

The Most Holy Trinity



Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. Matthew 28: 19-20.

ST. JOHN BOSCO CATHOLIC CHURCH

May 30, 2021

The Pastor Jots It Down

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. John Bosco and St. Rosalie St. Churches and School,

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you. Happy Trinity Sunday!

Today, we celebrate the Mystery of the Most Holy Trinity. We celebrate the fact that our God is one and three at the same time. This in human terms is a seeming contradiction. Any third grader will tell you that one is not equal to three and three is not equal to one. Yet with the eyes of faith, we firmly believe that our God is one and three at the same time: God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

The Father is God. The Son is God. The Holy Spirit is God. Yet our God is only one.

The Father is not the Son nor the Holy Spirit. The Son is not the Father nor the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is not the Father nor the Son.

Here, we have part of the mystery of our God.

Traditionally, Catholic Christians begin and

end all prayers with the Sign of the Cross. As we trace the cross on ourselves, we say "In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen." We call upon our God to be with us as we pray and that He may hear and answer our prayers as we conclude our prayer in His Name.

The Sign of the Cross, a short and simple prayer, in which we remember that Jesus died for us on the cross, in which we profess our belief in the Mystery of the Trinity (that our God is One and that our God is three), and through which we ask for God's help, assistance and protection.

Today, let us ask ourselves, how often we use this short beautiful prayer in our daily prayer life. Let's also ask ourselves, how we could profitably use this prayer more frequently throughout the day to enjoy a deeper union with our God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

God loves you!

F. Mark



A Prayer to the Most Holy Trinity for Today

O most holy Trinity, Almighty God, we adore You, who give life and vigor to every creature and who shed light eternal where there is darkness. We offer you our hearts, our souls, and our whole being, today and in the days to come, that we may offer perfect praise and love to your glorious name.

Amen.

O Father almighty, we thank you wholeheartedly for all the blessings and graces You have so generously given us.

O merciful Christ Jesus, wash away our sins with your most precious blood. Feel the beating of our hearts and make them like your own. Oh, dear Jesus, wipe away our tears and pardon us for our sinfulness. Be with us, O Lord, until our dying day that we may be worthy of your mercy and forgiveness.

O Holy Spirit, our guide and inspiration, lead us to the right path. And if, on our way, we encounter difficulties and trials, do not allow us to fall or lose hope. Grant us the graces we need daily that we may share our blessings with our fellow men and women. And when the time comes, O Holy Spirit, lead us to the place that is secure, full of joy and eternal peace. Amen.

– Unknown Author

Are You Jesus?

A few years ago, a group of salesmen went to a regional sales convention in Chicago. They had assured their wives that they would be home in plenty of time for Friday night's dinner. In their rush, with tickets and briefcases, one of these salesmen inadvertently kicked over a table, which held a display of apples. Apples flew everywhere. Without stopping or looking back, they all managed to reach the plane in time for their nearly missed boarding.

ALL BUT ONE!!! He paused, took a deep breath, got in touch with his feelings and experienced a twinge of compassion for the girl whose apple stand had been overturned. He told his buddies to go on without him, waved good-bye, told one of them to call his wife when they arrived at their home destination and explain his taking a later flight. Then he returned to the terminal where the apples were all over the terminal floor.

He was glad he did. The 16-year-old girl was totally blind! She was softly crying, tears running down her cheeks in frustration, and at the same time helplessly groping for her spilled produce as the crowd swirled about her; no one stopping and no one to care for her plight.

The salesman knelt on the floor with her, gathered up the apples, put them back on the table and helped organize her display. As he did this, he noticed that many of them had become battered and bruised; these he set aside in another basket.

When he had finished, he pulled out his wallet and said to the girl, "Here, please take this \$40 for the damage we did. "Are you okay?" She nodded through her tears. He continued on with, "I hope we didn't spoil your day too badly."

As the salesman started to walk away, the bewildered blind girl called out to him, "Mister...." He paused and turned to look back into those blind eyes. She continued, "Are you Jesus?"

He stopped in mid-stride and he wondered. He gently went back and said, "No, I am nothing like Jesus – He is good, kind, caring, loving, and would never have bumped into your display in the first place."

