



BLESSED SACRAMENT

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Sunday Mass: 10:00AM

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.

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Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

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

Psalm:

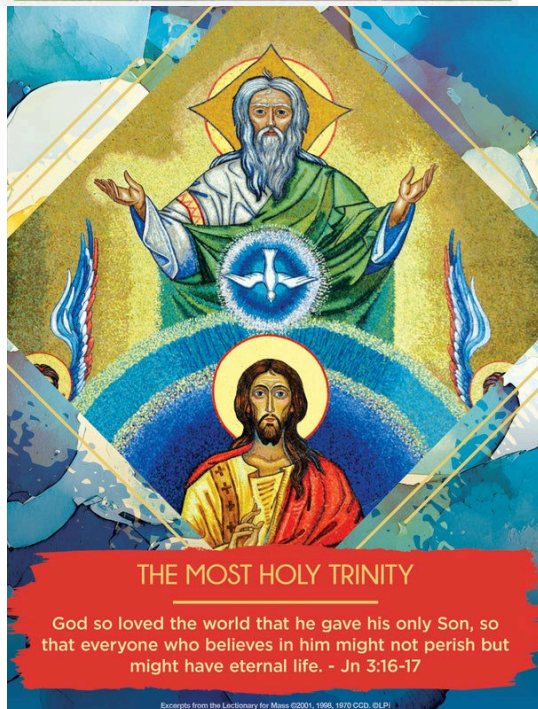
Glory and praise for ever! (Dn 3)

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)



THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

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 3:16-17

My Dear Parishioners:

Over the past two thousand years, many have tried to explain the mystery of the Blessed Trinity, how there could be Three Divine Presences but One God, all having done so without success. It appears that this mystery is the greatest of all mysteries within the Holy Catholic Church, the one that just cannot be penetrated. So how do we explain the Blessed Trinity?

I am sure that over the years, you have all heard of different explanations that were simple and acceptable. For example, for little children to understand the Blessed Trinity, we can use a sheet of white paper. We fold the sheet in three equal parts. Then, we indicate that while it is one sheet of paper, it has three parts to it. All three parts are equal and constitute the whole. If we were to cut one section away from the folded sheet of paper, it would no longer be a complete sheet of paper. Therefore, as there is One God, there is one sheet of paper. As there are Three Divine Presences in God, there are three parts to the sheet of paper.

Now, when we have to explain the Blessed Trinity to teenagers, we have to use a little more wisdom. To do so, instead of using a sheet of paper, we use an egg. We explain that while there is one egg, there are three parts to it, the shell, the egg white and the yolk. When we look at the egg, we know that it has an egg white and a yolk but we cannot see them. Comparing this to God, the egg represents God. The visible shell represents God incarnated through Jesus. The egg white represents the Holy Spirit and the yolk represents God the Father. Both, God the Father and the Holy Spirit are hidden from our sight just like the egg white and the yolk... unless of course, if we crack the egg. Then all are revealed.

These kinds of explanations have been around for as long as we can remember. They are good and they are simple.

It is said that a people's values can be seen in the god they worship. For Christians, "God is love" (*1 Jn 4:8*).

Each of the persons of the Trinity lives completely for the others; each is a complete gift of self to the others. The complete self-giving not only constitutes the individual persons of the Trinity, but also their inseparable oneness.

Thus, for Christians the very basis of all reality is the loving communion of persons that is the Holy Trinity. The only way to truly have any understanding of the Holy Trinity is to understand it in 'relationship'. God the Father loving the Son, perfectly. God the Son loving the Spirit, perfectly. God the Spirit loving . . .

We are 'taken up' in this relationship, in this love every time we make the sign of the Cross. We become part of this mystery every time we take part in the holy Mass. We become part of this mystery most especially every time we process forward and receive Holy Communion. God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, guide and protect each of us.

