

Dear Padre,

I unsuccessfully tried using a clover to explain the Trinity to a non-Catholic relative. She says the leaves are separate and share a single stem, so it doesn't mean they're one entity. How can I help her understand?

Legend tells us St. Patrick used a shamrock to speak about the God who is one and three, but that doesn't mean everyone will find the clover imagery convincing. It took hundreds of years, many arguments, and multiple Church councils to refine the basic outline of orthodox Christian belief in the Trinitarian nature of God. So, it's no great shock that you can't easily break it down into convincing sound bites for a resistant relative.

You should concentrate on the way humans came to know the Trinitarian God, how we have encountered the God who is at once Father, Son, and Spirit in the events of history and revelation. In sharing the way Christians have gradually understood what we do about the nature of the God who saves us, you can speak of how that understanding leads us to pray. Perhaps you can relate the Trinitarian concept to something more recognizable: the idea of a father and son, and the spirit of love that exists between them and also pours from them.

At our liturgies, we have a distinct pattern of praying to the Father, through the Son, in the Spirit. There's more than a shamrock to discuss in all of that. And remember the Creed we pray each Sunday. Discussions like yours are what the Creed was made for.

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Calendar

Monday
MAY 31

Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Zep 3:14–18a
 or Rom 12:9–16
 Lk 1:39–56

Tuesday
JUNE 1

St. Justin, Martyr
 Tb 2:9–14
 Mk 12:13–17

Wednesday
JUNE 2

Weekday
 Tb 3:1–11a, 16–17a
 Mk 12:18–27

Thursday
JUNE 3

St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs
 Tb 6:10–11; 7:1bcde, 9–17; 8:4–9a
 Mk 12:28–34

Friday
JUNE 4

Weekday
 Tb 11:5–17
 Mk 12:35–37

Saturday
JUNE 5

St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr
 Tb 12:1, 5–15, 20
 Mk 12:38–44

Sunday
JUNE 6

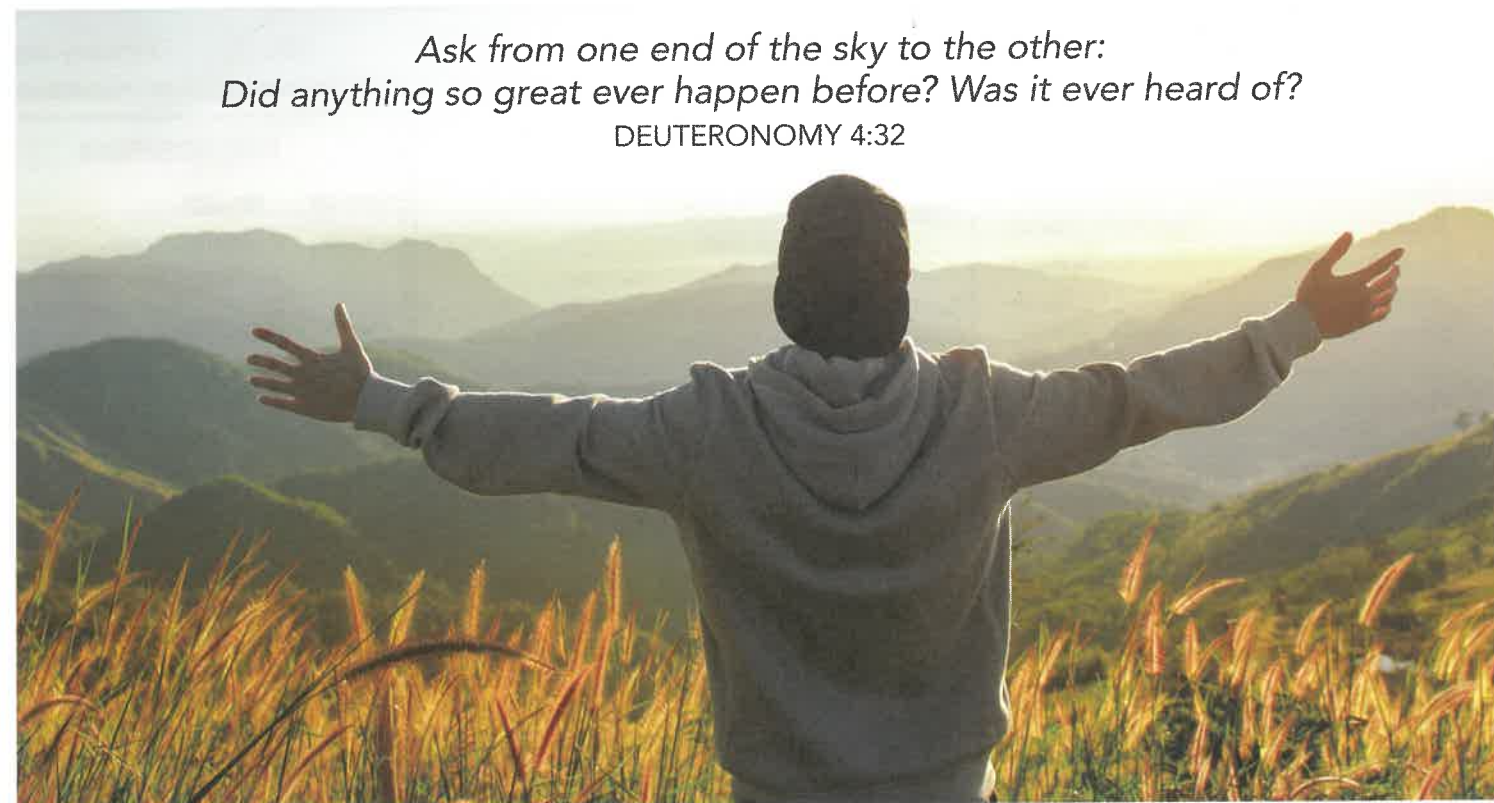
The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)
 Ex 24:3–8
 Heb 9:11–15
 Mk 14:12–16, 22–26

