

# Holy Family Parish



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### Sacrament of Marriage

Notice of six months is required

### REQUIREMENT FOR SACRAMENTS

The basic requirement for the sacraments of First Communion, Confirmation and Marriage is that you be a practicing Catholic. One parent must be a practicing Catholic to present a child for Baptism

### Sacrament of Baptism

Please notify the pastor during the pregnancy in order to schedule sacramental instruction, if necessary.

### Sacrament of Penance

Saturday 3:00 to 3:45 P.M.

7:15 am – 7:45 am and 5:15 pm – 5:45 pm  
before daily Mass or by appointment

### Sacrament of the Sick

The sacrament is for anyone you know who has any continuing or serious illness, or is having surgery and would like to celebrate this healing sacrament.

Please remember our sick in your prayers.....

**Brevyn Willford, Lincoln Noel, Bob Gascon**

Attention parishioners. We will start with our prayer list back in the weekly bulletin. If you have a family member or friends who are sick and in need of prayers, please call the parish office at 786-1209. This will be the new corner for the names. The Mass intentions are now listed in the weekly calendar.

# CATECHETICAL CORNER

## Holy Trinity

We have already seen in the Apostles' Creed what the foundation of our faith is; in other words what we have to believe and whom we have to believe. There is no problem for any world religions to recognize God as the only Creator of everything in the universe. Judaism is strictly a monotheistic religion believing in one God. The First Commandment given to Israel through Moses makes it very clear. **“God spoke all these words, saying, ‘I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me.’”**- [Exodus 20:1–3](#). Islam also is a monotheistic religion believing in one God, who is known as ‘Alla.’ Hinduism teaches God as one with three forms. **Hindus** worship one Supreme Being called Brahman though by different names. ... When **God** is formless, He is referred to by the term Brahman. When **God** has form, He is referred to by the term *Paramatma*. This is almighty **God**, whose three main forms are Brahma; the creator, Vishnu, the sustainer and Shiva, the destroyer. The Christian theology of Trinity is widely misunderstood and criticized by the Jews and the Muslims. They believe that the Christians believe in three gods, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The Hindus who believe in so many deities and call them all gods and also accept the three forms of God don't have any issue with the theology of Holy Trinity. They believe that God appears in three different forms for functional purpose. Even today many Christians find it very hard to comprehend the mystery of the Holy Trinity. Even theologians struggle to explain the mystery of the Holy Trinity in simple language for the people. But at the same time this mystery is not something created by the Church; rather it has got clear Biblical foundation, especially through the teaching of Jesus himself. First of all let us go to the Scriptural background of the mystery of the Holy Trinity.

### Old Testament understanding of God

The first Book of the Bible, Genesis' gives the account of two creation stories. In both we find the role of God in creating everything, inanimate and animate on earth. In the first chapter of Genesis the author writes, “In the beginning, when **God created** the heavens and the earth...” In the same chapter less than 29 times the title ‘God’ (*Elohim, in Hebrew*) is used. Between chapters 1-3 less than 20 times God is addressed as “**Lord God.**” But we don't have any sort of description about the identity of ‘this God’ as who He is? He is the God who called Abraham and led him out of his homeland; He is the God who led Jacob (Israel) and his family into Egypt. But finally only Moses, to whom God appeared in the burning bush, ventured to ask God His name (Exodus 3:13-14). In answer to Moses' question God said, “**I AM WHO AM.**” Ever since, the people of Israel considered God as single, the Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth and later they called him Yahweh. Though Elohim is the masculine plural of ‘*El*,’ it is not used to mean ‘gods’ when referring to the true God of Israel. Strictly speaking the idea of God as three persons is totally alien to the Old Testament writers. But at the same time we see some reference to God in more than one person in the Old Testament too. For instance, we have already seen God being addressed in Hebrew Bible in masculine plural form Elohim. It is confirmed in the Book of Genesis 1:26 where we read, “**Then God said, “Let US make man in OUR image, and after OUR likeness.”**” Genesis 18: 1-2 give the account of the appearance of the Lord to Abraham, but He appeared to him in three men.

(Will be continued next week).



