



THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

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. - Jn 3:16-17

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The Holy Trinity

As a young seminarian teaching catechism in Nigeria, I was conversant with the pertinent questions from the kids, since the translations of the catechism book have posed a lot of problems in our culture. Sometimes the meaning of the word would connote something very negative but from time to time we would get a question that would throw us apart. One of the difficult translations was the explanation of God. The book said that God is a spirit that cannot be seen, and, in our culture, spirit is a bad thing. So, it was always a big problem to convince the kids that God is a spirit but not a bad one. And the angels are spirits too and they are not bad either. In our culture spirits are called mou (mmoo) and it simply means dead people attacking the living. Now you can see the problem when you tell them that God is a spirit (mmoo). But that was not the problem I wanted to share with you.

In 1997 while I was doing my apostolic year in a town called Obeledu. A young Muslim convert whose parents migrated from the predominantly Muslim North to the Christian South asked me, "Why do Christians worship three Gods?" I was happy to explain to him that it is one God that we worship like the Muslims, but the difference is that we have come to the comprehension to understand

that in God's economic relationship with humanity, we tend to give nomenclature to those activities. And I went further to explain to him that God the Father is the creator, God the Son is Jesus Christ the savior of the world, and God the Holy Spirit is the one that stays with us always to sanctify and sustain us. When I finished, he said, "But that was not what my father said." I knew he came from an Islamic background, and I knew about some doctrinal challenges, so I asked him what his father said.

He began by saying that the Christians worship three Gods again. One is Jesus Christ whom the Muslims regarded as a prophet according to Quran, second is the Virgin Mary whom the Muslim traditions treat with dignity as the mother of the Prophet Jesus, and finally God who the Muslims call Allah the merciful and the gracious. It was already 6 p.m. on that day. And we are warned not to keep the kids beyond 6 p.m. in the church. So, I adjoined the class and promised to give him some clarity the following day, but there was never a tomorrow because he never came back.

Fr. Gerald Nwafor

Upcoming Second Offerings

Your generosity is appreciated.
*Denotes Parish Second Collection.

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| 6/4 | Catholic Communications |
| 6/11 | Archdiocese of Onitsha |

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

| | Sunday 5/21/2023 | Fiscal Year To Date 7/1/22-5/21/2023 |
|---------------------|---------------------|---|
| Goal | \$9,640 | \$453,008.00 |
| Collected | \$12,190 | \$513,527.20 |
| Over/(Short) | \$2,550 | \$60,519.20 |

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2023!

*Sara Amodeo
Abigail Angelo
Isaiah Beyah
Jem Cachola
Catheleen Chirinos
Violet Collins
Grant Cruz
Shareef Elaydi
Gianna Escuton
Gabriella Farr
Allison Gardner
Christy Kim
Eliah Laureles
Amran Miseker
Chole Nguyen
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Melissa Olmedo
Andrew Pascual
Brandon Pon
Aislinn Reilly*



*Christopher Salem
Andres Sandoval
Franco Sandoval
Daniel-Roi Sevilla
Victoria Smith
Avery Swanson
Ariel Tepora
Bethlehem Wodage
Kyle Yumul*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Tb 1:3, 2:1a-8, Ps 112:1b-2, 3b-4, 5-6, Mk 12:1-12

Tuesday: Tb 2:9-14, Ps 112:1-2, 7-8, 9, Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday: Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a, Ps 25:2-3, 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9, Mk 12:18-27

Thursday: Tb 6:10-11, 7:1bcde, 9-17;8:4-9a, Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, Mk 12:28-34

Friday: Tb 11:5-17, Ps 146:1b-2, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10, Mk 12:35-37

Saturday: Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20, Tb 13:2, 6efgh, 7, 8 Mk 12:38-44

Sunday: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a, Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20, 1 Cor 10:16-17, Jn 6:51-58

And the Award Goes To...

The 2023 Monsignor R.T. Mentasti Scholarship of \$4,000.00 was awarded to Abigail Angelo from St. Justin School. She was presented with a certificate at the 8th grade graduation ceremony on June 2nd and will be attending Notre Dame High School in the fall. The St. Justin Parish Community extends their congratulations and best wishes for every success in this new and exciting step in Abigail's educational journey. Best wishes also to all who submitted very competitive applications.