Our Parish COMMUNITY

May 30, 2021

The Most Holy Trinity (B)
 Dt 4:32–34, 39–40
 Rom 8:14–17
 Mt 28:16–20

Ask from one end of the sky to the other:
 Did anything so great ever happen before? Was it ever heard of?
 DEUTERONOMY 4:32



OATAWA / SHUTTERSTOCK

Wow!

Some might think that "Wow!" is an inappropriate, even irreverent response, when talking about God. But what words would be appropriate? There are no words, there are no precise doctrinal statements that even come close to identifying God. The readings for today's feast invite us to ponder, not define, this mystery.

The people at the time of Moses had no concept of a Trinitarian God. However, they were convinced that God worked in their lives. They believed they had been delivered from bondage by God, invited into a special relationship with God, and promised by God a long and fruitful life in a land they could call their own. In other words, they were cared for by God, who demonstrated again and again that they were loved. The Gospel story tells of how Jesus entrusted his disciples with the mission he himself had exercised during his lifetime.

What once might have been considered the special privilege of the nation of Israel was now seen as a promise for all nations. All people could now rely on God's care for them and God's ever-present love. Saint Paul identifies this privilege as the Spirit of adoption.

Today's readings may not paint a clear picture of God or provide a precise definition. God is far beyond any picture or definition. However, each reading gives us a glimpse into the way God works in our lives—inviting us into intimacy, caring for us, loving us. Wow!

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ Spend time thinking how your life has been blessed with goodness.
- ★ Pray the Glory Be slowly and thoughtfully.



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

God loves each one of us even when we make mistakes and distance ourselves from him. God the Father loves the world so much that, in order to save it, he gives what is most precious to him: his only-begotten Son....The Trinity is therefore love, wholly at the service of the world.

ANGELUS, TRINITY SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2020



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Sanctuary Candle

The Sanctuary Candle burns night and day near the tabernacle to honor the presence of Christ. You may arrange to have the Sanctuary Candle at St. John's or Saint Terence burn in memory of a loved one for a week of your choice by contacting the church office. The candle will be booked on a first-come, first-serve basis.

This Week in our Parish

Weekend Masses at St John:

Sat, 4:00 PM Vigil Mass
Sun, 11:00 AM

Sunday Mass at St Terence: 8:00 AM

Weekday Masses at St. John:

Tues, 5:00 PM
Wed—Fri, 8:00 AM

Sunday May 30th

7:30 AM Recitation of Rosary at St Terence
10:30 AM Recitation of Rosary at St John

Wednesday June 2nd

6:00 PM New Eucharistic Minister Training

Thursday June 3rd

6:00 PM Choir Practice

Anointing of the Sick /Ministry to the Sick

Please call the church office if someone is in a hospital, nursing home, shut-in, and would like to be visited or receive the sacraments.

Sacrament of Baptism

Call the office in advance to register for seminar.

