

Blessed art thou, O Lord,  
who beholdest the great deep:  
and sitteth upon the Cherubim.

— *Daniel 3:55*



**MASSES**

Saturday [anticipated] 4:30 pm

Sunday 8 am, 9:30 am, 11 am

*Mass in the chapel Monday-Friday at 9 am*

*Saturday at 10 am*

**CONFESSIONS**

Tuesday 7-7:30 pm

Saturday 9-9:45 am & 3-4 pm

*in the chapel*

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&  
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## ON THE PROPER CHANTS OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

The following is an excerpt from **The Chants of the Vatican Gradual** by Dom Dominic Johner OSB [written in 1928, translated into English in 1940], in which is discussed the texts of the mass proper\* for the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity.

### THE PROCESSIONALS

*The first class of chants embraces all those which are meant to accompany some liturgical action—in a broader sense one might call them "processionals." To this class belong the following: the Introit, which is to be sung during the solemn procession of the priest to the altar (accedente sacerdote ad altare, as the Rubrics of the Vatican Gradual have it); the Offertory, which formerly was sung during the Offertory procession of the faithful to the altar; the Communion, which was sung during the distribution of Holy Communion.*

### Today's Introit, Offertory, and Communion Chants

In and by Himself God is infinitely happy. A sea of delight issues from the Father to the Son, and from both of these it overflows upon the Holy Ghost, and again flows back from Him. And yet it seems that something in the essence of the infinite God seeks for some further complement. Nothing is wanting to His perfect happiness, but He would share His love with others and pour blessings, grace, and happiness upon them from His own overflowing Heart. Every act of God toward His creatures is therefore an act of charity. Still more resplendent, however, does God's mercy appear when He offers reconciliation and forgiveness to sinful man after he has trodden God's holiness underfoot, when He renovates the temple of the soul which man in his folly has wasted and destroyed, and adorns it with His gifts of grace. We can never sufficiently thank God for this great love. What a price He paid for our redemption! Today, then, we hear this phrase repeated in the Introit, Offertory, and Communion: "He hath shown His mercy to us." The entire Mass formulary becomes one great "Glory be to the Father. . ." as a conclusion to the work of redemption begun at Christmas and brought to completion at Pentecost. Each of today's chants begins with an exhortation to praise God; Introit: *Benedicta*; Gradual, Alleluia verse, and Offertory: *Benedictus*; Communion: *Benedicimus*. Few Mass formularies exhibit such unified structure.

## THE CHANTS OF REST

*In contrast to the above chants which originally accompanied some liturgical action, we might designate those chants which occur between the Epistle and Gospel as chants of rest, since they accompany no liturgical action. Historically this latter class is the older of the two. The early Church utilized these chants as a means to impress on the hearts of the faithful the lessons inculcated by the Epistle, and to make them the more readily susceptible for the Gospel.*

### Today's Gradual

There are times, many times in fact, when we stand face to face with inscrutable mystery. The most eminent naturalists, for instance, have made statements such as this: "It is something we do not know and never expect to know." Mysteries there are also in the human heart; yes, even in the depths of our own heart. But for the world's Creator there is no mystery: all things are evident to Him. In the Epistle we have just heard the words: "Of Him, and by Him, and in Him, are all things." He need inquire of no one. He knows what is in man. He is the Searcher of the hearts and the reins, and before Him the darkness is as the noonday brightness (Ps. 138: 11). Even the most noble creatures in the spiritual creation, the Cherubim, stand infinitely lower than He and are privileged to be His footstool. God reigns above all; who can praise Him worthily? Yet behind the ramparts of heaven a marvelous song resounds unceasingly. It is the praise and glory which each person of the Most Holy Trinity offers the others. They alone perfectly realize how praiseworthy God is. This song re-echoes unto all eternity, and the angels and saints of heaven join in with this never-ending *Gloria Patri*....

### Today's Alleluia Verse

The Gradual is the only song today which does not treat explicitly of God's mercy, but of His infinite splendor. In the Alleluia-verse this same thought is emphasized. The merciful love of God is, however, implicitly contained in the reference to the patriarchs and prophets of the Old Law, which was but a prelude to the fullness of grace of the New Covenant.



\*The Proper of the mass is composed of texts that vary for each mass in order to bring out the significance of each feast or season. These texts are set to chants that in many cases date to the earliest centuries of the Church.

## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

All who are suffering or sick and all caregivers who minister to the sick: Fredrick Taggart, Gary Schenk, Joanne Newsom, Jackie Chancio, Anne Marie Whittaker, Greg and Felicia Yohe, Joe Coleman, John Hogan, Deirdre McQuade, Danny Hart, Amy Howard, Mary Morehead and family, Curtis Bailey, Leondre Massey, Sister Constance Ward, George Cochran, Mark Anthony Turner, Rachel Fisher, Patricia Ransom, Beverly A. Woods, Kerianna Prather, Domingo G., Adrian and Barbara.; D.K.C., M.M., R.M., K.M., C.M., C.A., E.D., E.G., W.B., J.M., H.G., and J.G.

Please call or email the office to add a name to the prayer list.

**Before calling, please be sure you have spoken to the person [or a member of his family] about adding the name—we do not want to inadvertently disregard someone's desire for privacy.**

Names of those who are sick or suffering will be kept on the list for one month; to keep a name on the list for longer, you must email the parish office.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **ALTAR SERVERS**

We need altar servers for our Masses. Please speak to Fr. Catania or email him at fr.jason.catania@ordinariate.net if you are interested in serving at the altar.

### **EVANGELISM INITIATIVE**

We are about to undertake some evangelization work in our surrounding community. But as Scripture tells us, *Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain.* So we need to undergird all of our work with prayer. We invite all of our parish family to pray that the Holy Spirit may quicken our hearts and abide with us, that we may be eager to do the Father's will by spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ to all around us.

### **HELP BEAUTIFY OUR CHURCH**

Join us in praying that the work on repairing and beautifying the church will go quickly and smoothly, with no Covid or other delays in permitting or contracts.

*O heavenly Father, who has filled the world with loveliness; Grant, we beseech Thee, a swift consent to our bid to beautify thine house, giving the spirit of governance and of a sound mind to all in authority in this matter. Vouchsafe to hear our prayer, O merciful and gracious Father, for the love of thy dear Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.*

## MASS INTENTIONS

### **Saturday, 29 May**

*Anticipated Mass for the Feast of the Holy Trinity*

4:30 pm Madeline's intentions [George F. Hickey Jr]

### **Sunday, 30 May**

THE FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

8 am Pro populo

9:30 am Philip Sherrard +

11 am Nicholas Loney

### **Monday, 31 May**

*The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

9 am deceased of the parish + [George F. Hickey Jr]

### **Tuesday, 1 June**

*Justin, Martyr*

9 am Deirdre McQuade

### **Wednesday, 2 June**

*Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs*

9 am Leslie Lee + [Lester Lee]

### **Thursday, 3 June**

*Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs*

9 am Rafael A. Madan

### **Friday, 4 June**

*Feria*

9 am Karis Lim

### **Saturday, 5 June**

*Boniface, Bishop and Martyr*

10 am Madeline's intentions [George F. Hickey Jr]

*Anticipated Mass for the Feast of Corpus Christi*

4:30 pm the mission of this parish

### **Sunday, 6 June**

THE FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST, *commonly called Corpus Christi*

8 am Pro populo

9:30 am Kathleen Hickey Lee + [George F. Hickey Jr]

11 am William Richardson +

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