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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil

7:00 p.m. **Spanish** (piano & cantor)

Sunday

8:00 a.m. **English** (organ & cantor)

9:30 a.m. **Spanish** (piano & choir/cantor)

11:30 a.m. **English** (organ & choir/cantor)

1:30 p.m. **Vietnamese** (keyboard & choir)

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| Weekdays | 8:30 a.m. Spanish (Mon-Fri.) | 12:10 p.m. English (Mon-Fri) |
| | 7:45 a.m. Vietnamese (Thu & Sat) | |

CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION

All those who are called to follow Jesus in the Catholic faith along with Catholics already baptized (adults, youth & children) who desire to celebrate the sacraments of First Confession, First Communion and Confirmation can make contact with the coordinator of this area for information about the various programs available. Registration for these programs are announced in the bulletin during various times of the year. Also appointments can be made in the parish office at anytime.

Parents wishing to baptize their children (ages 1-5) are invited to make an appointment in the parish office to speak with a staff member in order to make arrangements for participating in the Baptismal Program.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)

Saturday 4:00-5:00 p.m. and at the parish office by appointment.

MARRIAGE

Couples planning to be married should call for an appointment six months in advance of the wedding.

VISITS TO THE SICK

In emergency, call the parish office at any hour. Please inform the office of sick or homebound who desire the sacraments.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to all parishioners.

We encourage all parishioners to register at our parish office. We invite new parishioners to make an appointment to meet a member of the parish staff.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:00 a.m. - 12 Noon open (12 pm - 1 pm closed)
1:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. open (5 p.m. - 6 p.m. closed) 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. open
SATURDAY 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
SUNDAY 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

GRACE AND ETERNAL LIFE



Moses is a man after our own hearts, for haven't we all dealt with more than our share of stiff-necked people? Indeed, haven't we all gotten a little stiff-necked ourselves at times? Complaining . . . impatient . . . quick to anger. How lucky for Moses—how lucky for all of us—that God is exactly the opposite! And we don't even have to guess about it. The Lord tells us so directly. Accordingly, Moses does what we all need to do. Even with the tablets in hand, he bows down and asks for God's forgiveness and grace.

Encouraging us to live together in peace—and in God's favor—the Apostle Paul knows all about this grace, joyfully invoking Christ's grace on us along with God's love and the Holy Spirit's. "Rejoice," he says. And when it comes to rejoicing, John offers us the gladdest words of all: the assurance of eternal life through Jesus.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD, merciful and gracious, rich in kindness and faithfulness (Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9).

Psalm — Glory and praise for ever! (Daniel 3).

Second Reading — Brothers and sisters, rejoice. Live with one another in peace, and the God of peace will be with you (2 Corinthians 13:11-13).

Gospel — God did not send the Son to condemn the world, but to give it abundant life (John 3:16-18).

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Throughout the liturgical cycle of Sundays and seasons, there are certain days that invite us to focus on particular aspects of our faith. Today is such a day, when we celebrate the solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. On this Sunday after Pentecost, we reflect on the mystery of our Triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. From the moment of creation, through the encounter of Moses with God on the mountain, through Christ's life, death, and resurrection, with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, our understanding and appreciation of God's very life has unfolded and deepened. Jesus came into the world to make God's life and love known, the love of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the love of God that brings us peace.

CALLED TO BE LIKE GOD

We might consider this testimony to the life and love of God and think to ourselves, so what? Knowing that God loves us is reassuring, and may help us place our faith and trust in the Lord, but something more naturally follows—as followers of Jesus, we are called to become more like him. When others look at us, they should be able to say that we are "merciful and gracious, slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity." This gets at the heart of what it means to be a Christian. Our daily decisions, words, and actions are to reflect the merciful graciousness of God. We are able to do this through the indwelling power and presence of the Holy Spirit. In what ways are you becoming more Christ-like? May the grace of the Lord, love of God, and fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you as you renew your commitment to show and share God's kindness to others!

GOD IS MERCIFUL AND GRACIOUS

At moments in our lives we may wonder how we know who God is or what God is like. Today's readings help us to feel secure in placing our faith in God and being assured of God's unfailing love. When Moses went up the mountain as the Lord had commanded him, God powerfully described himself, "The Lord, the Lord, a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity." Jesus shows us the depths of this life of God. He came not to condemn the world but to save it. As people in relationship with God, we often fail. We walk away from God's ways, fall into sinfulness, and then, with the Lord's grace, come to our senses and return. God's words to Moses and the very life of Jesus show us that when we do so, we can still rely on God's mercy and kindness, because love is God's very nature.

Please visit our website for all the latest information and special Prayer Services, at: stnicholasoftolentinebronx.org and join us on Facebook, St. Nicholas of Tolentine Parish

Life, the Universe, and Everything

Why does God love us so much? And why are we able to love others? The answer to these questions is found in the meaning of today's feast. Trinity Sunday celebrates not so much an idea of three-in-one as the relationship of the Persons of the Trinity with each other and with us.

The idea is that the Father expressed himself as the Word. Since it was a perfect expression, the Word is his Son and equal to the Father. The love of Father and Son is expressed as the Holy Spirit. Being a perfect love, it too is equal to Father and Son. So even the idea of the Trinity is based on love. But God's love was so great, God went even further. God created us to be loved by God.

In the second reading Paul blesses the Corinthians with the "love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit." The book of Genesis (3:18) says that it was not good for man to be alone. So God created woman, and through man and woman all humanity, to be able to love each other. Though human love is not perfect, the love of man and woman can produce another person, a child. The three Persons of the Trinity share one life in God. But through baptism, we also share in God's life. Just as parents love to see how their children look like them, so God loves to see the divine in us.

The first reading reminds us of God's closeness to humanity. Moses can speak to God and God responds by granting his request. The Gospel tells how much God loves the world, that God's own Son was sent to die for us. But we sometimes forget that God's love comes first. We think that the more loving we are, the more God will love us. But love comes from God (1 John 4:7-11), so when we love someone it doesn't make God love us more; we love because God loves us first. Our decision to love is a response to God's love, and our ability to love is itself a gift from God. The meaning of life, the universe, and everything is Love, the love of the Trinity for each other and for us. The question now is, how well do we use that gift of God's love by loving each other?

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The parish office is closed until further notice. If you have an emergency, please call 718-295-6800 and leave a message and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
JUNE 8, 2020

Monday: 1 Kgs 17:1-6; Ps 121:1bc-8; Mt 5:1-12
 Tuesday: 1 Kgs 17:7-16; Ps 4:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 5:13-16
 Wednesday: 1 Kgs 18:20-39; Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab, 8, 11; Mt 5:17-19
 Thursday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Ps 65:10-13; Mt 5:20-26
 Friday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16; Ps 27:7-9abc, 13-14; Mt 5:27-32
 Saturday: 1 Kgs 19:19-21; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-10; Mt 5:33-37
 Sunday: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; 1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
JUNE 8, 2020

Monday
 8:30am
 12:10pm
Tuesday
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Wednesday
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Friday
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Saturday
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Sunday
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 1:30pm

People of SNT
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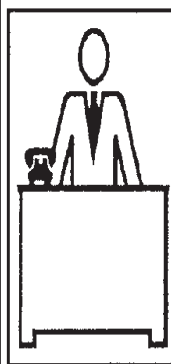


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