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**Confesión el Sábado:
Por cita en (Español y Inglés)**

**Rosario el Sábado: Y Letanías de la Santísima
Virgen Maria—3:45pm**

Misa el Sábado: (Vigilia) / Inglés 4:00 p.m.

**Rosario el Domingo: Y letanías de la Santísima
Virgen Maria— 9:40pm**

Misa el Domingo: Español /10:00 a.m.

Liturgia en los Días de la Semana

Cada Día a las Doce: Angelus/Regina Caeli

Lunes: Adoración: 7:00am y Misa 7:30am

**Martes y Miércoles: Adoración 8:30am y Misa
9:00am**

**Jueves: Adoración: 8:30am y Misa: 9:00 m o la
Oración de la Evangelización a las 10:00am**

**Viernes: Adoración: 8:30am y Misa: 9:00am y
6:00pm**

Rosario Reina de la Paz con Adoración

**Sábado: Adoración: 7:00am y a las 7:30am
Misa en Honor de Virgen María**



THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

“He will glorify me, because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you. Everything that the Father has is mine; for this reason I told you that he will take from what is mine and declare it to you.” - Jn 16:14-15

“El me glorificará, porque primero recibirá de mí lo que les vaya comunicando. Todo lo que tiene el Padre es mío. Por eso he dicho que tomará de lo mío y se lo comunicará a ustedes”. - Jn 16, 14-15

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June 12th, 2022

**Rev. Victor C. Yakubu, Parochial Administrator
Rev. Julius Kayiwa, Parochial Vicar**

Confession on Saturday:

By appointment English/Spanish

Saturday Rosary: And Litanies of the Blessed Virgin
Mary 3:45pm

Saturday Mass (Vigil): English -4:00 p.m.

Sunday Rosary: Litanies of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9:40pm

Sunday Mass: Spanish 10:00am

Liturgy of the Weekdays

Every day at Noon: Angelus/Regina Caeli

Monday: 7:00am Adoration & Mass 7:30am

**Tuesday & Wednesday: Adoration 8:30am &
Mass 9:00am**

**Thursday: Adoration: 8:30am & Mass: 9:00am
or Prayer of the Evangelization at 10:00am**

**Friday During Lent: Way of the Cross 3:00pm
concluding with Mass**

**Saturday: Adoration: 7:00 a.m. & 7:30 a.m.
Mass in Honor of the Virgin Mary**

The Most Holy Trinity: Year C
Trinity Sunday – June 12, 2022
Fr. Patrick Riviere

For years scientists have discovered various elements of our world that seem to push the limits of our understanding. The theory that time actually passes relative to the speed of the individual, the reality that everything is composed of various conglomerations of subatomic particles, the infinite vastness and continual expansion of the entire universe — all these theories boggle the mind. It's hard to wrap your brain around and truly understand the possibility of some of these theories.

It honestly reminds me of the feeling that I would often have in my Trinity class in the seminary. That class always had the reputation of being the hardest to understand. You would often hear people say that they finished the course knowing less than they did when they started it. It can seem ridiculous to say that we have one God, who is also three persons but is not three gods. But it can also seem ridiculous to say that our speed can control how fast or slow time moves for somebody. Just because it seems ridiculous on the surface doesn't mean that there isn't an incredibly important truth being revealed to us. The mystery of the Trinity is essential because it's the mystery of who God is, and if we don't know who God is, then how can we ever hope to love him or be in a relationship with him?

Saint John gives us perhaps the shortest yet also an incredibly profound definition of who God is. "God is love." That statement is so simple, yet reveals much about who God is and why we say that He is a Trinity. We don't say that God loves, but that God is love itself. If we look at God we see what love is, what love looks like. And one person is not sufficient for love. Love is a relationship, which means we need two people involved in this. Two people at least are necessary for a relationship of love. The Father loves the Son with everything that He has and is. The Son receives that love from the Father and in turn loves Him back. Love does that to someone — when we are loved well by someone, the natural response is to love that person back. Love has this tendency to draw love out of the other person. And this love between Father and Son is so real, so complete, so perfect, that we say it is an eternal person — the love of the Father and the Son is the Spirit, the very presence of the love of God.

And because love unites the lover and the loved, the Father and the Son and the Spirit are all united as one God. So if God is love, then God is Trinity — it's the most perfect way to reveal love.

