

## SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY

JUNE 4, 2023

*“The love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.”*

— *Romans 5:5b*

### THIS IS THE HOLY TRINITY

Today we celebrate the Holy Trinity, one of the most confounding mysteries of our faith. Through this mystery we experience our relationship to God: Creator, Savior, and Holy Spirit. This relationship is not easy to understand or to describe. It does not become clearer through analysis. Its complexity mirrors the complexity of all our relationships. We understand our relationships with our spouses, our children, our parents, and our friends only through daily give-and-take, annual rituals, and the life-changing moments we share. We understand our relationships only as we live them. The relationships we have with those we love, and who love us, sustain us through an uncertain and difficult life. This is the Holy Trinity.

What is striking about today’s readings is that each is incomplete. What they do offer is a description of a moment in our relationship, a memory of a time and an event when our relationship made sense even though that sense may be beyond our ability to describe fully. Often that is all that our faith offers, that is, a memory of what is possible, what is promised, what has been given. A memory of eternity, of love beyond understanding is to be cherished and nurtured even if not fully understood. This is the Holy Trinity © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

### TODAY’S READINGS

**First Reading** — The wisdom of God played on the surface of God’s earth, finding delight in the human race (Proverbs 8:22-31).

**Psalm** — O Lord, our God, how wonderful you name in all the earth! (Psalm 8).

**Second Reading** — The love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:1-15).

**Gospel** — The Spirit of truth will guide you to all truth (John 16:12-15).

from creation’s beginning, through Jesus’ resurrection, into the church’s earliest days, now into our days. Kindled in our hearts, the Spirit’s gentle fire is ours to share generously, even with those most strikingly different from us. All hearts are Spirit-warmed by reconciled diversity.

**Gospel** — Jesus Christ appears to the disciples and sends them on their mission (John 20:19-23) *or*

*John 14:15-16, 23b-26.*

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Monday:** St. Boniface

**Tuesday:** St. Norbert

**Friday:** St. Ephrem

### REFLECTION

This Sunday, we celebrate the solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, a mystery that we reverently honor and worship. When we say it is a mystery, it does not mean that we do not know anything about it. Through Jesus Christ, we see what God is like. He revealed that God is One but not alone, for God is a community of Three Divine Persons – the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that “by sending his only Son and the Spirit of Love in the fullness of time, God has revealed his innermost secret: God himself is an eternal exchange of love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and he has destined us to share in that exchange” (no. 221). So, this mystery teaches us who God is. And at the same time, we come to know and discover the truth of who we are.

There is a very old and much-repeated story about St. Augustine, one of the intellectual giants of the Church. He was walking by the seashore one day, attempting to conceive of an intelligible explanation for the mystery of the Trinity. As he walked along, he saw a small boy on the beach, pouring seawater from a shell into a small hole in the sand. “What are you doing my child?” asked Augustine. The boy stood up, looked straight into the eyes of Augustine, and replied, “What are you trying to do – comprehend the immensity of God with your small head – is even more impossible.” Then he vanished. — The child was an angel sent by God to teach Augustine a lesson. Later, Augustine wrote: “You see the Trinity, if you see love.” According to him, the Father is the lover, the Son is the loved one, and the Holy Spirit is the personification of the very act of loving.

St. Francis Xavier’s favorite prayer was: Most Holy Trinity, who live in me, I praise You, I worship You, I adore you, and I love You.” May the Son lead us to the Father through the Spirit, to live with the Triune God forever and ever. Amen.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY FR. PRASAD

*Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> is Fr. Prasad’s Birthday.*

*St. Edward Parish Family would like to wish*

*Fr. Prasad a very, very, very*

***HAPPY BIRTHDAY!***

**OUR GIFTS RECORD**

	Offertory	Development
Last Week's Collection	\$3,451.00	\$2,174.00
Number of Families contributing	86	62
Total Pledge for 2023	\$160,375.00	\$163,292.00
Pledged to Date (21 Weeks)	\$68,287.00	\$69,268.00
Received to Date	\$58,207.00	\$47,368.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$10,080.00	\$21,900.00

**LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD**

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2023
\$272.00	\$4,219.00

Seventeen ladies contributed last week.

**PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT**

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2023
\$210.00	\$48,346.00

Five people made a P.L.C. contribution last week.

**BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN**

GOAL	\$165,000.00
Total Pledged	\$210,300.00
Total Received	\$71,565.00

**CATHOLIC APPEAL OF SOUTH CAROLINA (BAA)**

Amount given to date	2023 GOAL
\$3,411.00	\$19,882.00

**POOR BOX** totaled \$57.00.

12 **CHILDREN** contributed \$57.00.

**FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:**

1. the Family of Betty Apple in loving memory of her on her 81<sup>st</sup> Birthday and 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of her death;
2. the Wife and Family of Ringo in loving memory of him on the 12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his death;
3. the Family of Hambone in loving memory of him on his 93<sup>rd</sup> Birthday;
4. the Family of Jimmy Sherlock in loving memory of him on the 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his death;
5. and a Parish Family member in thanks to St. Expedite.

**BEST WISHES**

**Fr. Prasad prays and wishes for all our Parish family members who are going out of town during the Summer, a wonderful time of joy, happiness and good luck and a safe and pleasant return.**

**SPECIAL THANKS** to a Parish Member for purchasing the Monstrance for Eucharistic Adoration.

**THANK YOU** to two parish members for their donations in thanks to St. Expedite.

**SUMMER ADORATION** will begin this Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. Adoration will be only on ***Mondays and Thursdays ONLY*** from 10:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION** The second collection next weekend will be for the ***Annual Seminary collection***.

**MASS ON TUESDAY** will be at 10:00 A.M. until further notice.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

***Monday:*** In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague and St. Joseph for all the sick and for all the holy souls in purgatory; and for the repose of the soul of Hambone on his 93<sup>rd</sup> Birthday.

***Tuesday:*** For the repose of the soul of Betty Apple on her 81<sup>st</sup> Birthday and on the 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of her death.

***Wednesday:*** For the repose of the soul of Ringo on the 12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his death.

***Thursday:*** In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague and St. Joseph for all the sick and for all the holy souls in purgatory.

***Friday:*** For the repose of the soul of Pat L. McNally on his 73<sup>rd</sup> Birthday.

**READERS**

**Sat. June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4:00 P.M.** Paris & Mary Martha  
**Sun. June 4<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.** Jimmy Joseph & Lauren Ashley

**Sat. June 10<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M.** Christina & Macy  
**Sun. June 11<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.** Jimmy Joseph & Lauren Ashley

**READERS – WEEKDAYS**

**Monday** - Christina  
**Tuesday** - Macy  
**Wednesday** - Monroe  
**Thursday** - Lauren Ashley  
**Friday** - Paris

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAYS**

**Monday** - Theresa Hun  
**Tuesday** - Jack's Mary Rita  
**Wednesday** - Julie Ann  
**Thursday** - Cathy Carroll  
**Friday** - Rosie Cat

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND**

**Saturday 4:00 P.M.**  
**Right** Jack's Mary Rita  
**Left** Cathy Carroll

**Sunday 10:00 A.M**

**June 4<sup>th</sup>** Ned's Rose Marie  
**June 11<sup>th</sup>** Ned's Rose Marie