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Announcements

Ben Doudna, a native of Fairbanks and a seminarian for our diocese will be with us from June 12 – Aug 4. We welcome him and we pray for him to discern God's will.

Focus Mission Group to come July 7 – 14 to Nome. We want to have a Vacation Bible Study Program for our children and youth. *Please sign up!*

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It is not that we believe God to be a Trinity
 Father, Son and Spirit are all of the same substance
 But
 That the Father and Son love each other
 And that love creates a Spirit
 Which pours out upon us and dwells within us
 We dwell in this Union: We are God's Love!



Stewardship

Summer Vacation frees us from many responsibilities – for a time. But to get ready for vacation, people work harder, faster, and tougher. They do not let anything derail them from their desire to be totally free – for a few days.

But if we think about it, why do we not have that focused attention all the time?

Why do we not work harder, faster, and tougher every day?

Most people waste time – lots of time because they think they have time to spare, but when we have a deadline, vacation, we make sure we are ready and get needed things done.

St. Teresa of Avila made a vow after her conversion never to waste a single minute because she wasted many hours gossiping, socializing, and visiting instead of praying, working, and teaching.

Stewardship is not just about money. In fact, stewardship is about time. How do you use your time?

Here's an important announcement: There is no such thing as time management. Think about it; the term is an oxymoron. Time cannot be managed. It cannot be controlled in any way. Everyone gets the same number of hours and minutes every day. Nobody—no matter how shrewd—can save minutes...

How do you use your 24 hours?
How do you use your 1440 minutes a day?
How do you use your 84600 seconds daily?

Everyone has the same amount of time, some people maximize their time others minimize their time.

Good stewards as Jesus points out lives life fully – each day!

Why be Catholic?

To be Christian means believing in the Trinity!

There is one God, who is however, a Most Holy Trinity, the Father, His Only Son, and the Holy Spirit (CCC 223).

"Here O Israel, the Lord Our God the Lord is One" (Deut 6:4). God is one, but Jesus reveals to use the nature or essence of God. He is a communion or family of Persons. "I and my Father are one" (John 10:30).

This is the central teaching of Christianity. This teaching is revealed by Jesus when He teaches us that the Father and He are One and that he who sees Me, sees the Father.

We also see Jesus tells us that "I will ask the Father, and he will give you another helper who will be with you forever. That helper is the Spirit of Truth" (John 14:15).

Christians believe in the Trinity because the Trinity dwells within us. With baptism, we are no longer orphans, but we are adopted into the family of God and we literally become temples of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor 6:19). We are created expressions of God's love!

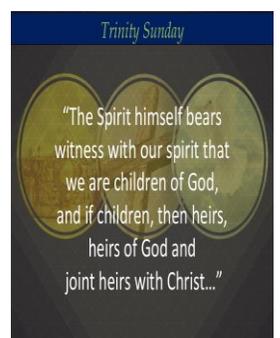
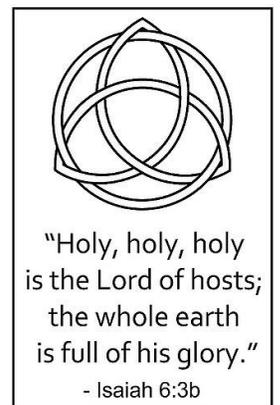
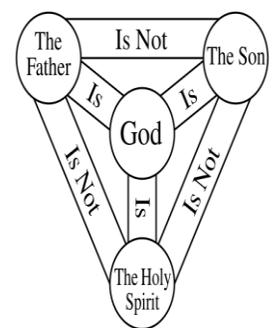
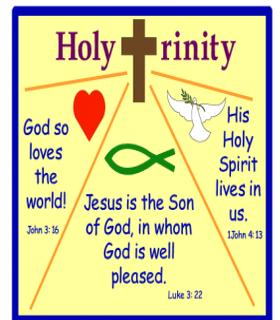
Most religions do not believe in a God who dwells within us. Many Christians don't live this either. Too many times we believe we are not worthy of his Love. We think we have to earn his love; prove our self worth. But that is not Christianity that is heresy.

We do not have to prove ourselves worthy of God's love. We only have to accept it.

We don't become loveable; we are loveable.

We are in God and God is in us. We are created in his image and likeness that means we are divine – we don't become divine.

Realize that your DNA is not merely human; your DNA is from God. Our DNA is Love!



