

# Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

## May 27, 2018

### Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>

5 P.M. – Stanley & Millie Kutac

Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>

7 A.M. – Dorothy Dworsky

9 A.M. – Victor & Cecilia Bujnoch

### Sanctuary Candle Intention

The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week for all those who gave their lives in service to our country and for all the men and women who are currently serving in the military.

### This Sunday's Holy Scriptures

Dt 4:32-34, 39-40; Rm 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20

### Your Gift to God: May 20<sup>th</sup>

Sweet Home	\$1,036
Online Giving	\$520
Building Fund	\$20
DSA	\$20
Special Collection	\$190
Koerth	\$892
Building Fund	\$35
Special Collection	\$141

*May God reward your generosity!*

### Celebrate the Lord's Abundant Mercy

Each Saturday the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance/Confession) is available from 4:00 P.M. to 4:40 P.M. in the Sweet Home confessional.

### Holiday: Parish Office

The Parish Office will be closed Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup> in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.

*"I am with you always,  
until the end of the age."*

### Remembering and Honoring

The freedom we enjoy and cherish in our country is owed in great part to the many who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to this great nation. On this Memorial Day weekend it is necessary to remember and honor those who have given of themselves in their dedication and devotion to the cause of freedom.

Older parishioners in these parts will recall how one of our own, Fr. Marcus Valenta, who was stationed at Pearl Harbor in 1941, always would add a prayer at every Mass for those serving our country. Hopefully each of us can as well—not just those who have died—but also those men and women who continue to demonstrate their patriotism and sacrifice in the military and armed services of our country and for their families who await their return safe and sound!

### Prayer for Memorial Day

God of power and mercy, you destroy war and put down earthly pride. Banish violence from our midst and wipe away our tears, that we may all deserve to be called your sons and daughters. Keep in your mercy those men and women who have died in the cause of freedom and bring them safely into your kingdom of justice and peace. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*God bless*



*our men and  
women in service*

**-Calling All Youth-  
You are Invited!**

**2018 Vacation Bible School**

**July 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>**

**St. Joseph Family Center**

**9:00 A.M. – 12-noon**

Students entering grades K-6 will be VBS campers  
Students entering grades 7-12 will be VBS helpers

Adult helpers are also needed

Please contact Jana Guajardo at 361-648-3863 or  
faithformation@stj catholicchurch.com

**VBS Day Includes:**

River Run Storytelling; Plunge-In Bible Challenge;  
Fireside Snacks; White Water Games; River Riffs  
Music & Dance, and Sandbar Crafts

**VBS Daily Colors:**

Monday – Yellow; Tuesday – Red;  
Wednesday – Purple; Thursday – Green;  
Friday – Blue

**\*Safe Environment Student Awareness\***  
will take place Monday, July 9<sup>th</sup> during snack  
times.

**\*Friday, July 13<sup>th</sup> – Parents are invited to our\***  
**Closing Celebration at 11:45 A.M.**

Application forms are available at the  
entrance of the church and at the St. Joseph  
Pastoral Center.

**Sacred Heart  
Teen ACTS Retreat  
July 19-22**

The Sacred Heart Teen ACTS Retreat will be held  
**July 19-22** at Cathedral Oaks in Weimar, Texas.  
Cost is \$160.00 (\$30.00 registration fee will be  
credited to retreat fee). Retreatants will depart  
from Hallettsville on July 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 P.M. and  
return July 22<sup>nd</sup> for 10:30 A.M. Mass in  
Hallettsville. Registration forms are available at the  
back of the church.

**Area Picnics**

**Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup>**

Sacred Heart Parish – Hallettsville KC Hall  
Sts. Cyril & Methodius – KC Park, Shiner

**Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup>**

Holy Cross Czech & Klobase Festival  
Riverside Hall, East Bernard

**Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup>**

St. Mary's – St. Mary's Parish Hall, Hallettsville  
St. Rose of Lima – KC Hall, Schulenburg  
Our Lady of Guadalupe – Parish Gym, Bay City

**Sunday, June 17<sup>th</sup>**

St. John the Baptist – FM 1383, Ammansville

**Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup>**

Sts. Peter & Paul - Plum

**Diocesan Catechist Rally**

Those involved in Faith Formation/CCD...mark  
your calendars! "We are Catechists, Witnessing for  
Jesus: Living as Missionary Disciples" is the theme  
for the 2018 Catechist Rally which will be held on  
**Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup>**, at the Cathedral Center, next  
to the Cathedral of Our Lady of Victory, Victoria,  
Texas. The Catechist Rally is a Catechist  
appreciation and recognition event. All Catechist  
and Parish Catechetical Leaders are invited to  
attend.

