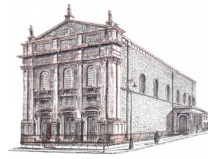




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Jesus I Trust in You

POPE FRANCIS ON THE HOLY TRINITY

The Bible readings for Sunday (Jn 3:16-18), feast of the Most Holy Trinity, helps us to enter into the identity of God, which leads us to contemplate and worship the divine life of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit: a life of communion and perfect love, origin and aim of all the universe and of every creature. We also recognise in the Trinity the **Model of the Church**, in which we are called to love each other as Jesus loved us. **And love is the concrete sign that demonstrates faith in God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.** And love is the badge of the Christian, as Jesus told us: *By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another* (Jn 13:35).

THE DEVIL IS A TROUBLEMAKER

It's a contradiction to think of Christians who hate. It's a contradiction. And **the Devil always seeks this: to make us hate, because he's always a troublemaker; he doesn't know love;** God is Love! Jesus affirmed: For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. The Pope explained at the Angelus audience (2020) that, these words are to indicate that the action of the Three Divine Persons - Father, Son and Holy Spirit - is a **single Plan of Love** that saves humanity and the world. The world is marked by evil and corruption and we men and women are sinners.

GOD LOVES US DESPITE OUR MISTAKES

The Pope continued to say that God could intervene to judge the world, to destroy evil and castigate sinners. Instead.... God loves everyone of us even when we make mistakes and distance ourselves from Him. God the Father loved the world so much, emphasised the Pope, that, in order to save it, He gave His only-begotten Son. God is merciful, gracious, rich in charity, because He offers Himself to us so as to fill the gap of limitations and our shortcomings, to forgive our mistakes, to lead us back to the path of Justice and Truth.

THE HOLY TRINITY IS LOVE

The Trinity is therefore Love, all in the service of the world, which He wishes to save and recreate. This Feast invites us to let ourselves be fascinated by the beauty of God, and to welcome His love which He gives to us through Jesus Christ. This is faith, letting ourselves be met by Him and trusting in Him. This is the Christian life. To love, to meet God, to seek God; and He seeks us first, He meets us first.

GRACE, LOVE AND FELLOWSHIP (COMMUNION)

The second reading (2 Cor 13:13), presents the departing words that Saint Paul bids to the community of Corinth: **the Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.** The Christian community, even with all its human limitations, can become a reflection of the communion of the Trinity, of its kindness, of its beauty. But this - just as Paul himself testifies - necessarily passes through the experience of God's mercy, of His forgiveness. May the Virgin Mary help us to enter ever deeper, with our whole being, into the Trinity Communion, so as to live and witness to the love that gives meaning to our existence.

THE NATURE OF GOD REVEALED IN THE HOLY TRINITY

Everything in Christianity is sourced from the Blessed Trinity, in whose Name, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, welcomed us into the Family of the Church in Baptism. The Trinity (group of three) means the Father is **Love**, the Son is **Grace** and the Holy Spirit is the **Communion** bond. The **Father utters the Truth**, the **Son is the Truth that He utters**, and the **Holy Spirit is Truth**. God is Three Persons of One substance. That is why we use the term **con-substantial**, when we profess the Sunday Creed. To help us understand the mystery in human terms, let us look at a man who is first born into the world as a **son**, then later he becomes a **father** and later again, he becomes a **grandfather**. He becomes **three persons but is still of one equal substance**. The spirit of love for his family is sourced from his **one heart**, but is communicated in different ways throughout the history of his lifetime.

CRUCIFIED GOD'S OPEN HEART

God the Father, loves us with His open Heart on the Cross, in the Person of Jesus. From His Sacred Heart, which is the Tabernacle of the Church, poured out the Life-Giving Holy Spirit, denoted by Water, and the Holy Eucharist, denoted by Blood, because blood gives life. These are the **essential** Sacraments of the Church. **The Church exists not to condemn us but to Save us - from Hell.** Jesus tells us today (Jn 3:18), that **whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.** Many Catholics today, *refuse to believe* in the name of the Risen Jesus called Eucharist. The **Burning Bush** spoke to Moses in the Old Testament, which prefigured the **Eucharist**, where the Trinity now becomes visible and communicates with us today, allowing us to physically consume Him. God who is Love, is a consuming Fire.

THE SPIRIT CAN PHYSICALLY ACCESS ALL HEARTS

The Spirit's Mission is to sanctify (make holy) the Members of the Church. God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts. We worship the Holy Trinity in Mass all the time by repeating prayers Three times to Him. For example, we begin by recognising the Trinity when we bless ourselves; *In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.* The Priest greets the Congregation acknowledging the Holy Trinity again, when he says; *the Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship (or communion) of the Holy Spirit be with you all.* Asking for Mercy we say three times; **Lord have Mercy, Christ have Mercy, Lord have Mercy.** In the Confiteor (Penitential Act), we confess three times to the Triune God that sins are committed; **Through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault.** Entering into the Consecration, we worship each Person of the Trinity with a praise of *Holy*, three times; **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Hosts.** The Priest says three times to Him the Blessed Trinity with the great doxology; *Through Him, With Him and In Him.* And again we ask favour three times; **Lamb of God... Lamb of God... and Lamb of God You take away the sins of the world, grant us Peace.** It gives us a sense of Trinity.

OUR LADY OF THE HOLY TRINITY PROTECTS US

Entering into Holy Communion and Belief in the Triune God must begin here on earth, by practicing our Faith and by imitating the Trinity, who is a **God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and in faithfulness** (Ex 34:4-6,8-9). Pray Three Hail Mary's everyday to **Our Lady of the Holy Trinity** asking her to guide our hearts in Holiness, Grace and Purity. Ask and she will Help. **Mary is the Daughter of God the Father, the Mother of God the Son and the Spouse of God the Holy Spirit.** God bless, Fr. Brendan.