We pray for those who are ill or suffering from loneliness, sadness, or depression. We pray for those who care for them. We pray for our deceased family and friends. We pray for our men and women who are serving in the military.



This week we pray especially for those who are ill or preparing for surgery:

Manuel Avila, Armando Bottelli, Viola Bradshaw, Susy Carter, Lorraine Chavez, Diane Cribari, Ursula Duncan, Kathleen Farinas, Rodolfo Feliciano, Pilar Ferrer, Balwant Khaira, Efrain Linares, Joe Lombardi, Shirley McDonell, Angelina Medina, Caridad Mendoza, Greg Ortiz, Jr., Robert Ray, Diane Rayburn, Margaret Saxton, Gayle Souza, Hazel Stringari, Lu Trinh, Mark Walsh, Maria V., Audrey Zampedri.

and for those who have died.

Mass Dedications for the Week of June 5 – June 11, 2023 + notes deceased

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| Monday 8:30 a.m. | John & Helen Otero + | Saturday 5:00 p.m. | Margarita Rarangol + |
| Tuesday 8:30 a.m. | Nelly Rodriguez | Sunday 7:30 a.m. | FOR ALL PARISHIONERS |
| Wednesday 8:30 a.m. | No Intention | Sunday 9:00 a.m. | Kieran Coyle + |
| Thursday 8:30 a.m. | No Intention | Sunday 10:30 a.m. | No Intention |
| Friday 8:30 a.m. | No Intention | Sunday 12:15 p.m. | Felicitas Sanchez + |
| Saturday 8:00 a.m. | No Intention | Sunday 7:00 p.m. | No Intention |

CATECHETICAL MINISTRY NEWS

*Catechesis is more than just religious education.
It is a life long journey towards a deeper relationship with Christ.*

Ongoing Faith Formation will Resume in September!

These classes meet on Sunday morning.

**Registration forms will be available at st-justin.org or in the Parish Office in June.
We will mail out registration forms for returning families in August.**

Sacramental Preparation Program

First Reconciliation and First Eucharist

You may register for this program if your child has already completed one year of Ongoing Faith Formation or is enrolled in a Catholic school. This program is for baptized children in 2nd grade and higher. Registration begins in August and is supplemental to Ongoing Faith Formation.



High School Confirmation Program

This program begins in September and culminates with the Sacrament of Confirmation in May. The candidate sessions take place on Sundays. Registration begins in August.

RCIA (adapted for children)

If your child is seven years or older and unbaptized, we provide the Rite of Christian Initiation adapted for children. Please contact laura.ortiz@dsj.org for more information.



Infant Baptism

Our next infant baptism preparation class is
Wednesday, June 21st at 7 p.m.

Please email laura.ortiz@dsj.org to register.

Ever Thought of Being a Catechist?

As we prepare to return to the classrooms with social distancing protocols in the Fall, we are in need of substitute catechists. Part of our adherence to the County Health Order is to ensure that anyone (catechist included) who is not feeling well should remain at home and not enter our facilities.

Therefore, more than ever, we need to have back-ups. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to dip your toe into this ministry, obtain the training required, and join our catechetical team! We are in particular need for Grades 1, 5 & 6, as the catechists for those grades are from a single household. However, it is ideal to have substitute availability for all ages.

If the Spirit is speaking to you to share the gift of your faith with the youth of our parish, email laura.ortiz@dsj.org for more information.



MINISTRY NEWS

COMMUNITY MINISTRY

Community Ministry

Food Pantry

Open:

Tues. thru Sat. 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Closed: Sunday & Monday

Frequently asked questions:

1. What kind of food donations are you in most need of?

Shelf stable meals in pop-top cans (chili, ravioli, soup), boxes of mac n' cheese.

2. When can we drop them off?

Tues thru Sat, 9:30 – 11:30 am; the door should be open (to avoid crowds, come before 9:50 or after 10:30)

3. Will you accept fruit picked off our backyard tree?

YES, We love to give away your donated fruit and vegetables!

