

SUNDAY MASS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit: for he has shown us his merciful love.

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 33.

RESPONSE:

Blessed the people the Lord has chosen as his heritage.

1. The word of the lord is faithful, and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right, and his merciful love fills the earth. **R**
2. By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, by the breath of his mouth all their host. He spoke, and it came to be. He commanded; it stood in place. **R**
3. Yes, the Lord's eyes are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. **R**
4. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. He is our help and our shield. May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O Lord. **R**

SECOND READING: Romans 8:14-17.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy spirit; to God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia.

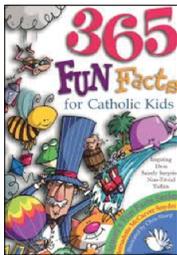
GOSPEL: Matthew 28:16-20.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out Abba, Father.

Books from Redemptorist Pastoral Publications

Dip into this book and discover a new idea for each day of the year. Look up today, look up yesterday, look up last week. Look up your birthday, your best friend's birthday, or your unbirthday! But look up! This perfect book for teachers or parents includes fun facts, daffy definitions, and saintly surprises for each day of the year.



R190 plus delivery

Order from our website www.rpp.org.za or email orders@rpp.org.za. Enquiries: 082 667 3857.



Redemptorist Publications SouthAfrica

Copyright. Do not reproduce without permission. © Redemptorist Pastoral Publications, P O Box 341, Merrivale, 3291. Phone 082 667 3857. Fax 086 545 4381. Email: janet@rpp.org.za. Internet: www.rpp.org.za.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Live the Word

Mon 31 May VISITATION OF OUR LADY

Zephaniah 3:14-18; Isaiah 12:2-6; Luke 1:39-56

It is a familiar theme in Scripture that God appears to work through the lowly and the humble, as expressed in Mary's Magnificat. Read and pray through this text and take a peek at the kingdom of God.

Tue 1 Jun St Justin, M

Tobit 2:9-14; Psalm 112; Mark 12:13-17

'If there is anywhere on earth a lover of God who is always kept safe, I know nothing of it. But in falling and rising again we are always kept in that same precious love.' Julian of Norwich (14th C mystic).

Wed 2 Jun (Ss Marcellinus & Peter, Ms)

Tobit 3:1-11, 16-17; Psalm 25; Mark 12:18-27

Many look for "signs" in answer to prayer, but there is no quick and easy way. God is most often discovered gradually, through openness in prayer, deliberate stillness, and allowing God's revelation to quietly unfold.

Thu 3 Jun CHRIST THE HIGH PRIEST

Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 110; Mark 14:22-25

Let us pray today that we, too, can recognise Jesus the Christ in our own lives and live as one of God's chosen ones – knowing that each of us is another Christ in our present-day world.

Fri 4 Jun Liturgy of the Day

Tobit 11:5-17; Psalm 146; Mark 12:35-37

Many Church fathers saw the Eucharist as the power and presence of God, that it will change the one who consumes it. As we approach Corpus Christi Sunday, let us prepare for change in our lives.

Sat 5 Jun St Boniface, BM

Tobit 12:1.5-15.20; Ps: Tobit 13:1-4.6.8; Mark 12:38-44

St Boniface abandoned his own comfort and safety to bring the Gospel to Germany. Let us be inspired by his life and fearlessly carry the Good News into an often unwelcoming world.

Sun 6 Jun CORPUS CHRISTI

Exodus 24:3-8; Psalm 116; Mark 14:12-16.22-26

When we leave the Eucharistic table and re-immers ourselves into our lives, we bear God with us – a God who lived, died and rose for us so that we might live the same mystery for and with each other.

(KEY: **SOLEMNITY**; FEAST; Memorial; (Optional Memorial) M=Martyr; B=Bishop

Catholic Link

EASTER SPIRIT

Trinity Sunday • Year B
Divine Office: Week I • 30 May 2021

Trinity

The dictionary defines "mystery" as a secret, hidden or inexplicable matter. In ordinary speech we often refer to what we simply can't understand as a "mystery"

(like the workings of a computer). Religious believers are sometimes accused of hiding behind the word "mystery" to avoid facing difficult questions about their faith.

St Augustine spent a lifetime pondering the mysteries of faith, especially the mystery of God. He came to the humbling conclusion that if you think you have understood God, then it is not God that you understand. This does not mean that God is unintelligible but that the human mind in its limitations cannot comprehend God.

Another great thinker in the Catholic tradition, St Thomas Aquinas, used to say that our reason can assist us to know *that* God exists, but it hasn't got the ability to know *what or who* God is.