And when I know that God, there's a foundation that is created that cannot be shaken. It's knowing that God that allows St. Paul to write about boasting of his afflictions and sufferings. In the Second Reading, he lists this chain of events that we all experience that is rooted in the reality of a God who is love. Whenever we experience suffering on our own, it inevitably leads to discouragement, despair, and hopelessness. But look at this progression that St. Paul outlines: affliction produces endurance, or patience, a steadfastness that doesn't back down or give up in the face of trial. And that patience produces proven character, one who was tested and able to stand firm. And that proven character produces hope, not a blind optimism but a confidence in a Person who we know will come through in the end. And the source and foundation of that hope, of this entire progression, is the love of God poured into our hearts.

Without love, the chain falls apart. But with that God who is love, who is willing to suffer and allow Himself to be killed for us, who is present with us always, that affliction actually becomes the most powerful source of growth. It gives us the opportunity to see God in the areas of our life that are the most painful, and thus need His presence the most. And how can love truly exist if it does not pass through the way of suffering?

It can seem paradoxical to say that suffering and love coexist, just as it can seem paradoxical to say that one God can exist as three Persons. That paradox reveals not a contradiction but a love that is unable to be stopped, a love that brings hope to whoever is willing to accept it. As we celebrate this Trinity Sunday, look at this God who is love, and receive the love that He has for you.

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 12, 2022

- Sunday:** Prv 8:22-31/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2a]/Rom 5:1-5/Jn 16:12-15
- Monday:** 1 Kgs 21:1-16/Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-6a, 6b-7/Mt 5:38-42
- Tuesday:** 1 Kgs 21:17-29/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 11 and 16/Mt 5:43-48
- Wednesday:** 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Ps 31:20, 21, 24/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- Thursday:** Sir 48:1-14/Ps 97:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7/Mt 6:7-15
- Friday:** 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20/Ps 132:11, 12, 13-14, 17-18/Mt 6:19-23
- Saturday:** 2 Chr 24:17-25/Ps 89:4-5, 29-30, 31-32, 33-34/Mt 6:24-34
- Next Sunday:** Gn 14:18-20/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/1 Cor 11:23-26/Lk 9:11b-17

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 12, 2022

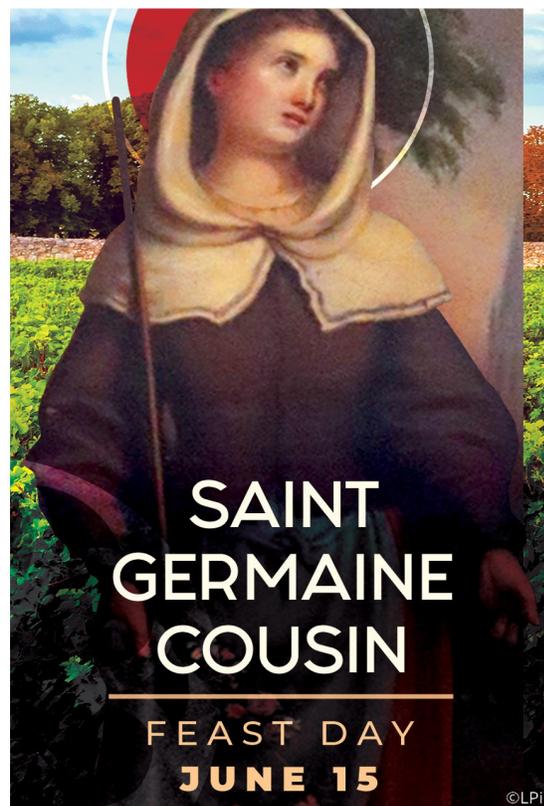
- Sunday:** The Most Holy Trinity
- Tuesday:** Flag Day
- Next Sunday:** The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ; St. Romuald, Abbot; Father's Day

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Life can leave us feeling very distracted and detached. Perhaps this is why many people seek things that make them “feel good,” wrongly believing those things actually provide a sense of meaning and purpose. In truth, they are simply more distractions. When we discover real silence,

we can realize that the stirrings and impulses in our hearts desiring connection, meaning, and purpose are really God desperately trying to pull us toward His Divine Heart. Once we submit to God's pull, we are led to the beauty of God's presence. This holy presence carries us to the heights of mountains, the vastness of ocean depths, the beginning of things and their end, and the majesty of universal wonder. We meet the Father. Then, gently carried to the tenderness of compassion, love, mercy, and forgiveness we touch the innocence and vulnerability of life. We see the poor and those who are broken. We meet the Son. Finally, we are directed toward the seasons that change, the ebb and flow of life, the inspirations that surprise, and the wonder, awe, and joy of life. We embrace the Holy Spirit.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Germaine was born in Pibrac, France in 1579 to poor parents. Her story is a heart wrenching one. She was born with a deformed right arm and hand, and her mother died when she was an infant. Her father remarried, but her stepmother brutally abused and neglected her.

