

June 7, 2020

**First Sunday After Pentecost
The Most Holy Trinity
Solemnity**



God for Us

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity celebrates God revealed simply as *God for us*. God gave Moses a limited vision but still so overwhelming that his face, his very soul, would never be the same. In Christ, we have received the ultimate image of God's unceasing, and overwhelming love for us. Today's Gospel proclaims "*God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.*" Again, God did not send his son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. What a God for us!



Flowers for the Altar this weekend are donated by Barbara & Larry Prause in thanksgiving to God on the occasion of their 4th Wedding Anniversary.

MASS INTENTIONS

Thursday, June 11

5:30 p.m. Ben Smolik, The Deceased of St. Anne's K.J.Z.T. Society #4

Sunday, June 14

9:00 a.m. Agnes Jasek, Bessie Michalec (Moulton)

Mass with a congregation this Sunday, June 7 will be at 9:00 a.m. under the auction pavilion in Praha.

Mass on Sunday, June 7th will also be on demand for viewing on our Facebook Page: St Joseph's & St Mary's - Moulton/Praha, TX and on our website www.stmaryspraha.org.

Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy

Next weekend is *The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your bible.

First Reading: Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 147

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

Gospel: John 6:51-58

2020 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

2020 Assessment	\$8,179.00
Contributions So Far	\$2,450.00
Amount Yet to be Contributed	\$5,729.00

Do please consider making a donation.

SOCIETY NEWS



St. Anne's K.J.Z.T. Society #4, Praha will have a quarterly meeting on Friday, June 19 at 9:00 a.m. under the pavilion at the Praha Parish Hall. Members are encouraged and invited to attend and participate.

LITURGICAL ORIENTATION

The Most Holy Trinity

After the glories of the Easter Season, the Church leads us back into Ordinary Time by gentle degrees. Before the Sundays return to green vestments, we celebrate two wonderful solemnities: the Most Holy Trinity and the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. The timing of these solemnities is significant, at Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came in transforming power upon the disciples, and the life of faith that we know, began. Today's celebration, the Most Holy Trinity dates to the Seventh Century. It has been on the Church's universal calendar for nearly seven hundred years. The mystery of the Trinity is the central mystery of Christian faith and life. It is the mystery of God in himself. The history of salvation is the history of how God gradually reveals himself to humanity as the one true God.

SPECIAL FATHER'S DAY MASS

JUNE 21, 2020

To have your Father specially remembered in the Mass Intention of the day, drop your Father's Day envelope in the collection, or drop slot in church by June 14.

Pray for the repose of the souls of

Joyce E. Janecka

Nancy Petru

and for the comfort of their loved ones.

May they rest in peace.



No Praha Pancake Sunday today, June 7. Look out for details about July's Praha Pancake Sunday.

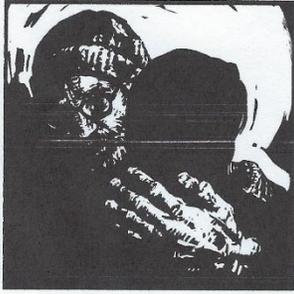
The Sanctuary Light

will be lit this week

in memory of Frances & Joe Koudelka.



REFLECTION



We Celebrate The Love of God

Today's Exodus reading depicts the fulfillment of Moses' request. "Please let me see your glory." Moses was going back up the mountain because when he had discovered his people with a golden calf, he blew up in anger and smashed the tablets of the commandments. So, God ordered him to prepare new stone tablets and to return to their place of meeting. There on the mountain God stood with Moses and passed before him. Although Moses did not see God's face, he did hear the words describing God. *The Lord, the Lord, a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity.*

When scripture says that God is *merciful*, the image is that God's tenderness for creatures is like that of a mother for her little ones.

The image of being *slow to anger* literally means long-nosed. That implies that God does not react with a tyrant's flashing flurry or sputtering rage, but with a patient long-suffering that reveals divine power as something quite different from what humans might imagine.

Being *rich in kindness* advanced these descriptions of God from divine feelings to actions. Kindness, more literally loving-kindness, is active, involved love which implores interaction and involvement to bring about the good of the beloved. Finally, God is *rich in fidelity*. That could be the story of the Scriptures summarized in one phrase. God's love is everlasting. No matter what human creatures do, God's faithfulness will not be overcome. This selection from Exodus is not new revelation, but a summary, a list of qualities that can be found throughout Scripture. It depicts God as loving and consistently involved with humanity. We could well imagine Jesus meditating on this reading from Exodus before he came up with the story of the prodigal son.

Do Come Along

The words attributed to Moses by the author of Exodus (first reading) provide one of several keys that help to open finite minds and hearts to the infinite mystery of the Trinity. Sensing himself very near to God on mount Sinai, and fully aware of the powerful presence of God in that place and in his life, Moses invited, "If I find favor with you, O Lord, do come along in our company."

Admitting the wickedness and sinfulness of Israel, of himself and all of humankind, Moses asked for forgiveness and begged God to "receive us as your own." Truly, this is the essence of what God is as Trinity – a God who has chosen to relate and be related to human beings, to go along in our company as loving Parent, protective



older Brother and supportive sisterly Spirit. Despite the fact that we are often a "stiff-necked people," and perhaps even because of that, God chooses to move among us and to welcome us into the fellowship that is Trinity. That fellowship is to form the basis from which all our other relationships will develop and grow.

Believing in the Trinity means welcoming all God's faces and persons in faith, hope and love and responding to God as our steady companion on each leg of our life's journey. "Do come along in our company" is an invitation to God that challenges us to relinquish our personal GPS (Global Positioning System). Going where God leads, doing what God wills and seeing as God sees, hearing as God hears, loving as God loves, parenting as God parents and reaching out to all others as brothers and sisters who share the same spiritual genes ... this is belief in God.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Today we celebrate because the God we know, the God whose self-revelation began the moment of Creation and continues until now is "God for us," ever desiring to be in closer, deeper, fuller union with humanity. God became flesh to share our life and to bring us to divine life. Jesus bequeathed the Spirit of his own interiority to attract us toward the community of love we call the Trinity. No image will ever be adequate to describe God, but God will always be near, luring us toward greater union through and with and in Christ. – Pope Francis

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



June 8 – Patricia & James Gready
June 10 – Diane & Mike Decker, Sr.
June 11 – Barbara & Larry Prause
June 13 – Congratulations Louise & Johnny Barcak
on your 5th Wedding Anniversary

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



June 8 – Beatrice Patek
June 9 – Madison Vrazel
June 13 – Louise Barcak