



My Dear Parishioners,

Praised Be Jesus Christ! As of you read this message, I hope to be – most likely will be in Lincoln, Nebraska for the Ordination to the Priesthood of Augustine Reimers. I'm grateful to Frs. McCabe, Connolly and Chorpensing for covering the Masses this weekend, allowing me to be away.

As a nation, on this last weekend of May, we mark Memorial Day and salute all those who died in service to our country. I encourage you to come to the 9AM Mass on Monday and stay in town for the parade. Such small town events are few but our town does a great job, beginning with Mass makes that day even better!

As a Church, on this First Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate Trinity Sunday – the Feast of God, Himself, who has no beginning; Who has revealed Himself to be 3 Persons, 1 God; A Communion of Life and Love; In Whose very image, we are created! It's easy to hear the word "Trinity" and to chalk it up as a MYSTERY. I believe that that is a great dis-service to God and all that He has made known. While clearly a Mystery, God rejoices when we contemplate Him and it behooves us to do so with great wonder. So to that end, I share a portion of an article by Fr. Billy Swan: [Immersed in the Trinity.](#)

Peace,

Fr. Rogers

If you are baptized, then know that you too are immersed into God's life and remain there. In fact, the word baptism comes from the Greek *baptizein* meaning to plunge or immerse. We are immersed in the Trinity as a fish in water. It is there we 'live and move and have our being' (Acts 17:28) and are 'alive to God in Christ Jesus, participating in the life of the Risen Lord' (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1694). When we realize that we are within God, it changes and deepens how we pray. We don't just pray to God but pray within God. In that space within the Trinity, the Holy Spirit moves us to join with the Son and enter into a harmonious stream of praise and adoration of the Father. And as we participate in this stream of praise, every aspect of our being becomes aligned to the person of Christ.

If all creation is immersed in the Trinity then this is the basis for everything being interconnected (cf. Pope Francis, *Laudato Si*, 70). This raises creation to a new dignity which ought to effect the way we see all that God has made and treat it accordingly. Here is also the foundation of human fraternity and communion within the Church. We are immersed in the Trinity with our brothers and sisters who, like us, bear the *imago Dei* and so partake in the divine life. In the Church, this God-likeness has been intensified by the grace of Christ that draws us together into his Mystical Body where we are joined in communion by the Holy Spirit as brothers and sisters in Him.

At the Eucharist, we are not spectators looking on something taking place outside us but are immersed in the very mystery of God we worship. The Feast of the Most Holy Trinity is the ideal time to ponder again the awesome mystery of being immersed in God. The new atheism has challenged us again not to think of God as far removed and distant but as the very mystery of life that enfolds us. Together with all creation, we exist, breathe and love **within** God, not outside Him. May this truth transform how we think of God, pray, work, participate in the Church and celebrate the Eucharist. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit!



**St. Patrick
Parish Rosary
Sunday Evenings
7:00 PM
on Zoom**
*See Parish Website for
Login Details*

**PLEASE JOIN US ON SUNDAY, MAY 26 FOR OUR
FINAL PARISH ROSARY THIS YEAR.**

**WE WILL PAUSE FOR THE SUMMER AND WILL
GATHER AGAIN IN OCTOBER 2024. GOD BLESS!**



Happy Memorial Day!

On Monday, May 27 Mass will be celebrated at 9:00AM.

There will be NO 7:30AM Mass and NO Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

The Parish Office will be closed. Thank you.