Holy Trinity Sunday

This weekend we celebrate Holy Trinity Sunday. Note that the proper name for this day is the *Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity*. Solemnities are the celebrations of greatest importance. *Solemnity of the Holy Trinity* honors the Trinity. The Church has celebrated this for more than 1,000 years, and it was made official in 1334.

In the Catechism of the Catholic Church (#234) we are taught, "The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of Christian faith and life. It is the mystery of God in Himself. It is therefore, the source of all the other mysteries of faith, the light that enlightens them. It is the most fundamental and essential teaching in the 'hierarchy of the truths of faith'."

Jesus understood that this was not an easy concept for people to grasp. That is why He said "Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me." One of the more famous stories in our Church lore has to do with how St. Patrick taught about the Trinity to the pagans of Ireland. St. Patrick taught the Irish people about the Trinity using a shamrock with three separate leaves on the same stem. That is a good visual aid to help people understand the basic concept of the Trinity.

St. Paul speaks of all of us as being "children of God." However, in order to be a child of God, Paul says that it is key that we are filled with the Holy Spirit. It is the Holy Spirit who leads and guides us — He leads us to repentance; He leads us to think little of self and much of Jesus; He leads us into truth; He leads us into love; He leads us into holiness. St. Paul said the Spirit we received is not a spirit of slavery but a Spirit assuring us that we are sons and daughters of God. It is a Spirit that makes us call our heavenly Father "Abba."

Because God's family is such a happy family, God wants to share the happiness of that family with us. We like to belong to our family, our parish, our community. Not only that, we need to belong. We make great efforts to belong. Since the day we were baptized, we belong to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. How privileged we are to grow up in such a beautiful family.

Saint Christopher Catholic Church

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May 26, 2018 Feast of the Most Holy Trinity

Masses: Saturday Vigil: 6:30 P.M. (CST)
Holy Days (Vigil): 6:00 P.M. (CST)

Confessions: After Mass (1st Saturday of month or as needed)
Spanish Communion Service: Sundays 8:00 A.M.(CST)
Father Michael Sweeney: Rectory 865-882-9838

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Liturgical Ministers for Next Week June 2, 2018

Readers: B. Rindler / W. Allen / M. Criswell

Altar Servers: D. Briggs / A. Cruz

Eucharistic Ministers: J. Vaughn / L. Savastano

INTENTIONS

Together, let us pray for the needs of our brothers and sisters. Remember the sick, home-bound, caregivers and recovering of our parish and all those on the St. Christopher prayer list (available to view in the narthex) in your daily prayers: Juan Herrera; Zachary Chamness, grandson of George & Linda Savastano; Cissy and Vickie, daughters of Joyce Vaughn; Pete Yahner, brother of Sarah Mahon; Don Briggs; Mary Henise; Joyce Mulligan; Bruce Bigard, brother of Allen Bigard; Teddie Stevenson; Leo Duchon; Mike Emmons; Terry McDonald; Mike & MaryLee Baldalament; Philip Adkins, relative of the Brayton family; and for those of us who suffer in silence. Also, pray for our military personnel, especially those serving in harm's way. For these and all other unspoken needs; we pray to the Lord.

ATTENDANCE & DONATIONS May 19, 2018

Parish: \$492 Building Fund: \$25

Sat. Night Service / Bilingual Service: 47 / 8

MASS INTENTIONS May 26, 2018

Mass for the repose of the soul of **George Craven**; Requested by his sister **Denise** and brother-in-law **Jim Romer**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ladies: Please mark your calendar for the upcoming retreat, June 16^{th} , from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. RSVP: Sharon Brayton (310-3062) or Bernadette Rindler (879-3565).

We congratulate Levi Cole who is making his First Communion today.

Monday is Memorial Day. It is a day when we remember those who gave their lives defending freedom for the rest of us. Let this day also help us in thanking God for the freedoms we enjoy as a result of the extreme sacrifice made by so many of America's sons and daughters.

June 9th Readers: R. Germann / M. Criswell / S. Mahon Altar Servers: F. Schuch / A. Stucker Eucharistic Ministers: J. Vaughn / D. Hailey June 16th Readers: W. Allen / B. Rindler / P. Dalton Altar Servers: A. Fackler / TBA

Eucharistic Ministers: M. Mahon / S. Mahon