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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)

3:30 p.m. **Spanish** (piano & cantor)

Weekdays	8:30 a.m. Spanish (Mon-Fri.)
	7:45 a.m. Vietnamese (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)

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. - 5:00 p.m. open (5 p.m. - 6 p.m. closed)

MONDAY - THURSDAY 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. open

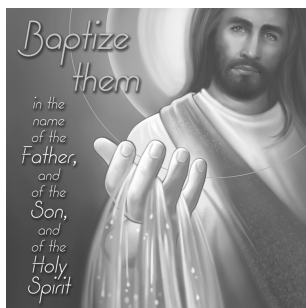
SATURDAY 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

SUNDAY 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

THE MYSTERY OF THE BLESSED TRINITY



Today we celebrate the solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. The Church sets aside this Sunday to focus our attention on the mystery of the Blessed Trinity, God who is one, but three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The first reading from Deuteronomy emphasizes both God’s awesome greatness and amazing nearness. It might seem beyond belief, but the God of all creation speaks to us, protects us, and guides us. The second reading from Saint Paul’s Letter to the Romans describes how we are to relate to the three persons who are one God. We are led by the Spirit to meet God the Father as adopted children. Our adoption is such that we are even heirs with our brother, Christ, the second person of the Trinity, in whose sufferings we must also share. In Matthew’s Gospel, Jesus speaks with his authority as God and sends us to teach and baptize in the name of the Trinity.

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Astonishing is the term that Clement of Alexandria used in referring to the Holy Trinity. Today’s scriptures tell the astonishing stories, from Moses in the Old Testament to the end of Matthew’s Gospel, of how we mere humans are intended to be intimately associated with our loving God. We see in Deuteronomy that Moses reminds the new generation of Israelites of the “astonishing” fact that, even though the ancient world teemed with gods, their God was the only God, that “there is no other.” Saint Paul in the letter to the Romans writes about those who follow the Spirit as being “sons” of God, which of course would make us brothers and sisters of Christ, and, as he says, “joint heirs with Christ.” Another astonishing statement! Finally, Christ bestows the Holy Spirit on the world as his continuing presence and force of divine revelation. How can we not be astonished?

SHALL WE DANCE?

The famous icon by the equally famous fourteenth-century iconographer Andrej Rublev is a depiction of the Trinity densely packed with symbolic content. The three “angels” sitting at a table are actually meant to be the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. They relate to each other in loving gesture, each one to the other, often described as “dance-like.” And yet this triangular circle seems incomplete. Indeed it is, because we must become one with this circle of life-giving love. As in a dance, we are drawn into the divine life in the Trinitarian embrace of abundant glory and harmony. Then we complete the movement by taking that love incarnated out to the world, revealing the mystery to our sisters and brothers through our own lives.

First Reading — The Lord is God in the heavens above and on earth below (Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40).

Psalm — Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own (Psalm 33).

Second Reading — You received a Spirit of adoption, through whom we cry, “Abba, Father!” (Romans 8:14-17)

Gospel — Baptize them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:16-20).

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THE MYSTERY IS THE MASTERPIECE

The Most Holy Trinity is the central truth and, indeed, mystery of our lives as believers in God. Even so, few seem to be able talk about it. (Or is it “them”?) Must we be satisfied to take this truth as an inscrutable object of faith that we can easily ignore? Not at all! We are immersed in Trinitarian reality in many ways.

Please consider these clues to God as more than just Person of the Father. Remember the words of God in scripture when the world and all its wonders were coming to be. The formulas for each stage in creation begin with “Let us . . .” (Genesis 1:26). This is not merely the “Royal We.” This is God as a plurality of Being. In Isaiah, the seraphim cry out “Holy, holy, holy . . .” (Isaiah 6:3). Ancient Middle Eastern superlatives come in threes, but why not consider it a sign of God’s three-ness? And these Old Testament foreshadowings are nothing compared to our well-known baptismal formula, “I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” Notice that “name” is singular, and yet refers to three persons. Finally, as Christ tells the Apostles in today’s Gospel, they are to go out and teach in that same singular triple name.

