



Society of African Missions

“The Mission”

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Mass Schedule

Sundays

10:00 am; 12 noon

Weekdays & Holy Days

11:45 am

Christmas & New Year’s Day

10:00 am; 12 noon

Confessions

By appointment. Contact

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S.M.A. Museum

Open Monday-Sunday from
 9:00am –5:00pm

Sunday Collection: \$895

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Administration:

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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Masses for the week of JUNE 12, 2022 – JUNE 18, 2022

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
Sun.-Sat.	8:00	Liv & Dec Benefactors of the SMA	
Sun. June 12	10:00	Benedict Walsh+	Breda Walsh
	12:00	Young Kim+ Eva Del Rosario+	Linda Rubio
Mon. June 13	9:30	Celine Dilworth+	
	11:45	Virgil & Laura Costa+	Victoria Ann Costa
Tue. June 14	9:30	Fr. John Bloh+	
	11:45	Annie Feeny+	Mary Quinn & Family
Wed. June 15	9:30	Michael R. Desrochers+	
	11:45	Marissa Tomboc+	Martha Paladino
Thurs. June 16	9:30	Rev. Lawrence Holpp+	
	11:45	Dec. Members of the Martin and Devany Families	John Tietjen
Fri. June 17	9:30	Denis Lucey+	
	11:45	Juliet Chan (Liv.)	Rosanne
Sat. June 18	9:30	Regina Wright+	
	11:45	Mary Gallagher+	Patricia Lefevere

Today’s Readings:

First Reading Proverbs 8:22-31

The figure of Wisdom is God’s companion in creation and in communicating with human beings.

Second Reading Romans 5:1-5

It is our faith and commitment to Jesus Christ that puts us at peace with God.

Gospel John 16:12-15

The Spirit will help us understand more fully the teachings of Jesus.

Trinity Sunday Reflection and Homily

We've got to be able to take this talk of three persons in one God, out of the ABSTRACT, and put concrete overshoes on it, so to speak. ... Have you ever noticed that when we think about one person in the Holy Trinity, there's always the other two persons in the background of our thoughts? In fact, you can't think about one person—let's say the Father—without being forced to think about the Son and the Holy Spirit at the same time. With one person, there's always the Other present.

Now, human consciousness is a poor substitute for the Holy Trinity, but if I want to bring things down to earth, think of it this way: it's as if there is always ANOTHER person in my consciousness, and not really just another but really THE OTHER, someone on whom I focus my attention, someone who's not me, someone whom I can't control, someone who exists in his own right. Saying it this way rules out the idea that the Other is some kind of "commodity" that can be manipulated.

Back in 1937, Martin Buber, the Jewish philosopher, captured the intensity of this relationship. He wrote a book entitled "I and Thou", and focused on the meaning of those two words, because I and thou describe a genuine HUMAN relationship; i.e. we don't treat people as things but as persons. The words also describe our relationship with GOD—a person to person relationship. And going beyond Buber's thought, the words also describe the very nature of God himself—God always contains the OTHER in his very self. It's hard for us to think in those terms. The image doesn't come easily. We'd prefer to have a God that stayed still, who subsisted in one place, in a sense a God WE can control.

So what! What does the Holy Trinity have to do with my life? Well, there is a "so what" about it. We are not the center of the universe. As a human person, we too are always oriented towards the Other. We don't stand on our lonesome. It's in our nature; it's who we are. We are invited to place others' interests and their welfare, along with our own, in the negotiation of life. They may be here in New Jersey; they may be on another continent. Even people we don't like, even people we despise, even people we are afraid of and whom we would gladly put a contract out on. (A little hyperbole there!) Theologically we can say that as Christians we are conforming ourselves to the cross of Christ, OR to the Holy Trinity. It's really the same thing. Can we be Trinitarian people?

By Fr Frank Wright, SMA