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Sunday May 31, 2026

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Reflections

by Fr. Njoku Canice Chukwuemeka, C.S.Sp.

Today, just a week after Pentecost, the holy mother church celebrates the solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. Today's celebration is a song of praise to God, who has called us to share in this mystery. Two concise prayers and blessings include: "May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you," and "May the Almighty God bless you the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit."

These are called trinitarian formulas. In these, the Trinitarian God unites to perform the function for which they are being consulted. Paul knew this and so constantly employed this formula in concluding most of his letters (1 Cor. 16, 23; 2Cor 13, 14; Gal 6, 18; Phil 4, 2).

The first question that comes to mind at the first encounter with the doctrine of the Trinity is: "Three Persons in One God, how could that be? Indeed, it should provoke such a question. However, this question becomes meaningful if only one could humble oneself and ask the Holy Spirit to enlighten him through the church."

Hence, the Church teaches that: "The Trinity is One. We do not confess three Gods, but one God in three persons, the consubstantial Trinity. The divine persons do not share one divinity among themselves, but each is entirely God. The divine persons are distinct from one another. God is one but not solitary. Father, Son, Holy Spirit are not simply names designating modalities of the divine being, for they are distinct from one another" (CCC253-255, p.82-83).

In the first reading, we see the obedience and humility of Moses before God. This humility won him the favor of God. Here also, God proved that he is indeed a Father. This is because, although He was not happy with the ways of his people, He relented his anger. So, because of the prayer of Moses, he forgave them.



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Weekend Masses
Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 8:30 am
Weekday Masses
Wednesday 5:00 pm
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CONFESSION TIMES
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Confession 3:30- 4:00
4:00 Mass MARCEL MUNOZ R.I.P.

Sunday May 31, 2026

Adoration 8:-8:30
8:30- Mass INTENTION: FOR THE PARISH

Wednesday June 3, 2026

ADORATION: 4:00- 5:00
CONFESSION: 4:30-5:00

MASS 5:00 FR. BILL USTASKI R.I.P.

→ MEN'S BIBLE STUDY- ON HOLD THROUGH JUNE

Thursday June 4, 2026

MASS- 9:30 a.m.

Saturday June 6, 2026

Adoration 3:00- 4:00
Confession 3:30- 4:00
PAT WILSON R.I.P.

Ministry Schedule

June 6/7

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Jim Spagnolo	Sam Baird, John Hawco
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Month of the Sacred Heart

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Gary and Elizabeth Bates 6/1
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John Sr. and Marivic Hawco 6/28

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

John Hawco Sr. -2
Zhenya Tomarevsky -10
Justin Acharya - 13
Marleen Loff -15
Billy Morris -16
Ron Heim -17
Michele Heaving -18



MAY MASS INTENTIONS

Fr. Bill Ustaski R.I.P. -3
Pat Wilson R.I.P. -6
Emogene Huddon -27
George Manthey R.I.P. -28

Daily Readings with Saints & Occasions

Prayer Requests

June 1- 7

Monday June 1, 2026

Justin, Martyr Obligatory Memorial
1st Reading: 2Peter 1: 2-7
Psalm: Psalms 91: 1-2, 14-15b, 15c-16
Alleluia: Revelation 1: 5ab
Gospel: Mark 12: 1-12

Tuesday June 2, 2026

Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs
1st Reading: 2Peter 3: 12-15b, 17-18
Psalm: Psalms 90: 2, 3-4, 10, 14 and 16
Alleluia: Ephesians 1: 17-18
Gospel: Mark 12: 13-17

Wednesday June 3, 2026

Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs
Obligatory Memorial
1st Reading: 2Timothy 1: 1-3, 6-12
Psalm: Psalms 123: 1b-2ab, 2cdef
Alleluia: John 11: 25a, 26
Gospel: Mark 12: 18-27

Thursday June 4, 2026

Ordinary Weekday
1st Reading: 2Timothy 2: 8-15
Psalm: Psalms 25: 4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14
Alleluia: 2Timothy 1: 10
Gospel: Mark 12: 28-34

Friday June 5, 2026

Boniface, Bishop, Martyr Obligatory Memorial
1st Reading: 2Timothy 3: 10-17
Psalm: Psalms 119: 157, 160, 161, 165, 166, 168
Alleluia: John 14: 23
Gospel: Mark 12: 35-37

Saturday June 6, 2026

Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary/
Norbert, Bishop, Religious Founder
1st Reading: 2Timothy 4: 1-8
Psalm: Psalms 71: 8-9, 14-15ab, 16-17, 22
Alleluia: Matthew 5: 3
Gospel: Mark 12: 38-44

Sunday June 7, 2026

The Body and Blood of Christ Solemnity
1st Reading: Deuteronomy 8: 2-3, 14b-16e
Psalm: Psalms 147: 12-13, 14-15, 19-20
2nd Reading: 1Corinthians 10: 16-17
Alleluia: John 6: 51
Gospel: John 6: 51-58

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May the Soul of Pat Wilson and the Souls of all the Faithful Departed, Through the Mercy of God Rest in Peace! AMEN

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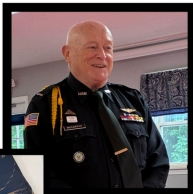


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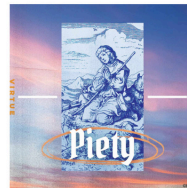
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In the second reading, Paul encourages us to "be united and live in peace." He concluded with his usual benediction: "The grace of the Lord Jesus, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all." In this, Paul shows great interest in the unity of the Christian community.

Piety is one of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit and is related to the virtue of justice.

St. Thomas Aquinas writes, "Piety denotes the reverence which we give to our faith and to our country. And since God is the Father of all, the worship of God is also called piety...therefore the gift whereby a man, through reverence for God, works good to all, is fittingly called piety." (Sum., II:II, 68, Art. 4)

The virtue of piety, which can be understood most easily as giving due reverence to God, should not be confused with "popular piety," which refers to external expressions of devotion that are unique to specific places and environments. The virtue of piety describes a person's fulfillment of their duty to God and the precepts of the Church; popular piety describes other practices that enliven their desire to fulfill that duty.

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In order words, by invoking the Trinitarian fellowship on them, he wishes that they emulate it and be united in heart and soul as the Most Holy Trinity. A divided family lacks the fellowship of the Trinitarian God and needs to give it a chance.

Today's gospel is very popular: "God sent his son so that through him the world might be saved." This sending is one way through which we share in the Trinitarian Community. They keep coming to us to unite and make us be like them. They continue to seek fellowship with us because they wish that we be united as they are.

Human words cannot perfectly explain this divine reality and mystery of the Trinity. So, no terminology or formulation is adequate to communicate it. We need God's enlightenment and grace to comprehend the trinitarian mystery and theology. Nevertheless, the Christian faith is trinitarian, and every Christian needs to partake fully in this mystery.

Finally, the Trinity is not an abstract theological concept. Instead, it is a reality that is to be believed and lived. The Trinity is someone to whom we pray, but it is also a community, the communion of three in one, the family in whose image we build up our human community. In appreciation of this fellowship and communion, let us praise the Most Holy Trinity: "Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen!"

Peace be with you all!

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