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## "The Mission"

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#### **Mass Schedule**

Sundays
10:00 am; 12 noon
Weekdays & Holy Days
9:30 am & 11:45 am
Christmas & New Year's Day
10:00 am; 12 noon

#### **Confessions Saturdays:**

After 11:45am Mass.
Or by appointment.
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201-567-0450 Ext 225/231

# Bereavement & Visit to the Sick

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#### **Perpetual Mass Association**

Office open Monday-Friday from 9:30am to 3:00pm

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#### **Administration:**

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# THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Masses for the week of JUNE 4, 2023 – JUNE 10, 2023

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
SunSat.	8:00	Liv & Dec Benefactors of the SMA	
Sun. June 4	10:00	Benedict & Anthony Walsh+	Breda Walsh
	12:00	Lilia R. Tocker+	Friend
Mon. June 5	9:30	Thomas & Jessica Lee Family (Liv.)	Juliana & Joseph Family
	11:45	Conversion of Sinners	
Tue. June 6	9:30	Michael R. Desrochers+	
	11:45	In memory of Thomas J. Hanson+	John Lawler
Wed. June 7	9:30	Francis Kabanda+	Daughter
	11:45	Patrice Davidson+	Mae Kenny
Thurs. June 8	9:30	Francis Kabanda+	Daughter
	11:45	JoAnn DiPaolo+	Martha DiPaolo
Fri. June 9	9:30	Francis Kabanda+	Daughter
	11:45	Justin Lamorena+ & Jonas Lamorena	Family
Sat. June 10	9:30	Francis Kabanda+	Daughter
	11:45	In memory of Thomas J. Hanson+	John Lawler

### **Today's Readings:**

First Reading Exodus 34:4-6. 8-9

Moses bows before the Lord, acknowledging the guilt of the people.

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Paul encourages us to be happy as we live in love and peace with God and each other.

**Gospel** John 3:16-18

God's love for the world is such that God's only Son was sent into the world so that through him the world might be saved.



## **TRINITY SUNDAY Reflection**

What is so helpful about the way we talk about the Holy Trinity is that it helps us express how it is that WE have experienced God. The first reading from Exodus gives us a pointer here: Moses goes up on the mountain, and God tells him what kind of God he is. "The LORD, the LORD, is a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity. That's God for us!

In the long trajectory of the Old Testament, the Hebrew people experienced the God who accompanied them. He led them to a new land. He freed them from slavery and parted the Red Sea before them, sojourning with them in the desert. He stood by them when they were conquered by the kingdom of Assyria. He did not abandon them when they were forced into exile in Babylon. God never left himself without a witness.

The New Testament shows us that God so loved the world that he sent his only Son to be its deliverer. And at Pentecost, which we celebrated last Sunday, the Holy Spirit fell upon the disciples and fell upon us as well. The Scriptures as a whole are the story of how we have known God, experienced God, walked with God on our journey. They are the story of our intimacy with God, and the Holy Trinity is at the center of this story.

Our own lives are the continuation of the story. Sometimes we're too close to the action to be able to encapsulate the events of our lives into a narrative. We fail to look for all those signs of God's grace: mercy, kindness, love, blessing. We're so close to the action that we pass them on the road unnoticed. But God is there! The Holy Trinity, in the varied ways that God has interacted with our history, is dynamic, active, world-shaking, earth-shattering, life changing.

And Moses asked God, "Lord, do come along in our company."

I have focused our attention on God and us in history and in our lives. In light of the Scriptures we heard today, this is an appropriate starting point for our reflections. I haven't touched on the loving dynamic of the three persons in the Trinity, what the Church Fathers referred to as the dance of God. That and our participation in its reality is food for another homily.

By Fr Frank Wright, SMA

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