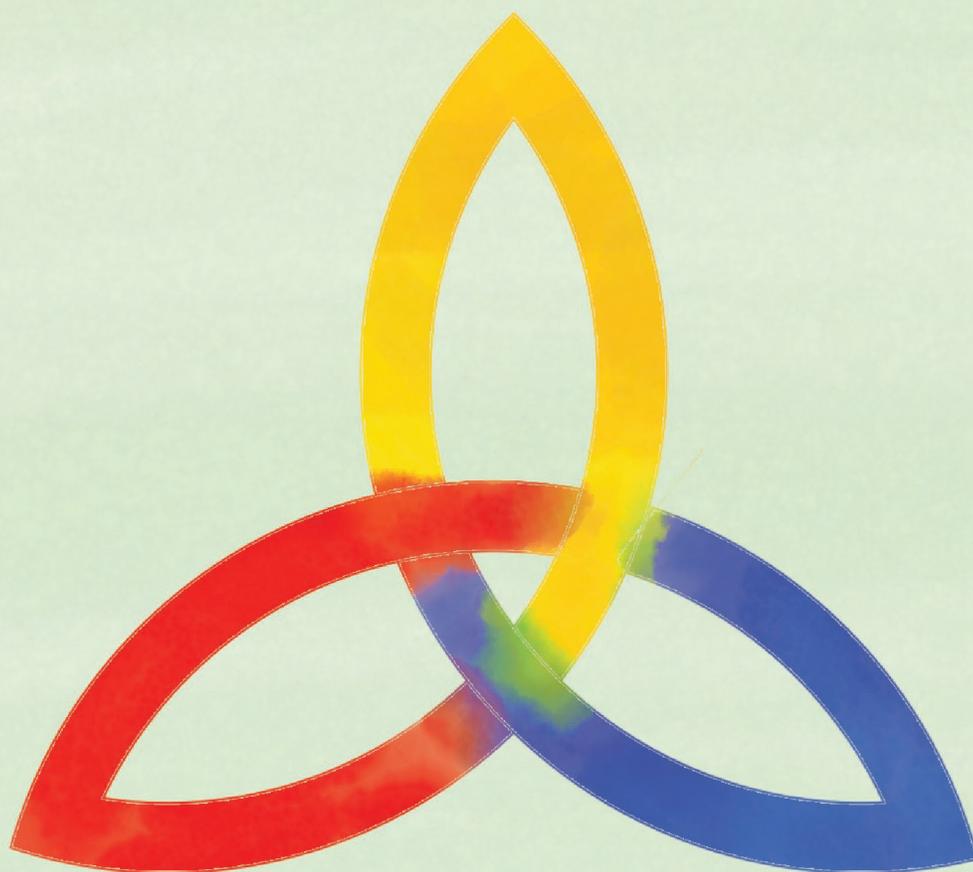


THE LORD IS GOD
IN THE HEAVENS ABOVE
AND ON EARTH BELOW;
THERE IS NO OTHER.

DEUTERONOMY 4:39



THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

MAY 30, 2021



Saint Paul
the Apostle

Dear SPA Family,

During my childhood, the movie entitled “Teutonic Knights” was shown in theaters. Many scenes from this movie deeply fell into my childhood imagination. For instance, I remember the morning before **the Battle of Grunwald in 1410**. The sun is rising, the morning dew is rising, and the forest is filled with birdsong.

The Polish-Lithuanian armies led by King Jagiełło are waking up. The knights direct their first thoughts to God, each of them worshipping Him in their own way and asking for protection for the upcoming, difficult day. Soldiers from some Lithuanian banners turn to the rising sun and worship it as God.