As a child Germaine suffered from scrofula, a disfiguring form of tuberculosis which causes swelling and lesions on the side of the neck. Already sick, abused, and starving, she was forced to sleep in barn with sheep she tended.

Despite everything, Germaine lived each day tending her flock with joy and in prayer. Mary and Jesus became her friends. She shared what little she had and taught the children of the village about God's love. A rosary made of string knots was her constant companion. She attended Mass every day, leaving her sheep in care of guardian angels. Her flock was never attacked by wolves and never wandered. Some claimed to see the waters of the flooded river part so she could get to Mass.

She is often portrayed with an apron full of flowers because one winter day her stepmother accused her of stealing bread from the house and hiding it her apron. But when she was seized and forced to open the apron an abundance of spring flowers tumbled forth. It was this incident that compelled the villagers and even her parents to recognize her holiness.

Germaine died at 22, her poor body was found by her father, in the barn where she slept. She was buried in the village church. More than forty years later, her body was accidentally exhumed and found to be incorrupt. She was canonized by Pope Pius IX in 1867 and inscribed into the canon of virgins.

UP TO THE JOB

Have you ever had a job for which you didn't feel qualified? I think we all have, whether it was a paying gig or not. A lot of us parents often feel in awe of the magnitude of that role and lose sleep worrying that we made the wrong decision in one situation or a bad call in another. Some of us feel intimidated by what our communities need from us, on the parish level or in our personal relationships. Or maybe we are simply dreading a task that seems too big, too overwhelming — that necessary basement cleanout, or the weekly organization of family schedules.

When we don't feel qualified, we don't want to do the work. We get stuck in our own fear. That's the birthplace of procrastination, self-doubt and bitterness. When we look inward at our own abilities, we can only see all the traits

that aren't there. The intelligence, the dexterity, the ambition — whatever it is we lack, we get stuck on it.

I've got good news and bad news. I'll start with the bad news: none of us are qualified for the call of discipleship. We simply aren't. We don't have the love or grace or strength to get the job done.

Now I'll give you the good news: God knows this, and He doesn't care. Stewardship does not insist that we possess every good quality — no, as a way of life, stewardship recognizes that we lack so many qualities. But it shows us where to find the love and grace and strength we need. Stewardship does not demand that we know every answer; it merely reminds us who to ask when we don't.

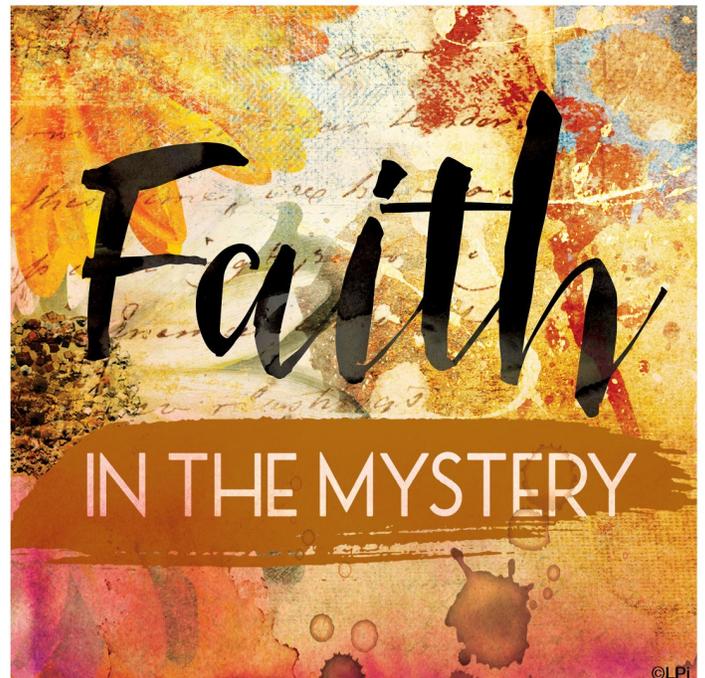
—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Why is the Church against stem cell research, especially if it offers the possibility of cures for diseases like Alzheimer's and Parkinson's?

