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God so loved the world that he gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him. Whoever believes in Him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God” (John 3:16-18).



Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.

2 Corinthians 13:11

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

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SPEAKING OF THE TRINITY

The Holy Trinity is one of those mysteries that we will never understand, yet we still believe. A homiletics teacher once warned never to speak of the Trinity for more than ten minutes, or for sure you would get into heresy. Good advice. It is easy to talk in circles around this great mystery and never get close to understanding three Persons in One God. We are only one person each, and never one in being with another person. So how can we possibly understand this? We can't. But we can contemplate the varied faces of Father, Spirit, and Son as they are presented to us in today's scriptures, and give glory to God and believe.

GLORY AND PRAISE FOREVER

When Moses went up Mount Sinai, God revealed the divine Self to him by name. "The LORD, the LORD, a merciful and gracious God" (Exodus 34:6). In the Old Testament, we are accustomed to assuming that the "Lord God" indicates the Father only. But in the retrospect with which we look at these readings, we can see that the title is inclusive of the three persons of the Trinity. Never has there been any separation of the three persons in one God, and although there may be mention of only one person, it is understood that all three persons are present. Jesus taught many times that he and the Father are one, and that the Holy Spirit would come upon us and remind us of all things. We believe in God, creator of all that is, the Son, redeemer of our human lives and giver of eternal life, and the Holy Spirit, inspiration of the prophets and lover of all humanity; holy Wisdom, inspiring in us the understanding of all things holy.

GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD

When we hear in the oft-quoted text in John 3:16 that "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life," we begin to see how language that expresses the sending of the Son fails to express the unity of the Holy Trinity. This failure of human language in the presence of the mystery of the Trinity is what makes it so hard to explain and comprehend.

So how can we respond when we see a reference to "God"? We can strive to remember that God is three persons, not just one as we are, but one in being. Our best response is praise to the Holy Trinity. "Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, to God who is, who was, and who is to come." And we can bless each other when we pray with Saint Paul, "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you" (2 Corinthians 13:13).

TODAY'S READINGS

Exodus 34:4b–6, 8–9
 Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55
 2 Corinthians 13:11–13
 John 3:16–18

PRAYERS TO THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

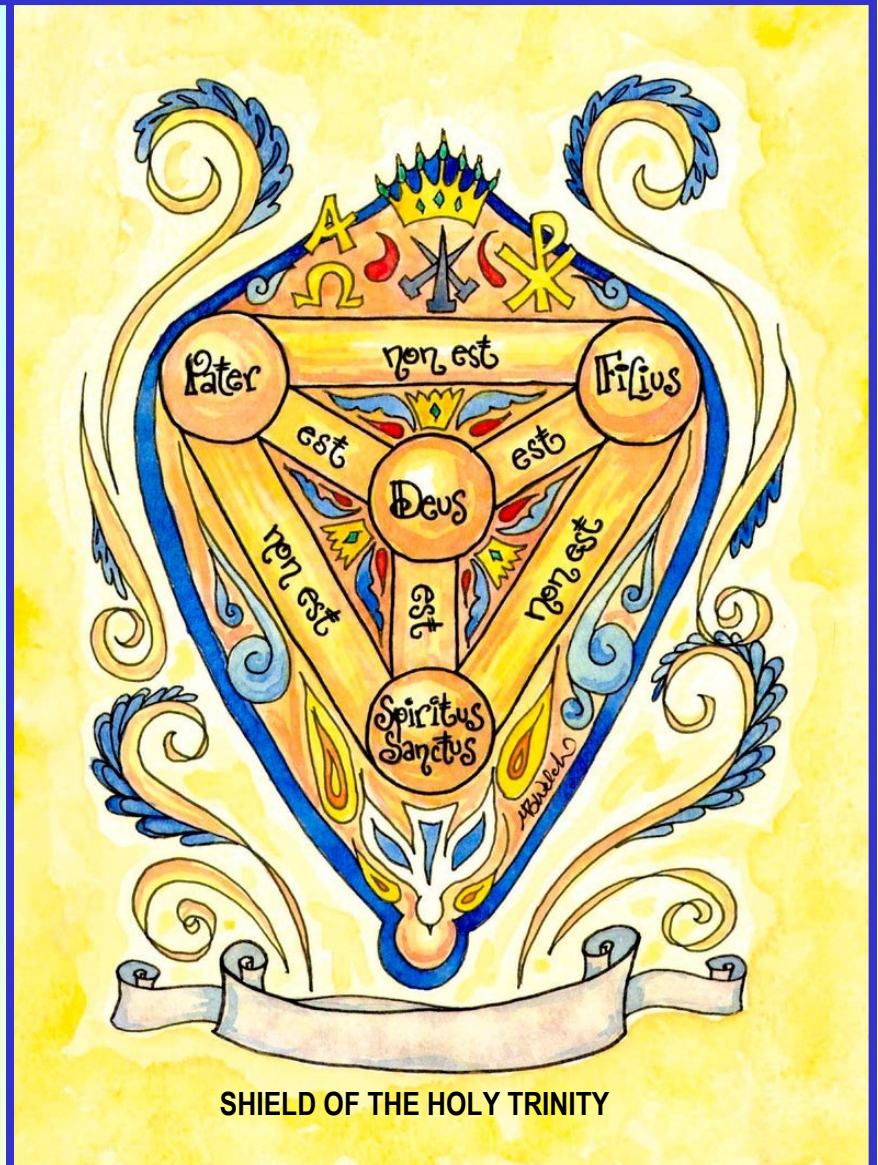
The Father is my hope. The Son is my refuge. The Holy Spirit is my protector. Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, now and forever. Let us praise the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit; let us bless and exalt God above all forever! Almighty and everlasting God, to whom we owe the grace of professing the True Faith, grant that while acknowledging the glory of the eternal Trinity and adoring its unity, we may through your majestic power be confirmed in this Faith and defended against all adversities; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

O Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore Thee profoundly. I offer Thee the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifferences by which He is offended.

Glory be to the Father, Who by His almighty power and love created me, making me in the image and likeness of God.

Glory be to the Son, Who by His Precious Blood delivered me from Hell, and opened for me the gates of Heaven.

Glory be to the Holy Spirit, Who has sanctified me in the Sacrament of Baptism, and continues to sanctify me by the graces I receive daily from His bounty. glory be to the Three adorable Persons of the Holy Trinity, now and forever. Amen.



SHIELD OF THE HOLY TRINITY

O Omnipotence of the Father, help my frailty and save me from the depths of misery.

O Wisdom of the Son, direct all my thoughts, my words, and my deeds.

O Love of the Holy Spirit, be the source of all the actions of my mind, that they may always be conformed to God's good pleasure. Amen.

SUPPORT GPS!

Dear St. Therese Parishioners,
 During the coronavirus stay-at-home mandate, GPS-Guadalupe Pregnancy Services, as an "essential service," needs your support



now more than ever in order to continue to **provide life-affirming, compassionate care to mothers, babies, and their families.**

Since we are not able to distribute baby bottles as we normally do, please help GPS-Guadalupe Pregnancy Services in one of the following ways:

- Pick up a baby bottle from the porch at the Parish offices (510 N. El Molino St); fill it with coins and bills, and return it during daytime hours (ring the bell to let someone know you're placing it there).
- Donate online at <http://www.pregnancy-gps.org/Donate.html>
- Mail a check (made payable to GPS) to Guadalupe Pregnancy Services, Post Office Box 1192, Alhambra, CA 91802.

Note: Your donation is tax-deductible!

THE CLOISTERED NUNS

The Auxiliary for the Cloistered Carmelite Nuns would like to thank everyone who donated earlier this year to the Fr. Jerome Appeal for the support of our very special neighbors, the Discalced Carmelite Cloistered Nuns.

Your generous donations have totaled over \$18,000, all of which goes towards the support of the nuns. If you were unable to donate earlier and would like to donate now, that would be very appreciated. Just put your check in any envelope marked "Fr. Jerome Appeal" and send it to the Nuns' Monastery at 215 East Alhambra Road, Alhambra 91801.

God bless you!



ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY BABY SHOWER

These are essential items of which we are running low:

FOR BABIES:

- Baby Shampoo and Wash
- Baby Lotion
- Diaper Rash Cream
- Cornstarch Baby Powder
- Baby Spoons/Forks
- Socks Boys/Girls (12/18 months)
- Clothing Girls (9/12/24 months)



- Clothing Boys (9/18 months)
- Wash Cloths / Bath Towels
- Diapers Size 4, 5 & 6
- Pull-ups Size 2T/3T
- Baby Wipes
- Baby Formula
- Baby Food Jars
- Toys



FOR MOMS:

- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Deodorant
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Lotion
- Bar Soap/ Body Wash
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Dish Soap
- Detergent
- Cleaning Products
- Disinfectant Wipes
- Lysol
- Hand Sanitizer

FOOD PANTRY ITEMS:

- Cereal /Oatmeal
- Juice
- Canned Fruits & Vegetables
- Canned Meats & Fish
- Rice /Beans
- Snacks/Cookies



LIVE STREAMED DAILY MASS!