Blessings,

Fr. John

June Birthdays

2—Antonia Hagan
4—Larry Leachman
6—Ivan Clark
9—Alvin Leachman
17—Harry Fuchs
23—Pamela McCarter
Michelle Jones
27—Leland Herzog
Lucie Fuchs
30—Trent Hatchet

Mass Intentions

May 31 - Kenneth Higgs

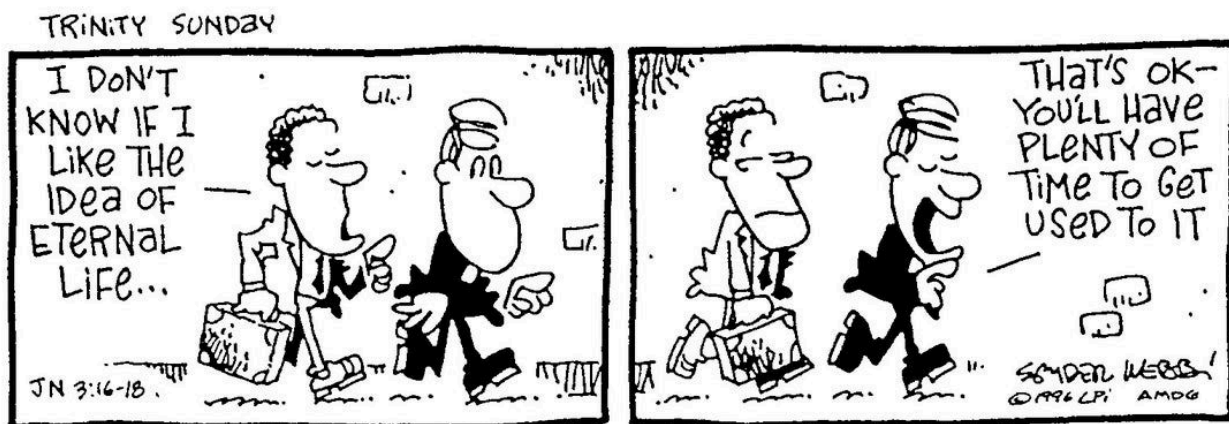
June 7 - James Curtiss 'JC' Greene

June 14 - Brenda Millay

Our thoughts and prayers are with the sick: **Mary Ann Terry**, Nicole Melton, Mike Dunn, Phaedra Fuchs, Renee Perkins, Rita Moorman, Joanne Kendall, Rollie Pike, Larry Leachman, Dorothy Simmons, Steve Coble, Teresa Luebbert, Diane Selby, Kathi Skidd, Ray Higgs, Pam Wilson, Phil Armendarez, Cindy Heckmann, Judy Stinett, Shaun Winchell, China Dulin, Rachel Mattingly, Charlie Brown Sr, Steven Moorman, Philip Moorman, Jr., Ronnie Hollis, Chandra Hagan, Ruth Coble, Carol Hatchett, Jordan Gertisen, Shelby Webster, Gary Moorman. **If you know of anyone who is in need of prayer or visitation, please notify the office.**

Let us remember to pray for those who are dying and those who have recently died.

Remember to pray for the souls in purgatory, especially for those who have no one to pray for them.



Coming Events



May 31-Parish Picnic

Meeting 11:00am in hall

June 7-Diocesan Corpus

Christi procession 3:00pm



May 24--\$1,365.00

Budget--\$1,300.00

MTD Collection--\$6,765.51

MTD Budget--\$5,200.00

YTD Collection--\$91,452.97

YTD Budget--\$62,100.00

*May each give according to
what the Lord has blessed
us with.*

*Thanks to everyone who practices
stewardship on a regular basis. An
active parishioner attends Mass
regularly and practices stewardship
(time, talent, treasure).*

