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Office Hours: Tue.- Fri. 9am - 1pm

The Church is open weekdays 7:30-8pm -new hrs.

Saturdays & Sundays 7:30 - 5:15

May 31, 2025, Holy Trinity Sunday



Parish Staff

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Diaz #4

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Sacraments and Devotions

Reconciliation: Sun. 9:45-10:15am, Thu 1-1:35

Marriage: One year notice to the pastor.

Infant Baptism: 1 month notice. The preparation session for parents and godparents of children under 4 will be on June 21st from noon-2pm in the hall classroom. You must register

Anointing of the Sick: Please call Fr. Tom. Usually, it is celebrated after 10:30 Sunday Mass

The Rosary: ½ hr. before weekday Masses.

Divine Chaplet: Tuesdays after the 12:15 Mass

The Welcoming Church: Sunday 12:15pm.

Exposition & Benediction: Thu. 12:45-1:45pm.

Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

Sat/May 30, 4pm +Gregorio Cruz

Sun/May 31, 8:30am +Adele Rico

10:30am +Jose Luis Araiza

Tue/Jun 2, 12:15pm +Kathleen Skirra

Wed/Jun 3, 8:15am For All Priests

Thu/Jun 4, 12:15pm +Maureen Swanson

Fri/Jun 5, 8:15am +Bonafacia Cruz

Sat/Jun 6, 4pm +Abel Sagon

Sun/Jun 7, 8:30am People of the Parish

10:30am +Elizabetta Basso

Events in the Parish

Sun/May 31, 12:15pm Welcoming Church last session

Mon/Jun 1, 6:30pm Men's Club Mtg/Hall

Wed/Jun 3, 4:30pm Filipino Ministry Mtg/Hall

Fri/Jun 5, 4:30pm Social Justice Mtg/CI

Stewardship for May 24th Plate \$4,447.74.
Your continued generosity is needed. Thank you

Last Week Homily Highlights

- Jesus has not left us alone
- The Holy spirit guides us today
- How does the Holy Spirit guide you today?
- How do you show others that you have the Holy Spirit?

Sunday Scripture Readings

Reading I: Exodus 34:4b-6,8-9, **Reading II:** 2 Corinthians 13:11-13, **Gospel:** John 3:16-18

Sunday Reflection

The “Story” of the Trinity In order to know about the Trinity, we can think back to the great story that we have been celebrating for many weeks. Let us tell it one more time. God the Father invited people on earth to a lasting and loving relationship with him and with each other. “I want to be your God and I want you to be my people. My love for you is tender and precious. Won’t you love me in return?”

People understood and entered into the agreement. Abraham, Isaac, Moses, Elisha, Elijah, just to begin the list. But we humans keep choosing things closer to hand: money and honors—barns full of them—which can also bear a refusal of God’s love.

How would God react to such refusal?

My people, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me. For your sake I scourged your captors and their first-born sons, but you brought your scourges down on me! My people, answer me! [from Good Friday, The Reproaches] So, eventually God tried a new and quite brilliant way. To paraphrase, “I will show them what true love looks like. Since I am all love and nothing but love, I will go out to them completely, as love does. I will become one of them. I will live humanity to its depths, and they will see Love in its full truth.”

So God was born as a human called Jesus, who told the people to love God above all things and their neighbors as themselves. He was the very heart of God-made-flesh. One with the Father but different as well.

And so the world knew about two persons in one God. Many human beings had been hurt and betrayed, forced to live with their own mixed-up motives, and selfishness and greed. Having to live with the faults of others. Love can get lost in such a world.

So, God the Son plunged into this ocean of cruelty and loss, diving all the way down to death. This was a display of the most profound insides of God: give everything, receive everything.

So far, the disciples knew two parts of God, Jesus and his Abba; and they were not very sure about these. So, before he left, Christ said the following to them (again paraphrasing): If you know me, you know the Father. He is in me fully, and after I go back I will make a home in you by sending the Holy Spirit. It will comfort you, and will be the very love that I and the Father have for each other and for you. That way I will be with you until the end of time!

He was talking about the third person of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit. which snuggles close to our souls if we let it. If we let it. The Holy Spirit is like a blanket in cold winter. It is the love between Father and Son. So real that it is the third person of the Trinity.

So, there are three parts to God. Ok, not parts but ... well, go figure. But how could God interact with us in these three very different ways? By being "plural" (in a sense), that is, by being what believers have called three "persons."

Alright, how can three persons in God be one? By not letting the number three be a divider but a plus sign. All three, in a great dynamic of love; come so close that they are One God. Let us simply let God the Trinity touch us! John Foley SJ.

