

JUNE 19, 2011: 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. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. — Jn 3:16-17

LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Sunday, June 19, *The Most Holy Trinity* (Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/2

Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18) (Father's Day)

8:00 am- Henry Jones

10:30 am- Father's Day Novena

Monday, June 20 (Gn 12:1-9/Mt 7:1-5)

7:00 am- Richard & Irene Janak

10:00 am- Father's Day Novena (H'ville Rehab)

Tuesday, June 21, *St. Aloysius Gonzaga, religious* (Gn 13:2, 5-18/Mt 7:6, 12-14)

7:00 am- Father's Day Novena

Wednesday, June 22, *St. Paulinus of Nola, bishop; St. John Fisher, bishop & martyr; & St. Thomas More, martyr* (Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/Mt 7:15-20)

7:00 am- John J. Michna

8:05 am- Father's Day Novena

Thursday, June 23 (Gn 16:1-12, 15-16/Mt 7:21-29)

7:00 am- Charlie & Frances Novak

10:00 am- Father's Day Novena (Stevens)

Friday, June 24, *The Nativity of St. John the Baptist* (Is 49:1-6/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80)

7:00 am- Frank & Peggy Janak, and Elroy Koerth

8:05 am- Father's Day Novena

Saturday, June 25 (Gn 18:1-15/Mt 8:5-17)

5:30 pm- Father's Day Novena

Sunday, June 26, *Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ* (Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58)

8:00 am- For our Parish Family

10:30 am- Mass of Thanksgiving – Jerry & Margaret Kallus' 50th Anniversary

5:00 pm- Father's Day Novena (Spanish Mass)

Bulletin Sponsor: In memory of Gus Werner, Jr.

Radio Broadcast Sponsor: In memory of Joe, Agnes & Frank Leopold by Charles & Doloris Leopold.

Vigil Light: Special Intention for employment.

Our Gift to God: Envelopes-\$10,791; Catholic Education Envelopes-\$1,475; Loose-\$785; Children-\$39.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of *Cleo Muras* and *Leona Najvar* of our parish family. *May they and all the faithful departed rest in the peace of Christ.*

Anniversaries:

Jesse & Cathy Brown	30 years	June 19
Alfred & Mary Jonietz	57 years	June 20
Leonard & Fannie Lamza	63 years	June 21
Lupe & Lena Partida	62 years	June 23
Jerry & Margaret Kallus	50 years	June 24



Happy Father's Day!!!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONDAY, JUNE 20

-Vacation Bible School, 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon.

-Rosary & evening prayer, 5:30 p.m. in church.

-Catholic Daughters meeting, 7:00 p.m., Family Center.

TUESDAY, JUNE 21

-Vacation Bible School, 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon.

-Quilting Circle, 9:00 a.m., KC Hall of Fame Room.

-K.C. Officer's meeting, 7:30 p.m., K.C. Hall.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22

-Vacation Bible School, 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon.

THURSDAY, JUNE 23

-Vacation Bible School, 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon.

FRIDAY, JUNE 24

-Vacation Bible School, 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon.

SUNDAY, JUNE 26

-Baptism Preparation Class, 9:00 a.m., Rectory. Please call the Rectory in advance to register for the class.

-Sts. Peter & Paul Parish Picnic, Plum. Mass 10 am. Fried Chicken & Sausage Dinner 11am-1:30pm. Auction, bingo, cake walk, country store, kiddy games & more.

-Covered dish supper after Spanish Mass, Family Center.

Among our sick: Edna Key, Frank Fishar, Helen M. Appelt, Faith Del Castillo, Michael Gerdes, Renae Ross, Hubert & Mary Grahmann, Odessa & Doug Blumberg, Danielle Grady, Rose Thumann, Dr. Michael Moore, John D. Henneke, Bill Gohlke, Monica Barnes, Sterlin Ritchie, Brenda Grahmann, Ed Aulick, Ricky Skelton, Larry Appelt, Victor Pavliska, Robert Butschek, Derrick Berger, Anita Bohuslav, Anita Kallus, Daniel Wick, Josephine Janak, Paul Najvar, Betty Hernandez, Gene Drozd, Irene Bordovsky, Steven DeLaRosa, Benita Bordovsky, Soila Sanchez, nursing home residents & the homebound.

