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## The Most Holy Trinity ~ June 7, 2020

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### GRACE AND ETERNAL LIFE

Moses is a man after our own hearts, for haven't we all dealt with more than our share of stiff-necked people? Indeed, haven't we all gotten a little stiff-necked ourselves at times? Complaining . . . impatient . . . quick to anger. How lucky for Moses—how lucky for all of us—that God is exactly the opposite! And we don't even have to guess about it. The Lord tells us so directly.

Accordingly, Moses does what we all need to do. Even with the tablets in hand, he bows down and asks for God's forgiveness and grace.

Encouraging us to live together in peace—and in God's favor—the Apostle Paul knows all about this grace, joyfully invoking Christ's grace on us along with God's love and the Holy Spirit's. "Rejoice," he says. And when it comes to rejoicing, John offers us the gladdest words of all: the assurance of eternal life through Jesus.



God gave  
his only  
Son  
that all  
who believe  
might have  
eternal life

### GRACIA Y VIDA ETERNA

Moisés es un hombre como nosotros, ¿acaso no hemos tratado también con cabezas duras? De hecho, ¿acaso no hemos sido nosotros mismos los cabezas duras? Quejumbrosos. . . impacientes. . . rápidos para enojarnos. ¡Qué suerte la de Moisés y qué suerte la nuestra que Dios es precisamente lo opuesto! Y ni siquiera tenemos que adivinarlo. El Señor nos lo dice directamente. Y en concordancia, Moisés hace lo que todos necesitamos hacer. Pese a tener las tablas en las manos, se postra y pide el perdón y la gracia de Dios.

Alentándonos a vivir juntos en paz y con el favor de Dios, el apóstol Pablo sabe de esta gracia, e invoca con alegría la gracia del amor de Dios y del Espíritu Santo sobre nosotros. "Estén alegres", dice. Y cuando se trata de alegrarnos, Juan nos ofrece las palabras más regocijantes: la seguridad de la vida eterna en Jesús. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## The Most Holy Trinity

A well-choreographed dance can be truly inspirational. Each movement and step are interconnected, each contributing a piece of the unfolding artistic story. The beholder is caught up in the rhythms, music, and gestures, realizing that none are dispensable and all are necessary. The same is true of the Divine Dance of the Trinity. Each Person plays a part, using unique gestures and movements that are connected to the other Divine Partners. They tell a story of love. Every movement and step is born of love and flows on into eternity. The Divine Dance never ends.

God the Creator powerfully, yet with gentle love, leads. Creating and recreating, birthing and sustaining, He dances with the compassionate incarnate Son, guided by the breath of the Holy Spirit. They are three distinct Persons but move as One. On one hand, the cascading flow of their Presence appears motionless, yet on the other, flows and moves with effortless attention. They share one heart, one goal, and one purpose and invite all of creation to join in their dance, their joy.

The energy of the Trinity flows through all created things. It is a dance of the heart, not of the mind. It has to be experienced, not dissected, and contemplated, not understood. We stand in awe of the Divine Dance and find ourselves watching in amazement all that God creates and sustains. The dance continues in the majesty of a mountain, the power and wonder of an ocean, and the vastness of the universe. It moves in the cry of a newborn infant and in the soul of one who has been forgiven. It flows in the cry for justice and in the wounds of the oppressed. It circles through the changing of seasons, the cycles of birth and death, and the wisdom that one acquires when they love God.

The Dance never ends. Its movements and rhythms go on forever. The Trinitarian Dance sustains all things, endures all things, and brings hope. You are invited to dance. Don't just watch as if you were simply a spectator. Join in the dance and move as they move. ©LPi

### **To help prevent the further spread of illness, Christ the King Catholic Church has taken the following steps:**

- ♥ Bishop George Leo Thomas has made the difficult but necessary decision to suspend the public celebration of Mass across the Diocese of Las Vegas until further notice.

**Although we will not be coming together at mass each weekend, you can watch our CTK televised mass which is posted to our website at 9:30 am. <https://ctklv.org/our-community/sunday-mass-online/>**

- ♥ We are filming the daily masses on Facebook Live at 8:30 each morning (Monday through Saturday). Please join us by clicking this link ... <https://www.facebook.com/ctklv>
- ♥ The Parish Office will continue to be open Monday through Thursday from 9:00am until noon.
- ♥ All children's faith formation classes/programs and youth and young adult ministries and gatherings are suspended until further notice.
- ♥ Adult faith formation programs, including RCIA, Welcome Home, and Baptism Preparation meetings have been suspended until further notice.
- ♥ All meetings and gatherings of parish organization and non-parish affiliated groups are suspended until further notice.
- ♥ Outreach is by appointment only. Please call the parish office during regular office hours. We will be servicing one (1) client at a time in adherence to the practice of social distancing, processing each client as quickly as possible.