Discussion Question: What action of the Father tells you he "... so loved the world"? What did the Son do? What is your response to God's immense love for the world and for you personally

Sunday Connection: Because of God's great love for us, he sent his Son, Jesus, to save the world. Jesus, in turn, sent the Holy Spirit so that our faith in God and his love would be strengthened. The nurturing experiences of family life also help us to understand and have faith in God's love.

Create a family poster together showing all the ways in which your family experiences God's great love. Use symbols, pictures, and words to show how you have seen God at work in your family life and in our history. Then read together today's Gospel, John 3:16-18. Pray together, thanking God for his gift of love. Conclude by praying the **Glory Be to the Father** or today's Psalm.

Please pray for the health intentions of: Bi Bi Ballesteros, Giselle Ballion, Giovanna Desimone, Marcella Dorado, Maryann Eger, Jim Estrella, Rosita Faltado, Kathy Fontana, Cedric Fontana, Greyson Goff, Trinidad Legasti, Nancy Keegan, Fatima Manhoso, Mary Piccioni, Judy Nelson, Vivian Pruett, Emi Jade Przyborowski, Linda Sime, Cecilia Tarrant, Diane Thrailkill, Jim Turegano. Jackson Vallee. If you want a name on the list, please call the office

Please pray for the souls of: Bill Henry and Mark Mardahl keep their families in your prayers.

"If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one."-Mother Teresa
Faith Formation encourages all parishioners to find a way to be part of our ministry and enrich your own faith one child at a time.

Sunday, May 31st

10:30 am Children's Liturgy of the Word/Hall
Last CLOW and we will resume in August!



Faith Formation Registration is open, please scan the QR code or packets are available at the Faith Formation table. Early Bird Registration will end today, so sign-up today! Any online or turned in registration after May 31st will be \$125.00.



Email sesreled@gmail.com if you're interested in joining our fruitful ministry!



All are invited to pray on June 3rd at 4pm to Our Lady of Perpetual Help in the church.

Our Filipino American Ministry meets monthly on the 1st Wed of every month. We invite all parishioners to come together with us to gather in faith and community! Help us with conversation, our planning, and in fellowship.



SAVE THE DATE:
Filipino Friendship Day will be July 12th.

Woman of the Year 2026

Do you know a woman at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton that has played an exceptional role in our parish? We are seeking nominations from parishioners to represent SEAS parish as Women of the Year. Nominees must be a member of the parish. Please complete the form below including your phone number should we need more information. **Place the form in the collection box in the vestibule. Deadline is June 28 at noon.**

Contact Linda Biondini for questions: (707) 407-6386

Your name(print): _____

Your phone: _____

Person you are nominating and reason: (print)

Ministry Schedule: June 6th & 7th

4pm Mass

Readers: Liz Ritchie, Tony Sacramento

EMS: Joanne Bishop, Tony Madia, Bill Yates

Ushers: Mark & Selina Johnson

Greeters: Roxanne Bialkoski, Pat Yates

8:30am Mass

Readers: Evelyn Estrella, Not Filled

EMS: John Buhagiar, Patty Ramos, Mary Thayer

Ushers: Remie Alinas, Diane Cook

Greeters: Alan & Caroline Kalaw

10:30am Mass

Readers: Nora John, Scott Morrical

EMS: Jovita Bishop, Victoria Gregorio, Nativity Mata

Ushers: Scott Crossen, Milagros Morrical

Greeters: Augustine Gonzalez, Sally Shami

Understanding the Holy Trinity

The Holy Trinity is the central Christian doctrine that there is **one God** who exists in **three distinct, co-equal, and co-eternal Persons: Father, Son (Jesus Christ), and Holy Spirit**. These three Persons are **one God** in essence, sharing the same divine nature, attributes, and worship Christianity.

- **One God in Three Persons:** The Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Spirit is God, yet they are not three separate gods. They are distinct in their roles but united in substance (homoousion) Wikipedia.
- **Relations:** The Father generates the Son; the Son is generated by the Father; the Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father and the Son
- **Unity and Distinction:** They are both one and three — a mystery that cannot be fully explained in human terms Christianity.

Biblical Basis

While the word *Trinity* is not in the Bible, the concept is rooted in Scripture:

- **Matthew 28:19** – “Baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”
- **2 Corinthians 13:13** – “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit.”
- The Gospel of John and New Testament writings show God revealed in threefold ways: Creator (Father), Incarnate Savior (Son), and Helper/Comforter (Holy Spirit).

Historical Development

- **Early Church Fathers:** The idea emerged in the 2nd–3rd centuries to affirm God’s unity while acknowledging the distinct roles of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- **Councils of Nicaea (325) and Constantinople (381):** Defined the divinity of the Son and Holy Spirit, refuting heresies like Arianism and Macedonianism.
- **Dogma:** The Trinity is considered an infallible definition of Christian faith.

