

THE MYSTERIES OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

In seminary in the days of old, classes were taught in Latin. The professor spent an entire year teaching a class on the doctrine of the Most Holy Trinity. The students were lost – between the language and the intense amount of material they were forced to consume. On the last day of class before exams, the professor promised a summary review for the exam. The students were anxious to hear it since they were lost on how to prepare so much material. He stood before them at the podium, and said, in reference to the course material about the Most Holy Trinity, *Mysterium est*. In other words, “It’s a mystery.” Thus ended the summary and the class.

Yes, no matter how many biblical scholars and writers have tried to define and explain the One God in Three Persons, it remains a mystery beyond our ability to comprehend. And yet, belief in God as Father, Son and Spirit is the most essential doctrine of the Catholic Christian faith. There have been many false teachings and misunderstandings about the Trinity down through the centuries – those who suggested there are three gods forming a “Council of Deities,” and others who embraced Modalism, or the idea that God acted as different persons at different times, morphing from one to the next interchangeably. The truth is more mysterious – our God is always and everywhere, always has been and always will be, the one in Three.

In reading from the Book of Exodus, God renews His covenant with Moses. His chosen people had broken the first of the Ten Commandments by worshipping the golden calf. In an earlier verse, Moses had smashed the tablets in anger. But God revealed Himself as being full of mercy, slow to anger and abounding in faithfulness. He did not withdraw his covenant, instead He renewed it – the tablets were struck again, and the people were forgiven.

God the Father has renewed His covenant with us, His Church – forgiving us our sins – by the saving actions of his Son acting through the power of the Holy Spirit. God’s love reveals itself as a Trinitarian love, with all three persons of the one god acting in concert to assist us in this life and help us to one day experience eternal life – God’s great design and destiny for us all.

God shows Himself as a Father of Mercy, in His only Son as a savior, and in His Spirit as a redeemer who is forever renewing His love for us, and allowing us to do the same for Him and for each other. Indeed, the mysteries of the Most Holy Trinity are woven into the mysteries of the human person. Only when we know who God is are we truly capable of knowing ourselves and each other. Made in the image and likeness of God, we are made in the image and likeness of the Most Holy Trinity. The love we have for one another should then be modeled on the love shared by God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Today, Saint Paul concludes his second letter to the Corinthians, wishing that newly formed Christian enclave all the blessings of the Triune God. We begin each Mass with the words the Apostles used to conclude his reflections: “The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.” May the Triune God’s great love for us help us to mend our ways, encourage one another and greet each other in holy peace.

BISHOP KIHNEMAN’S HOMILIES

Bishop Kihneman’s homilies will be available each week in audio form on Nativity BVM Cathedral’s website. To access these homilies, visit nativitybvm.podbean.com

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon Jun 12	2 Cor 1:1-7, Mt 5:1-12
Tues Jun 13	2 Cor 1:18-22, Mt 5:13-16, Is 61:1-3a, Lk 10:1-9
Wed Jun 14	2 Cor 3:4-11, Mt 5:17-19
Thur Jun 15	2 Cor 3:15—4:1, 3-6, Mt 5:20-26
Fri Jun 16	2 Cor 4:7-15, Mt 5:27-32
Sat Jun 17	2 Cor 5:14-21, Mt 5:33-37
Sun Jun 18	Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a, 1 Cor 10:16-17, Jn 6:51-58



YOUR SUNDAY TITHING AND

CONTRIBUTIONS

Regular Collections	\$	11,427.45
Nativity Maintenance	\$	642.00
Nativity Elem.	\$	25.00
Capital Improvement	\$	990.20
Miscellaneous	\$	238.60
TOTAL COLLECTION	\$	13,323.45
CASH NEEDED	\$	14,400.00

NATIVITY YOUTH MINISTRY

Vacation Bible School will be held June 19-23, 2017 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon daily. Students that are currently in grades K-5 may attend. There are slots for 50 children. Spots are not secure until payment and paperwork are received. Youth, in grades 6-12, and adults are welcome to volunteer. The cost is \$30.00 and includes a snack and activities daily and a t-shirt. Paperwork may be picked up from the back of the church following Mass. Please complete paperwork and mail it, along with payment to Nativity Rectory: **Nativity Youth Ministry VBS, c/o Kristy Arguelles, 870 Howard Avenue, Biloxi, MS 39530.** If you have any questions, please contact Kristy: nativityyouthministrybiloxi@gmail.com

R.C.I.A.

The Rite of Christian Initiation is an invitation for adults to explore their interests, or to enhance their knowledge, in the Roman Catholic Church. The R.C.I.A. lays out a process in which men and women are guided and cared for as they awaken in faith and are gradually introduced to the Catholic way of life. The Nativity Parish will begin R.C.I.A. classes again in the Fall. Participants will meet weekly for nine months in the Sacred Heart Center. If you are interested, please contact Greg or Penny Payne at 228-365-6348.