From the early days of history, **people have looked at the wonderful world with admiration**; the sun and the stars, lofty mountains vanishing in clouds, lightning zigzagging across the sky and winds sweeping everything off the earth, people watched and admired; if it is all so powerful and wonderful then how mighty the Creator of it all must be. And so, some people have discovered the God whom they’ve worshiped and entrusted to him their life, both temporal and eternal. For some it was different. Those who were infatuated with created works did not see their Creator. Consequently, they’ve bestowed divine qualities on mountains, lightning, winds, and celestial bodies. Created things obscured some people their Creator. And that’s how the sun became a god.

We can imagine that the sun is our great friend, whose smile reaches us in three radiant ways. The first smile brings the light that fills our planet with radiance. The second brings the warmth that warms the whole world. And the third radiant smile brings the energy necessary for the functioning of people and their machines. We can say that there is one friend in the sky with various faces. The smile of its every face brings us good and blessing in various ways.

The dogma of the Trinity is one of the greatest and most important mysteries of the Christian faith. **We believe that there is one God, but in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.** It is a truth that exceeds the cognitive abilities of the mind; therefore, we often use comparisons when talking about this mystery. One is the comparison with the sun, which in the triple way brings us the blessed smile of a friend. Staying on the literary plane of this metaphor, we can say that God comes to us through a triple smile.

The smile of God the Father creates a wonderful world and us that has a spark of eternity and God’s perfection. God’s smile descends to earth as the Son and becomes one of us to redeem humanity and give it a chance to return to God. The smile of God the Holy Spirit descends to earth, remains among us, and makes us the Temple of the Most High.

Have a blessed weekend! Fr. Chris Ciastoń

DONATIONS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY WILL BE UPDATED
IN THE NEXT BULLETIN

A photograph of golf equipment including a white visor, three white golf balls, and several golf clubs, set against a light blue wooden background.

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SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT-CELEBRATE GOD'S LOVE!

BY: MARY PENICH

As I prepared to write for this Trinity Sunday, my thoughts turned to Memorial Day. I ran an errand earlier that day. When I returned, I noticed the small American Flags my husband had placed in our planters. They caught my eye and my heart. They evoked thoughts of the many family members and friends who served in the military and who currently celebrate this holiday in a much better place. As I drove into the garage, I offered a prayer of thanksgiving for them and for all who have sacrificed so much for us.

All morning, memories of my departed loved ones surfaced. I also enjoyed flashbacks of interactions with many others who are still with us and who've also enriched my life with their presence. This line-up of amazing people began with my great-aunt Sister Gerard. She was born on Memorial Day, so I assume her birthday elicited my thoughts of her. Our wall of family photos which includes Sister Gerard inspired further reflection. Her sparkling eyes assured me that my dear aunt continues to love me from her home in the hereafter. I admit to a few tears as I considered Sister's kindness toward me. Though she was always attentive, Sister Gerard surprised me with an invitation to spend a few days with her a few weeks before I began sixth grade. She lived in St. Gall's Convent on the South Side of Chicago where she'd been assigned during much of my childhood. While with her, I spent time with the other sisters as well. I also helped my aunt to set up her classroom for the coming year. All of this boosted my self-esteem exponentially. Of course, Sister Gerard made whoever was in her company feel special. This trait was the hallmark of many of the adults who graced my life...

How I wish my grandchildren could sit on my dad's lap! He was a kind and funny guy who would keep them laughing. My mom made most of my clothes when I was little. How I wish she could sew just one dress for Ellie, Lauren and Claire. I'm certain she'd fashion colorful Bermuda shorts for Danny and Ben which would rival those she made for their dad and uncle. My aunts and uncles loved their nieces and nephews. How they would have enjoyed Mike and Abby, Tim and Kim and their children! And so it went. Fond memories mercilessly interrupted my attempts at this writing. Frustration threatened to distract me further until I realized that these weren't