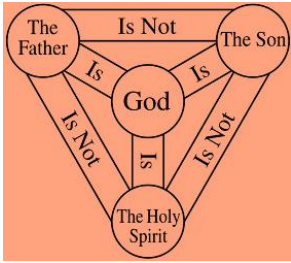
Roles in the Trinity

- **Father:** Creator, sustainer, and loving source of all things Christianity.
- **Son (Jesus Christ):** Incarnate God who became human to save humanity through life, death, and resurrection Christianity+1.
- **Holy Spirit:** God present with believers, guiding, empowering, and sanctifying.

Why It Matters

The Trinity expresses God’s **personal nature** — not just a distant power, but a relational, loving God who exists in communion Logos Bible Study Platform. It shapes Christian worship, ethics, and

mission, as all creation and salvation are seen as the work of the three Persons together. In short, the Holy Trinity is the Christian affirmation that **God is one, yet three — Father, Son, and Holy Spirit — eternally united in love and purpose.**



Prayer to the Most Holy Trinity

To God the Father

Heavenly Father, Author of all creation, we praise You for Your boundless love and mercy. You are the source of all goodness; the giver of life. You formed us in Your image and guide us with providence. We thank You for the gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ, through whom You revealed Your loving plan of salvation. By His life, death, and resurrection, we are reconciled to You. You have adopted us as Your beloved children and made us heirs to Your Kingdom.

May we cherish our identity as Your sons and daughters, living lives that radiate Your love to everyone whom we meet. We entrust ourselves to Your unflinching care. We desire that Your will be done in our lives, now and forever.

We ask this through Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.

To Jesus, Son of God

O Jesus, Eternal Son of the Father, We adore You as our Savior, Lord, and Brother. You, the Word made flesh, revealed the Father's love. You offered Yourself as a sacrifice for our salvation.

Your Sacred Heart, pierced for our transgressions, pours out mercy, compassion, and unfathomable love. You nourish us in the Eucharist, strengthening our faith. As our Risen Lord, You intercede for us constantly.

Help us to follow in Your footsteps and embrace the Cross. Transform us into Your likeness, so that we may radiate Your goodness. Be our strength, solace, and joy, and sustain us with Your grace until we behold You face to face in Your heavenly Kingdom. We ask this in Your most holy name, You who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.

To the Holy Spirit

O Holy Spirit, Lord and Giver of Life, we praise You, the eternal Love between the Father and the Son. You bring life, inspire prophets, and guide the

Church. You empower us with Your gifts and unify all in love.

We thank You for the new life in Baptism, which makes us Your temples. Sanctify us, Holy Spirit, conform us to Christ, and lead us to divine love.

Kindle in us the fire of Your love and the zeal for Your Kingdom. Guide our minds, strengthen our wills, and direct our actions.

Renew the earth, and bring healing, comfort, and hope to all. Convict us of sin, and lead us to repentance and conversion. Guide the Church, and inspire our leaders with courage and compassion. Grant us unity, humility, and openness to Your promptings.

We consecrate ourselves to You, Holy Spirit: our hearts, minds, and bodies. May we be attentive to Your voice and responsive to Your call. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastor's Corner



I want to thank Linda Biondini, The Filipino American Society, and Kate Ingram for taking care of the flowers in the church these past weeks.

I would ask that people return their missalettes to the proper places in the vestibule and not in front of the office..

I am looking for a part-time assistant office manager part-time for when Chris is away. The person must have knowledge of the computer and if possible be bilingual (Spanish and English). Starting pay is \$20 hr.

I am still looking for Extra Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist to help bring Holy Communion to shut-ins. You would be assigned one person on a weekly basis.

I only had three volunteers to help with a Surf and Turf dinner. So, it is on the back burner at this time.

I was hoping to retire this fall, but it has been postponed to next summer as we will probably have a new bishop.

The hours the church is open on weekdays is from 8:30am to 8pm. On weekends 7:30-5:15pm.

I want to thank Jennifer Bedoka, all the teachers and helpers of Faith Formation for our young ones and our teenagers. It was a good faith formation year!

The next Baptismal preparation session for parents and godparents of children under 4 will be on June 21st from noon-2pm in the hall classroom. There is a \$25 fee when you register for the session which will be returned to you after you take the class. Too many parents sign up but do not show up.

We do have a bottled water dispenser in the vestibule so please do not bring bottled water into the church.

Please pray for me today, Sat. 30th as it is my 45th anniversary of priesthood

Have a blessed week!

