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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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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, the love of God that brings us peace.

GOD IS MERCIFUL AND GRACIOUS

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.

CALLED TO BE LIKE GOD

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, and may help us place our faith and trust in the Lord, but something more naturally follows—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!

Today’s Readings: Ex 34:4b–6, 8–9; Dn 3:52, 54, 55; 2 Cor 13:11–13; Jn 3:16–18



We encourage you to take notes as you reflect on this week readings / homily:

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Early in the morning Moses went up to Mount Sinai as the LORD had commanded him, taking along the two stone tablets. Exodus 34:4



MAKER OF HEAVEN AND EARTH

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. At every Mass we pray the Nicene Creed together. This prayer is one way we profess our belief in the Trinity. The Creed begins with a threefold statement:

- "I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth,"
- "I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ," and
- "I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life."

Let us think about God, "the maker of heaven and earth." Take some time to name all the things in heaven and on earth that have been given to us as gifts from God the Creator. Today is Father's Day in the United States, so think about the gifts and love our fathers, grandfathers, uncles, and other important men in our lives have given us.



Thank you, Creator God, for the colors and songs of birds.

Summer begins next week. We all enjoy being outside in the warm sunshine, swimming in pools and lakes, and traveling to see places and people we haven't seen before. Invite your family to help you begin collecting pictures for a book you will title *Our Creation Collection*. Take pictures or draw beautiful or unusual plants you notice. If you visit a zoo or a farm this summer, take a picture or draw your favorite animals. You might even be able to take a picture of a bird perched on a tree or bush near your home. If your family likes to go fishing, you can take a picture or draw the fish you see or catch. Take pictures or draw lovely scenes of mountains or lakes. Take pictures or draw the people you love.

Put your pictures in an album or create a video collection. Under each picture write a few words thanking God for the created wonders we all get to share. You might want to bring it to school with you at the end of the summer to share with your classmates.

Trabajen por su perfección, anímense mutuamente,
vivan en paz y armonía. Y el Dios del amor y de la paz estará con ustedes.

2 Corintios 13:11



LA SANTÍSIMA TRINIDAD

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Hay momentos en nuestra vida en los que podemos preguntarnos cómo sabemos quién es Dios o cómo es. Las lecturas de hoy nos ayudan a sentirnos seguros al poner nuestra fe en Dios y a estar seguros del amor constante de Dios. Cuando Moisés subió a la montaña, como le había ordenado el Señor, Dios poderosamente se expuso. “El Señor, el Señor, un Dios misericordioso y compasivo, lento para enojarse y rico en misericordia y bondad”. Jesús nos muestra las profundidades de esta vida en Dios. Él no vino a condenar al mundo sino a salvarlo. Como personas en una relación con Dios, a menudo fallamos. Nos alejamos de los senderos de Dios, caemos en el pecado y luego, con la gracia de Dios, venimos a nuestros sentidos y regresamos. Las palabras de Dios a Moisés y la misma vida de Jesús nos muestran que cuando lo hacemos, todavía podemos confiar en la misericordia y bondad de Dios, porque el amor es la misma naturaleza de Dios.

LLAMADOS A SER COMO DIOS

Podríamos considerar este testimonio de la vida y amor de Dios y pensar “¿y qué?” Sabiendo que Dios nos ama es alentador y nos puede ayudar a poner nuestra fe y confianza en el Señor, pero algo más naturalmente fluye, como seguidores de Jesús, se nos llama a seguir su ejemplo. Cuando otros nos miran, ellos deberían poder decir que somos “misericordiosos y bondadosos, lentos para enojarnos y ricos en amabilidad y fidelidad”. Esto llega al corazón de lo que significa ser una persona cristiana. Nuestras decisiones de cada día, palabras y acciones reflejan la misericordia y gracia de Dios. Podemos hacer esto a través de la fuerza interna y presencia del Espíritu Santo. ¿De qué maneras te estás volviendo más como Cristo? ¡Qué la gracia del Señor, el amor de Dios y la comunión del Espíritu Santo estén contigo y renueven su compromiso de mostrar y compartir la bondad de Dios con los demás!

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