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✠ **Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity** ✠

May 30, 2021

THE HOLY TRINITY is a mystery which stands at the very heart of the faith. The doctrine of the Trinity is a technical way of stating what St. John said in his first letter, that God is love. If God is love, then there must be within God a play of lover, beloved, and love. This is the relationality that obtains among the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Trinity names the very heart of the Christian faith. Our God is a community or family of love, and we are invited, through Christ, to share in that love. ~ *Bishop Robert Barron*

"In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit:"

The Trinity and the Cross: it's not an accident of piety that these two themes converge in the words and gesture of the Church's most fundamental and most popular prayer. The cross is an image in time of the Trinity's life in eternity. On the cross, Jesus Christ gave himself entirely. He held nothing back. Such is the self-giving of the Son for the Father, the Father for the Son. Each makes a complete and loving gift of his life to the other, and that gift, that life, that love, is the Holy Spirit. The sign of that love in the world is the Sign of the Cross. ~ *Scott Hahn*



In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

From an Angelus Address by Pope Francis; May 31, 2015

Today we are celebrating the feast of the Most Holy Trinity, which reminds us of the mystery of one God in three Persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. The Trinity is the communion of Divine Persons who are one with the others, one for the others, one in the others: this communion is the life of God, the mystery of the love of the Living God. Jesus revealed this mystery to us. He spoke to us of God as the Father; He spoke to us of the Spirit; and He spoke to us of Himself as the Son of God. Thus He revealed this mystery to us. After He rose, He sent the disciples to evangelize to the peoples, He told them to baptize them “in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” (Mt 28:19). This command is entrusted by Christ in all ages to the Church, which has inherited the missionary mandate from the Apostles. He also directs it to each one of us who, through the power of Baptism, are part of his Community.

Therefore, today’s liturgical solemnity, while making us contemplate the amazing mystery from which we come and toward which we are going, renews for us the mission of living in communion with God and living in communion among ourselves on the model of the divine communion. We are called to live not as one without the others, above or against the others, but one with the others, for the others, and in the others. This means to accept and witness in harmony the beauty of the Gospel; experiencing love for one another and for all, sharing joy and suffering, learning to ask and grant forgiveness, appreciating various charisms under the guidance of Pastors. In a word, we have been entrusted with the task of edifying ecclesial communities which increasingly become families, capable of reflecting the splendour of the Trinity and evangelizing not only with the words but with the power of the love of God that lives within us.

The Trinity, as I said, is also the ultimate goal toward which our earthly pilgrimage is directed. The journey of Christian life is indeed essentially a “Trinitarian” journey: the Holy Spirit guides us to full knowledge of Christ’s teachings, and also reminds us what Jesus taught us. Jesus, in turn, came into the world to make the Father known to us, to guide us to Him, to reconcile us with Him. Everything in Christian life revolves around the Mystery of the Trinity and is fulfilled according to this infinite mystery. Therefore, we seek to always hold high the “tone” of our life, remembering what goal, what glory we exist for, work for, struggle for, suffer for; and what immense reward we are called to. This mystery embraces our entire life and our entire Christian being. We remember it, for example, each time we make the sign of the Cross: in the name of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. And now I invite you, all together, and out loud, to make this sign of the Cross: “In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit!”.

Ninth Week in Ordinary Time

June 2 - 4

Wednesday 9:00 a.m. +For the Souls of the Faithful Departed: Family & Friends
Pre-registration Required

Thursday 9:00 a.m. For the Intentions of all Parishioners during the Pandemic
Pre-registration Required

First Friday 9:00 a.m. For Donors to the Memorial Fund & Those Named in Memoriam
Pre-registration Required

✠ Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ ✠

June 6, 2021

Saturday 4:30 p.m. For the Intentions of all Parishioners during the Pandemic
Pre-registration Required

Sunday 9:30 a.m. Intentions of the People (*Missa pro populo*)
Pre-registration Required

IN YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER:

- for the Sisters of Saint Joseph, living and deceased, who are celebrating 100 years of religious presence in our Diocese this year, working as teachers, nurses and caregivers for the elderly since their arrival in Pembroke in 1921: may the Lord bless them for their faithful presence and for all the works they have accomplished in our Diocese throughout these many years of devoted service to the people of God;
- those who have been affected by the coronavirus: the sick, the dying, their families and care givers; those who struggle with fear, anxiety and depression; those who have lost their jobs and are suffering economic hardship;
- parishioners who are sick; and those who have died, especially: Don Lascelle.



St. John Chrysostom Parish uses *flocknote* to register parishioners and send out weekly newsletters by email. Email the parish office to sign up!

~ PARISH STEWARDSHIP ~

SUNDAY OFFERING: May 23 - \$2,066.25

Thank you for your continuing commitment during these difficult times. **Sunday Envelope Offerings can also be put through the mail slot on the parish office door.**

DIRECT DEPOSIT: Why not use direct deposit for the sake of convenience and for the continual support of our parish? Just call the parish office to set it up! We have 53 parishioners who have chosen this option.

CHURCH EXTERIOR RESTORATION COLLECTION: The amount of \$3,870.00 from the month of April was recently sent to the Chancery Office in Pembroke. Thank you!

This monthly appeal continues on the last Sunday of the month using a special envelope and collection dedicated to the Church Exterior Restoration Debt. These envelopes have been inserted into every box of Sunday Collection envelopes and are also available on the racks at the entrance of the church.

SUPPORT THE FUTURE OF YOUR CHURCH: Consider a bequest to St. John Chrysostom Exterior Restoration Project through your will and leave an extraordinary legacy gift for the glory of God and to ensure that future generations continue to have a home to celebrate our Christian Faith.

ECCLESIA: There is a survey on the last page of our diocesan newspaper that the editorial committee would appreciate you filling out and returning in the collection basket at any Mass. Deadline for the surveys to be submitted is July 30th. Thank you for your participation in this endeavor. Please note that the May issue of Ecclesia can now be found on our website at <https://pembrokediocese.com/ecclesia/>.

THE EVANGELIZATION TEAM: As many of you may know, the great project of evangelization of our diocese has been underway under the direction of Bishop Desrochers and the Evangelization Team members. In order for this to become a success, we need your help. A prayer has been written and adopted by our Evangelization Team, and we ask that you pray this prayer for the success of this project and for the benefit of all the people of our diocese. Prayer cards will be arriving soon.