*Our prayers and condolences to the family and friends of **Katherine Fudala**. Katherine's Mass of Christian Burial was held this past Friday, Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>. May her soul and all the souls of the faithfully departed rest in peace.*

*Thirtieth week in Ordinary Time*

**THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY**

Mon.	Oct. 26 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 A.M. -	Mass – For your intentions
Tues.	Oct. 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>6:00 P.M.</b> - 6:30 P.M. -	Mass –Darlene Smith St. Vincent de Paul Society meets
Wed.	Oct. 28 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles</i>	
		8:00 A.M. -	Mass – Peter & Willa DeMay
Thurs.	Oct. 29 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 A.M. -	Mass – Marion Sodergren
Fri.	Oct. 30 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 A.M. - -----	Mass – Francis Beauchamp Parish office closed
Sat.	Oct. 31 <sup>st</sup>	3:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. -	Confessions heard until 3:45 PM Mass – George Grzyb
Sun.	Nov. 1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>All Saints</i>	
		8:00 A.M. -	Mass – Jim Gascon
		10:00 AM -	Mass – For the people of our parish

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

70 envelopes were returned Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>

Adults.....	\$3,641.00
Loose.....	65.00
General Maintenance.....	35.00
Fuel.....	55.00
Roof Fund.....	25.00
Seminary Donation.....	20.00
Donations for Pasty Sale.....	225.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$4,066.00</b>

**Budgeted weekly Income & Expense... \$3,786.83**  
**Overage..... \$ 279.17**

St. Vincent DePaul Society..... 120.00  
**Total.....\$ 120.00**

Thank you to all who have dropped off or mailed in their weekly envelopes and have returned their U.P. Catholic Services Appeal Card.

**U.P. Catholic Services Appeal Update**

Parish Goal.....	\$40,139.00
Pledged to date.....	\$26,090.00
<b>Still needed.....</b>	<b>\$14,049.00</b>

Thank you to the 101 parishioners who have sent in their pledges. With 106 cards outstanding. We can do this!!!

**2020 St. Vincent DePaul Society**  
**Christmas Baskets**

SVdP will be distributing Christmas Baskets on December 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> from the Ruth Butler bldg. We are looking for monetary or physical donations. Please consider donating to our less fortunate in our community. Checks may be written out to SVdP and please specify on the check that the money is to be used for Christmas Baskets. Thank you. Call Julie at 906-280-1315 if you have any questions.



*Don't forget to FALL back next weekend~~~*

## SPIRIT LIFTERS

- Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>** - Unless you can control yourself, you will never be able to control others.
- Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>** - An old man was asked what had most robbed him of joy in his life. His reply was “things that never happened.”
- Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>** - O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!
- Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>** - Do not worry about whether or not the sun will rise. Be prepared to enjoy it.
- Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>** - You shall judge a man by his foes as well as by his friends.
- Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>** - Take a tip from nature - man’s ears weren’t made to shut - his mouth was.
- Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>** - Good intentions are no substitute for action; failure usually follows the path of least persistence.



### **THROUGH THE WATERS OF BAPTISM**

We welcome into our parish community, **Aspyn Yvonne Barron**, daughter of Joshua and Meghan (LaMarche) Barron. Aspyn was baptized on Sunday, Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>.

Congratulations to the proud parents and god parents.

**Survivors of Suicide Support Group** will meet the 2nd Monday of every month starting in October, 6:00 PM at St. Anthony Parish Hall. For more information, you can call Cindy Bintner at 789-0003 or Janet Lindstrom at 786-3852.

### Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

## THIS WEEK’S READINGS

**Monday**  
Eph 4:32-5:8  
Lk 13:10-17

**Tuesday**  
Eph 5:21-33  
Lk 13:18-21

**Wednesday**  
Eph 2:19-22  
Lk 6:12-16

**Thursday**  
Eph 6:10-20  
Lk 13:31-35

**Friday**  
Phil 1:1-11  
Lk 14:1-6

**Saturday**  
Phil 1:18b-26  
Lk 14:1,7-11

**Sunday**  
Rv 7:2-4,9-14 1 Jn 3:1-3  
Mt 5:1-12a

### Life of Saints

**Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> - STS. SIMON and JUDE, apostles - -**  
Today we celebrate the feast of two Apostles. The name Simon is eleventh on the list of the twelve. It is known that Simon came from Cana and was called “Zealot” - perhaps a member of the activist political party against Roman occupation of Judea. The apostle Jude, called Thaddaeus, spoke with Jesus during the Last Supper (Jn 14:22). In lists of the Apostles these two are always together.

**Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>- ALL SAINTS, Solemnity - -**  
Today we commemorate all the saints - the heroic women and men who followed Christ faithfully during their lifetimes and who are now with God in heaven. We ask all the saints to intercede for us, so that we also will achieve sanctity and reach the goal of our existence.

## **THANK YOU**

A **HUGH THANK YOU** for all of the support that has been shown so far for the pasty sale that will be Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>. With so much support we have decided to make 2000. So with that being said, we are still looking for donations and more workers for the different shifts. If you would like to help or donate please contact the parish office 786-1209 or there are sign up sheets at the back of church.

