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June 7, 2020

HOLY TRINITY

The Father is my trust, the Son is my refuge, the Holy Spirit is my protection. O holy Trinity, glory to Thee.

Dear Sisters and brothers,

Ages ago, in the days I was a grad student in Chicago finishing my Master's Degree, the "CTA" (Chicago Transit Authority) was my only means of transportation, with the expectation of walking – "leather express" we called it which I did plenty of in those days. Riding the bus one day, I noticed a driver who was exceptionally cheerful in every imaginable circumstance. There was a kind and happy word from him for everyone who stepped on

the bus, regardless of the attitude the riders were in, and again for everyone who left.

As I was about to get off, I mentioned to the driver that he was the happiest operator I had ever encountered. Having watched him for most of my ride, I wondered what the reason was. "Well, to be honest, I read in the paper a few months ago about a man who died and left a lot of money to a bus driver who was nice to him. So, I thought maybe I would try it myself. But now I've come to enjoy myself so much being nice to others, trying to make their day a little more cheerful, I don't care whether anybody ever leaves me any money or not. I do it to do it. The doctrine of the Trinity tells us something about God which is something like that. If you would know God, you cannot fully know God with your mind. There must be the *discovery of the spirit of it all* somewhere *living within you*.

There must come that point in your life when you know that both the love and power of God are real, and they are true--not because you have run up against God's authority and fear to do otherwise, nor even because you have seen God's love expressed and feel attracted to it in return. For to know God is to have chosen for yourself to live like that, simply because the spirit of God has become your own. And notice too that Trinity is inclusive, the Creator, the Redeemer and the Spirit are Three but still One. In that inclusiveness, you and I are also included because of the Spirit within us — within all humanity. Jesus prays in John 17:21: "that they may all be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us."

We are all part of the Trinity! That is a powerful reality especially as we reflect on people uniting all across our nation this past week in the name of Justice for Mr. George Floyd. Trinity! Black folks and white, Native Americans, Hispanics, Asians, rich and poor, young and old demanding to be included, to be an equal part of humanity, not looking for a hand out but rather a foot off the neck of all who are oppressed as Jesus once was, in order to breathe and to love and to be a part of the whole. Does it say very much to us of God? Perhaps not very much, as only a word --not very much at all. But, if you mean by "Trinity," this reality of how men and women have to come to know God in their own lives, if they know God at all, then Trinity is surely a word we can scarcely do without!



In the Divine Word, I am

Fr. Rick Andrus SVI

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD, merciful and gracious, rich in kindness and faithfulness (Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9).

Psalm — Glory and praise for ever! (Daniel 3).

Second Reading — Brothers and sisters, rejoice. Live with one another in peace, and the God of peace will be with you (2 Corinthians 13:11-13).

Gospel — God did not send the Son to condemn the world, but to give it abundant life (John 3:16-18).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Kgs 17:1-6; Ps 121:1bc-8; Mt 5:1-12

Tuesday: Memorial of St. Ephrem

1 Kgs 17:7-16; Ps 4:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 18:20-39; Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab,

8,11; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Memorial of St. Barnabas

Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Ps 65:10-13;

Mt 5:20-26

Friday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16; Ps 27:7-9abc, 13-14;

Mt 5:27-32

Saturday: Memorial of St. Anthony of Padua

1 Kgs 19:19-21; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-10;

Mt 5:33-37

Sunday: The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20;

1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58

PRAYING TO SAINT MEDARD,

"the patron saint of bad storms."

St. Medard seems to be the perfect patron saint for the hurricane season. A sixth-century bishop, preacher, and missionary, he is the patron saint for protection from bad storms. As a child, so the legend goes, he was once sheltered from the rain by an eagle hovering over him. His feast day is observed each year on June 8. Let us call upon the intercession of Saint Medard to keep us safe and to protect all those who are vulnerable during the hurricane season.

Prayer to Saint Medard

Saint Medard, patron saint for protection against bad storms, we ask you to intercede for us during the storms of our lives as well as the storms in nature.

Protect our families and our homes.

We pray for assistance for the victims of snowstorms, hurricanes, tornadoes, earthquakes, and other natural disasters, especially for the upcoming storm that is headed our way.

Loving God, send in more helpers, and multiply resources and supplies for the aid of those in need. You calmed the storm on the Sea of Galilee; deliver us from the storms that are raging around us now.

Saint Medard, pray for us.

Amen.



The month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. It is celebrated on the Friday following the second Sunday after Pentecost.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

June 1st through November 30th is hurricane season. We should be prepared for a hurricane and any disaster, natural and manmade. Be prepared by putting together a kit. When putting together a kit, it is recommended you store enough supplies to last everyone in your household for at least three days.

Your kit should include:

- 1. Water One gallon per day per person.
- 2. **Food** Pack nonperishable, high-protein items such as energy bars, ready-to-eat canned food and food your family enjoys.
- 3. Flashlight Don't forget extra batteries.
- 4. First Aid Kit
- 5. **Medications** Prescription and nonprescription.
- 6. Battery operated radio Have extra batteries.
- 7. **Tools** Wrench, manual can opener, screwdriver, hammer, pliers, knife, duct tape, plastic sheeting and garbage bags.
- 8. **Clothing** Provide a change of clothes for everyone including hats, sturdy shoes and gloves.
- 9. **Personal items** Eyeglasses or contact lenses and solution, copies of important papers including birth certificates.
- 10. Sanitary supplies Toilet paper, bleach.
- 11. Cash and coins
- 12. Emergency numbers
- 13. Pet Supplies
- 14. Map Mark evacuation routes on a local area map
- 15. **Other -** Don't forget people in your family with special needs such as infants and the elderly.