GOSPEL MEDITATION

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

Readings for the Week

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

Observances for the Week

Monday: St. Justin, Martyr

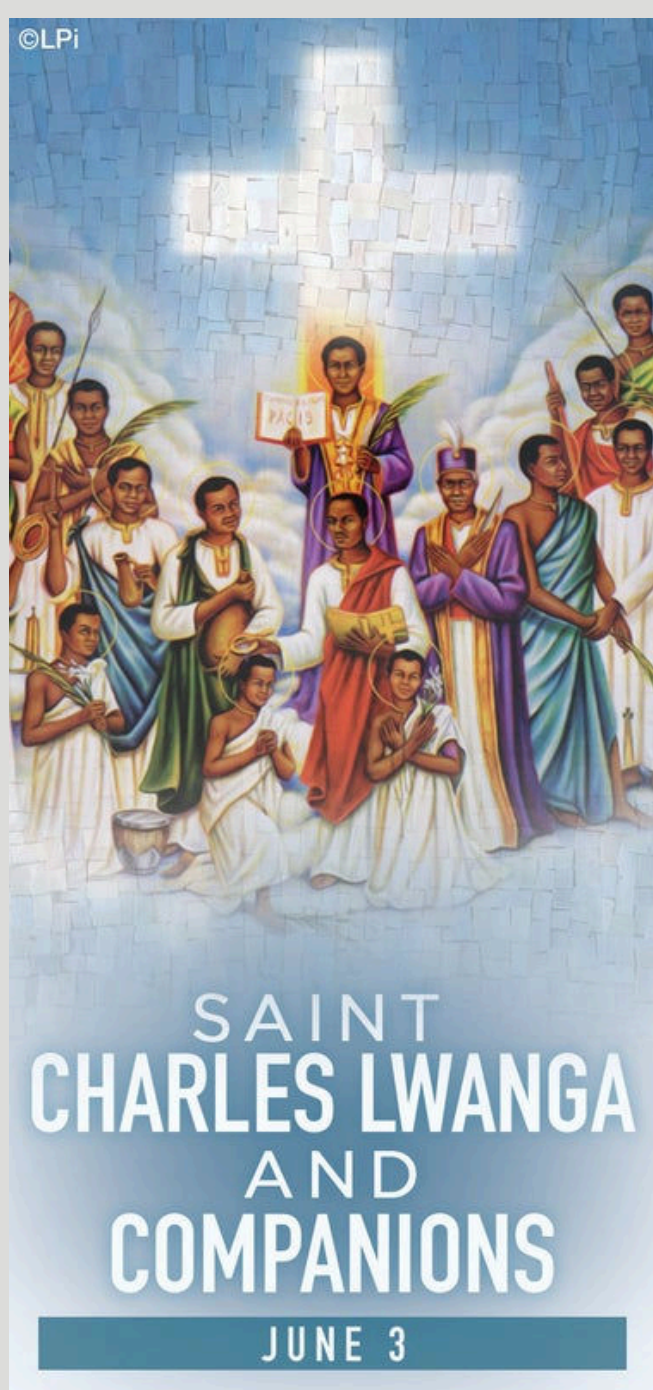
Tuesday: Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs

Wednesday: St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

Friday: St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr

Saturday: St. Norbert, Bishop

St. Norbert of Xanten (c. 1075-1134) after a violent conversion experience, was ordained and became an itinerant preacher who founded the Norbertine order. He preached against heresies denying the Blessed Sacrament, which earned him the title "Apostle of the Blessed Sacrament."



Trinity Prayer

O Divine Mystery, O Sacred Trinity!

Surround us with Your wisdom, love, power, and grace.

Draw us to Yourself. Help us to rest in Your goodness.

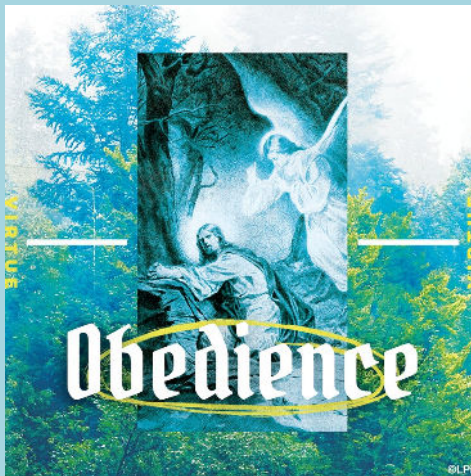
Amen.

Obedience, Explained!

Disobedience was humanity's original sin. Conversely, obedience became the instrument of humanity's reconciliation to God.

Scripture calls man's submission of his own intellect and will to God, the author of revelation, "the obedience of faith." (CCC 143) "To obey in faith is to submit freely to the word that has been heard, because its truth is guaranteed by God, who is Truth itself," we read in the Catechism (CCC 144).

We see perfect obedience shown by Christ amidst his agony in the Garden of Gethsemane. His human will dreads what will come — "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me" — but his divine will, which is never at odds with his human will, submits to the Truth: "Yet, not as I will, but as you will." (Matthew 26:39). Despite his fear, he embraces the divine will for man to be redeemed, and so we say that he was "obedient unto death." (Philippians 2:8)



Ministry Schedule

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Collection & Gifts
May 31	Barb Bisel Misty Sanford	Greg Gough Michelle Jones Sr. Monica Seaton	Burnell Hamilton Steve Coble
June 7	Leland Herzog Katie Goins	Greg & Denise Richardson Misty Sanford	Jamie, Beau, & Luke Bisel

ENCYCLICAL LETTER

**MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS
OF HIS HOLINESS
POPE LEO XIV**

**ON SAFEGUARDING THE HUMAN PERSON
IN THE TIME OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE**



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