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# Blessed Sacrament

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## Mission Statement:

*Established in the Spirit of Jesus Christ with an Afro-centric focus, Blessed Sacrament Chapel is committed to spreading the "Word" through fellowship and good works.*

**Sunday Mass: 10:00AM**

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## TODAY'S READING

### First Reading:

"When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no fountains of springs of water (Prv 8:24-26)

### Psalm:

O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth! (Ps 8)

### Second Reading:

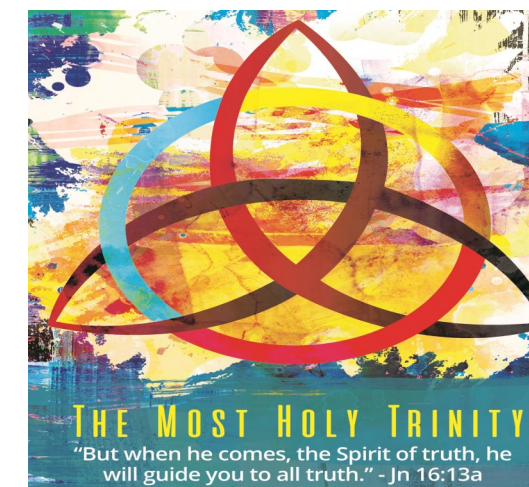
The love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. (Rom 5:5)

### Gospel:

"All that the Father has is mine; for this reason I told you that he will take from what is mine and declare it to you." (Jn 16:15)

## Trinity Sunday June 12, 2022

The love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. Rm. 5:5



My Dear Parishioners:

In bygone times practically everybody agreed about the existence of God. At those days, religious divisions came from conflicting beliefs *about* God, rather than any conflict between theism and atheism. This is not the case nowadays. Not only do many openly profess their lack of faith, but the quality of life we pursue tends to promote a kind of atheism in all of us. Especially in our large cities, surrounded by a world of largely human inventiveness, people are at a distance from the things of nature. As a result, even the rural-based of our population are bound to feel in some degree God's apparent remoteness from our situation, God's silence, remaining hidden to the end of our earthly days.

Today we celebrate the Most Holy Trinity, the revelation of the mystery of God's inner life. This mystery will remain for all of us as long as we live in this world, even though the veil which covers it is lifted ever so little. Our Bible assures us that not only is our God a personal God, but God exists as three Persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, while remaining one God. Although we cannot even begin to give a logical explanation for this, our faith enables us in some small measure to experience the presence of God. How this can happen is stated by St Augustine in a most beautiful passage from his "Confessions" (p. 211). "What do I love when I love my God?" he asks. Then he continues; "Not material beauty or beauty of a temporal order; not the brilliance of earthly light, so welcome to our eyes; not the sweet melody of harmony and song; not the fragrance of flowers, perfumes and spices; not manna or honey; not limbs such as the body delights to embrace. It is not these that I love when I love my God. And yet, when I love him, it is true that I love a light of a certain kind, a voice, a perfume, a food, an embrace; but they are of the kind that I love in my inner self." "So tell me something of my God," he asks. And loud and clear they answered, "God is he who made us."

*Seeing God* will change us utterly, and this *salvation* is a pure gift that always comes from the Father, announced and realized in his divine Son, and made effective in each of us through the action of the Holy Spirit. St Paul tells us that "in one Spirit we have access through Christ to the Father" (Eph 2:18). But the God's reaching down to us must be answered by the up-reach of our soul to God. To succeed in this, we must break free from the sinful pursuits which hold us captive. Then as Paul says, like mirrors we will reflect the brightness of the Lord, until finally we are changed into that image which we reflect (2 Cor 3:17f). For this great promise, glory be to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, forever. Amen

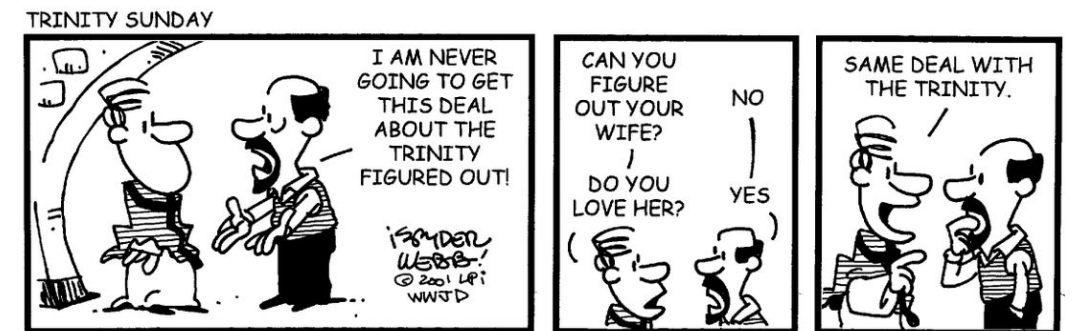
Blessings, Fr. John

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today's feast extending a dimensions of Easter joy into ordinary time, reminds us that every aspect of worship centers on the mystery of God in three persons. At Baptism, we are initiated into Christ and the Spirit. The Creed we recite at Mass every Sunday has its roots in the ancient celebration of Baptism, when a new believer was questioned at the edge of the waters of the font with three questions: Do you believe in God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit? Three questions, three affirmations, three immersions into the saving waters. Because every liturgy abounds with references to the Trinity, not only in words but in blessings by the sign of the cross, this feast was not easily accepted into the calendar. Pope Alexander in the eleventh century remarked that the liturgy is so laden with praise of the Trinity that there was no need for a special feast. Two hundred years later, while in exile in France, Pope John XXII proclaimed the feast, but it was not until 1911 that Pope St. Pius X gave it status as a solemnity.