Praise God!

The Church has reopened!

Remember, the Dispensation is still in effect for those who don't feel safe attending Mass FOR ANY REASON, including being around large groups of people, being 65 and over, being immuno-compromised or being vulnerable in any way, etc. For you we will continue to **LIVE STREAM Mass** every day of the week on Facebook and YouTube.

To view, just go to our **Facebook page** at <https://www.facebook.com/stthereseoflisieuxalhambra> and scroll down until you see the most recent live streamed Mass (see a red box that says, "Live"). You can easily

access it from the Home Page of our website (just click on the word Facebook in the right column, and it will take you to our page—no need to be a Facebook member). Sometime after each Mass airs, you can access it from our website (link: **LIVE STREAMED MASSES**) AND from our **YouTube Channel**. Go to the YouTube app on your Smart TV's and search for St. Therese Roman Catholic Church. Click on that and then choose the Mass for the day and watch it on a **big screen TV**.



Praise God for His goodness!

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS *"...for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7)*

May God reward you!

Below you will find the total collections for the last few weekends.

May 14–21, 2020

Unrestricted.....	\$18,842.00
Restricted.....	\$ 4,724.00
TOTAL.....	\$23,566.00

April 13-19.....	\$21,310.00
April 20-26.....	\$ 7,254.00
April 27–May 13..	\$44,848.00
May 14-21.....	\$ 7,407.00

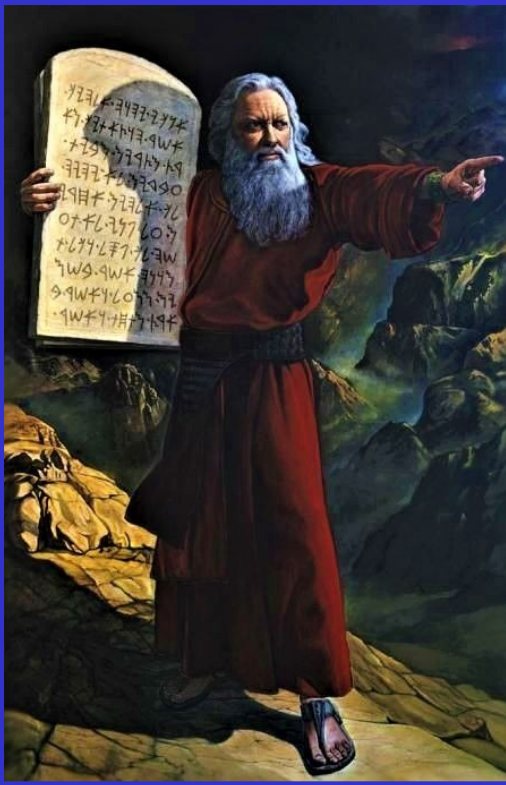
Check Users:
Please use a donation envelope in order to more easily credit your account.

God bless you for continuing to support the Parish. We are grateful to you and to all who sent donations to our School in response to my letter asking for financial help on its behalf, and those who responded to my "ugly bathroom" message.

We are so blessed to have such caring, loving parishioners. You are in our daily thoughts and prayers.



SCRIPTURE MEDITATION



Moses is a man after our own hearts, for haven't we all dealt with more than our share of stiff-necked people? Indeed, haven't we all gotten a little stiff-necked ourselves at times? Complaining . . . impatient . . . quick to anger.

How lucky for Moses—how lucky for all of us—that God is exactly the opposite! And we don't even have to guess about it. The Lord tells us so directly. Accordingly, Moses does what we all need to do. Even with the tablets in hand, he bows down and asks for God's forgiveness and grace.

Encouraging us to live together in peace—and in God's favor—the Apostle Paul knows all about this grace, joyfully invoking Christ's grace on us, along with God's love, and the Holy Spirit's power. "Rejoice," he says. And when it comes to rejoicing, John offers us the gladdest words of all: the assurance of eternal life through Jesus.