The girl gently nodded: "I only asked because I prayed for Jesus to help me gather the apples. He sent you to help me, so you are like Him – only He knows who will do His will. Thank you for hearing His call, Mister."

Then slowly he made his way to catch the later flight with that question burning and bouncing about in his soul: "Are you Jesus?"

Do people mistake you for Jesus?

That's our destiny, is it not? To be so much like Jesus that people cannot tell the difference as we live and interact with a world that is blind to His love, life and grace. If we claim to know Him, we should live, walk and act as He would. Knowing Him is more than simply quoting Scripture and going to church. It's actually living the Word as life unfolds day to day.

—A story on Facebook



Catholics are so accustomed to making the sign of the cross that we seldom stop to ask what the gesture means.

Making the sign of the cross is a gesture that says, in shorthand, that a person is Catholic. It appears as an icon in popular culture, and as a gesture it is scattered throughout film history. Moving priests make solemn signs over newly dead persons or penitents in the confessional, boxers make clumsy signs with their gloved fists, tonsured monks in medieval garb make the same gesture as a shorthand way of indicating that they are either superstitious or in the presence of some eerie portent, and there is nothing like a vivid sign of the cross (made preferably with a raised crucifix) to get Bela Lugosi as Dracula to turn away dramatically from a previously inviting neck.

The same sign is ubiquitous in Catholic piety. We begin our prayers with the sign of the cross. We use the thumb sign of the cross on forehead, lips, and breast before the reading of the gospel. At the liturgy and in various sacramental rites, the priests trace the sign of the cross over persons and objects.

Where did the custom of signing with the cross originate, and what does it signify?

It is a curious fact that the cross does not appear in Christian art until the fourth century, but the tracing of the cross on the forehead with thumb or index finger is found in popular Christian usage as early as the second century.

The more expansive sign of the cross (touching forehead, chest, and shoulders) is first mentioned in the devotional life of Christians in the fifth century, but it was not until the early Middle Ages, largely through the influence of monasteries, that the gesture comes into general use. By this time there was also a widespread custom of blessing in the form of a cross using the eucharist, the gospel book, or a reliquary.

Today, of course, the gesture of the large sign of the cross with the invocation, “In the name of the Father . . .” is common and universal in the Catholic Church.

But we are so accustomed to making the sign of the cross that we may have never stopped to ask what the gesture means.

First, every religious tradition incorporates bodily gestures to “thicken” the power of religious language. In that sense, the sign of the cross is a form of body language like the gestures of raising the hands in prayer, kneeling, bowing, and so on.

Making the sign of the cross says something, and when it is done in public (for example, at the blessing before meals in a public place) it is also an act of faith. The sign of the cross speaks and confesses.

Second, powerful symbolic gestures, when examined up close, say more than one thing. Quite obviously, signing ourselves is a mark of our belief in the saving actions of Jesus Christ. We also make the sign in the name of the Holy Trinity by invoking Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

A final point: Making the sign of the cross, in whatever form (think of the lovely custom of a parent tracing the cross on the forehead of an infant who readies for bed or an older child who goes off on a journey), is so common as to be a routine.

One practical strategy for our common Christian spiritual life is to relearn what we are doing when we sign ourselves. In his evocative book *Sacred Signs*, the late Romano Guardini made the point so beautifully that I will give him the last word:

It is the holiest of all signs. Make a large cross, taking time, thinking what you do. Let it take in your whole being – body, soul, mind, will, thought, feelings, your doing and not-doing – and, by signing it with the cross, strengthen and consecrate the whole in the strength of Christ, in the name of the triune God.

You Are Blessed

*If you woke up this morning with more health than illness,
you are more blessed than the million who won't survive the week.*

*If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the loneliness
of imprisonment, the agony of torture or the pangs of starvation,
you are ahead of 20 million people around the world.*

*If you attend a church meeting without fear of harassment, arrest, torture,
or death, you are more blessed than almost three billion people in the world.*

*If you have food in your refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof over
your head and a place to sleep, you are richer than 75% of this world.*

*If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change
in a dish someplace, you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy.*

*If your parents are still married and alive, this is very rare,
If you hold up your head with a smile on your face and are truly thankful,
you are blessed because the majority can, but most do not.*

*If you can hold someone's hand, hug them or even touch them on the shoulder,
you are blessed because you can offer God's healing touch.*

*If you can read this message, you are more blessed than over
two billion people in the world that cannot read anything at all.*

You are so blessed in many ways you may never even know.