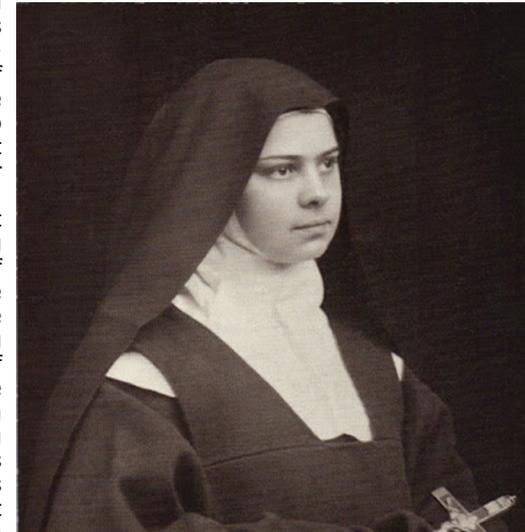
This intellectual humility is a fertile ground to receive insights into the mystery of God by way, not of our own efforts but by a revelation from God.

The sacred history of humankind as presented in the Bible is the story of a gradual revelation about God, culminating in the Incarnation of the Word of God in Jesus our Christ.

The life, teaching and Passover of Jesus is a continuing revelation about God. While the ramifications of Revelation are infinite, we can now say in faith that God is a community of divine persons, Father, Son and Spirit. Sharing the one divine nature, these Three Persons

invite us to share their own Godhead – in the only way we can, through participation in grace.

That God is revealed as Tri-personal means that at the heart of all existence lies relationship: how we relate to God, to one another, to all creation is meant to mirror how Father, Son and Spirit relate to each other. To be human is also to be called into some share in divinity.



St Elizabeth of the Trinity

To be human is also to be with others in community. The Bible puts it in terms of being made "in the image and likeness" of God.

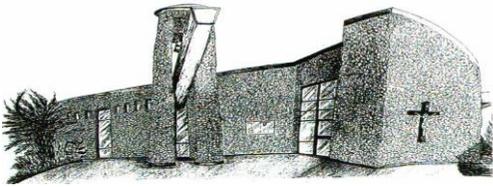
The celebration of the Holy Trinity is not just a theological wonder, it is also a way of prayer.

On the 16th October 2016 Pope Francis canonized Sister Elizabeth of the Trinity, a French Carmelite nun. St Elizabeth summed up her spirituality when she wrote that her vocation (and the vocation of the Christian) is to be "A Praise of Glory of the Blessed Trinity" (Spiritual Testament 1906). Although Elizabeth died at the aged of 26, after only five years in Carmel, she reached such spiritual maturity that she penned a "Prayer to the Trinity" which is beyond compare in modern spiritual writing.

Of course, we use the best known prayer to the Trinity every time we pray the Rosary and at the end of every psalm; it is a prayer which sums up the mystery of God and the mystery of ourselves:

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen.





St Francis Xavier Catholic Parish

Father Michael Foley, OMI (Parish Priest)
C: 072 968 3394
Deacon Malcolm Wright H: 031 466 4524
Deacon Carl Emmanuel C: 082 493 8668
Patrick Marescia (PPC Chairperson)
Franklin Ferdinand (Finance Chairperson)
Office Hours: **Open – see notice on door**

P O Box 16004 Bluff 4036 Durban
Tel: 031-467-0524 **Faulty number –**
Please use 031 467 3854 or
Email: sfx@telkomsa.net
Website: www.stfrancisxavier.org.za

*Guided by the Holy Spirit, we strive, as a Parish,
to grow into disciples of Jesus Christ,
reaching out in Faith into a wider Community.*

Prayer Circle:

Contact Jeannette Nicholson
031 467 7658 / 083 524 5619

REPOSITORY IS CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE:

See notice on door for contact numbers for items urgently required.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The seriously sick:

Anthony Norris, Brian Fuller, Judy Willman, Scarlett Wright, Patrick Marx, Andre Herder, Michael Tunley, Deacon Carl, Sylvia Whittock, Jerelene Naidoo-Chetty and Keith Thorne.

The Repose of the Soul of: Dorothea Johns

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS:

ONLINE MASSES: Sunday Masses are available online, live-streamed on Facebook from 9am.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat 29 May 5.00pm *Trinity Sunday*
Candice & Ruven Somaroo's Thanksgiving
[Dhunraj Family]

Ivan & Quintin Plowman R.I.P. [Sheila]
Gerard Thompson R.I.P. [Pottier Family]

Sun 30 May 7.00am
Rhona Buckley's Birthday [Pottier Family]
Elizabeth Setebe's Special Intentions
Deidre Diedricks' Special Intentions [Srs Prudence & Marie-Ann]

Sun 30 May 9.00am
Betty Williams [Dhunraj Family]
Lisele & Sherwyn King's Thanksgiving for Prayers Answered

Gerard Thompson R.I.P. [Pat Vickers]
Mon 31 May 8.00am
Deceased Oblates [Father Mike]
Tue 01 Jun 5.30pm
Rhona Buckley's Birthday [Family]
Gevase & Theres Pottier [Veronica & Julian]

Wed 02 Jun 8.00am
Jenny Ferdinand's Birthday [Family]
Thu 03 Jun 5.30pm

All Parishioners
Fri 04 Jun 8.00am
Ethan King's Special Intention [Family]
Sr Marie-Ann