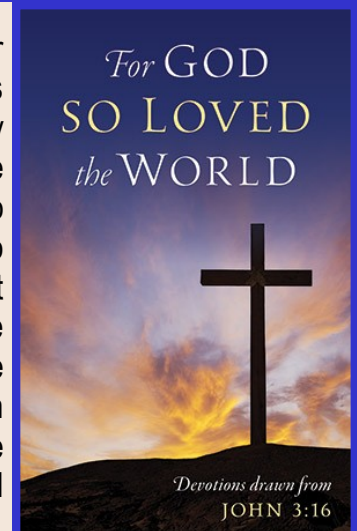
Why Does God Love Us?

Why does God love us so much? And why are we able to love others? The answer to these questions is found in the meaning of today's feast. Trinity Sunday celebrates not so much an idea of three-in-one, as the relationship of the Persons of the Trinity with each other and with us. The idea of the Trinity is based on love. But God's love was so great, God went even further. God created us to be loved by God. Though human love is not perfect, the love of man and woman can produce another person, a child. The three Persons of the Trinity share one life in God. But through baptism we also share in God's life. Just as parents love to see how their children look like them, so God loves to see the divine in us.

HOLY TRINITY
The Father is my trust,
the Son is my refuge,
the Holy Spirit I
is my protection.
O holy Trinity,
glory to Thee.

—Byzantine Horologion
Troparion at Nocturns
Sixth Century

Our decision to love is a response to God's love, and our ability to love is itself a gift from God. The meaning of life, the universe, and everything is Love, the love of the Trinity for each other and for us. The question now is, how well do we use that gift of God's love by loving each other?



Mass Intentions

The Most Holy Trinity

For the Week of June 6 through June 13, 2020

Saturday:

5:00 p.m.: Taylor Fieux, Birthday INT

Sunday

*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Frances, OCD, Birthday INT

7:30 a.m.: Winston Goh, INT

9:00 a.m.: Parishioners

11:00 a.m.: Daisy Torres, RIP

1:00 p.m.: (Latin): Fr. David Guzman, OCD, INT

5:00 p.m.: Martina Ng Cha, RIP

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Kim Ki Chul, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: David Steele, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Ruby Moreno, Birthday INT

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Park Ho Soon Maria, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Marty & Merle Smith, INT

8:00 a.m.: Alex Resurreccion, RIP

WEDNESDAY

6:00 a.m.: Teddy Yang, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Kristianti Kwee, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Linda Kay Hesse, RIP

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Lorelei Gilliam, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: George & Yolanda Rossy, INT

8:00 a.m.: Julia Zepeda, INT

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Gabriel Anyanwu & Family, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Angelle Francis Laigo, INT

8:00 a.m.: Daisy Torres, RIP

Saturday:

6:00 a.m.: Gabriel Anyanwu & Family INT

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community

8:00 a.m.: Dulce Lagdameo, RIP

*Held at the [Carmelite Chapel, 215 East Alhambra Road](#). Open to the public except on Sundays and holidays.

**THE NUNS' CHAPEL IS
BACK OPEN FOR
PUBLIC WORSHIP
EVERY DAY BUT
SUNDAY!**

Throughout the liturgical cycle of Sundays and seasons, there are certain days that invite us to focus on particular aspects of our faith. Today is such a day, when we celebrate the solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. On this Sunday after Pentecost, we reflect on the mystery of our Triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. From the moment of creation, through the encounter of Moses with God on the mountain, through Christ's life, death, and resurrection, with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, our understanding and appreciation of God's very life has unfolded and deepened. Jesus came into the world to make God's life and love known, the love of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, that brings us peace.

At moments in our lives we may wonder how we know who God is or what God is like. Today's readings help us to feel secure in placing our faith in God and being assured of God's unfailing love. When Moses went up the mountain as the Lord had commanded him, God powerfully described Himself, "The Lord, the Lord, a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity." Jesus shows us the depths of this life of God. He came not to condemn the world but to save it. As people in relationship with God, we often fail. We walk away from God's ways, fall into sinfulness, and then, with the Lord's grace, come to our senses and return. God's words to Moses and the very life of Jesus show us that when we do so, we can still rely on God's mercy and kindness, because love is God's very nature.

We might consider this testimony to the life and love of God and think to ourselves, so what? Knowing that God loves us is reassuring, but as followers of Jesus, we are called to become more like Him. When others look at us, they should be able to say that we are "merciful and gracious, slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity." This gets at the heart of what it means to be a Christian. Our daily decisions, words, and actions are to reflect the merciful graciousness of God. We are able to do this through the indwelling power and presence of the Holy Spirit. **In what ways are you becoming more Christ-like?** May the grace of the Lord, love of God, and fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you as you renew your commitment to show and share God's kindness to others!