The Serra Clubs of the Diocese of Victoria are holding a car raffle with proceeds benefiting vocation efforts in the diocese. Current cost to educate one seminarian is \$25,000 per year. Total education cost per seminarian is \$225,000. Currently we have 10 seminarians. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and extremely necessary to the church. A 2010 Toyota Corolla Sport car is scheduled to be given away on July 14. The raffle tickets sell for \$5 each or 3 for \$10, and are available for purchase at the Rectory or from Ed Scherer 798-3414.



The Sacred Heart Catholic School Cheerleaders will be hosting a mini cheerleader camp on July 11-13 from 9:00 a.m. – 12 noon. This is for girls ages PreK to the 6th grade. If you would like your child to participate, please contact the school office or Debi Bludau at 798-4728.



Perpetual Adoration – adorers are needed at 4:00 pm on Wednesdays and 3:00 p.m. on Fridays. If you are able to spend an hour in adoration with our Lord, please call Charlene Bradbury at 798-3224.

From the Desk of Father John

Today, we celebrate Father's Day. Here is a beautiful prayer for fathers to pray to our Heavenly Father:

Dear Father in Heaven, as a father, help me to follow Your example to be patient, to be caring, to be understanding, to be forgiving, to be firm, to be compassionate, to be a teacher, to be loving, to be a good listener, and most importantly to be there as a parent as You are always there for me. Amen.

Let us pray for all our Fathers, living and deceased, today and everyday.

Religious Education (CCD) ~ Office 798-3124
Angela McConnell, Coordinator

June 20-24: Vacation Bible School (4 yrs old – 5th Grade) 8:30 am-12pm. Fee is \$12 per student.

Diocese of Victoria Pastoral Institute courses meeting the requirements for religion teachers & catechists will be offered at Sacred Heart Jr. High Library. July 12-13: Liturgy, 6-9 pm. August 2&4: Sacraments, 6-9 pm.

PRAYER FOR RAIN – Almighty God, we are in need of rain. We realize now, looking up into the clear, blue sky, what a marvel even the least drop of rain really is. To think that so much water can fall out of the sky, which now is empty and clear! We place our trust in You. We are sure that You know our needs. But You want us to ask You anyway, to show You that we know we are dependent on You. Look on our dry hills and fields, dear God, and bless them with the living blessing of soft rain. Then the land will rejoice, and the rivers will sing Your praises, and the hearts of men will be made glad. Amen.



Youth ConneXion
Greg & Kris Hermes 798-0655



Teen ACTS Retreat: June 30 – July 3. Forms in the church foyer.

Young Adult ACTS Retreat: Forms available in the church foyer. (20-30 year olds) Register ASAP....limited space.

Notice: We are making plans to attend NCYC in Indianapolis (Nov. 17-20). High school youths interested in attending should contact Greg & Kris at 798-0655.

Sacred Heart Catholic School 2011-12 final registration will be held on June 28 & 29 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. All high school students must come to finalize their schedules. Parents of students in grades K-8 who have pre-registered

will need to come only to pay their fees and first month's tuition. The first month's tuition and all school fees must be paid at the time of registration on June 28 & 29. Classes will begin on Wednesday, August 17, 2011.

Catholic Daughters meeting, Monday, June 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Center. CDA members are urged to join us for a short meeting followed by a social & Bunco. Bring your favorite snacks, salad or dessert to share. This is the last meeting before adjourning for the summer.

The IWBS Sisters "Come and See" Day, July 31, for Jr. and Sr. High Girls and their parents. Begins with Mass at 8:30 am and ends with Evening Praise at 5:00 pm. Join us for information, games, stories, fun and food at Incarnate Word Convent, 1101 N.E. Water St., Victoria.

Quo Vadis? Boy's Vocation Camp sponsored by the Diocese of Victoria Vocation Office for young men ages 15-21 at Cooper Farms near La Grange, **July 18-20, 2011.** Registration deadline is June 24, 2011. Application forms are available at the parish office. Contact Fr. Tommy for more information.

Father's Day Prayer – God our Father, bless all the fathers in the world. Guide them to be good role models and loving to all their children. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Give them grace and patience to handle situations in a loving way. Help them to be a father like You are. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect. Amen!



Most Holy Trinity – In broadcasting this year's Packers-Steelers Super Bowl game, FOX Sports rejected a thirty-second ad featuring the Scripture citation, John 3:16. The citation periodically pops up on signs held by fans in end zone shots, even though television networks are getting skilled at eliminating such scenes from their broadcasts. The ad rejected by FOX Sports did appear in the Washington, DC and Birmingham, Alabama markets just before the fourth quarter. A close-up of a defensive player's face after a tackle shows the Scripture citation painted on his eye black. Even with that limited exposure, enough people logged in that the Internet traffic crashed the sponsor's Web site.

