

Commentary on the Readings for May 30, 2021

The Feast of the Most Holy Trinity

Today the Church celebrates the great **Feast of the Most Holy Trinity**, more commonly known as Holy Trinity Sunday. Because of this special feast day we will, as we have in the past, use this space to talk about the **Trinity** rather than the individual readings. In this way, I believe you will get a much better understanding of the central theme.

The **Holy Trinity** is the most complex, yet profound concept within all Catholic Church teaching. If you don't fully understand the Trinity, don't be overly concerned because no one fully understands it. It is a great and wonderful mystery. **Great** because it embodies the very triune nature of God and **Wonderful** because it permits God to be who He is, that which is above and beyond all creation. Can you think of anything that is greater than God?

Throughout Lent and the Easter Season we heard much about the **Father** sending His Son, Jesus to earth to teach mankind how to live and then to be the sacrificial offering to atone for our sins. On Pentecost Sunday (last week) we heard about the Holy Spirit and His role in directing and guiding the Church, the People of God toward salvation. These three persons, **Father, Son and Holy Spirit** are collectively called the **Trinity**. However, they are all within the One True God. This is why it is a mystery — not a "murder mystery" but rather, something that is so mystical that it is beyond our understanding. We mere mortals can only "see" it from the human point of view and not from the divine; and that is probably a good thing. Would you really want to understand everything about God? Perhaps we will someday.

In the Readings at Mass for the Feast of the Trinity, we honor all three Persons (or Natures) of God. From the **Book of Exodus** we hear of the Father giving "the Law," the Ten Commandments, to Moses. In the **Books of Wisdom and Proverbs**, we read where the "Spirit of Wisdom," who is usually considered to be the Holy Spirit, is with the Father at the event of the creation of the world. From the **Book of Daniel**, the **Responsorial Psalm** gives praise to the Father for His creation, which brought forth the Son of Man, Jesus Christ. Finally, in the Second Reading and the Gospel, we again have all three divine Persons represented. So, where do you and I fit into this?

WE are the reason that all creation by the Father, the life, death and resurrection of the Son, plus the guidance of the Holy Spirit came to be. WE are the only part of creation that was made to respond to God and His love in a voluntary manner. Are you responding? This great feast day and this mystery should not be passed over without some prayerful thought given to your relationship to the Trinity. Is this subject of interest and meaningful to you? Will you spend some time this week meditating on, or discussing the mystery of the Holy Trinity with your family or friends? Something to think about during your prayer time this week! **MFB**