you have for them and the impact they made in your life. Whether you have lost someone or want to support a person in your life, this special mass intention invites peace and the love of God into them. It is a way for you to bring joy into their soul and heart. If you would like to schedule a Mass for a loved one, please contact Father Lobo or the office.

Dear Padre,

Two relatives of mine died from a disease for which they never sought treatment. Both said, “God will heal me if that is his will.” Wouldn’t God have wanted them to see a doctor?

It is safe to say that God would have them see a doctor. Does doing so compromise our faith in God? No. Throughout all of salvation history, God has relied on human beings to be his instruments, his messengers. While we believe in God, who can and has acted miraculously throughout history, these moments are exceptions, not the rule. Ordinarily, God’s work is done by human hands. The spread of the gospel itself has come about through people who have responded to God in faith.

Part of this gospel story is the healing ministry of Jesus. Christianity has from the beginning taken up Jesus’ ministry of healing and attempted to restore health to the sick, not only through prayer and the sacraments but also through institutions that care for the sick and the dying. Even as we recognize that our primary relationship is with God, we must also see that caring for our lives and our health, gifts from that same God, is a responsible way to receive and be good stewards of these gifts.

Think of the training, knowledge, and experience that doctors, nurses, and all other health-care practitioners have spent years attaining. Is not their work a miracle of God’s love when it brings healing, restoration, and renewal? ●

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HYPERTONY / SHUTTERSTOCK

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
June 5 <i>St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr</i> Tb 1:3; 2:1b–8 Mk 12:1–12	June 6 <i>Weekday</i> Tb 2:9–14 Mk 12:13–17	June 7 <i>Weekday</i> Tb 3:1–11a, 16–17a Mk 12:18–27	June 8 <i>Weekday</i> Tb 6:10–11; 7:1bcde, 9–17; 8:4–9a Mk 12:28–34	June 9 <i>Weekday</i> Tb 11:5–17 Mk 12:35–37	June 10 <i>Weekday</i> Tb 12:1, 5–15, 20 Mk 12:38–44	June 11 <i>Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)</i> Dt 8:2–3, 14b–16a 1 Cor 10:16–17 Jn 6:51–58

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Today we can ask ourselves...do I, who profess faith in God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, truly believe that I need others in order to live, that I need to give myself to others, that I need to serve others? Do I affirm this in words or do I affirm it with my life?

ANGELUS, ST. PETER’S SQUARE, JUNE 12, 2022

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