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***‘It is not good for God to be Alone’***  
**(G K Chesterton)**

The Trinity is the defining doctrine of Christian faith, the central statement about the kind of God we believe in. We are baptized “*in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit*” (Mt. 28:19) and begin our formal and informal prayers with this Trinitarian formula. Yet, in 1970, the great German theologian, Karl Rahner, made this surprising comment: ‘*Despite their orthodox confession of the Trinity, Christians are, in their practical life, almost mere monotheists.*’ According to Rahner, the doctrine of the Trinity was, for most Christians, a matter of a formal profession of faith with little or no impact on their day-to-day life and worship.

But perhaps there is another reason why the Trinity has not had much impact on our everyday lives. Traditionally, God was seen as immutable, unlimited, all sufficient and perfect, far removed from the world of creaturely imperfection.

This kind of language can make God appear remote or distant from us. Surely, this is not the God revealed in the life and ministry of Jesus. The God of Jesus is a God who goes in search of men and women and rejoices when a lost son finds his way back to the house of his Father. The parable of the Prodigal Son (*Luke 15: 11-32*) portrays God as a loving Father who responds to human decisions and is affected by them.

However, the doctrine of the Trinity is not just about God’s eternal being. It is as much about us as it is about God, about how God relates with us and how we should relate with one another. As the Australian theologian, Catherine La Cugna, states:

*‘The life of God – precisely because God is triune – does not belong to God alone. God who dwells in inaccessible light and eternal glory comes to us in the face of Christ and the activity of the Holy Spirit... The heart of the Christian life is to be united to the God of Jesus Christ by means of a communion with one another’ (God for Us, p. 1).*

Hence, the doctrine of the Trinity is most relevant to our everyday lives for it is ultimately about what it means to be human persons created in the image of this God of Love. To be human means to be Godlike, to be fully alive in love, and engaged in life-giving relationships with others. All human beings are called to participate fully in the Trinitarian communion of Father, Son and Spirit through their loving communion with one another. And we, the members of the Church, are called to be witnesses of this awesome destiny to a world thirsting for love. Michael McCabe SMA

Today’s **Feast of the Most Holy Trinity** brings us to the foundation of our faith as it calls us to reflect on the life of God. Even though we cannot fully understand it, the Trinity gives us a wonderful insight into, and provides us with an opportunity to reflect on, the inner life of God. The beauty and majesty of the world around us bear the hallmark of God’s creative hand. However, it does not capture the whole picture, because God is a mystery, which means there is always more to discover, more to share and experience about him. He is greater than our human attempts to understand, above and beyond our thoughts and capacity to define. We are left with the truth that God is always greater than our words can express.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Monday	Soul of <b>Francesco Cesario</b>
Tuesday	Soul of <b>Tom Schmoll</b> Soul of <b>Michael Wolfer</b> Soul of <b>Filipe &amp; Elvina Menezes</b> Soul of <b>Consumer &amp; Amelia Pinto</b> Soul of <b>Simon Kertez</b> Soul of <b>Dorothea Fehr</b>
Wednesday	Soul of <b>George V. Pinto</b>
Thursday	For the <b>Protection of Unborn Children</b>
Friday	Soul of <b>Angel Papa</b>

***Please pray for the sick in our community.***

May the healing power of God touch their hearts and ease their burdens, especially **Raffael Hang Cheong Lee, Khader Khawager, Maria DiRienza, Nolito Reyes, Ed Tan, Elizabeth Liversidge, Fra. Michael G-Mariam and Betty Lea**

May 26, 2024

## TOTUS TUUS

### Registration is now open on our website

The children and youth of the parish are invited to join us for Totus Tuus (Latin for “Totally Yours”) this summer from **July 7-12**. Totus Tuus is an Archdiocesan program whereby seminarians and young adults travel to different parishes, spreading the Good News of our Lord through catechesis, Mass, confession, songs and games!

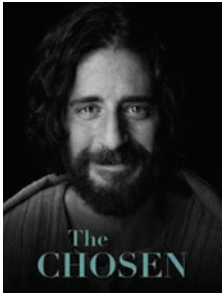
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**REGISTER:** <https://linktr.ee/stlukesthym>

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We look forward to seeing you there!



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Website

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- Keli Marshall, Mary's Meals Canada -

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Join us Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary for an evening of Praise & Worship. All are welcome!

## FREE CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING

### WEBINAR

Saturday, June 8, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

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- **About our Catholic traditions around cremation, burials and funerals**

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Join us **Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>** for First Saturday Mass & Devotions beginning at 8:30 am.

**Good Shepherd casseroles/lasagnas for May are due this weekend at the parish for pickup Monday morning.** Thank you!

## **CELEBRATE MARY DURING THE MONTH OF MAY!**



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