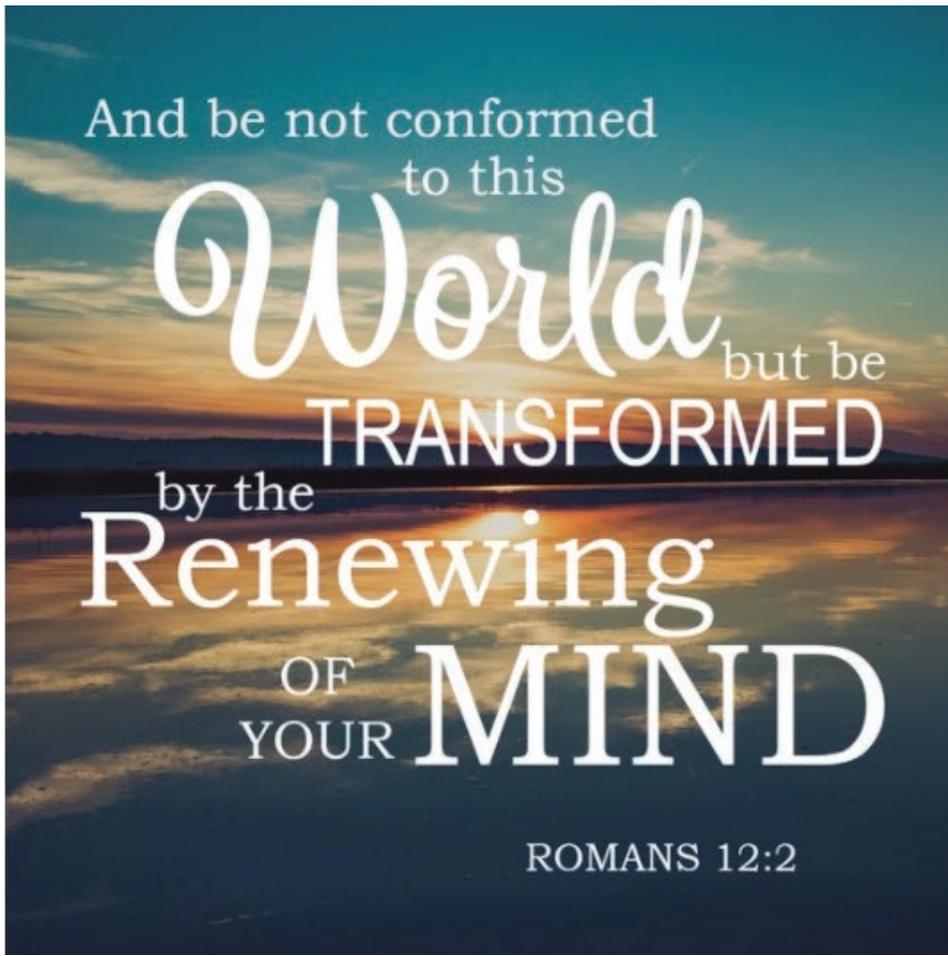
interruptions that took me from my work after all. They were gentle bits of inspiration sent to reveal the gift of Diving Love which we celebrate today.



On this Feast of the Most Holy Trinity, we celebrate God's loving presence among us and within us. This phenomenon began when love impelled our Creator God to fashion this universe and all who inhabit it. When humankind failed to grasp the fullness of God's love and looked elsewhere for happiness, God relentlessly pursued us. When we continued to run from God's loving ways, God's hand touched the earth one again in the person of Jesus. From the moment of Jesus' birth, God's presence was tangible. Jesus' lessons and example revealed God's love firsthand. Jesus clarified what we had too long ignored and misunderstood. When some failed to see the precious gift Jesus offered, they turned against him and saw to his death. Jesus responded by returning to ensure us once and for all that God's love prevails over *everything*. To see to it that we will never lose sight of God's loving presence, God's Holy Spirit came and remains with us still. Though God's Spirit isn't often revealed in tongues of fire, God's Spirit continues to be revealed in remarkable ways.