From a Facebook Post



MEMORIAL DAY

Around Our Salesian Community

We ask for your prayers



May 28 - June 3

please pray
for

QUAN PHU

who is in Candidacy
and in formation at
Mary Help of Christians
Center in Tampa, FL.

Adoration Returns to the Chapel

On **June 7, 2021** 112 hours of
continuous adoration will begin.
Adoration starts Monday following
the 7am Mass and continues until
midnight Saturday. For more
information or to register ~ Email: [StJohnBosco@
AdorationServants.org](mailto:StJohnBosco@AdorationServants.org) or Edie, Chapel
Coordinator, EdithMeaux@Cox.net.



You must be registered to receive the door code.



Congratulations St. Rosalie Class of 2021

Garry Bass, Jr.
Kaleb Bonnet
Vivienne Buras
Lucas Bui
Avni Carter
Christian Cassine
Riley Coutee
Madilyn Eiermann
Joseph Gutierrez
Jacques Hebert
Chassity Hudson
Hayden Hudson
Kassidy Hudson
Leyah Holmes
Kaiden Johnson
Basjons Jordan, Jr.
Max Le
Jackson McPherson
Ella Nguyen

Nathan Nguyen
Katelyn Nguyen
Evan O'Quain
Jaymee Pham
Dalayna Porter
Karson Robichaux
Keith Rodriguez
Chloe Rojas
Nadia Rosales
Paxton Schieffler
Mia Schmidt
Adony Solomon
Caleb Stanford-Davis
Brianna Teran
Andrew Thiaville
Austin Thomassie
Anthony Todaro
Tory Toan Tran
Trace Williams



Remember your degree MD – Missionary Disciple

Announcements



Womens Society 'Half The Pot' Raffle

Tickets are \$1.00 each or
6 for \$5.00

*Drawing June 20th ~
Following Noon Mass*

We Need You...

Turn in your green Census Card.
This information is necessary to
accurately update the parishes
databases. If you have already
done so, *Thank You!*



Sanctuary Candle

*In Memory of
Adele & Odele DeSoto*

Bread & Wine

*In Memory of
John D. Spano*

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Current Mass Schedule

Monday - Friday: 7:00am

Saturday: 8:00am

Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm

Sunday: 9:00 & 12:00 Noon

Current Confession Schedule

Saturday: 4:30 - 5:15pm (*before Vigil Mass*)

Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions:

Wednesday 7:00 - 8:00pm

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 29

8:00am Parishioners of St. John Bosco
5:30pm +Abdon & Quiaoit Families
+Jacqueline G. Guillot
+Wayne Delaune
+Joyce Sonnier
+Leboria Burrell
+Duffy & Derek Dumas
+Peter John Paul Nguyen
+Joseph Lai Duc Anh
+All Souls in Purgatory
+Jim McKenna
+Deanne LeBlanc
+John Sanderson

Sunday, May 30

9:00am +Marilyn DeBlanc
+Thanksgiving to St. Jude
+Estelle Allen, AOD
+Carmen Koenig Kass
+Vernon Guillot
+Maria Hoang & Joseph Nguyen
+Peter & Maria Nguyen
Xuyen Bui
Leo Meerman
+Douglas F. Ferrer, AOD
+Mary Ann Ramos

Noon Happy Birthday Michael Ha

Monday, May 31

7:00am For the soul of Giuse Phuong

Tuesday, June 2

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Wednesday, June 3

7:00am +Michael Poussard

Thursday, June 4

7:00am +Ryan Roberts

Friday, June 5th

7:00am +For the soul of Giuse Phuong

*"Trust all things to Jesus in the
Blessed Sacrament and to Mary
Help of Christians and you
will see what miracles are."*

- Don Bosco