Once you have all your items together, store the kit in a safe, convenient place known to all family members. It should be in a cool, dark place in a water-proof and air tight plastic bag or container. Change water supply and food every six months.



MASS INTENTIONS

Lionel Bazile, Sr., Sheila Bazile, and Darryl Bazile





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Remember this: whoever sows sparingly, reap sparingly; and whoever sows generously, reap generously.

2 Corinthians 9:6



May they rest in peace...

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Tubbs, Jackson, and Hamilton family at the passing of Mrs. Quincy Tubbs-Hamilton, mother of Mrs.

Brenda Jackson. Also to the Trahan family at the passing of Dr. Gussie Trahan, husband of Mrs. Sylvia Trahan, and father of Mrs. Desiree Terrell and Mrs. Zita Muhammad.

May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

PRAYER REQUEST

When we are faced with illnesses or difficult times in our lives, turning to prayer can give us comfort and help us remain hopeful that there are better days ahead. We invite you to contact us with your prayer request so that we can join with you in prayer. Please contact us on Facebook, call the parish office at (225) 383-2537, or complete the new prayer request form at Mass. Your prayer request will be offered at Sunday Mass during the Intercessory Prayers.

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, here am I in the midst of them."

Matthew 18:20

CELEBRATING June 7th - JUNE 13th BIRTHDAYS



Lawand Johnson 6/07 Sharesa Christophe 6/8 Gidget Coates 6/8 Sylvia Fontenot 6/08 Christopher Harrell 6/08 Tyresha Simms 6/08 Aaliyah Johnson 6/09 Kaila Anthony 6/10 Alondra Camberos 6/10 Elizabeth Ofor 6/10



Jean Credit 6/11 Wanda Davis 6/11 Brian Miller 6/11 Farah Peters 6/11 Kennedy Ross 6/11 Rita Dandridge 6/12 Hillary Leonard 6/12 Rhonda Moore 6/12 Richard Hawkins 6/13



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Audrey Christopher, Mary Smart, Carolyn Christophe, Dorothy Bazile, Myrtis Coleman, Robert Seals, Mona Seals, Sylvia Collier, Lena Batiste, Marie Myles, Mary Lena Price, Willis Reed, Jr., Annie Joseph, Rosa Johnson, Harry Sills, Denovas Crockett, Jasman Benjamin, James Hayward, Cheryl Crockett, Brenda D. Hickman, Charles Davis, Jr., Rose Crockett Carter, Dianna Franklin, Meredith Jones, Gregory Cornell, George Cornell, Mable King, Barbara Rodney, Mercedes Mackey, and Curtell Thibodeaux

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Ronnie Gauthier, Helen Celestine, Florence Jackson, Geraldine Floyd, Betty Hammond, Frank Ross, Mona Bossier Bailey, Walker Williams, Barbara Brennan, Richard Dillon, Calvin Thomas, III, Joel Rivera, Dorie Martin, Alberta Conner, Martha Reinhart, Dana Simoneaux, Nichelle Hollins, Jessica Hughes, Ernie Butitta, Edna Dixon, Charles Bethley, Janet Bossier, and Jenna Scott

In Loving Memory of:

Opston, Dorcenia, Wilbert, Philip, Opston, Jr., Albert & Jerome Guillory, CB, Ruth & Tia Davis, Catherine Williams, Yvonne Warren and Marcus Montigue



In Loving Memory of:

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Sarah Rodney Domino & Wilbert Domino, Sr. Freddie Bowers

Ora Bowers Ward Sybil Thomas Johnson Maureen Bowers Johnson

St. Paul the Apostle Quick Reference

Altar Servers - 7:30 - Shirley Dawson	802-6128
Altar Servers - 10:30 - Christy Hall	223-7851
Infant Baptism - Deacon Benjamin Dunbar, Jr	324-5808
Bible Study - Barbara Haynes	
Bookkeeper - Debra Dudley	
Center (Use of Center) - Mary Martin	383-2537
Center Rental & Repast - Velita Benjamin	
Child Protection Coordinator - Vera Dunbar	324-2939
Eucharistic Ministers - Nancy Ball	397-4309
Liturgy Committee - Gigi Mathis	
Nurse - Maxine Watts	
Parish Office - Secretary - Mary Martin	383-2537
Pastor - Fr. Richard Andrus	
Readers - Fr. Richard Andrus	383-2537
Religious Education Director - Martha Davis	357-4108
RCIA Coordinator - Fr. Richard Andrus	383-2537
Ushers - Edmonia Joseph	
Youth Ministry - Justin Kennedy	
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In Loving Memory of: Milton, Rachel, Lillie,

Lillian, Kirby, James
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Joseph, Lawrence, Sr. &
Shedrick Ashford,
Ellis Myles, Sr., Rose &
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