As we celebrate the feast of the Most Holy Trinity this weekend, we hear the actual text to which the citation refers: "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." The life of the Holy Trinity is one of pure and total love. That is the love we are celebrating today: complete and unconditional, sacrificial and eternal.

We could emulate the zeal of those who are so intent on proclaiming John 3:16 at every opportunity, but not necessarily their methods. Holding up signs at football games or producing a commercial may entice the curious, but these actions don't necessarily lead to lifelong conversion. But if people see in our way of living the example of love that is lived within the Trinity, then people will be attracted naturally to the faith. While we may consider the Trinity an abstraction about God, it is really an expression of the

deepest love, love so intense that the three persons - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - are one. Our own human love will never be that complete, but if we strive for that in our own lives others will come to share in what we believe.

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The Word of God This Week

Set time aside each day this week with other members of your household, with other members of your parish or alone to listen to and reflect on the living Word of God. Use these passages from the Lectionary that are assigned for Liturgy this week. Reflect on how the Lord is inviting you to a deeper union with him.

TODAY*

Exodus 34:4B–6, 8–9
2 Corinthians 13:11–13
John 3:16–18

MONDAY

Matthew 7:1–5
“So not judge . . .”

TUESDAY

Matthew 7:6, 12–14
“ . . . do to others as you would have them do to you.”

WEDNESDAY

Matthew 7:15–20
“Beware of false prophets . . .”

THURSDAY

Matthew 7:21–29
“Not everyone . . . will enter the kingdom of heaven . . .”

FRIDAY**

Luke 1:57–66, 80
“ . . . the hand of the Lord was with him.”

SATURDAY

Matthew 8:5–17
“ . . . let it be done for you according to your faith.”

We Live Within the Mystery

For the Christian, the question is not “Is there a God?” Rather it is “Who is our God?” Moses knew the One God as “I Am.” As he climbed Mt. Sinai after the breaking of the covenant by the Israelites, he gained a new understanding of the essence of God. God is merciful, gracious, slow to anger, and rich in kindness and fidelity. Moses realized the compassionate nature of God, who restored the covenant relationship to a *stiffed-necked* people.

Like Moses, the Church has come to understand the nature of God in gradual degrees. The Pauline letters are some of the earliest text that link the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. For example, in the first letter to the Corinthians he invoked the presence of the Trinity in the midst of the community bestowing grace, peace and fellowship.



The Gospel passage for this feast describes what God has done for the world through his Son, Jesus. God’s love became personalized in Jesus whose salvific self-offering was graced by the gift of the Holy Spirit. It is the

Spirit who forms and builds up the community in love, forgiveness and peace.

The word “Trinity” was first used by Tertullian in the second century. The mystery of the Trinity was defined in the fourth and fifth centuries to describe the essence of God. The concept of the Trinity has scriptural roots in the experience of the early Church who came to understand the one God in three persons, which the creeds later defined. The Triune God is but one of the great mysteries of our faith.



The Faith of the Church

The Church defines the Trinity as three distinct persons, whole and entire, in one God. The relationship that exists between Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one of divine unity. Each is wholly in the other. Each person of the Trinity is God, whole and complete. There exists in the Triune God a communion, a community of love. In other words, the divine union is not divided by the concept of distinct persons (Cf. *Catechism of the Catholic Church* 253–255).



Questions of the Week

Love is the motivating force behind God’s gift of his Son. Thus, Jesus is the consummate revelation and most powerful expression of God’s great love. This love moves us to examine our own response. Do we believe? Do we act out of this belief?

Adults

How can the greatness of God’s love direct my daily actions, words, and thoughts?

Children

How would I describe God to someone else?

*Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity.
**Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist.

Responding to God's Word . . .

There is no doubt that the mystery of the Trinity cannot be understood intellectually. It is a matter of faith. We believe in the living community of Father, Son, and Spirit as the One God, bound together in love. It is the power of love that creates the community of three persons in one God, and the power of love that creates community in the world. God's very essence is a model for our relationships.

We enter into this Triune relationship through the redemptive action of Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit. Everyone who follows

Christ does so because he is drawn by the Father and moved by the Spirit.