These nostalgic interludes with my loved ones provided me with tangible evidence of all that we celebrate this Trinity Sunday. God's ongoing presence in my life and in all of our lives tops the list. God's Spirit nudges us along through the numerous people God has given us to love and through those who have so generously love us. Whether we're at our best or our worst, God's presence remains within us and within the people who journey with us through this life. The only response we can offer is gratitude. So it is that we celebrate the God of love – our Creator, our Brother Jesus and God's Spirit within us– with thanksgiving. Whether in the wonder of Creation, in the presence of a kindred soul or deep within ourselves, God's love remains. It seems that Trinity Sunday and Memorial Day go hand in hand after all. Both are celebrations of love, God's ongoing love and the loved ones who made that love tangible in their love for us.

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RENEWAL OF MIND SERIES STARTING JUNE 8TH OR 10TH

Our mindset can keep us operating in a lower reality than what is available to us. This is particularly true as Children of God – there is an entire Kingdom that Jesus made assessable to us, but if our minds aren't properly calibrated to the realities of the Kingdom. Then we can find ourselves limited in how much of the kingdom we experience. In this 8-part series, you will receive a digital handbook to print and a weekly recording (35-70 minutes) which can be downloaded to any electronic device for you convenience and mobility. We will meet weekly for prayer, discussion and activations.

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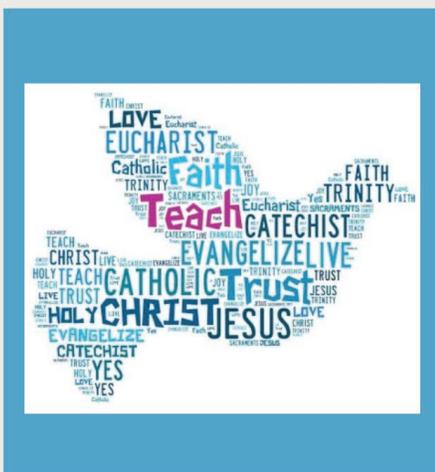
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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MAY 29, 2021

5:00PM: Charles Suhling | Marie Sula

SUNDAY, MAY 30, 2021

7:30AM: Jennifer Corr

9:30AM: Daniel Crews | Carol Solger | Dick Bell
The Casis Family

11:30AM: Patricia Mauro | Julia Burkel | Maria Mauro
Mark Obey | Demetria Cabuay
Marcelino Cabuay | Jorge & Maria Rosales

MONDAY, MAY 31, 2021- MEMORIAL DAY

Paul Migasi | Sean Maher

TUESDAY, JUNE 1, 2021 (Monday/Wednesday Intentions included)

7:30AM: Conrado & Ana Dizon | Michael Kinahan
Edy Villamayor

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2, 2021

For the Parish Family

THURSDAY, JUNE 3, 2021 (Friday Intentions included)

7:30AM: Rolando Delatorre | Diana Lonergan

FRIDAY, JUNE 4, 2021

Frances Slamar | Louis, Petrina & Joe Smetek

SATURDAY, JUNE 5, 2021

5:00PM: Sharon & Conrad Wencka | Charles Suhling
Emily & Walter Macrowski
Peter & Cindy Higman

SUNDAY, JUNE 6, 2021

7:30AM: Louis Smetek | Jack Henderson
Santiago Villareal

9:30AM: Robert Chester Buttrey | Nancy Sedin
Honesto Garibay | Doris Reeves
Robert & Elizabeth Hund

11:30AM: Richard, Oscar & Rose Cavin | Carmen Durban
Anna & Joseph Szalek | Prema Dawson
Jorge & Maria Rosales

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The Lord is God in the heavens above and on earth below (Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40).

Psalm — Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own (Psalm 33).

Second Reading — You received a Spirit of adoption, through whom we cry, "Abba, Father!" (Romans 8:14-17).

Gospel — Baptize them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:16-20).

