

June 10-11, 2017

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Exodus 34:4-9

Second Corinthians 13:11-13

John 3:16-18

'Getting to know you, ...Getting to feel free and easy...When I am with you, ...Getting to know what to say ...Haven't you noticed...Suddenly I'm bright and breezy? ...Because of all the beautiful and new ...Things I'm learning about you ...Day by day.'

While not written as a doctrinal exposition, some of the lines from the play, 'The King and I' speak well of the pastoral essence of this weekend's celebration of Trinity Sunday. Having closed the Easter Season with last week's celebration of Pentecost we set aside two weeks by which we, as disciples of Jesus, can move forward into Ordinary Time with a clear sense of what is MOST important for the growth of our spiritual relationships. TRINITY SUNDAY (this weekend) reminds us that our knowledge of God is a slow and steady work in progress, from God's self-revelation to Moses on Mount Sinai, to our grow in appreciation for the divinity of the carpenter from Nazareth, Jesus, to the fullness of God's identity as being inclusive of the Holy Spirit (the ADVOCATE promised by Jesus prior to the Ascension.) While a doctrinal foundation of our faith, God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit is something we individually must patiently tend, nurture and allow to grow over time. Revealing himself within our lived experiences and personal reflections, our appreciation for and comfort with the infinite essence of God is not something to be rushed, nor blindly presumed to be quickly grasped. Anymore than we, within our interpersonal interactions, can quickly know each other's hidden thoughts, histories or private stories, so too God is mysterious and convoluted. No sooner do we think we understand God than a circumstance will challenge us to revise all we thought we knew. Perhaps this is the essence of what awaits us in heaven, an eternity of continually understanding...but always knowing there is MORE awaiting us. Next weekend we will honor our SECOND DOCTRINAL DAY, 'Corpus Christi: The Body and Blood of Christ', the food that nourishes our spiritual quest and what we are becoming as we weekly consume it here at Mass. Until then, keep growing your familiarity with Father, Son and Holy Spirit...any of the three or all together, they are not jealous...for when you enter into relationship with any one of them....you get all three.

Thank you for sharing this Trinity Weekend with our Santa Clara community. With the Diocese blessed with the ordination of six new priests on Saturday morning, the graces of God continue to flow abundantly. Father's Day next weekend, if you want your dads remembered in the June Masses please avail of the envelopes available at the exits. Make sure to invite your family and friends to join you for Mass on either June 24th or 25th and then linger for SummerFest 2017...our delicious Food Fair featuring a wide array of tasty delights. As the OFFICIAL start of Summer draws near, please know that you are loved.
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