

EXPLORING OUR FAITH ~ WE ARE LOVED!

Actually, in 2016, I wrote the reflection for Holy Trinity Sunday. I looked back and remembered writing about the priest in my small Catholic high school who challenged us to practice our faith. He told us, that rather than getting caught up in the explanation of the mystery of the Trinity or trying to understand everything about God like one would explain a scientific theory, we needed to just remember that He is our God. He said God is balanced out to us in a way we could understand by the all-seeing Father, the teacher Jesus, and the guiding Holy Spirit. They are the different natures of God, who is one in Being.

Then recently I read an article which stated, "There is an old and much-repeated story about St. Augustine, one of the intellectual giants of the Church. He was walking by the seashore one day, attempting to conceive of an intelligible explanation for the mystery of the Trinity. As he walked along, he saw a small boy on the beach, pouring seawater from a shell into a small hole in the sand. "What are you doing, my child?" asked Augustine. "I am trying to empty the sea into this hole," the boy answered with an innocent smile. "But that is impossible, my dear child," said Augustine. The boy stood up, looked straight into the eyes of Augustine, and replied, "What you are trying to do - comprehend the immensity of God with your small head - is even more impossible." Then he vanished. The child was an angel sent by God to teach Augustine a lesson. Later, Augustine wrote, "You see the Trinity if you see Love." According to him, the Father is the lover, the Son is the loved one, and the Holy Spirit is the personification of the very act of loving. This means that we can understand something of the mystery of the Holy Trinity more readily with the Heart than with our feeble Mind.

Henri Nouwen once wrote, "What makes us human is not our mind, BUT OUR HEART; Not our ability to think, but our ability TO LOVE."

We must remember, too, that we are not forgotten by God. He does not remove our burdens as we would like, as in today's world of seeking quick and superficial solutions. The words in the second reading of today state that "suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us."

Pope Francis reminds us that in making the Sign of the Cross, we thank God the Father for the new day that He gives us, we pray to Christ and entrust our lives to Him, and we ask the Spirit to illuminate all our daily actions. We start the day in the sign of the Trinitarian love.

- ➔ In preparing for this reflection, I found these 'facts' that are something to think about:
- ➔ All prayers in the Church begin in the name of the Holy Trinity and end glorifying the Trinity.
- ➔ All sacraments are administered (we are baptized, confirmed, anointed, our sins are forgiven, and our marriage blessed, and our Bishops, priests and deacons ordained) in the name of the Holy Trinity.
- ➔ Where Church bells ring thrice daily, (years ago a common practice) they remind us to pray to the Holy Trinity.
- ➔ We bless ourselves and the priest blesses us, in the name of the Holy Trinity.
- ➔ Many athletes make the sign of the cross when they step on the ice to play hockey, or when they get to base after getting a hit in baseball, reminding themselves that they are not alone in their efforts to win.

Pope Benedict said, "The strongest proof that we are made in the image of the Trinity is this; only love makes us happy, because we live in relation, and we live to love and be loved." Let us remember that the next time we make the Sign of the Cross, We Are Loved!

~Cathy Keirstead, St. Elizabeth of the Trinity

Our Lady of Hope Pastoral Unit

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity 12 June 2022

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Immaculate Conception Mass Times

Sunday – 11:00 am

Tuesday – 4:00 pm (Sacristy)

St. Peter's Mass Time

Saturday – 4:00 pm

Scripture Readings for Upcoming Week

Mon	1 Kings 21:1-16	Psalm 5	Matthew 5:38-42
Tue	1 Kings 21:17-29	Psalm 51	Matthew 5:43-48
Wed	2 Kings 2:1,6-14	Psalm 31	Matthew 6:1-16:18
Thu	Sirach 48:1-14	Psalm 97	Matthew 6:7-15
Fri	2 Kings 11:1-4,9-18	Psalm 132	Matthew 6:19-23
Sat	2 Chronicles 24:17-25	Psalm 89	Matthew 6:24-34
Sun	Genesis 14:18-20 1 Corinthians 11:23-26	Psalm 110	Luke 9:11-17



PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS FROM LAST WEEK

Immaculate Conception

Loose: \$100.00; Envelopes: \$745.00;
Papal Charities Env.: \$5.00; **TOTAL: \$850.00**

Immaculate Conception Cemetery

Cemetery Fund Envelopes: \$70.00;
Perpetual Care: \$100.00; Urn Burial: \$200.00;
Open/Close Grave: \$75.00; **TOTAL: \$445.00**

