

From The Pastor

Congratulations to the new Parish Council Members drawn from the cup on Pentecost Sunday. Robert Mazurco, Gerri Stann, and Ray Danielski will join the Council in the fall. We look forward to their insight and participation in moving the parish forward. I am grateful for their willingness to come forward and serve in this important endeavor. I am also grateful for those whose terms are now ending. Linda Proszkowski and Maurice Boguth are ending their terms. Rick Waligora was scheduled to end his term, but has agreed to continue for the time being as he serves in the capacity of Vice-President. There was also one vacancy on the Council to be filled. I am grateful for the time and service of all those who are ending their terms and hope they will continue to offer their gifts to the parish in many other ways.

The CSA continues to do well. We are currently just shy of \$45,000.00 as reported in this bulletin. Gifts continue to come to the office or through the collection basket. Please do not hesitate to make your gift in support of our parish and the Archdiocese of Detroit. Thank you to all who have been so generous this year, especially to the many first time givers.

We owe a word of thanks to Sue Gordon for her fine effort in putting together the salad and dessert luncheon after Mass last Sunday. It was a great event enjoyed by all. Sue had the help of music director Ed Miski and many others to numerous to name. Thank you to all. You did a great job in service to the larger body of our community. A good work of the Holy Spirit to be sure.

The feast of the Most Holy Trinity celebrated today is in many ways multifaceted. Its origins go back at least to the 800's as a votive Mass, and then placed on the Sunday after Pentecost in the year 1000. There was initial resistance to the feast because it was thought to be redundant. Every Sunday, in fact every liturgy celebrates the unity and revelation of the gift of God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Finally, in the year 1334 Pope John XXII formalized the feast for the universal Church in its present position.

The feast affirms with gratitude all that the Church has celebrated in the Lent\Easter season in proclaiming the death and Resurrection of Jesus, sent by the Father, now present in the Holy Spirit. The feast also, and importantly, celebrates the perfect unity of God as One, expressed in three ways of being. A third major theme is that of truth. Love is truth, and God is love. The love of God is given to us through the person of the Son who reveals the truth of the Father. Jesus is the truth, the fullness of what it means to be fully human. Jesus, as the gift of the Father, draws us into the circle of the divine. We share, or are called to share in and reflect the perfect unity of God in the Trinity. In Jesus, we have taken our place in the Trinity. God has taken his place in us through the Holy Spirit.

The Trinity is, and will remain a mystery until all is revealed at the Second Coming. Yet, what is a mystery? A mystery is something we know something about, but not all things. It is something known, but not fully understood or able to be put in definitive terms. This is only right. God is beyond our understanding, and should be. God is a mystery of love that is the source and origin of our lives. To not fully understand God is no reason to not believe. Faith seeks to understand, but is not dependant on understanding. To completely understand is to completely know a person or a thing. This demands no faith. God is more than we can know or understand, yet by God's own design we are intuitively or instinctively drawn to the mystery of God who has created us and loves us. Faith is born.

The Trinity is expressed as One God known in three persons. Another expression today is One God expressed in three ways of being. We know and experience God as Creator. God the Father Creates and provides, sustains creation. We experience the Son of God as Savior and Redeemer. Jesus saves in his human\divine person through his death and Resurrection. We experience the Holy Spirit in the many faces of love that life offers us. All love is the fruit or grace of the Holy Spirit. It might be the love of parent for child, teacher for student, compassion for the broken, kindness to the weary, boyfriend/girlfriend, or the altruism of love for all that is. Love is the fruit and essence of the Holy Spirit in whatever face it takes.

Why is the feast important? The feast of the Trinity reveals and deepens our faith. It gives expression to the essence and foundation of our lived experience in God. As a stance of faith, the Trinity reveals truth; the truth of God, who is beyond human understanding, yet dwells within every human person. This stance of faith offers a firm foundation for the human person in a confused world of relativism. We are not our own highest truth. My highest truth is not what I choose or make it to be. God is truth. To maturely know myself means I have, to some degree, come to know and accept God within myself and myself in God. God as truth is our surety and foundation in a constantly changing world. Love is the identifying mark of this truth.

More concretely, this is one of the reasons why I have asked you: are you a loving person? To say yes means that you know God and that God dwells in you through Jesus, in the Holy Spirit who is love. You are holy because God is holy, and God dwells in you in the Holy Spirit. Enjoy your place in God.

Father John Esper