WOMEN’S CURSILLO – JUNE 22ND-25TH, 2017

The Cursillo weekend is for Catholics who are looking to deepen their faith and love for Christ. Consider giving yourself a gift this year! For more information contact Angela Cannon at 228-365-4385.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

The SVdP Society provides assistance each Tues from 9-11:00 am. Your continued support helps to ensure the SVdP is able to provide support for those in need.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS
Jun 17 4:00 pm 1. Jim Coskey 2. Kathleen Coskey 3. Liz Joachim 4. Helen Languirand 5. Andrea Gilich Jun 18 7:00 am 1. Marcia Mayfield 2. Colleen Kavanagh 3. Danny Kavanagh 9:00 am 1. Bobby Weaver 2. Judy Trahan 3. Maggie Landry 4. Barry Gilmore 5. Linda Bourgeois 11:00 am 1. Deacon Ben 2. Judy Steckler 3. Sandy Steckler 4. Susan Toche 5. Mary Wimberly 5:30 pm 1. Roland Creel 2. Tricia Creel 3. Angela Cannon	Jun 17 4:00 pm Rose Ann Kimbell Jun 18 7:00 am Jim Compton 9:00 am Al Simons, Jr. 11:00 am Rhonda Clark 5:30 pm Jim Shuggart CANTORS Jun 17 4:00 pm Billy Endicott Jun 18 9:00 am Dennis Burke 11:00 am Phil Frisby	Jun 17 4:00 pm Simon Randall Kingston Widel Cayden Canon Jun 18 7:00 am McKinzy Mathis Alec Ryan 9:00 am Justin Useforge Jamey Useforge Annabelle Tarrant Brennan Tarrant 11:00 am Clayton Stoddard Ava M. Stoddard Aidan Tarrant 5:30 pm Jacob Arguelles Nicholas Arguelles Sydni Wills

MASS INTENTIONS

	6:30 a.m.	8:00 a.m.
Mon Jun 12	Collins-Sims Fly.	Norine Baltar.
Tue Jun 13	Claire Sekul Hornsby	Gabe/Doris Kasovich
Wed Jun 14	Paul Friesin, Jr. Fly	Kathleen Hebert
Thur Jun 15	Thomas Edward Connell	Paul Friesin, Jr. Fly.
Fri Jun 16	Glenn/Joyce Pisarich	Jean Kridle
Sat Jun 17	8 Mary Rosella McAuliffe	4 Stanley Dellenger
Sun Jun 18	7 -Kathleen Hebert	9 - F. T. P.
	11 - Sam Ardoline/John Sherman, Jr.	5:30 Josephine Esposito Allen

PLEASE KEEP OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Laura Weiher, Candy Widener, Tiffany Whitehead, Lena Marchioni, Kay Lawson, Jeanie Harbison, Mickey Roberts, Holly Hill, Georgia Bellais Dominick, Maxine Kiddinger, Marie Manning, Lisa Walker Kirkman, Raymond Egers, Betty Hilton, Walter Blessey, Mary Lancaster, Danny Boney, Sr., Mickey Bradley, Cheryl Terry, Gwen Gollotte, Greg Hotaling, Richard "Red" White, Jack Joachim, Jr., Eugene LaCaze, Don Viator, Mabel Viator, Marian Semski and Michael Zorich.

SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp is lit this week for Albert Jacquet, Jr., for his 84th Birthday on June 12th.

NATIVITY BVM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

*First Communion pictures are now available to be picked up at Nativity BVM School. The school is open from 7:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

*Registration continues for the 2017-2018 school year at Nativity BVM School. Although several classes are filled, openings remain in many grades. For more information about our Preschool through Grade 6 programs, please call the school at 432-2269 or visit the school's website at www.nativitybvm.org.

*Our Summer Saints continue their days of fun and exciting opportunities. Although the program opens at 7:00 a.m. for the "early birds," the campers and their leaders gather each morning at 9:00 a.m. for prayer and an overview of the day's activities. The camp is open to children going into PreK 3 through Grade 6. For more information, please call the school at 432-2269 or visit the school's website at www.nativitybvm.org

PARISHIONER REGISTRATION

When planning a baptism, marriage, or for subsidized tuition rates for our Catholic Schools, you must demonstrate that you are a practicing Catholic and that you attend Mass. Using envelopes helps maintain a record of Mass attendance. The parish registration form can be found online at www.nativitybvmcathedral.org, or at the entrance of the Cathedral in the vestibule.

PRAYER FOR PROTECTION FROM HURRICANES

Father, may all the elements of nature obey Your command. Calm the storms that threaten us and turn our fear of Your power into praise of Your goodness. Grant this, through Our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 13 -Men of St. Joseph, 7:00 a.m. – SHC

Bingo Mania 5:30 p.m.

June 14 -**Cleaning Team "C"**

- Mass at Seashore Retirement Home, 3:00 p.m.

Choir Practice, 7:00 p.m.

June 15 Mass at Greenbriar Nursing Home, 10:00 a.m.

BINGO MANIA

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday. The following families are scheduled for June 13th. McNeil (Kyle & Monique), Nguyen (Lion Van & Dong), Price (Kristi Pope), Siminicht (Ron & Dusti), Smith (Scot & Alexandra), Stevenson (Mark & Chere) and Stoddard (Bryan & Kerry). **REMEMBER! If you are unable to attend, it is your responsibility to secure a replacement.**

SPECIAL CHOIR PRACTICE

In preparation for the Ordination/Installation Mass on Saturday, June 24th at 10:00 a.m., we are having special choir practices on Wednesday June 14th and Wednesday, June 21st. Please come and be a part of this extraordinary and meaningful celebration.

COMMUNION VISITATION

Jesus says of you and me, "You are the salt of the earth". No one should be deprived of the Most Holy Eucharist because they are homebound, elderly, have no means of getting to Mass and/or sick in their home. Sister Jackie Tarrant, RSM will gladly bring the Eucharist to you in your home. Together we can be "salt of the earth". Sister can be reached at 228-223-8129 or the rectory at 228-374-1717.