**The Trinity's tips for your  
family**

Tom Hoopes

*Father, Son, and Holy Spirit aren't so  
hard to imitate, really.*

This Sunday is Trinity Sunday, a day we badly need. It is  
a feast about unity that preserves multiplicity: The feast  
celebrating the Three who is also One, the one God who  
is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

By imitating the Trinity, the master of unity, we can  
relearn a unity that builds up a true individuality.

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

### **1: Brag about your spouse or your family.**

We have all heard that the Trinity is the model of the human family. Just as the love of Father and Son is a person, the Holy Spirit, so too, the love of husband and wife becomes a new person — a child. Just as those Persons are all equal and all one, family members are also equal and one.

But have you noticed how the Trinity “Family” behaves? In the Gospel for the Second Sunday of Lent, the Son stood on Mount Tabor by a pillar of cloud representing the Spirit as the Father declared, “This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.” On the second-to-last Sunday of Lent, the Father’s voice returned, declaring that his Son glorifies his name.

This is the constant dynamic in the Trinity — each person puts the spotlight on the other.

The same dynamic works in families. Praise the good you see in each person — to their faces and behind their backs — and watch the momentum of unity build.

### **2: Don’t take credit**

Another dynamic of Trinitarian life showed up in one of the Gospel options for Pentecost.

“When the Advocate comes whom I will send you from the Father, the Spirit of truth that proceeds from the Father, he will testify to me.”

Notice how much information is packed into that sentence: Jesus gives credit to the Father, and the Father gives credit to the Son, both through the Spirit.

The Trinity’s actions can’t be separated. Who saved mankind? Was it the Father who gave his Son, or the Son who gave his life, or the Spirit who followed? The answer is: All of them did.

It is the same in family life. The less credit we take in our lives, the better things go. If you need to be appreciated and thanked for everything you do, you will do little. Likewise, the more you are willing to appreciate and thank others, they more love you will experience.

### **3: Act in your family’s name.**

In this Sunday’s Gospel, watch how the Apostles are sent forth.

“All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me,” says Jesus. “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing 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.”

All power is Jesus’ — but he wants human beings to share the work, and the glory, in his name.

It is the same way in the family. The man who wants to go his own way in the world will usually achieve far less than the man who builds his family’s place in the world. Striving to make others look good always beats striving to take care of yourself alone.

### **5: Pray like you’re a member of God’s family.**

St. Paul in the Second Reading tells us that we need to be able to imitate the Trinity. He says that, “you received a Spirit of adoption, through whom we cry, ‘Abba, Father!’”

The Catechism spells it out this way: Baptism makes us “a new creature,’ an adopted son of God, who has become a ‘partaker of the divine nature.’”

If it seems hard to build the unity our family needs, we should realize that we don’t merely imitate the unity of the Trinity — we inherit it as a birthright in our baptism, and maximize its effect through prayer.

### **6: Suffer for your family ... and for your faith.**

You can always tell a true family member by how much they are willing to sacrifice. It was true when Solomon used self-sacrifice to discover a true mother and it is true in stories like Chiara Corbella’s today.

St. Paul in the Second Reading adds that that we are “joint heirs with Christ, if only we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.”

In his new document on holiness, Pope Francis praises “the daily humiliations of those who keep silent to save their families, who prefer to praise others rather than boast about themselves, or who choose the less welcome tasks, at times even choosing to bear an injustice so as to offer it to the Lord.”

He even offers a prayer: “Lord, when humiliations come, help me to know that I am following in your footsteps.”

What are we willing to suffer for our families?

*Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit,  
That my thoughts may all be holy.  
Act in me, O Holy Spirit,  
That my work, too, may be holy.  
Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit,  
That I love but what is holy.  
Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit,  
To defend all that is holy.  
Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit,  
That I always may be holy.*