

ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mass intentions
for May 30, 2021
Most Holy Trinity

Saturday, 5 p.m.—

† deceased of Bartus family
By: George & Thea Bratton

Sunday, 9 a.m. —

† Dorothy Simerly
By: Carolyn Hathaway

† W.J. Carr
By: Mary Carr

Wednesday, noon —

Vocations
By: Knights of Columbus

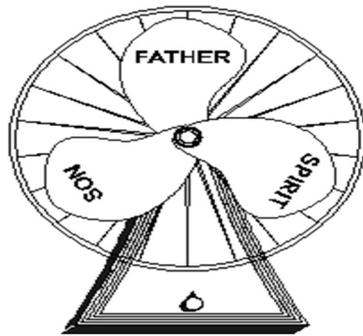
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Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40—The Lord is God in the heavens above and on earth below, and there is no other. You must keep the commandments so that you and your children may prosper and have a long life.

Psalms 33:4-6, 9, 18-20, 22—Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Romans 8:14-17—Those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. We are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if only we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

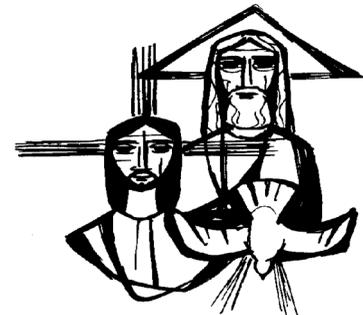
Matthew 28:16-20—Jesus told the disciples, “All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.”



TRINITY ANALOGY

No one except God can understand how three distinct persons can be in one God. Here is a theological analogy for the Holy Trinity. Imagine a fan with three blades labeled "Father," "Son" and "Spirit." Imagine turning on the fan. The blades spin so fast that it is impossible to see which is on top. You might say, from this example, that God is a dynamo of love, constantly sharing one life. If the Father can give his life to two other persons, why not four or ten or a billion? The message of the Trinity is that the Father wants to include you.

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Weekly readings

Most Holy Trinity

Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40
Psalm 33:4-6, 9, 18-20, 22
Romans 8:14-17
Matthew 28:16-20

Monday

Visitation of Blessed Virgin Mary
Zephaniah 3:14-18a
Luke 1:39-56

Tuesday

St. Justin
Tobit 12:9-14
Mark 12:13-17

Wednesday

Tobit 3:1-11a, 16-17a
Mark 12:18-27

Thursday

St. Charles Lwanga & companions
Tobit 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a
Mark 12:28-34

Friday

Tobit 11:5-17
Mark 12:35-37

Saturday

St. Boniface
Tobit 12:1, 5-15, 20
Mark 12:38-44

Sunday

Exodus 24:3-8
Psalm 116:12-13, 15-18
Hebrews 9:11-15
Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

Most Holy Trinity

God exists as a communion of three persons, the Trinity. Because we were made for God, we are made for community, the Church.

The Church uses three terms in trying to describe the Trinity: (from paragraphs 252-255 in the Catechism of the Catholic Church)

- **substance** (also “essence” or “nature” — the “what”) — to designate the divine being in its unity. *The Trinity is One*, one God in three persons who do not share the one divinity among themselves but each of them is God whole and entire.

- **person** or “hypostasis” (the “who”) — to designate the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in the real distinction among them. *The divine persons are really distinct from one another.* “It is the Father who generates, the Son who is begotten, and the Holy Spirit who proceeds.”



The divine Unity is Triune.

- **relation** — to designate the fact that their distinction lies in the relationship of each to the others. *The divine persons are relative to one another.* Because it does not divide the divine unity, the real distinction of the persons from one another resides solely in how they relate to one another. St. Irenaeus explains it in this way: “The one who anointed is the Father, the one who was anointed is the Son, and he was anointed with the Spirit who is the anointing.”

This mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is, as the catechism puts it, the “central mystery of Christian faith and life.”

In the words of St. Augustine: “If you understood him, it would not be God.”

Saintly Wisdom

“For with Him were always present the Word and Wisdom, the Son and the Spirit, by whom and in whom, freely and spontaneously, He made all things, to whom also He speaks, saying, ‘Let Us make man after Our image and likeness.’”
— St. Irenaeus —

Parish Life

Priest Assignment — Bishop Richard Stika has rescinded the assignment of Fr. Dennis to Holy Trinity Church in Jefferson City. Fr. Dennis will continue to serve as pastor at St. Elizabeth Church and at St. Anthony of Padua Church in Mountain City.

Remember the Dead — On this Memorial Day weekend, please remember in your prayers all who have died in the service of protecting our country to preserve peace and justice.

Sunday Mass Time — Beginning this weekend, St. Elizabeth Church will have only one Sunday Mass, and it will be at 9 a.m.

Knights of Columbus — The Knights of Columbus will meet at 6 p.m. Wednesday, downstairs in the church hall. All members are welcome and invited to attend.

Honors for April — The Knights of Columbus have honored the following people:

- Family of the month — Debbie Alexander and Richard Barker
- Knight of the month — Bob Peoples

Diocesan COVID Protocols

- Face masks are optional at Mass and all parish functions. Priests, deacons and eucharistic ministers are required to wear face masks when distributing communion.
- The obligation to attend Mass on Sunday (or Saturday vigil) and holy days of obligation is restored.
- Social distancing is 3 feet.