Like so many issues, the truth about stem cell research is more complicated than a few sound bites and vague promises of cures. For the Church, the problem is with embryonic stem cell research, not the research itself. The destruction of human life, even for a seemingly noble cause, is never acceptable. The ends cannot justify the means. Stem cells can be obtained in other ways, including from the placenta as well as from adults. So research is possible without the destruction of other life.

On the other hand, stem cell research shows much promise, but no concrete results. Some scientists also dispute what diseases might be cured by new discoveries. The research is still in its early stages. The question for our country is whether we should invest a lot of money in research now, looking for cures that will probably remain out of reach for most people, or should we invest that

money in other programs with more immediate benefits, especially those that stress prevention and education. It is indeed a complex issue that requires close scrutiny and investigation before we jump to inaccurate conclusions or make decisions based on good, but misinformed, intentions.



GOSPEL MEDITATION

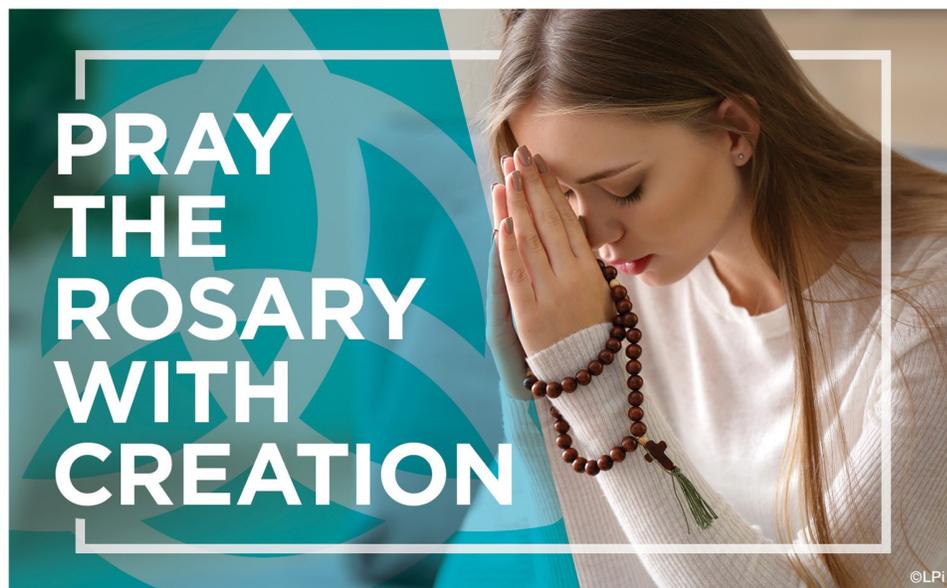
ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

In creative celebration of the Most Holy Trinity, pray a rosary with creation. Find a quiet place outside or sit near a window. Contemplate the amazing Divine Gift that is before you. Admire it. Study it. Become one with it. Ask for the guidance of Brother St. Francis as you pray: *“You, Holy Father, are King of heaven and earth. You are three in one, God above all gods. You are good, all good, and supreme good, Lord God, living and true. You are love. You are beauty. You are gentleness. You are joy. You are hope and happiness.”* Admire the wonder and majesty of God in all that is around you. Ask for wisdom and understanding.

Begin each decade with the Our Father and conclude with the Glory Be.

Decade one: Contemplate God the Father. As you pray each bead with a Hail Mary, get lost in the grandeur of all that you see. Imagine the thousands and thousands of years of history that is before you. Envision a time when nothing existed. What is nothing? Lift your eyes, heart, and soul to the power and magnificence of the universe, its expanse and its endlessness. You are one with it all. God’s creative power.

Decade two: Contemplate God the Son. Behold the squirrels, birds, and



critters all conducting life’s business. They have heartbeats just like yours. Praying each bead, become one with the incarnate divine life that flows through you and flows with the smallest of creatures. It is holy innocence and blessed life. Tenderness. Compassion, Mercy. Reverence. All want to be held, have a home, and be loved. God in all things. Emmanuel.

Decade three: Contemplate God the Holy Spirit. The changing of times and seasons happens often without notice. It is all within God’s care and guided. We all belong. Behold the living, dying, and rising to new life. You are one with all time from beginning into eternity.

Decade Four: Contemplate God as One.

Decade Five: Contemplate God as three. All different while remaining one. The divine dance is being danced before you. Rest in what you see. Become what you see. We are all connected: God of the Holy Trinity, creation, our brothers and sisters, the animals, and the plants.

The rosary you have prayed celebrates the circle of connectedness and the intimate relationship we share with all things: a glimpse of the Trinity.

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