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The Most Holy Trinity

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend

Saturday Vigil

7:00pm Spanish (organ & cantor)

Sunday

8:00am English (organ & cantor)

9:30am Spanish (organ & cantor)

11:30am English (organ & cantor)

1:30pm Vietnamese (keyboard & choir)

Weekdays

Monday - Friday

8:30am Spanish 12:00pm English

Thursday & Saturday

7:45am Vietnamese

SACRAMENTS

Confession, First Communion and Confirmation

Make contact with the coordinator of this area for information about the various programs available. Appointments can be made in the parish office at anytime.

Baptism

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.

Confessions

Saturday 5:30-6:30 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.

2 PRAYER AND WORSHIP

MAY 31, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, June 1

8:30 a.m. Por todos los difuntos del mundo, Hector Antonio Mercedes Cruz (D) - 2^{do} anni, Teodora Tonge De La Cruz (D)

12:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 2

8:30 a.m. Mercedes Pelaez & Vicente Arichabela (D), Sencion Suriel, Marcelina Fuente, Padre Bienvenido Antonio Suriel, Maria Mercedes Suriel (D)

12:00 p.m. All Souls

Wednesday, June 3

8:30 a.m. Benedito Reyes (D) - 30 dias

12:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 4

8:30 a.m. Jose Mejia & Enriquillito Tejada (D)

12:00 p.m.

Friday, June 5

8:30 a.m. Jose Flores, Oldulio Nuñez (D)

12:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 6

7:45 a.m.

7:00 p.m. Jose Ramon Taveras, Maria Espinal Hernandez (D), Ramon Ceballo (D), Magdalena Epifanio & Santiago Martinez (D), Adriano Nativo Melendez Eras (D), Maria Alvarado (D), Mery Gonzalez (L) - acción de gracias en su cumpleaños, America Garcia Polanco (D), Josefa Lopez de Peña (D)

Sunday, June 7

8:00 a.m. People of SNT, Silverio "Eric" Lopez (D)

9:30 a.m. Marcelina De la Rosa (D) - 24 años de fallecida, Edison Tapia (D), Acción de gracias a la Divina Misericordia

11:30 am Lorraine Kantner (D)

1:30 pm Bernadet Chi (D)

READINGS

First Reading:

Having come down in a cloud, the LORD stood with Moses there and proclaimed his name, "LORD." (Ex 34:5)

Psalm:

Glory and praise for ever! (Dn 3)

Second Reading:

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ

and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you. (2 Cor 13:13)

Gospel:

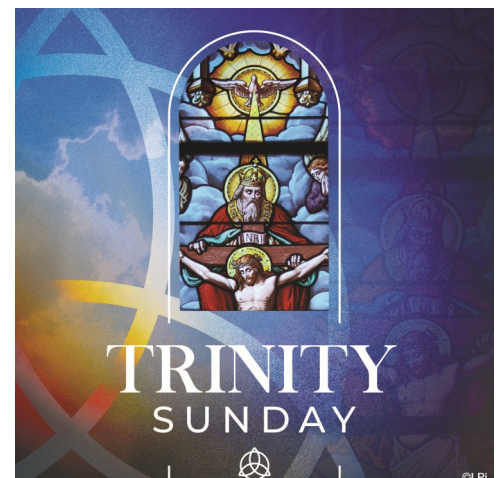
God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. (Jn 3:16)

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Readings for the week of May 31, 2026

Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18
Monday: 2 Pt 1:2-7/ Ps 91:1-2, 14-15b, 15c-16/Mk 12:1-12
Tuesday: 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18/ Ps 90:2, 3-4, 10, 14 and 16/Mk 12:13-17
Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12/ Ps 123:1b-2ab, 2cdef/Mk 12:18-27
Thursday: 2 Tm 2:8-15/ Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Mk 12:28-34
Friday: 2 Tm 3:10-17/ Ps 119:157, 160, 161, 165, 166, 168/Mk 12:35-37
Saturday: 2 Tm 4:1-8/ Ps 71:8-9, 14-15ab, 16-17, 22/Mk 12:38-44
Next Sunday: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58



The Most Holy Trinity John 3:16-18

I was 16 years old on a youth group retreat in the mountains. One night, I opened my heart to the message being proclaimed: that God so loved the world that He sent His Son for us. Later, I lay under the pine trees and looked up at the countless stars. They seemed different. No longer cold, distant balls of chemical reactions, they appeared as an expression of God's love, as if He were giving those stars directly to me. The truth of God sending His Son changed how I saw the whole universe.

That is what today's Gospel reveals:

"God so loved the world that he gave his only Son." (John 3:16) The universe is not just a whirl of impersonal forces or empty space. At its heart is a gift: the Father eternally giving the Son, not to condemn, but to bring life.

This is not abstract doctrine but deeply personal. God gives His Son for you and me. Each human life is precious enough to be caught up in that eternal gift.

It is in the Mass where we encounter this most directly. In the Word proclaimed, in the assembly gathered, in the priest, and above all in the Eucharist, the Father once again gives His Son. What looks like bread and wine is the drama of the Trinity, laboring to love us here and now.

The Trinity is not a puzzle to solve but the blazing Truth at the center of everything: the Father gives the Son for you and me. Lord, help us to see this more clearly.

— *Father John Muir*

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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS
By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini reflection: Our failure to understand is not a poverty. It is a gift. It propels us constantly back to the wellspring of our glorious Faith — to Scripture, to Tradition, to the in-dwelling of the Holy Spirit which sustains each and every one of us who dare to believe.

The Gift of Not Understanding

I once listened to Bishop Daniel Flores — a renowned scholar and prelate — give a 70-minute talk on the Trinitarian nature of God. In those 70 minutes, Bishop Flores said a lot of eloquent things. But what that really landed with me was not any group of words, but a single gesture.

Defining *hypostasis*, the term we use for the “the reciprocal dynamic relations that constitute distinct identities within the Godhead” (yes, I am using his words because I could never, in a million years, trust my own) Bishop Flores said “the Father and the Son are true God, but the Father is not the Son, and the Son is not the Father. How not? Different hypostasis.”

And here his eyes grew wide; he turned his head and opened his hands, drawing back as if from a spooked horse. The implication was clear: *Any further than this, I dare not go.*

I've never felt so seen.

Sometimes, I make the mistake of thinking that I am unique in my inability to understand the great mysteries. Sometimes, I despair that I am not a “better Catholic” — one who will rush headfirst into the crosshairs of a hard question, confident in the words that come immediately to my lips.

But when I saw Bishop Flores flinch at the thought of defining how, exactly, the Son is *not* the Father, and vice versa, I remembered that only fools rush in where angels fear to tread.

This Sunday, friends, take heart: our failure to understand is not a poverty. It is a gift. It propels us constantly back to the wellspring of our glorious Faith — to Scripture, to Tradition, to the in-dwelling of the Holy Spirit which sustains each and every one of us who dare to believe.

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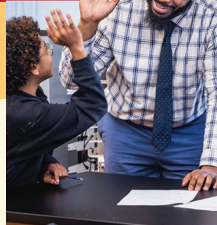
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