

**Pastor's Corner**  
*The Blessed Trinity and Father's Day*

**The Blessed Trinity.** Belief in the Blessed Trinity is a central belief and great mystery of our faith. We believe in one God, but three persons of God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. This is not something we can perceive but something revealed to us by God. In Scripture, we see God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit in action at the Annunciation, the Baptism of Jesus, the Last Supper, Calvary and the Ascension. We tend to attribute the work of creation to God the Father, the work of redemption to God the Son and the work of sanctification to God the Holy Spirit, but in truth, the Trinity is the cause of all these works.

There are many things to say about the Trinity. Volumes have been written on this subject. However, the essential point to understand is that God is a community of distinct persons bound together by love. The Father loves the Son; the Son loves the Father; the Holy Spirit is the bond of love between the Father and the Son. When God created us humans, God designed the unity, the diversity and the bond of love of God into each of us.

One of the most popular artistic images of the Trinity is an icon from the 15<sup>th</sup> Century Russian painter, Andrei Rublev. It is the image on the cover of this week's bulletin: the three visitors to Abraham in Genesis 18:1-118. The visitors represent God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit; they are distinct persons but sit in a circle that represents their unity and with a gaze that suggests their eternal bond of love.

As we celebrate Trinity Sunday, may we understand that love is our origin, our destiny and our mission – and may the love of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit animate everything we do.

**Father's Day.** In creating humankind, God chose to give each of us an earthly father to model the fatherhood of God. An earthly father gives us life and is commissioned by God to provide for our needs, protect us and defend us. I am incredibly grateful to my own father for his provision, love and support, and particularly for keeping our family together after the death of our mother at an early age.

As we celebrate Father's Day, we remember the good our fathers have done, thank them for their many acts of service and love. May God bless our fathers with the grace, faith and strength they need to be good fathers after God's own heart.

A very happy Father's Day to all dads!

God bless,  
Fr. Joe