**30<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; Cycle - A; Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> 2020  
Exodus 22: 20-26; 1Thesslonians 1: 5-10; Matthew 22: 34-40**

Dear Sisters & Brothers,

In the 2<sup>nd</sup> century A.D. the pagan Greek Philosopher Aristides wrote to the Roman Emperor Hadrian about the Christians, while the persecution was severe against them. He wrote, **“Christians love one another. They never fail to help widows; they save orphans from those who would hurt them. If one of them has something, he gives freely to those who have nothing. If they see a stranger, Christians take him home and are happy as though he were a real brother. They don’t consider themselves brothers in the usual sense, but brothers through the Spirit, in God. And if they hear that one of them is in jail or persecuted for professing the name of their Redeemer, they give him all he needs. There is something divine in them.”**

The above statement makes it clear that even the non-Christians could not but appreciate the Christians’ love of God which was reflected in the love of neighbor. Even today Christians are known among the non-Christians for their charitable works irrespective of caste, religion and nations. If the Jews considered only a member of his community as his neighbor, the Christians consider everyone who is in need of help to be their brother and sister and neighbor. The entire teaching of Jesus can be summarized just in one Commandment, **“LOVE OF GOD AND LOVE OF NEIGHBOR.”** In many ways Jesus’ teaching was different from the ordinary Jewish Rabbi. Even the ordinary people admitted that he spoke and acted with authority. He gave new interpretations to the Mosaic Law; hence he is accused of breaking the Law. So every time they questioned Jesus to prove that indeed he was a Law breaker. But to their surprise, to the question of the scholar in today’s Gospel, **“Which commandment is the greatest of all?” Jesus just repeated the First Commandment which was described in Dt.6: 4- 5, “Hear O, Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone! Therefore, you shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength.”** But Jesus didn’t stop with that rather he added to it the statute given in **Lev. 19: 18, which reads, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”** *Thus Jesus makes it very clear that the Love of God without Love of neighbor is incomplete and love of neighbor without love of God is unreal. St. John in his first letter chapter 4: 20 says, “If anyone says, “I love God, but hates his brother, he is a liar; for whoever does not love a brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. No one has seen God. Yet, if we love one another, God remains in us, and his love is brought perfection in us.”* This is a warning for the ones

who claim to be pious and religious who claim to love God but don't care for their neighbor.

Mother Theresa is the greatest humanitarian worker, the modern world has ever seen. Every time when she picked up a starving or dying person from the street of Calcutta, people wondered how she could do that. Her answer was very simple, **“I see the face of Jesus in that person.”** Mother Theresa always warned her nuns against the challenges they could face in loving their neighbor. At the same time these hurdles can be met with only if human beings are motivated by love and respect for one another which looks beyond faults, differences, ulterior motives, success and failure. **Mother Theresa once said of herself, “By blood and origin, I am all Albanian. My citizenship is Indian. I am a Catholic nun. As to my calling, I belong to the whole world. As to my heart, I belong entirely to the heart of Jesus.”** Yes only the one whose heart belongs to Jesus can do such humanitarian works.

**Christianity is not the religion of legalism and ritualism. It is the religion of love.** Christians are supposed to see the face of Jesus in everybody they meet. If our worship and love of God remain in the four walls of this Church and if it is not expressed through our good works for the poor and the needy outside, then our religion is dry and dead. We cannot be the followers of Jesus. The late Arch Bishop of El Salvador, Oscar Romero, who was assassinated by the enemies of social justice, said once in his homily, **“A religion of Sunday Mass but unjust weeks ahead does not please God. A religion of much praying but with hypocrisy in the heart is not Christian. A Church that sets itself up only to be well off, to have a lot of money and comfort but that forgets to protest against injustices in the world, not to be the true Church.”** It does not mean that we should not participate in Sunday Mass or do our personal prayers. But our attendance of Mass and personal prayers should give us inspiration to do something good to someone, and only then they will have the full meaning. Thanks to the fast communication devices the world is getting smaller. At the same time our hearts are also becoming smaller and we don't have place for others in our hearts. In other words, people are getting selfish with their time, talents and material resources. As a result they don't see anything or anybody outside of their small shell of self-interest. Remember, the scene of the Last Judgment described in Matthew 25: 31-46; Here Jesus makes it very clear that only our charitable works will bring us eternal life; we are judged over our good deeds or bad deeds which we did for or against our neighbors. In other words our eternal life or eternal death depends on what good we have done or what we have denied to do for our fellow beings.