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Linda Marie Fote	Patty Hacker
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Stanley Fletcher	Linda Lillington
Marty Reynolds	Stanley C. Fletcher
Guillermo Parreno	Laureen Walsh
Bethany Brosman	Patrick Walsh
Carol McArthur	Michael Bush
Maria Rodriguez	Angela Giachetti
Robbie Franklin	Vicki Shaffer
Nicole Mendlik	Rosa Perez
Gunnar Shindledecker	Luke Laskowski
Natalie Styles	Matthew Lutz
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PLEASE KNOW THAT WE PRAY FOR ALL OF THE SICK AT EVERY MASS. HOWEVER, IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR NAME OR THAT OF A SICK LOVED ONE TO BE INCLUDED IN THE LIST ABOVE, PLEASE EMAIL OR CALL KERI AT THE PARISH HOUSE.
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“To know what is right and not to do it is the worst cowardice.”
—Confucius

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY:

Zep 3:14-18a
Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6
Lk 1:39-56

TUESDAY:

Tb 2:9-14
Ps 112:1-2, 7-9
Mk 12:13-17

WEDNESDAY:

Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a
Ps 25:2-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9
Mk 12:18-27

THURSDAY:

Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a
Ps 128:1-5
Mk 12:28-34

FRIDAY:

Tb 11:5-17
Ps 146:1b-2, 6c-10
Mk 12:35-37

SATURDAY:

Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20
Tb 13:2, 6efgh-8
Mk 12:38-44

SUNDAY:

Ex 24:3-8
Ps 116:12-13, 15-18
Heb 9:11-15
Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

HEY LADIES! CIRCLE OF WOMEN IS GOING DIGITAL!

Sisters, you are strong, you are wise and you are beautiful! Join us, a community of believers, who carry each other when we are weak and celebrate when we are strong. Let's lean back and let the arms of women's friendships carry us and help us to know ourselves better.

COMBO VIRTUAL & IN-PERSON EVENTS

Saturday
9:30 – 10:30am

June 12
July 17
August 14
September 11
October 2
November 6
December 11

Join us **online** or **in person**!
We are planning to keep the standard format with a large group intro to the topic and then split into small groups to discuss.

Please watch for our emails or see the Circle of Women ministry page (under Evangelization & Spiritual Life) for more details!
Contact Kelly Krueger with any questions:
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KNIGHTS CORNER

Mother's Day Virtual Rose Sale Final Update

Our Mother's Day Virtual Rose Sale to benefit Respect Life Charities and Lake County Right to Life was a success generating \$1025. Thank you to all who donated.

Spring Tootsie Roll ID Drive

Our Spring Tootsie Roll ID (Intellectual Disability) Fundraising Drive this year was also a success as we raised over \$1396 for our Disabled People Charities and we hope to reach our total annual goal with our Fall Drive in September. Thank you to all who donated.

Coming This Summer – Save the Date

Pete Albamonte Sr. Annual Charity Golf Classic – July 10, 2021
11th Annual Joe Falotico Memorial Car Show – August 14th, 2021

The Knights of Columbus – Divine Mercy Council would like to thank all our other parish ministries and the Parish Office staff who have helped us so much throughout this difficult year to help us make this year so successful for our council and allow us to fund different charities and more.

Finally, a big **Thank You** to **ALL OF YOU** for your continued generous patronizing of our events and contributions to the Knights of Columbus during these very trying times now and throughout the past year and in the future. Hopefully, the coming year will see a return to a more traditional way of doing things.

*Sincerely, George Behr, Grand Knight
Knights of Columbus – Divine Mercy Council*



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WEEKDAY MASS:
TUESDAY AND THURSDAY
7:30AM

SATURDAY EVENING:
5:00PM

SUNDAY:
7:30 | 9:30 | 11:30AM

ADORATION

TUESDAY/THURSDAY MORNINGS
8:00AM

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAYS IN THE BLESSED
SACRAMENT CHAPEL
11:00AM