Funerals

Arrangements may be made by calling the office

Parish calendar online:

<http://www.stjohnmany.org/calendar>

Sacrament of Matrimony

Couples are required to call the church office at least 6 months prior to the desired wedding date

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday May 29th

- 4:00PM 1. + Sidney Jacobs
2. + Deacon Mike Sullivan
3. + Peter, Maria Hoa & Maria Loan Nguyen
4. + Wanda & Benny Rivers
5. + Father Kenneth Williams

Sunday May 30th

- 8:00AM 1. The Parish Family
2. + Christy Wriborg
3. Norma Bergeron (SI)
11:00AM 1. + Peter, Maria Hoa & Maria Loan Nguyen
2. + Johnny Hungerford
3. + Ben Partida
4. + Cynthia Ward
5. + Herman Meshell

Tuesday June 1st

- 5:00PM 1. + Deacon Mike Sullivan

Wednesday June 2nd

- 8:00PM 1. + Sidney Jacobs

Thursday June 3rd

- 8:00PM 1. + Bobbie & Billy Ezernack

Friday June 4th

- 8:00PM 1. + Fr. Kenneth Williams

Mission Statement

We, the people of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church and St Terence Mission, in union with the Holy Father and our Bishop, being filled with the Holy Spirit, strive to promote and deepen the Catholic faith in the lives of all who share in our life together. As Disciples, we seek to worship God and find His kingdom among us and in the world around us. Our calling is to proclaim the Kingdom of God through the proclamation of the Word, the celebration of the Eucharist, the Sacramental life, community service, evangelization, and Christian education.

Parish Support

(Thank you for your generosity!)
May 22nd-23rd, 2021

St John	\$	4610.52
St Terence	\$	931.00

Anniversary Celebration Events / Please Volunteer!

Our 150th anniversary celebration kicks off on **June 27th** and continues through November. For a full calendar of events and ways that you can help, please visit www.stjohnmany.org/anniversary.

Eucharistic Minister Training

There will be a training for new Eucharistic Ministers from Saint Terence and Saint John on **Wednesday, June 2nd at 6PM** at Saint John's Church. Those interested in serving in this important ministry are asked to attend.

150th Anniversary Celebration 1871-2021

Our 150th Anniversary celebration is nearing and we need everyone's help! We are currently accepting donations to fund the various activities that will be taking place over the next few months. If you would like to contribute, you may place your donation in the collection and designate it as "Anniversary Expenses." If you would like to volunteer by helping in other ways, please leave your name at the church office. The calendar of events and volunteer opportunities are located at: www.stjohnmany.org/anniversary.

We are honored that the Papal Nuncio, Archbishop Christophe Pierre will be with us for the Mass of Thanksgiving on **June 27th at 11AM**, officially kicking off our anniversary celebration.

Ordination to the Priesthood

Deacon Raney Johnson will be Ordained to the Priesthood at 10 a.m., June 5, in the Cathedral of Saint John Berchman's. Everyone is invited to attend.

Society of St Vincent de Paul

As we celebrate the mystery of the Trinity, we also realize the mystery of how much God loves and cares for us each day. Believing in this, our lives can then overflow in thanksgiving and praise. Your gift for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will help the poor to believe in the mystery of God's love for them.

Altar Servers: June 5-6, 2021

June 5th: Masen Starks
June 6th: Brandy Soileau & Jacob Ryan

Saint Terence Rummage Sale

Saint Terence will be hosting a Rummage Sale in the Saint John Cafeteria on **June 4th and 5th** to benefit The Lyke Community's Seminarians in Kenya. This is the religious order that Father Francis is a member of. Items for the Rummage Sale may be brought to Saint John the Baptist on **Thursday, June 3 from 8AM-3PM** (no clothes please). We appreciate the help and support of everyone.

Information Search

We're inviting all former parishioners to come back to St. John's and join us for our 150th anniversary. If you know someone who should receive an invitation, please call or email the church office with their name and address.

Anniversary T-shirts on Sale

The commemorative t-shirt for our 150th anniversary is now on sale! Please visit www.stjohnmany.org/anniversary to place your order using a credit card. Shirts cost \$17.66 each, and your family's shirts will be shipped directly to your home. If you do not have a computer and would like to order a shirt, please call the church office for assistance. The deadline to order is June 4.

Altar Flowers

If you would like to have flowers on the altar in honor of or in memory of someone, especially for our anniversary celebration, please contact the church office.

Office Closure

The parish office will be closed on Monday, May 31st in observance of Memorial Day.

Historical Marker Funded

The proposed historical marker for Saint John the Baptist has been funded in its entirety. More details concerning the marker will be forthcoming.

Summer Teen Camps

The Diocese of Shreveport will sponsor two camps for high school students this summer. The weeks will include a ropes course, canoeing, crafts, games, Eucharistic adoration, and Daily Mass. Priests, sisters and seminarians will share their experiences and help campers grow in their faith. The camps will be held on the following weeks: "Beloved" for girls: July 22-25; "Mission Possible" for boys: July 25-28. The cost is \$50. See www.shvcamps.com for more details or registration.