Family Fully Alive Conference: Feb 9 – 11 Fairbanks.
 Speakers are:
 Archbishop Charles Chaput, Mary Rice Hasson, Fr. Leo Patlinghug, Steve Ray, Ray Guarendi

Weekly Schedule:

Date	Mass Time	Place	Feast Day	Lector/Minister	Intention	Activity
Mon June 12	5:30 PM	Nome				
Tue June 13	5:30 PM	Nome	St. Anthony			
Wed June 14	5:30 PM	Nome				
Thu June 15	5:30 PM	Nome				
Fri June 16	8:00 AM	Nome				
Sat June 17	5:30 PM	Nome	Corpus Christi			
Sun June 18	10:30 AM	Nome	Corpus Christi			
Sun June 18	4:00 PM	Teller	Corpus Christi		Kuffel Family	

The spirit of a son

- Joint heirs in Christ - **Romans 8:12-17**
- We are not step children
- We are more than conquerors
- We have inherited the Kingdom of God
- We have dominion over this world and our circumstances



To be fully human we need to be in rich relationships not just with one another, but first with Jesus.

God's image is Jesus Christ. He is the Image of divine love, When God made us, in our genesis, God created us in His own likeness, that is to Love. *God created man in his image; in the divine image he created him; male and female he created them.* We love as male and as female. We love for we see the differences and enjoy exploring the differences. After we sinned that image was scarred and disfigured. We know that not many of us live God-like lives?

But God would not allow His plan and purpose to be frustrated. In the fullness of time He gave us His Only Son, born of a woman, One who loved to perfection. Jesus reveals our divine image: our ability to love and forgive!

We are to find God that is "see" God in our relationships for that is what the Trinity is: A relationship of Persons. We know others; so we can love others. In doing so, we catch glimpses of God who knows and loves infinitely. His love is a mystery to us just as our love for another is mysterious.

Mysteries make up a good portion of our lives. Science has its mysteries, as does philosophy and psychology. They all have much in them to challenge our minds and our intellectual capacities. All of them contain unknowns within them that move us to seek out their answers.

As a matter of fact, as human persons we need mysteries. To live, mysteries are not problems to be solved, but to be explored. Husbands and wives who are truly in love, unite themselves in the mystery of each other. Loving husbands and loving wives learn more about each other every year, but they also learn that there are hidden parts in their inner selves that only begin to be recognized after many years of deep love.

Husbands delight in the mystery of "her," and wives delight in the mystery of "him." They explore daily the intimacy of the person whom they love even though it is impossible for them to describe the essence of her husband or wife. Love is the mystery that connects us. Yet, when couples treat each other as problems to be solved, they break the mystery of true love. They break up!

Belonging is stamped on nature. It is found in everything that exists. It's hell not to belong. It's heaven to belong. It's hell to live with nobody to love us other than our own isolated selves. It's heaven when we love and are loved by others. God made us to belong. The inner nature of God, in whose image and likeness we are made, are Persons who, however distinct they are, totally belong to each other.

We humans are made to belong. We belong as free persons who chose to live in inter-dependency. While there is a belonging that enslaves, co-dependency, there is a belonging that gives us freedom, the freedom to be who we are: divine.

Sin isolates us. The first thing we lose when we sin is the sense of the divine. Sin tears apart the fabric of our being, that communion by which we belong in love and goodness to another. Sin attacks living in inter-dependency; sin destroys our belonging to others in genuine love.

God is all about love. When we live in love we live in God, and God lives in us. Living in love, however, does not mean we must be the same. There's a great deal of confusion about this today's. Some advocate that so-called "civil unions" should be the same as marriages. Boys and girls are urged to dress the same ways. The "androgynous look" is favored in Hollywood. If we hold to values that differ from others we are often told that we are mean-spirited hate-mongers who are intolerant and prejudiced. But we are created male and female: the great mystery!

To live a God-like life we must enjoy the mystery of being different. It also forces us to love the other even forgive another rather than condemn when we hurt or break or divorce ourselves from the other.

True love does not condemn the other because of their differences or deceptions, but true love forgives. That is what the essence of the Trinity is, to Love so that we can forgive.

10 Reasons to Make the Sign of the Cross

1. We quote Scripture: "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit" (Mt 28.19).
2. We recall our own baptism by which we are adopted by God, the Father
3. We Sanctify the Day and ourselves.
4. We recall the Passion and Death of Jesus on the Cross.
5. We affirm the Trinity, that God is Three Persons: Father, Son and Spirit
6. We remember that God is present to us and that we are present to God.
7. We witness. It is a profession of Faith, everyone knows that you are Christian if you make the sign of the cross.
8. It is a sign of unity with Christ when we suffer knowing that He suffered too.
9. With the Cross we ward off the Evil One, knowing that Jesus crushed Satan's skull on Golgotha.
10. We protect our Mind, Heart, and Soul with the prayer asking Jesus to give us the armor of faith.

This simple yet profound act makes each person mindful of the great love of God for us, a love that is stronger than death and promises everlasting life. The sign of the cross should be made with purpose and precision, not hastily or carelessly.