A favorite image in art today is the Icon of the Trinity, showing three glorious winged men seated at a table laden with bread and a cup of wine. It recalls Abraham's hospitality to angels and gives expression to the inner life of God, a life lived in relationship, a life poured out in abundance whenever Christians gather at the table of the Eucharist to give praise to the Father, in Christ, in the embrace of the Spirit.

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## OPPORTUNITIES

July 1-4 National Conference of Burmese American Catholics

This year the conference is held in Owensboro. We have several volunteer opportunities.

- Sarah Malone is looking for people to serve meals on July 3:  
2 shifts 11:30-2:30 and 5:30-8:30.



### June Birthdays

2--Antonia Hagan  
4--Larry Leachman  
15--Lea Ann Johnson  
16--Sister Jeannette  
23--Michelle Jones, Pam McCarter  
30--Father Sinoj, Trent Hatchett



### IMP—Kroger

If you do not have a community reward partner at Kroger, please designate Blessed Sacrament. Blessed Sacrament's # is WX799. Go to [krogercommunityrewards.com](http://krogercommunityrewards.com) to register. Thanks to each of you for your support.

Blessed Sacrament Chapel applied to be part of the Lilly Endowment Grant which Brescia University is utilizing to help area places during a Mission Week: Eucharistic Life. A team will be here June 20-23 to paint the hall and do other work in the hall and on the outside. All materials are paid for through the grant. Please say a prayer of thanks for the team that is giving of their time and talents to help us and the Lilly Endowment.

### Mass Intentions

June 5--Peter Almendarez  
June 12--Herbert Millay  
June 19--Louie Moorman  
June 26--Stephen Hall

*Let us remember to pray for those who have recently died or those in the process of dying. Remember to pray for the souls in purgatory, especially for those who have no one to pray for them.*

**Our thoughts and prayers are with the sick:**  
**Larry Allen, Kitty Board,** Debbie Moseley, Donna Kaelin, Carol Hatchett, Gina Kirby (Connie Clary's daughter) Tom and June Johnson, Colin Holahan, Doris Smith, Janice Taul, Merle Griffith, Pam Wilson, Frank & Gloria Adams, Shelby Webster, Louise Johnson, Ruth Coble, Larry Conder, Mike Coakley, Andy Evans, Gary Moorman, Rachel Mattingly, Camilla Greer, Phillip Moorman, Jr. **If you know of anyone who is in need of prayer or visitation, please notify the office.**

Please remember our home-bound: Ruth Coble at One Park Place. Georgia Holland lives in St. Louis but stays active in BSC. A card or phone call can cheer them up.

*As you might be aware we are looking at ways to Growing Forward in Christ. We are looking at renovations. Part of any moving forward has to be to invite people to join us and to pray. **We usually have a Scripture Sharing group on Thursdays, praying over the Sunday readings and praying for you.** Next one is June 16 at 5:30. Put it on your calendar.*

## Coming Events CALENDAR



### Blessed Sacrament Chapel

June 6-17 Sr. Jeannette--retreat  
June 19---Farewell Potluck meal to honor Father Paul (11 AM)  
June 20-23 Mission Group from Brescia working at BSC  
June 24--Sunday Mass at **9 AM**



June 5---N/A  
Weekly Budget--\$962  
MTD Collection--N/A  
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YTD Collection--\$N/A  
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May each give according to what the Lord has blessed us with.

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### Up to the Job

Have you ever had a job for which you didn't feel qualified? I think we all have, whether it was a paying gig or not. A lot of us parents often feel in awe of the magnitude of that role and lose sleep worrying that we made the wrong decision in one situation or a bad call in another. Some of us feel intimidated by what our communities need from us, on the parish level or in our personal relationships. Or maybe we are simply dreading a task that seems too big, too overwhelming — that necessary basement cleanout, or the weekly organization of family schedules.

When we don't feel qualified, we don't want to do the work. We get stuck in our own fear. That's the birthplace of procrastination, self-doubt and bitterness. When we look inward at our own abilities, we can only see all the traits that aren't there. The intelligence, the dexterity, the ambition — whatever it is we lack, we get stuck on it.

