

SAINT MARGARET PARISH WEEKLY BULLETIN

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OFFICE HOURS ARE MON-FRI. 8:30AM-4:30PM
WITH AN HR. OF LUNCH AT 12PM

MASS TIMES

Saturday at 6pm

Sunday 7:30am (Latin), 9:30am, 11:30am

Rosary inside the Church at 10:30am

Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 6pm

Tuesday and Thursday at 8am

**Confessions will begin 30 minutes before
each weekday Mass
and Saturday at 5:15pm**

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Christ's One and Eternal Sacrifice was and is for all humanity. With each Mass offered at the Altar, we give thanks that Christ offers His Sacrifice, keeping close to His Sacred Heart the following:

SUNDAY, MAY 30, PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

MONDAY, MAY 31, Jerome Lynch +

TUESDAY, JUNE 1, Dcn. Chuck Navarrete

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2, Mildred Casper - Vocelka +

THURSDAY, JUNE 3, Erin Brizeno

FRIDAY, JUNE 4, Courtney Gonzales +

SATURDAY, JUNE 5, PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

PRAYERS OF REMEMBRANCE

Let us pray for the eternal rest of those who have gone before us, for the souls of **Mary Gibbs** and **Philip Hampson**. May they now be enjoying the graces of heaven along with our loving Father.

Rest in Peace.

HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY

God our Father, who by sending into the world the Word of truth and the Spirit of sanctification made known to the human race your wondrous mystery, grant us, we pray, that in professing the true faith, we may acknowledge the Trinity of eternal glory and adore your Unity, powerful in majesty. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL MEDITATION

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 28:16-20



Sunday after Sunday we should recall in a spirit of gratitude the gifts which the Blessed Trinity is bestowing upon us. The Father created and predestined us; on the first day of the week He began the work of creation. The Son redeemed us; Sunday is the "Day of the Lord," the day of His resurrection. The Holy Spirit sanctified us, made us His temple; on Sunday the Holy Spirit descended upon the infant Church. Sunday, therefore, is *the* day of the Most Holy Trinity.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The church will be closed Monday, May 31st in observance of Memorial Day. The church office will resume normal business hours at 8:30 am on Tuesday June 1st.

THE CHURCH COMPASS

Holy Trinity Sunday

REMEMBER: Have you ever: 1. Seen, 2. Experienced, or 3. Sensed, something you could not satisfactorily describe but you know it to be true and real?

READ: Matthew 28:16-20

REFLECT: In the Old Testament portion of the Bible, God's name, יהוה, is avoided out of the greatest possible reverence and respect. Rather than writing it directly, it is substituted with a title such as "Lord", the "Almighty One" or simply as God. At a particular point in the world's history, God became embodied, was made flesh and blood, in the womb of the Virgin Mary and the child's name was Jesus. Through His humanity, Jesus was able to communicate to us who and what God is. Jesus constantly talks of God as His Father. At the same time Jesus identifies Himself as the same eternal God who spoke to Abraham in ancient times (John 8:58), while also assuring His disciples that He would send them the Holy Spirit, Whose personal attributes are identical to God in every way (John 15:26).

RESPOND: Which image best describes for you God as a Tri-Unity, that there is but One eternal God who is distinctly Father, Son and Holy Spirit? 1. St. Patrick's shamrock - one plant with three leaves. 2. A flame: the union of light, warmth and form. 3. Water that can be liquid, steam, ice. 4. A "lover" who is "in love" with their "beloved". 5. It's humanly impossible!

PASTOR'S NOTE

Dear friends,

This weekend heralds the birthday of the Church - the great celebration of Pentecost when God the Holy Spirit filled the disciples with His very own Breath, giving them the courage to be effective witnesses of Christ.

As we get closer to Memorial Day, which often marks the unofficial beginning of summer, here at St. Margaret's we are on the verge of providing, once again, that sacred and natural environment

where we can worship God without fear or distraction. Although God the Holy Spirit is invisible to our senses, there are often outward signs that He is present. The Biblical language of wind, fire and breath, would always assure the disciple of the divine presence propelling them to be witnesses of the Good News. We get a hint of this now at the parish. Some pointers that the Holy Spirit is ready to move us in the direction of freedom from fear: We now hear the sacred words of prayer sung on Sunday with new breath. We see the fire of the candles of the altar and all the shrines of the saints dancing in the cool breeze that flows through the church. We sense the closeness of connection between family, friends and strangers gathered together in prayer inside or in fellowship outside. We see the purified and cleansing waters of baptism flowing again, constantly filtered and made safe for touch. These are all encouraging signs of regeneration. Although we will wait until the "mask mandate" has been fully lifted (hopefully in a couple of weeks) when we can openly place Holy Communion back into its ordinary form, our reception of the Sacraments should always be approached with a sense of humility and never one of entitlement. This past year has, no doubt, taught us, albeit with much public suffering and personal annoyance, to examine our conscience and never to take for granted the gifts that God makes available to us for our salvation and the renewal of the face of the earth.

It will be a relief for many to gather again outside after Mass. Although no coffee and doughnuts just now, the gradual reintroduction of the outside tables and chairs will help facilitate us all getting used to each other's good company again and getting to know many new parishioners who have joined us during this past year.

Of course, in the Spirit of Pentecost, we will never be returning back to the way things used to be. Pastors, deacons, ministers, volunteers, and parishioners come and go. With a new pastor arriving in July, I hope that the approaching summer months will allow him to simply get a sense of the fellowship of the flock he will be leading. And maybe after the summer when the shepherd whistles, the flock renewed and refreshed by the Spirit, will be ready to respond to the new way forward.

Father Cavanaugh Wallace,
Pastor.