Regional Mass Account

Funeral Mass: \$100.00; Mass Intentions: \$110.00;
TOTAL: \$210.00

St. Peter's

Loose: \$15.00; Envelopes: \$200.00;
TOTAL: \$215.00

St. Peter's Cemetery

Cemetery Envelopes: \$20.00

St. Patrick's Cemetery

Donation IMO James & Bridget Roach: \$50.00;
Donations: \$14.70; **TOTAL: \$64.70**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR UPCOMING WEEK

Sat	11	SB	4:00 pm	Joanne Maillet†	Phyllis Shortall
Sun	12	IC	11:00 am	Edward & Mary Hannay†	Donna & Blaine
Tue	14	IC	4:00 pm	Margaret Sullivan†	Bill & Nancy
Sat	18	SB	4:00 pm	David Harnett†	Joseph Allain
Sun	19	IC	11:00 am	Aurella LeBlanc†	Jeanne Warren

LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR UPCOMING WEEK

				Lectors		Eucharistic Ministers
Sat	18	SB	4:00 pm	1 st Reading & Psalm 2 nd Reading & Intentions	Lois	Stella
Sun	19	IC	11:00 am	1 st Reading & Psalm 2 nd Reading & Intentions	Corinne Stephen	Adona

ROSARY SCHEDULE FOR IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

				Leader	Intentions
Sun	12	IC	10:30 am	Maia	1 st Decade: For our clergy
Sun	19	IC	10:30 am	Gail	2 nd Decade: For our parishioners
Sun	26	IC	10:30 am	Maia	3 rd Decade: For our youth
Sun	3	IC	10:30 am	Gail	4 th Decade: For peace in our world 5 th Decade: For the intentions of parishioners

WE PRAY FOR STRENGTH FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Alverie Robichaud, Roger Mazerolle and all residents living in special care homes.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH POTLUCK / SOCIALS will be held throughout the summer on the third Sunday of the month following mass (12:00 pm – 1:30 pm), beginning Sunday, June 19th, with additional potlucks planned for July 17th and August 21st. There will be a basket for freewill offering, with all funds raised going to the parish. We are also looking for volunteers willing to assist with the clean-up afterwards, and also to help sell tickets for the Quilt Raffle. For more information, contact Maia Scoretz at family@forourlady.com, 778-804-8370 or 506-688-6061.

THANKSGIVING QUILT RAFFLE Tickets are now available for the Immaculate Conception Quilt Raffle! The cost is \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00, and can be obtained by dropping into the parish office. The quilt was hand-crafted and donated by the Quilting Ladies of the parish. Anyone interested in selling tickets for the fundraiser should contact the parish office.



STUDENT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES We are looking for a summer student to serve as groundskeeper for Immaculate Conception Parish. The position involves work in the cemetery and parish halls. For more information or to submit a resume, please contact the parish office.

CELEBRATION FOR FR. RAYMOND DESJARDINS, C.Ss.R. The family of Fr. Raymond has extended an invitation to a Commemorative Mass and Reception to be held on Friday, July 29th, 2002 in Grand Falls, NB. The mass will be held at Assumption Church at 1:30 pm (355 Chapel Street), with the reception to be held at the Golden Age Club at 2:30 pm (125 Manse Street). Please RSVP your presence no later than June 30 by contacting Rhéal Desjardins at 514-591-2422 or rheal52.desjardins@gmail.com. Secondary contact person is Jocelyne Desjardins, who can be contacted at 506-475-0665 or jocedesjardins@gmail.com.

DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

MONDAYS @ THE MOVIES Will continue to meet over the summer to discuss faith connections in popular movies. Our next discussion will take place on Zoom on Monday, June 27th at 10:30 am when we will be talking about the 1998 film *The Truman Show*, starring Jim Carey, Laura Linney, and Ed Harris. For more information or to register, contact Trevor at 857-4879 or trevord.diocese@gmail.com. Everyone is welcome.

ROSARY for the FAMILY

In preparation for the 10th World Meeting of Families (WMF), the CCCB Standing Committee for Family and Life is hosting a live and nationwide **Rosary for the Family via Zoom Webinar**. The virtual event will take place on **Sunday, 19 June 2022 at 4:00 pm** and will be facilitated by several families from across the country. As part of the *Amoris Laetitia Family Year*, the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network and the Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life have published a "Rosary for the Family." [Register here online](#), or by contacting Trevor at the

Office for Evangelization and Catechesis at 857-4879 or trevord.diocese@gmail.com.