If we are to love as God loves, and share in his perfect unity, we must direct our lives to forming and strengthening community and serving others.

In the second reading from Paul's letter to the Corinthians, he exhorts us to mend our ways, encourage one another and compromise. We need to come to a place of communal harmony. All of our relationships are to be permeated with Paul's challenge. In this way, love and peace will be a sign to others that God is in our midst.

SUGGESTIONS

Use one of these suggestions or one of your own to respond to God's Word this week.

In the home. Make the Sign of the Cross each day as a true profession of faith in the God who is our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier.

In the workplace or in school. Catch yourself whenever you start to judge someone or to say something negative about another.

In the community. Visit a nearby Byzantine or Eastern Orthodox Church to view the icons, particularly those of the Trinity.



Meditation Moment

Dr. Sheila Cassidy went to Chile to work among the poorest of the poor. One day she treated an opposition leader. The secret police learned about it, arrested her, and tortured her. She writes in *Audacity to Believe*: "After four days of physical pain . . . I was left completely alone in a small room. . . . Incredibly . . . I was filled with joy, for I knew . . . that God was with me, and that nothing they could do to me could change that." Sheila now understood Jesus' words, "Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul."

For reflection . . .

*What am I most afraid of in my life?
What do I say to Jesus about it?*

LORD, I DO NOT ASK THAT I NEVER BE AFFLICTED, BUT ONLY THAT YOU NEVER ABANDON ME IN AFFLICTION.

SAINT BERNADETTE SOUBIROUS

FROM *VISION* BY MARK LINK, SJ

Help Us Live in the Mystery

God, our Father,
we pray that we might
come to know you more
deeply in the center of our
being. Jesus, Son of God, we ask
that we might be inspired by your
life of love and compassion through
reflection upon the Gospels.
Spirit of God, we implore you
to motivate us to carry out acts of
love and forgiveness. We entreat
you, loving God, to help us
live in the mystery of your
most holy Trinity
each day.
Amen.

Carry this thought in your
heart as a guide for your faith
journey this week.

The grace of the Lord
Jesus Christ, the love of
God, and the communion
of the Holy Spirit be with
all of you.

2 Corinthians 13:13

Profile in Faith

Saint John de Matha

Saint John de Matha was the twelfth century founder of the Order of the Most Holy Trinity. He committed his life to redeeming Christian captives held by the Moors and to performing works of mercy. He was devoted to the glory of the Triune God. His feast day: December 17.

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SPRING PICNIC REPORT - MAY 29, 2011

<u>PICNIC COMMITTEE</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENSE</u>	<u>PROFIT</u>
Auction	\$ 94,204.50	\$ (3,330.47)	\$ 90,874.03
Bar & Biergarten Sales	9,992.00	(6,494.80)	3,497.20
Bingo / Pull Tabs	3,558.00	(100.25)	3,457.75
Cake Walk	1,934.75	0.00	1,934.75
Cash Donations	7,340.00	0.00	7,340.00
Country Store	2,160.60	0.00	2,160.60
Dinner Sales	25,930.00	(13,363.14)	12,566.86
French Fries / Funnel Cakes	507.50	(265.66)	241.84
Hamburgers	4,516.00	(2,185.16)	2,330.84
Ice Cream	178.73	0.00	178.73
Kiddy Rides	2,533.25	(3,571.50)	(1,038.25)
Raffle	14,729.00	(5,362.23)	9,366.77
Religious Articles	120.00	0.00	120.00
Snow Cones / Pop Corn	324.00	(111.39)	212.61
Sodawater Stand	866.00	(562.90)	303.10
Washer Pitch Tournament	220.00	(90.00)	130.00
General Expenses	750.00	(5,114.74)	(4,364.74)
Total	<u>\$ 169,864.33</u>	<u>\$ (40,552.24)</u>	<u>\$ 129,312.09</u>

Included in the Auction: Fr. John's Cake- \$22,060, Livestock- \$17,950, Quilting Circle Quilts- \$10,115, and BBQ Calf Group- \$3,670.

Not included in the above figures: Truck Raffle- \$22,755.

General Expenses includes advertising, bands, hall rent and miscellaneous operating expenses.

YOUTH PICNIC REPORT:

Guinea Pig Plop	\$ 500.00
Nachos/Lemonade/T-Shirts	499.50
Total	<u>\$ 999.50</u>

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard and put in such long hours to make this picnic a success, and to those who came out and supported our picnic. *Thank you, everyone!*