

"Second Homily" by Fr. Duane Trombetta The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity Sunday, June 22, 2025

Blessings to all, as today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ: Corpus Christi Sunday. On this day, we celebrate the real presence – body, blood, soul, and divinity – of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. I draw your attention to the beautiful hymn we

will sing at Mass: it's a "sequence," or poetic liturgical hymn, called "Laud, O Zion." Did you know that only two other feasts (Easter and Pentecost) feature sequences at Mass?

We are rapidly approaching the milestone of July 1, 2025, on which the Diocese of Shreveport will be implementing some significant changes. Among those changes, Holy Trinity will unite into "Family Four of Parishes and Missions" with the Cathedral of St. John Berchmans, Christ the King Church of Bossier City, and Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament. At the same time, Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament, will transition from a Parish to a Mission of Holy Trinity.

We have been preparing for these changes through many months of studies, communications, and even Town Hall Meetings. Our new family of four parishes opens doors to shared resources, stronger ministries, and new synergies. Imagine more robust sacramental programs, joint service projects, and opportunities for spiritual growth as we learn from and lean on our fellow communities. Together, we will grow into our shared mission of living as disciples of Christ.

Now please join me in praying that God will guide us through a smooth and successful transition into our new collaborative structure. And offer your prayers through the intercession of Fr. Jean Pierre, Fr. Isidore Quemerais, Fr. Jean-Marie Biler, Fr. Louis Gergaud, and Fr. François LeVézouët, who all served here in what's now to be called "Family Four." Let us look with hope to this new chapter of prayer, praise, and worship in the Diocese of Shreveport.

Fr. Duane