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

Three-in-One Love

When I was much younger, I used to think that God was totally invisible, not to be experienced as the people in the bible did. After all, they heard God's voice in the fiery cloud; they saw the waters parted so they could pass through—all the things that Moses talks about in the first reading. But then I ask myself, do I want my faith to be based on special effects? Do I want to be like the people who believe in extra-terrestrials because they saw a light in the sky that they could not explain? Or do I want to trust Jesus, who told Thomas, "Blessed are they who have not seen and have believed." (Jn 20:29)

Jesus was referring to his resurrection appearances, but it also applies to the Holy Trinity. When we see a newborn child, she can remind us of God the Father creating the earth and all living things. When we see the cross, we recall Jesus saving death and resurrection. When we share our faith with someone, we know that it is the Holy Spirit who gives us the words to speak and the courage to speak them. Without seeing the pillar of fire that lead the Hebrew from Egyptian slavery, nor the wounds in Jesus' hands after his resurrection, nor the tongues of flame over the apostles at Pentecost—we can still experience God in Three Persons.

The three are not just equal parts of God, one-third of God each. No, they each are totally God. That is why we say God is love: Three infinite Persons are united in one substance or being, so the love they have for each other is infinite. The actions that show each Person's qualities are not done by that person alone. Everything God does is done by all three Persons. So you could say that everything the Trinity does, is done out of love.

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EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

FIRST FRIDAY, JUNE 4, 2021
9:15AM - 7:00PM

The Augustinian Volunteers are recent college graduates between the ages of 21-29 who feel called to spend a year in service to others while living in an intentional community. Volunteers serve with local community partners in social service, campus ministry, and education placements. By engaging in a way of life inspired by the Augustinian Friars, volunteers experience personal and spiritual development as they build relationships with fellow volunteers and those they serve. Applications are currently being accepted for the 2021-2022 volunteer year for our sites in Lawrence, MA, Philadelphia, PA, San Diego, CA, Ventura, CA and Chulucanas, Peru.

If interested, please visit www.augustinianvolunteers.org or contact us at info@augustinianvolunteers.org

Confessions are by appointment only. Please call 718-295-6800 for an appointment time.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
MAY 31, 2021

Monday:	Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lk 1:39-56
Tuesday:	Tb 2:9-14; Ps 112:1-2, 7-9; Mk 12:13-17
Wednesday:	Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a; Ps 25:2-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mk 12:18-27
Thursday:	Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 12:28-34
Friday:	Tb 11:5-17; Ps 146:1b-2, 6c-10; Mk 12:35-37
Saturday:	Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20; Tb 13:2, 6efgh-8; Mk 12:38-44
Sunday:	Ex 24:3-8; Ps 116:12-13, 15-18; Heb 9:11-15; Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
MAY 31, 2021

Monday 8:30am	Maria Thuan (D)
Tuesday 8:30am	Maria Khe (D)
Wednesday 8:30am	Maria Van (D)
Thursday 8:30am	
Friday 8:30am	Maria Khe (D)
Saturday 7:45am 7:00pm	Jose Flores Ramirez, Obdulia Muñoz (D); Cristino Nuñez (D); Violeta Agustini & Victor Lara (D)
Sunday 8:00am 9:30am	Peace Gustavo Garcia Flores y Gracias a la Virgen de Guadalupe; San Judas Tadeo, Benditas Almas
11:30am 1:30pm 3:30pm	Maria Thuan (D) Phero Thong & Magarita Han (D) Harry S. Brown (D)

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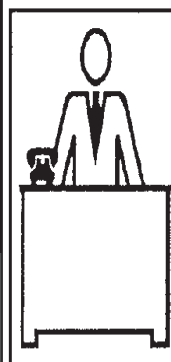
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