

Christ Child Catholic Church
*Dedicated to Growth in Christ and to the
Challenges of Loving Service*

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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY
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1st reading, Exodus 34: 4b-6, 8-9
Moses Makes New Tablets

In this stunning self-revelation, Yahweh doubled the word **Lord** to say, “This is who I Am.” **Merciful** and **gracious** go together-He is extensively gracious. **Longsuffering** is a comic theme in Hebrew; it means “long of nose” in the sense that it takes a great deal to make the Lord angry. The most important phrase is **abounding in goodness and truth**. These words (in Greek) describe Jesus in John 1:14 as “full of grace and truth.” When we pray for wisdom, we are actually asking God to develop in us a skill for facing the issues of life. Thankfully, He promises that when we ask for wisdom, He will be faithful to answer.

2nd reading, 2 Corinthians 13: 11-13

Greeting and Benediction

Paul’s final words to the Corinthians include an exhortation to become **complete**. Other translations capture the spirit of Paul’s advice by saying: “aim for perfection.” Each day, believers should grow more like Christ, who is perfect in every way. Sinless perfection is not possible in this life, but with the Spirit’s help, God’s children can aim higher, trusting

that Christ, who began His good work in them, will someday complete it.

The Gospel, John 3: 16-18

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”

This single verse tells more about God and His plan for this world than any other verse in the Bible. God gave the most extravagant thing He could to demonstrate His love for lost humankind, summoning and sending His **only begotten Son** to pay the debt for sin.

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

Galatians 4:6

This brings us to the liturgy. References to the Trinity abound in it. Consider just a few. We baptize and confirm “in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.”

The Church also anoints the sick and absolves penitent sinners “in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The most frequent mention of the Trinity, however, occurs in the Mass. Besides beginning and ending “in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,” the Mass is filled with prayers to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Typical is the Creed, which we will recite on Sundays and solemnities in the Profession of Faith. It begins with God the Father as Creator, moves to God the Son as Savior, and ends with God the Holy Spirit as life-giver.

This brings us to the question: “Which person of the Trinity do we relate to best?”

Do we relate best to the Father, who created us and loves us more than we love ourselves?

Or do we relate best to the Son, who lived among us and showed his love by dying on the cross for us?

Or do we relate best to the Holy Spirit, whom the Father and the Son sent upon us to guide us in the way of truth and holiness? Or do we relate to all three persons in a general way under the single title of God?

Sacrament of Reconciliation

By request or appointment

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

Call the office for an appointment

Anointing of the Sick

Celebrated biannually at Mass or individually

For Pregnancy Support

Birthing 241-8444 or 800-550-4900

MASS INTENTIONS June 6 - 12

Saturday		+ Summer Reeves
Sunday		+ Leslie Richard Olsen
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Leslie Ann Olsen
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	+ Alexis Oliver
Friday	9:00 a.m.	The Oliver Family

Hello all,

I sincerely appreciate your cards and notes and prayers. I am well and taken very great care of my son Eric and daughter-in-law Cate. It is very beautiful here and the weather has been great, sunny and warm. Montana has very few cases of the virus. None at all in this county.

We all think at this time that there has never been anything so wide spread as this. Well, there was; it was called World War II. All levels of society and government were messed about...

You wonder why Laramie, my home town is a target. Well if the UP railroad was there impacted, supplies and troops could not be moved along. Which brings me back to say, yes there have been even stranger times than now and things could be worse?

Love and best wishes to you all,

Shirley Hoyt

May 28, 2020

Dear brother priests and deacons,

The official date of our re-opening for weekend Mass is to be on Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, June 13/14th.

If you would like to begin having daily mass (as a means of getting used to the protocols, cleaning, etc.), I would suggest that you begin this on **Monday, June 8th...**

I think this gives you and your staff some time to read, review, plan and train your ministers or whomever is going to help you in celebrating the weekend and daily liturgies, as well as in cleaning, sanitizing our places of worship.... These have been and will continue to be challenging times. I am certain that there will be tweaking of our guidelines as we work our way through this pandemic and look forward to returning to the many wonderful celebrations we have all been longing to celebrate.

Please be assured of my prayers for you and your communities. I ask you to pray for me.

In Christ,

+ **Most Reverend Daniel E. Garcia**

Bishop of Monterey

From the Athanasian Creed, which dates back to the fourth century?

“Now this is the Catholic faith.... We worship one God in three persons and three persons in one God, without confusing the persons nor dividing the divine being.

For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is still another.

But there is one God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, all equal in glory and eternal majesty...

This is the true faith that we believe... This is the Catholic faith.”