



Feast of
Holy Trinity

St. Mary's Knanaya Catholic Forane Church, Houston
6400 W. Fuqua Rd, Missouri City, TX 77489

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



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Do we believe in one God or in three Gods?

We believe in one God in three persons (→TRINITY). "God is not solitude but perfect communion." (Pope Benedict XVI, May 22, 2005). [232-236, 249-256, 261, 265-266] Christians do not worship three different Gods, but one single Being that is threefold and yet remains one. We know that God is triune from Jesus Christ: He, the Son, speaks about his Father in heaven ("I and the Father are one", Jn 10:30). He prays to him and sends us the Holy Spirit, who is the love of the Father and the Son.

That is why we are baptized "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Mt 28:19) Wherever there is Love, there is a trinity: a Lover, a beloved, and a fountain of TRINITY (Latin trinitas = the state of being threefold): God is only one, but he exists in three persons. The fact that in English we have two terms, the Triune God and the Trinity for the same reality (one emphasizes God's unity, the other the distinction of persons in him) is an indication of the unfathomable mystery of the Trinity. Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? 1 Cor 3:16

Can we deduce logically that God is triune?

No. The fact that there are three persons (→TRINITY) in one God is a mystery. We know only through Jesus Christ that God is Trinitarian. [237] Men cannot deduce the fact that God is a Trinity by means of their own reason. They acknowledge, however, that this mystery is reasonable when they accept God's →REVELATION in Jesus Christ. If God were alone and solitary, he could not love from all eternity. In the light of Jesus we find already in the →OLD TESTAMENT (for example, Gen 1:2; 18:2; 2 Sam 23:2), indeed, even in all of creation, traces of God's Trinitarian Being. Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you. Is 49:15

Why is God "Father"?

We revere God as Father first of all because he is the Creator and cares lovingly for his creatures. Jesus, the Son of God, has taught us, furthermore, to regard his Father as our Father and to address him as "our Father". [238-240] Several pre-Christian religions had the divine title "Father". Even before Jesus, the Israelites addressed God as their Father (Deut 32:6; Mal 2:10), realizing that he is also like a mother (Is 66:13). In human experience, father and mother stand for origin and authority, for what is protective and supportive. Jesus Christ shows us what God the Father is really like: "He who has seen me has seen the Father" (Jn 14:9). In the parable of the prodigal son, Jesus addresses the most profound human longings for a merciful father.

Who is the "Holy Spirit"?

The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Holy →TRINITY and has the same divine majesty as the Father and the Son. When we discover the reality of God in us, we are dealing with the working of the Holy Spirit. God sent "the Spirit of his Son into our hearts" (Gal 4:6), so that he might fill us completely. In the Holy Spirit a Christian finds profound joy, inner peace, and freedom. "For you did not receive the spir-

it of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the spirit of sonship [in whom] we cry, 'Abba! Father!' " (Rom 8:15b). In the Holy Spirit, whom we receive in Baptism and →CONFIRMATION we are permitted to call God "Father". The memory of this Father sheds light on our deepest human identity: where we come from, who we are, and how great is our dignity. Certainly we come from our parents, and we are their children, but we also come from God, who has created us in his image and called us to be his children. Consequently, at the origin of every human being there is not something haphazard or chance, but a loving plan of God. This was revealed to us by Jesus Christ, the true Son of God and a perfect man. He knew whence he came and whence all of us have come: from the love of his Father and our Father. POPE BENEDICT XVI, July 9, 2006

Is Jesus God?

Does he belong to the Trinity? Jesus of Nazareth is the Son, the second divine person mentioned when we pray, "In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Mt 28:19). Jesus was either an imposter who made himself Lord of the →SABBATH and allowed himself to be addressed with the divine title "Lord"—or else he was really God. The scandal came when he forgave sins. In the eyes of his contemporaries, that was a crime deserving death. Through signs and miracles, but especially through the Resurrection, his disciples recognize who Jesus is and worshipped him as Lord. That is the faith of the →CHURCH. You call me Teacher and Lord; and you are right, for so I am. Jn 13:13 And behold, a voice from heaven, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." Mt 3:17 And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved. Acts 4:12 "Father, all things are possible to you." Jesus' prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane (Mk 14:36) But you are merciful to all, for you can do all.

(Indebted to Youcat)

Blessings,

Suni Achan

HOLY MASS, NIGHT VIGIL & NOVENA TIMINGS

Holy Mass:

Monday – Friday | 7 PM. Saturday | 9:30 AM.

Sunday | 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM (English), 11:30 AM

Night Vigil:

First Off Weekend Friday of the Month | 8 PM. to Midnight

Adoration Every Friday | 8 AM -7 PM.

Monday – Friday | 6-7 PM. Saturday | 8:30 - 9:30 AM.

Novenas :

St. Antony Tuesday | After 7 PM. Mass **St. Jude Thursday** | After 7 PM. Mass

Our Lady of Perpetual Succor Saturday | After 9:30 AM. Mass



May 27 Second Sunday of Apostles; Feast of Holy Trinity

SUNDAY READINGS

READING	7:30 AM	9:00 AM	11:30AM
Joel 2: 18-26	Maria Pulickeel	Sidharth Eranickal	Sumol Kochuveetil
Rom 5:1-5		Jyothis Kalappurathattel	Pius Karimbunkalayil
Jn 16:12-15			

June 3 Third Sunday of Apostles

Deut 1:5-8		Riya San Srambichira	Suni Muttathil
1 Cor 7:1-7	Bindhu Poozhikunnel	Rithin San Srambichira	Jose Nedumackal
Lk 10:25-37			

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Pre-Marriage Course

@ Our Parish

IN
JUNE 2018



June 15th Friday - 4 pm to 9 pm / June 16th Saturday - 8 am to 5 pm
June 17th Sunday - 8 am to 1 pm

Please Contact Church Officials

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- 05/27/18 St. Joseph koodarayogam at the residence of Philip Polachery at 5 pm
- 05/27/18 St. Antony Koodarayogam at the residence of Dijesh Kanjamattathil
- 05/27/18 Feast of Holy Trinity
- 05/30/18 Feast of the body and blood of Christ
- 05/31/18 Vanakkamasa Samapanam

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