

Trinity Sunday

Most Holy Trinity

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Three young boys were bragging about how much money their dads made. The first boy said, "My dad is a poet and he writes four or five sentences in a book and he gets paid \$50!"

The next boy says. "So what! My dad is a Journalist and he writes an article for the newspaper and he gets paid \$100!"

The third boy speaks up and says, "That's nothing! My dad is a Deacon and he puts a bunch words on a piece of paper and then reads it to everyone. And it takes 8 people to collect all the money!!"

Ok! I stole that joke a couple of weeks ago, but it's still funny---and true!

Today the Church has us celebrate the Most Holy Trinity! But before I attempt to explain the Holy Trinity; lets explain our selves. Who are we? What are we? How can define ourselves?

Are we defined by our appearance? Oh, I hope not! No... We get old. Things change; things fall apart. Our hair falls off! Our teeth fall out!

Is it our intelligence? No... Our memory starts to fade. We forget people's names; people that we have known forever; we even forget who we are!

Is our athletic ability? No, we get past a certain age and we can no longer do those things we did years ago! Try as we might!

Is it our careers? No...That sometimes changes numerous times in our lives.

Is it our own moral righteousness? No...The older we get, the more realize that on our own we're not capable of being good. Scripture says, "Only God is good" and He alone can make us good and holy!

Is it our sins, that define us; our history, all the things about our past that we wish we could change? No... Our sins do not define who we are either.

So what does define us?

Again, today is Holy Trinity Sunday. The mystery of God, the God who is defined as LOVE. · God the Father and God the Son who love each other so much that their love is life, their love is the Holy Spirit; whom they give to us! · God, who loves us so much that the Son became man, He became one of us, to save us from our sins and makes us sons and daughters of God. This is what defines who we are. We are beloved children of God. God is a communion of persons, united in love. And we are all created and called to share in that love!

Cardinal Timothy Dolan tells the story of a man he knew, who wanted to become a Catholic. · The man was a professor, and he was exceedingly smart. Cardinal Dolan spent almost a year preparing him for baptism, and they went back and forth about every imaginable issue; all of the Doctrines and Dogmas of the Church. And in the Catholic Church, there are many! At the end of all that, the man said he was finally ready to be baptized. “But,” he said, “there’s still one thing that isn’t clear to me.”

Cardinal Dolan thought, “Uh oh. What’s it going to be? The Immaculate Conception? The Church’s moral teachings?” I imagine the Cardinal thinking, don’t make me explain the Holy Trinity!!

The man said, “Remember when you told me at the beginning that when we are baptized, we have the presence of God within us? The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit truly dwell in us? Were you really serious about that? That sounds too good to be true!!”

Cardinal Dolan thought to himself, “Yeah, it does sound too good to be true... But it is true.” The presence of God dwelling in our souls is what truly what defines us. And this is why we attempt to live lives that are pleasing to God! We are already something – we are children of God! – Holy in Gods eyes because He makes us Holy. And we want to live lives worthy of that Holy calling! But this isn’t always easy. We often ask ourselves – will we have the strength to live as a child of God? We struggle, we fail. We keep committing the same sins over and over again. We are not strong enough. But God is strong and He is always there for us. He has made us His children; we are a new creation in Christ. And scripture says, “we can do all things through Christ who loves us”!

Today is Father's Day and as fathers, especially Christian fathers we strive to live our lives as examples for our children and grandchildren to follow. So I have a quick story to tell you about one of my grandsons.

Many of you know that I go out to the Airway Heights Prison to offer Communion and study the Scriptures with the men there. Most of these men have been coming to these classes for a long time. They are very faithful and very well versed in the scripture! They know the Bible well! They don't have to come to my class, but they do! Anyway, I go out to the prison quite often; sometimes 3 or 4 times a month!

Well, my grandson is very proud of me, so one day, when he was about 5 years old, he once told a group of our friends, "I want to grow up and be just like my grandpa - and go to prison all the time!!"

I wish he would have explained that better to our friends! He does need to set his sights higher!

But seriously, I hope the lesson he learned was NOT the opportunity to go to prison, but to share the love of God and to do as Jesus asks of us; to serve the least of our brothers; to share God's love with them!

In a few moments we are going to receive the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus, in the sacrament of the Eucharist. Once again we are going to receive the presence of God in our souls. We are going share God's love in Holy Communion. This sacrament is the reminder that we are more than our sins and our weaknesses, and we are even more than our gifts and talents. It's the reminder that God has looked at us from all eternity, and made us holy! He loves us and calls us to be His children.

So if anyone ever asks you to explain the Holy Trinity; give the best answer our feeble minds can comprehend!

It's a Mystery!