

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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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.

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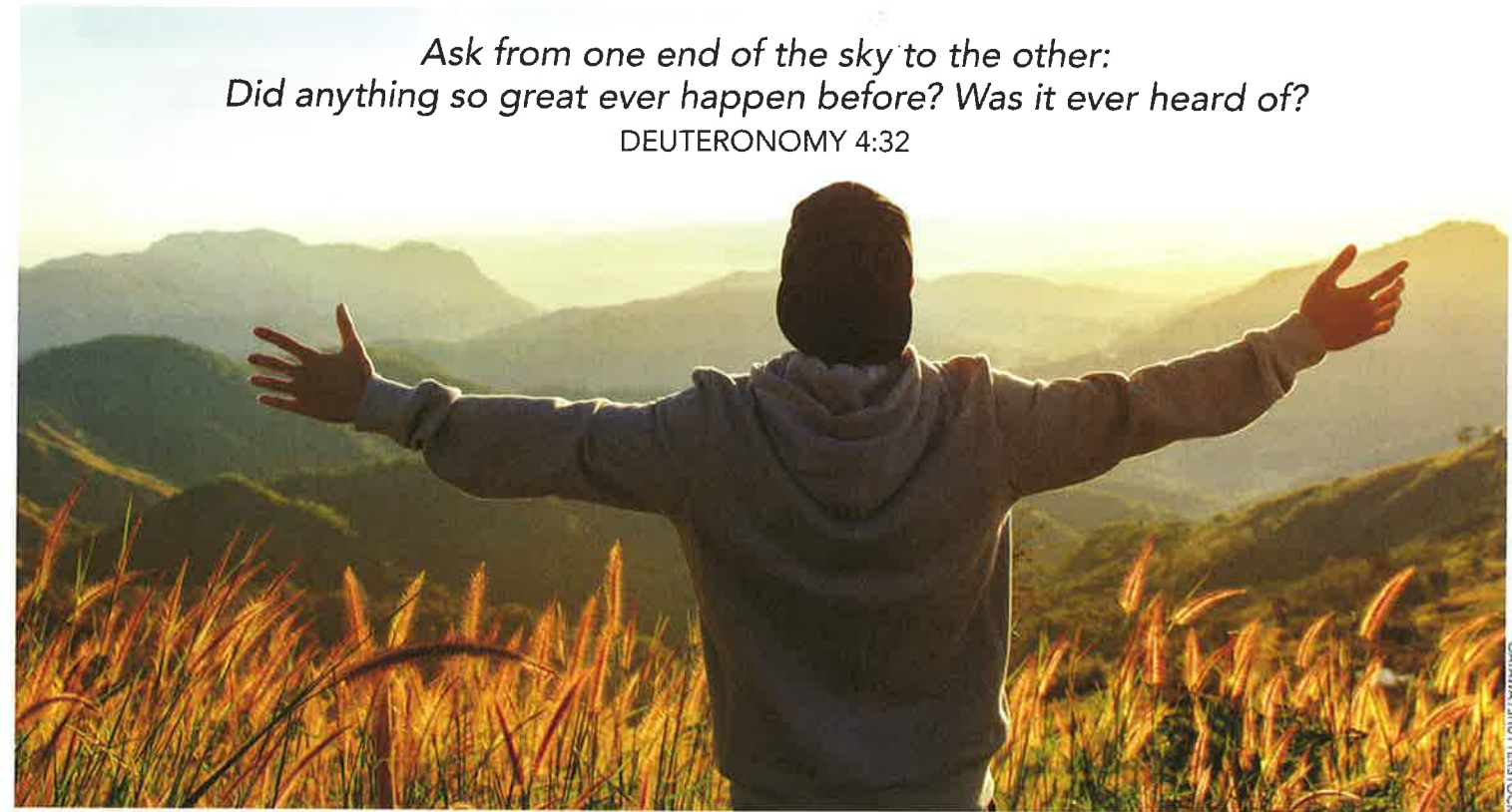
Calendar

- 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



DAWAMA / 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.





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Dear Sisters, Brothers and Children in Jesus Christ,

Today the Church celebrates the feast of the Holy Trinity. Trinity is not an explanation, it's a relationship. God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit. Three Gods in one? No, three persons in one God: God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit. Impossible to understand. But, if you think for a moment, if you think of relationship, how we relate to God, ah, then the Father is somebody special, and Jesus the Son is the one the Father sends to us to die for us on a cross that we might be free from sin and live as children of God, and God the Holy Spirit who has been sent to us by Jesus himself to make us awake to what is in our own hearts. And in our own hearts is a desire to learn how to love. It always comes back to love.

