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#### FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

The Church invites us to enter into a mystery, not to solve one, while we behold the depth of God's love. This is not something we can do with our minds alone, but with open hearts and lives ready to be shaped in God's likeness.

Our Gospel is set in one of the final moments before Jesus' Passion. He says to the apostles, "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth." This short passage offers a glimpse into the heartbeat of the Trinity: the Son speaking of the Father and promising the Spirit. The Trinity is not a theological puzzle to solve, but a divine communion that invites us with wonder.

Love, by definition, cannot exist in isolation. True love requires relationship. In revealing the Trinity, we are not just learning something "extra" about God—we are learning who God is: an eternal communion of love between the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

From all eternity, God exists as relationship: the Father pouring Himself out in love to the Son, the Son receiving and returning that love, and the Spirit as the very bond of that love, a living, eternal gift of unity. In other words, God does not begin to love when He creates the world. God is love, always has been, always will be.

And here is the most amazing part: this triune love is not locked away in the heavens. It reaches out. The Trinity is not only a mystery to admire, but it is a life we are called to participate in.

How does this shape our daily lives? In more ways than we often realize.

## 1. The Father: Our Source and Destiny

From the Father, we receive the gift of life. Not just physical existence, but our dignity as persons made in God's image. Every human being is willed and loved by the Father. This means your life has purpose, your identity is secure, and your existence is not an accident.

To know God as Father is to know we are never alone in this world. Even when we face rejection, loneliness, or confusion, we belong to a Father who created us in love and who desires to bring us home.

#### 2. The Son: Our Savior and Brother

Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, took on flesh to show us the face of God. In Him, the invisible became visible. Through His Cross and Resurrection, He reconciled us to the Father and opened the way to new life. To walk with Jesus is to find in Him not only a teacher or a role model, but a friend and brother who lifts us when we fall and calls us to something greater.

### 3. The Holy Spirit: Our Advocate and Guide

Fr. Bryan

The Spirit is often the most mysterious person of the Trinity, yet He is also the most present in our daily lives. The Spirit prays within us when we do not know how to pray. He inspires our choices, strengthens us with gifts, and nudges us toward holiness.

It is the Spirit who helps us forgive when it seems impossible, who stirs our hearts to serve when we'd rather stay comfortable, who brings peace in the middle of our storms. As Jesus said, "When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth."

In a world fractured by division, individualism, and self-promotion, the Trinity offers a radical alternative: unity without uniformity. This is why our celebration matters. It's not about abstract doctrine—it's about what kind of people we are becoming. Trinity-shaped people. People who reflect the divine communion in how we treat one another, in how we forgive, in how we serve, in how we build community.

The Trinity is hard to understand. It stretches our minds and humbles our intellect. But perhaps that's the point.

We are not meant to contain God in our small mental boxes. We are meant to be drawn into something beyond ourselves. The Trinity is not primarily something to explain—it is something to adore.

Approach this Feast with a spirit of reverence, awe, and joy, marveling that the infinite God has drawn close to us and giving thanks that we have been baptized into this divine mystery.

God bless,

# MASS INTENTIONS JUNE 14 - JUNE 22

SATURDAY 5 PM SOPHIE & CHESTER

**JUNE 14** BROZOWSKI

FROM BARBARA PRZYBLINSKI

SUNDAY 10 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH 12:30 EUGENIO P. ARBOLEDA

FROM VIRGINIA ELBARODY

TUESDAY 12:30 PM MARTHA D. BITAR

JUNE 17 FROM KERBAJ FAMILY

WEDNESDAY 12:30 PM PAPA PADRE LEO XIV

JUNE 18 FROM MANUEL C. TUASON

THURSDAY 12:30 PM ANTONIA RAMOUNDOS

JUNE 19 FROM DIANA RISSETTO

FRIDAY 12:30 PM LOUIS ANTONIO TAGLE

JUNE 20 FROM MANUEL C. TUASON

SATURDAY 5 PM PATRICIA O'BRIEN

JUNE 21 FROM CURMI FAMILY

SUNDAY 10 AM BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

JUNE 22 JHOANNES GUBANTES

FROM ELEONORA GUBANTES
12:30 PM. PEOPLE OF THE PARISH









### CONSISTENT SUPPORT AND PARISHONERS



## **Sunday Scripture**

June 15

Prv. 8:22-31

Rom. 5:1-5

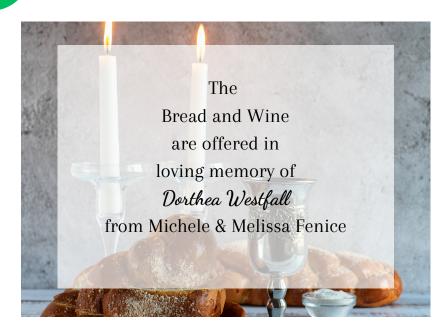
John 16:12-15

June 22

Gen. 14:18-20

1 Cor. 11:23-26

Luke 9: 11b-17





# Summer Feasts





June has many Catholic feast days which are full of special summer traditions. European celebrations range from bonfires for St. John the Baptist, to parades for Jesus, to fireworks for the apostles Peter and Paul.

# June23rd: St. John's Eve

Jesus said of St. John the Baptist:
He was a burning and shining lamp, and for a while you were content to rejoice in his light.



To remember that light, Saint John's Eve is traditionally celebrated with bonfires. In many countries, bonfires are lit in the evening and people dance and sing. In the Norwegian town of Alesund, bonfires are taken to the extreme: The townsfolk build towering bonfires called Slinningsbålet that rise over one hundred feet!

How can you and your family celebrate a special part of our faith this June?

Light a candle, go on a walk by the water, pray to one of the saints who have feasts this month, or listen together to the world around, admiring God's gifts in creation.

# Rome's Patrons, June 29th: St. Peter & St. Paul



# June 19th: Corpus Christi

The Feast of Corpus Christi celebrates the body of Christ. This is called a "moveable feast" or observance because it depends on when Trinity Sunday (the Sunday after Pentecost, which itself depends on Easter and changes every year) is. Celebration for this feast began in France in the 1200s, with St. Juliana's encouragement. It spread through Europe and later the world and featured a parade and plays about Christian life.



Saint Peter was a fisherman who became the first pope, and Saint Paul was a soldier who saw Jesus and changed his life for Him! He wrote a lot of the "letters" in the New Testament to different people to share the good news of Jesus around the Roman Empire. Because of their connections with the city, both are patrons of Rome. Their shared feast day is celebrated with fireworks there.

St. Peter was impatient, easily excited, and always being corrected by Jesus, who even changed his name from Simon to Peter. St. Paul was also someone who had to learn to say he was wrong. He knew how to be happy, even when he felt pain. Let's ask them to help us know just what God wants us to do!



## To Do: Support Mercy House!

**Donate** 

Nonperishable food: pasta, sauce, coffee, canned fish/meats, cereal, rice, beans, condiments, spices

Donate

Baby items: diapers sizes 4-7, wipes, cribs, bassinets, toddler clothes

**Donate** 

Household items: small appliances, sheets/quilts, dishes, glasses, utensils

Donate

Personal items: adult & teen clothes, toiletries, fem. hygiene

**Bring to Mass** 

Last Sunday of each month



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2025-26 Registration for Sacramental Preparation for First Holy Communion & Confirmation

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