

# TRINITY SUNDAY - MAY 30TH 2021

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### PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Those who are sick, especially:

Erica Perk, Shirley Kloefer, Hermie Jandristis,  
Dolores Flood and Oswaldo Bacareza.

And those who have died, especially  
Bernadette Durand and Shirley Kloefer

MASS SCHEDULE: JUNE 4TH – JUNE 6TH

ST. THOMAS MORE RECTORY CHAPEL  
NO MASSES AT THE RECTORY THIS WEEK

ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH

FRIDAY: 5:30 PM

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SUNDAY 9AM–10:30AM

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(ROSARY WILL COMMENCE AT 9:00 AM)

(MAX ATTENDANCE IN THE CHURCH - 10)

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## FR. ANTONIO BAROL'S MESSAGE FOR TRINITY SUNDAY

Dear sisters/brothers, parishioners of St. Thomas More and St. Bernadette,  
The grace and mercy of God the Father, the love of Jesus the Son and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be upon you at all times.

After last weekend's feast of Pentecost, we are presented the complete picture of who God is. He is the loving Father, the creator, who sent his only begotten Son Jesus, the Savior and the Holy Spirit the Advocate who had been sent to us from the Father and the Son, to fulfill the promise of His presence until the end of the age. As Catholic Christians, this is the main foundation of our faith, the Holy Trinity; three divine persons in one God. The Holy Trinity is present at all stages in salvation history, from the time of creation until the time of the completion of history. As I had mentioned before, salvation history can be divided into three periods, first - the time of God the Father from creation until the time of the birth of Jesus the Son of God; second - when Jesus the Son of God dwelt in the world as a human person; and third - the time of the Holy Spirit which started at Pentecost and is with us to teach us all the things to come and is now guiding the Church towards the fulfillment of the promised salvation.

Of the three Major religions, which are Judaism, Muslim and Christianity, we all are a monotheistic religion, meaning we believe in one God. The only difference is that ours is Trinitarian in nature, one God but three divine persons, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. This is the reason why we start all our prayers with the sign of our faith, the cross, and invoking God who is Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.

A little flash back of the feast of Pentecost, it is a reminder that we all have received the gifts of the Holy Spirit but the problem lies in the fact that the fruits of the Holy Spirit are still not completely visible in us and also in the Church. St. Paul in his letter to the Galatians identified the fruits as, love, joy, peace patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

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Examining the different fruits of the Holy Spirit, let us try to work on these in our life and if every Christian will work along this line, we will have a church that was envisioned by Christ, a Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church marching towards the realization of the kingdom of God. St. Paul added this, "If we live by the Spirit, let us be guided by the Spirit." In the prayer of the Holy Spirit, we ask for the renewal of the earth.

The feast of the Holy Trinity is reminding us of the different roles of God, the Father as Creator, the Son as the Savior and the Holy Spirit the Consoler. Let us not forget that they worked together as one. Since we are created in the image of God, we too possess the creative spirit of the Father, the saving action of the Son and the consoling capacity of the Holy Spirit. No wonder that when God created man he gave him the task of taking good care of all His creatures that man becomes co-creator with God. When Jesus gave the great commandment of love, he mandated all His followers as co-redeemer to continue his saving work that He had inaugurated on the cross. Today the Church and all her members are guided by the Holy Spirit and as St. Paul said in his letter to the Galatians, "No one can say, "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. He also mentioned about the varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord, and there are varieties of activities, but the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the spirit for the common good. The communion of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit should also be visible in the Church which is considered the mystical Body of Christ.

It seems that the feast of the Trinity is giving us a challenge to embody in each one of us members of the Church, the same spirit that is found in the Holy Trinity, the undivided unity. This feast indeed is a mystery that we can never comprehend until the time that we come face to face with God. St. Augustine in his book Confession, related how he longed to understand fully the mystery of the Trinity, until one day while walking along the shore, he saw a boy playing, scooping the water in the ocean with his bare hands and putting it inside the little hole he made on the sand. When Augustine asked what he was doing, the boy replied that he was going to transfer the water of the ocean into the hole. Augustine said, "It is not possible because of the size of the ocean and the hole is too small. The boy replied, "Yes, it is also impossible to contain the mystery of the Trinity, in your small brain." Augustine was awakening from his dream and realized the truth about his search to solve the mystery of the Trinity.

In this time of the pandemic, let us trust in the love and mercy of God the Father, the healing power of Jesus and the assistance of the Holy Spirit to heal the world from all our transgressions, because this could be a warning for us to bring back God into the world that many of our sisters and brothers are denying His existence and even taking God out of our schools and in our public places and many believed that we are in control. It is time to put God back into our world and let Him do His work of recreating and renewing the face of the earth. May God bless and protect all of us.

Quote of the week: "If you have lost the taste for prayer, you will regain the desire for it by returning to its practice." (St. Paul VI)

N.B. This Sunday May 30th, the diocese of Peterborough is encouraging all parishioners to join together in praying the Holy Rosary, asking our heavenly Mother Mary to intercede on our behalf for an end of this pandemic. It will be done in the YouTube channel of the diocese. Please, invite some friends to join your family in this prayer just like inviting friends to watch other TV programs. This is a worldwide movement initiated by Pope Francis when he tried to virtually visit the different Marian shrines in the world and pray the Holy Rosary with them. Following is the link: <https://youtu.be/FMk16gGrhys>

Thank you and stay safe and healthy always. God bless. Fr. Tony

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no mass on Wednesday 5:30pm June 2nd - and Thursday 9:00am, June 3rd. Next mass will be on Friday June 4 at 5:30 PM (First Friday of June.)...thank you.

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