Sat 05 Jun 5.00pm *Feast of Corpus Christi*
All Parishioners

Sun 06 Jun 7.30am
Deidre Diedricks' Special Intentions [Srs Marie-Ann & Prudence]

Gerard Thompson R.I.P. [Pottier Family]
Basil & Carmel Thompson [Pottier Family]
Sun 06 Jun 9.30am
Albert William Frost R.I.P. [Frost & Lundell Families]
Stephen & Imelda Sutherland [Pottier Family]

NOTICES:

PARISH YOUTUBE LINK:

<https://youtube.com/channel/UC7SW37icz8YbjaE30omgPw> - **Masses will broadcast weekly if we are able to reach 1,000 subscribers. We are nearing 780 subscribers – please continue to encourage your friends and family to subscribe.**

SOUTHERN CROSS: June issue available at R30 from the parish office during regular hours - February, March and April issues as well.

NAZARETH HOUSE, DURBAN: New Resident places available for Frail and Assisted Care, Dementia and Independent Living. Contact Francesca Joseph on 031 261 2207 or 071 634 8858.

RETRouvaille: If your Marriage and Family life is experiencing any difficulties – no matter how small – help is available. The next Retrouvaille program, in Durban, is scheduled to start next weekend **4/6 of June**. All Covid 19 protocols will be strictly adhered to. For further details, please contact Peter and Maire on 0828 500 500 or 074 134 7335, or visit www.helpourmarriage.org. All correspondence is strictly confidential.

WELCOME TO THE NEW R.C.I.A./FAITH

COURSE: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) – Starting with an Introductory Session at **7.00pm on Thursday 3 June 2021** in the Parish Hall. For Whom? - Non-Catholics or Unbaptised Adults wishing to join the Catholic Church or Baptised Adult Catholics wishing to prepare for Confirmation, as well as Already Confirmed Parishioners wishing to be Sponsors and/or to be updated in their Catholic Faith. Those interested please fill in a blue form available in the box at the back of the church and deliver it to the parish office. Please ensure you are wearing a mask and follow the COIVD protocols.

NOTICES:....

CHANGE OF SUNDAY MASS TIMES: Due to the later sunrise during the winter months our **SUNDAY** Mass times will be slightly altered for the months of June, July and August. **So from next Sunday 6th June until the end of August SUNDAY Masses will be at 7:30 and 9:30am.**

REQUIEM SERVICE FOR COVID DEATH: In consultation with the chancellor of the Archdiocese and our parish deacons and in view of the possible consequences of what might present as the third wave in our challenging relationship with Covid-19, may I clarify what we can offer with regard to a requiem service when someone has died of Covid. The first preference is for a cremation to take place as soon as possible after the death and then the mortal remains (ashes) to be brought to the church for a full Requiem Service.

Should the family prefer burial then the hearse may come to the church but remain closed with the body inside and a short service with gospel reading, homily and prayers of commendation offered by the priest (or deacon) in the vicinity of the hearse outside the church building. Neither priest nor deacon would accompany the hearse to the cemetery.

In both cases the number must be restricted (no more than 50 persons is at present mandated).

Fr Mike



**THE SOLEMNITY OF THE
MOST HOLY TRINITY**

- **YEAR B** ● **30 MAY 2021**
- DIVINE OFFICE: WEEK I**
- DAILY MASS READINGS:**
- YEAR I**



TRINITY SUNDAY

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit: for he has shown us his merciful love.

FIRST READING:

Deuteronomy 4:32-4. 39-40

Moses spoke to the people, saying, "Ask now of the days that are past, which were before you, since the day that God created man upon the earth, and ask from one end of heaven to the other whether such a great thing has this ever happened or was ever heard of. Did any people ever hear the voice of God speaking out of the midst of the fire, and still live? Or has God ever attempted to go and take a nation for himself from the midst of another nation, by trials, by signs, by wonders, and by war, by a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, and by great terrors, according to all that the Lord your God

did for you in Egypt before your eyes? "Know therefore this day, and lay it to your heart, that the Lord is God in heaven above and on the earth beneath; there is no other. Therefore you shall keep his statutes and his commandments, which I command you this day, that it may go well with you, and with your children after you, and that you may prolong your days in the land which the Lord your God gives you for ever."

The word of the Lord.

PSALM:

Psalm 133:4-5. 6. 9. 18-19.20.22

R. Blessed the people the Lord has chosen as his heritage.

The word of the Lord is faithful, and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right, and his merciful love fills the earth.

...R

By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, by the breath of his mouth all their host,

He spoke, and it came to be. He commanded; it stood in place.

...R

Yes, the Lord's eyes are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

...R

Our soul is waiting for the Lord. He is our help and our shield.

May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O Lord.

...R

SECOND READING:

Romans 8:14-17

Brethren: All who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the spirit of sonship. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is the Spirit himself bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

R. Alleluia.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

R. Alleluia.

GOSPEL:

Matthew 3:16-18

At that time: The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make

disciples of all nations, baptising 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; and behold, I am with you to the close of the age."

The Gospel of the Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Revelation 1:8

Alleluia. Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come. ***Alleluia.***