4. My children need to do community service / volunteer hours. Can they volunteer at the food pantry on Saturday?

YES, but ... call Nancy Uyeda (see contact info, pg 2) to schedule times.

Thank you for the many grocery bags you've donated!

Have unused, plastic-enclosed utensil packets from restaurant take-out or delivery orders?

The food pantry can use them in our brown-bag lunches. Bring them by!

Questions? Leave a short phone message / email for

Joe Bauer or
Nancy Uyeda

(see contact info on pg. 2).



Saint of the week

Servant of God Julia Greeley, Denver's Angel of Charity, was born into slavery and emancipated after the Civil War. She spent her life serving the poor with a special devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and a love for children and praying for the city's fire fighters.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, Your servant Julia Greeley dedicated her life to honoring the Sacred Heart of Your son and to the humble service of the poor. Grant to me a generous heart like Your son's, and if it be in accordance with your holy will, please grant this favor I now ask through Julia's intercession (insert intention).

I pray this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

(Prayer Source: Julia Greeley Guild, 1535 N. Logan St., Denver CO 80213.)

The Outgrown Shop has been remodeled by our Outgrown Shop manager, Karol Gallucci, and was reopened in October. Our hours at this time are Saturday and Sunday from **10AM to 4 PM** and we are hoping to add more hours in the future and that is where you as parishioners come in! We are asking you to help in several ways – first and foremost, please spread the word to your family, friends, and neighbors that we are open, follow us on Facebook and sign up to be on our email list. Our mission is to serve the Santa Clara community by providing slightly used clothing and household items at affordable prices and helping our Community Ministry clients, especially the unhoused, with clean clothing when needed.

Our second, but most important need is volunteers, and this will be a big factor in whether we will be able to add more hours during the week or even keep the shop open. If you can give just two or three hours a month, it would make a huge difference and students who need community service hours are also welcome to volunteer. At this time, we have about 10 regular volunteers, but we need many more to keep the Outgrown Shop open and growing.

There are various volunteer opportunities. We need help sorting clothes and arranging them on racks; store cashier; working in the store Helping customers; washing clothes at home before they are sold and accepting donations. As a volunteer you can sign up monthly for the time that works best for your schedule. As I said, just a couple of hours a month will really help us!!!

The third way you can help is to donate items. Although we do NOT need clothing and shoes as much, we DO need small kitchen appliances, linens, kitchenware and knickknacks, jewelry, rosaries and children's toys. We appreciate your donations, but we cannot accept furniture or large items since we have a limited space. If you have books or DVDs to donate, please take them to the library next door.

Please contact Karol Gallucci at karol.gallucci@dsj.org or visit her at the shop on Saturday or Sunday. Help keep the Outgrown Shop open with room to expand!!!

Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

On this Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, we are reminded to encourage one another, to show affection and support. Can we do it? Can we do it in our daily interactions, in our families? Can we even do it on social media?

Observances for the week of June 4, 2023

Sunday: The Most Holy Trinity
Monday: St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr
Tuesday: St. Norbert, Bishop
Friday: St. Ephrem, Deacon and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

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QUO VADIS
 WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
 PRAYER + BROTHERHOOD + ADVENTURE!
July 7-9, 2023
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**Boys (Ages 13-17)
 Discernment Retreat**
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St. Justin
RSVP
For BBQ!



Sunday June 11th 1:00-4:00pm

Please join us for
2023 Feast Day- Fun Day!

We will also celebrate Fr. Chris'
25th Ordination Anniversary

BBQ lunch & Family Friendly Activities
Following 12:15 Mass

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RSVP By
Monday 6/5



You can also
call the Parish
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Santa Clara, California

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday to Friday

8:30 a.m.

Saturday

8:00 a.m.

Livestream via YouTube

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday

5:00 p.m.

Sunday

7:30 a.m.

9:00 a.m.

Livestream via YouTube

10:30 a.m.

12:15 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

(CONFESSION)

By appointment only.

Please email Fr. Chris and or
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