I've got good news and bad news. I'll start with the bad news: none of us are qualified for the call of discipleship. We simply aren't. We don't have the love or grace or strength to get the job done. Now I'll give you the good news: God knows this, and He doesn't care. Stewardship does not insist that we possess every good quality — no, as a way of life, stewardship recognizes that we lack so many qualities. But it shows us where to find the love and grace and strength we need. Stewardship does not demand that we know every answer; it merely reminds us who to ask when we don't. — Tracy Earl Wel-

	<b>Lectors</b>
<u>June 12:</u>	Alexis Hatchett Jacques Williams
<u>June 19:</u>	Connie Clary Greg Gough
<u>June 26:</u>	Sarah Malone Barbara Bisel
	<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>
<u>June 12:</u>	Misty Sanford
<u>June 19:</u>	Vivian Hiiggs, Rita Moorman, Kathi Skidd
<u>June 26:</u>	Cindy Clark, Greg Gough, Misty Sanford

The Tenant and the Landlord

A lady answered the door to find a man standing there. He had a sad expression on his face. “I’m sorry to disturb you,” he said. I’m collecting money for an unfortunate family in the neighborhood. The husband is out of work; the kids are hungry; and their utilities will soon be cut off. Worse yet, they’re going to be kicked out of their apartment if they don’t pay the rent by this afternoon.” “I’ll be happy to help,” said the woman. Then she asked, “But who are you?” He replied, “I’m the landlord.”

*I don’t claim anything of the work. It’s His work. I’m like a little pencil in His hand. That’s all. He does the thinking. He does the writing. The pencil has nothing to do with it. The pencil has only to be allowed to be used.*

--Mother St. Teresa of Calcutta

A PRAYER FOR PEACE BY POPE FRANCIS

Lord God of peace, hear our prayer!  
We have tried so many times and over so many years  
to resolve our conflicts by our own powers and by the force of our arms.  
How many moments of hostility and darkness have we experienced?  
how much blood has been shed?  
how many lives have been shattered?  
how many hopes have been buried?  
But our efforts have been in vain.

Now, Lord, come to our aid!  
Grant us peace, teach us peace;  
guide our steps in the way of peace.  
Open our eyes and our hearts,  
and give us the courage to say: "Never again war!"; "With war everything is lost".  
Instill in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps to achieve peace.

Lord, God of Abraham, God of the Prophets, God of Love,  
you created us and you call us to live as brothers and sisters.  
Give us the strength daily to be instruments of peace; enable us to see everyone who crosses our path as our brother or sister.  
Make us sensitive to the plea of our citizens who entreat us to turn our weapons of war into implements of peace,  
our trepidation into confident trust, and our quarreling into forgiveness.  
Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation.  
In this way may peace triumph at last, and may the words "division," "hatred," and "war" be banished from the heart of every man and woman.

Readings for the Week

Monday:	1 Kgs 21:1-16/Ps 5:2--7/ Mt 5:38-42
Tuesday:	1 Kgs 21:17-29/Ps 51:3-6, 11 and 16/Mt 5:43-48
Wednesday:	2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Ps 31:20, 21, 24/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	Sir 48:1-14/Ps 97:1-2, 3-7/ Mt 6:7-15
Friday:	2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20/Ps 132:11-14, 17-18/Mt 6:19-23
Saturday:	2 Chr 24:17-25/Ps 89:4-5, 29-- 32, 33-34/Mt 6:24-34

Observances for the Week of June 12

Sunday:	The Most Holy Trinity
Tuesday:	Flag Day
Next Sunday:	Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ; Father’sDay

*My Jesus, do with you as you wish,  
as long as you wish.* --Mother Teresa

Picnic--2022

At the parish meeting recently, decisions were made about the annual picnic which will be August 6th, There will be a drive-through dinner 12-2 pm, Pre-sale Bar-b-q meat and a 50-50 raffle. Please plan to support this in the best way that you can.

Please join us in saying farewell to Father Paul on Sunday, June 19. The celebration of Mass will be followed by a potluck dinner. Sign-up sheet is in the back of church.

THIS IS THE HOLY TRINITY

Today we celebrate the Holy Trinity, one of the most confounding mysteries of our faith. Through this mystery we experience our relationship to God: Creator, Savior, and Holy Spirit. This relationship is not easy to understand or to describe. It does not become clearer through analysis. Its complexity mirrors the complexity of all our relationships. We understand our relationships with our spouse, our children, our parents, and our friends only through daily give-and-take, annual rituals, and the life-changing moments we share. We understand our relationships only as we live them. The relationships we have with those we love, and who love us, sustain us through an uncertain and difficult life. This is the Holy Trinity.

What is striking about today’s readings is that each is incomplete. What they offer is a description of a moment in our relationship, a memory of a time and an event when our relationship made sense even though that sense may be beyond our ability to describe fully.. Often that is all that our faith offers, that is , a memory of what is possible, what is promised, what has been given. A memory of eternity, of love beyond understanding is to be cherished and nurtured even if not fully understood. This is the Holy Trinity.

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2022 Barbecue Schedule

6/25 St. Mary Magdalene 4:00 PM
7/9 St. Alphonsus 3:00 PM
8/2 St. Martin (Drive Thru) 4:00 PM
8/6 Blessed Sacrament 12:00-2:00 PM
9/17 Blessed Mother (Drive Thru) 4:00 PM
9/18 St. Lawrence/ St. William 11:00 AM
9/24 Immaculate 1:00-3:00 PM