The Father loves the Son, and the Son loves the Father, and the Holy Spirit is that love that binds them together, and we become one in love with God. God is Father, God is Son, God is Holy Spirit. A caring Father who creates us, a brother who dies and lives for us now and forevermore, a Holy Spirit who inspires us, comforts us if we invite the Spirit, and guides us safely home.

Why does God bother? Why does God bother at all? On Calvary's Hill the secret is out. If you look at the cross on Calvary and then you know the secret of why God bothers. God who dwells in inaccessible light, another phrase, who dwells in inaccessible light, wants to be, needs to be, yearns to be loved by us. It's God's vulnerability that we cherish most of all. God opens the heavens and comes down. God comes to meet us on our own terms, revealing Godself to us first, that we may come to know God later, and in the knowing of God, learning to love God, and in the loving of God, learn to serve. For thus it is that in the knowing and the loving and the serving the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we enter into the ebb and flow of the very life of God. We do not need an explanation, for God is in our hearts from the moment we breathe and for all eternity. God is in us and we are in God always and forever. Amen.

As announced already, Fr. Rayappa (Roy) Pasala will be your new pastor from July 1st, 2021. I will be moving to Sidney NE to be the pastor at St. Patrick's Sidney NE, and St. Joseph's Kimball NE. Kindly pray that this transition may be a smooth one for all of us.

Yours in Christ Jesus,
Fr. C. P. Varghese
Pastor

SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

Date	Day	Time	Place	Intention
05/31	Monday	No Mass Today		
06/01	Tuesday	No Mass Today		
06/02	Wednesday	No Mass Today		
06/03	Thursday	No Mass Today		
06/04	Friday	No Mass Today		
06/05	Saturday	5.30 PM	Dalton	For Nursing Home Residents
06/06	Sunday	8.00 AM	Bayard	People of God
06/06	Sunday	10.30 AM	Bridgeport	Mary Penick

**ALL SOULS
617 P STREET
BRIDGEPORT NE 69336**

**SUNDAY MASS
OBLIGATION
returned to
Grand Island Diocese,
On May 22/23, 2021**

OUR GIFTS TO GOD & CHURCH

ADULTS	\$225.00
CHILDREN	
PLATE	\$287.00
SUBTOTAL	\$512.00
SEMINARY	\$10.00
CANDLE MONIES	\$34.17
TOTAL	\$556.17
HEAT/AC	\$50.00
APPEAL GOAL	\$6,046.00
DONATIONS	\$3,615.00
BALANCE	\$2,431.00

- Prayer line requests may be made to Carolyn-262-0453 or Teresa-262-0439.
- The rosary is prayed ½ hr before Mass, please come and pray.



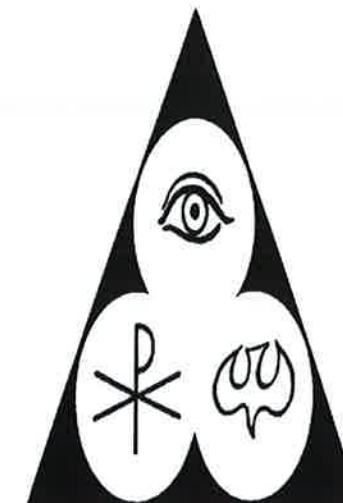
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ADULTS	\$195.00
CHILDREN	
PLATE	\$12.00
SUBTOTAL	\$207.00
MASS STIPEND	
ASCENSION	\$15.00
TOTAL	\$222.00
BUILDING FUND	
APPEAL GOAL	\$4,907.00
DONATIONS	\$3,015.00
BALANCE	\$1,892.00

- Prayer line requests may be made to Paula-586-2992.
- The rosary is prayed ½ hr before Mass, please come and pray.



**SAINT MARY'S
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DALTON NE 69131**

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OUR GIFTS TO GOD & CHURCH

ADULTS	\$960.00
CHILDREN	
PLATE	\$25.00
SUBTOTAL	\$985.00
MASS STIPEND	
SEMINARY	\$70.00
TOTAL	\$1055.00
BUILDING FUND	
APPEAL GOAL	\$6,136.00
DONATIONS	\$6,439.00
BALANCE	(\$303.00)

- Prayer line requests may be made to DeAnn-249-1735.
- The rosary is prayed ½ hr before Mass, please come and pray.