We encourage everyone to consider making their weekly contributions through our online giving options which can easily be done on the church website: [www.ctklv.org](http://www.ctklv.org)

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. May God bless you and keep you and all your loved ones healthy!  
Fr. Shawn

# GOD IS LOVE BECAUSE HE IS A TRINITY

Today my friends we hear some of the most well-known words of scripture—God is Love. In fact, Pope Benedict XVI's first encyclical was entitled, "God Is Love" (1 John 4:8). It's something we have all heard many times. We may have become so used to it that we don't remember how revolutionary and unique that conception of God really is.

There are many religions in the world, and many of them have come to understand that God is good. But almost all of them start with humanity's search for God. And because human nature is limited, that search can only arrive to a limited view of God. Christianity is different. Christianity is about God's search for us. When Jesus Christ came to earth, he came in order to rescue the fallen human race from evil and bring it to the joys of eternal life. And so, in Christianity, we have the privilege of receiving God's own revelation of himself - he actually shows us, in Christ, who he is and what he is like. And his most fundamental and essential characteristic is love. Not power, not knowledge, not transcendence - but love.

This explains why Jesus came to earth in the first place: "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life" (John 3:16). And this also explains what the Holy Trinity is all about. If God were solitary, how could his nature be love? Love always means relationship and self-giving. God can only be love if he is both one and three: three divine persons, each one fully divine, living from all eternity in an unbreakable unity of mutual love. God is love. In other words, God is one, as the Catechism puts it, but not solitary (CCC 254).

Moreover, the Catechism teaches us that "The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of the Christian faith and of Christian life" (CCC 234). This is because we are created in the image and likeness of God, as the Bible tells us. Therefore, if God's essential nature is love, so is ours! We have a built in openness to other people. We are incomplete by ourselves. We are created to give ourselves to others and to receive others. This is the real meaning behind human sexuality - the theological meaning of our bodies.

God created us male and female. When a husband and wife come together in marriage, they become one flesh; they give themselves to each other completely, holding nothing back. This is an image of the love of the Holy Trinity. The Father, from all Eternity, loves the Son and pours himself into the Son, and the Son loves the Father in return. And that mutual love is so complete that

the Holy Spirit proceeds from it. Every human family is an image of this Trinitarian love. What a wonderful concept!

The husband gives himself without limits to the wife, and the wife receives him and gives herself in return, without limits. And it is through that total love of mutual self-giving that God brings a new life into the world: a child, called to eternal friendship with God. This is the true sacredness and beauty of married love, of sexual love. This is why the Church never wavers in issues of sexual morality: human sexuality has a deep theological meaning that we must all honor if we are to live life to the full. Any time we separate sexual love from that meaning, we not only abuse our very selves, but we also rebel against God, who has created us in his image: the image of self-forgetful love.

This mysterious and wonderful doctrine about God, that he is both unity and trinity, is called by the Catechism "the central mystery of Christian faith and life" (CCC 234). Everything in Christianity depends on this mystery, which we can begin to understand in this life because God has chosen to reveal it to us.

This helps us understand why Christian prayer is so unique. Christian prayer is a relationship, a heart-to-heart conversation. Our most basic prayer begins, "Our Father." Since God is love, three persons sharing one divine nature, he is personal. He is not a vague, faceless force that we try to tap into with strange rituals, symbols, dances, or ceremonies. He is not some distant, impenetrable being who simply tolerates our existence.

God, as Christ has shown us, is close to us, understands us, cares about us, and invites us into his friendship. In fact, he even adopts us into his family. That is why we receive a Christian name at baptism. And that is why we don't just go off on our own to meditate on Sundays, but we come together to worship Our Father, as members of his family, the Church.

As a result, whenever we pray, we should approach God with confidence and sincerity, as a child approaches loving and wise parents. This applies both to personal prayer, and liturgical, community prayer. The beautiful liturgy of the Church is full of rituals and symbols, but for us, as Christians, they are all meant to remind us of the beauty of his love, and the great dignity we have received through becoming his children. As we profess our faith today in the one, true God, the Most Holy Trinity, let's take those reminders to heart.

Until we meet again my friends,  
Fr. Shawn

# Parish Information

**Book of Prayers:** You are welcome to inscribe names of loved ones, living and deceased, as well as special intentions for inclusion in Masses and prayers in our Parish Book of Prayers, located as you enter the church.

**Mass Intention:** The suggested free will offering of each Mass intention is \$10 and will come with a card that has the name of your loved one and the date of the Mass. One intention per Mass is accepted unless two people share the same last name, husband and wife or father or mother, for example. For more information please come to the office to make your requests or call (702) 871-1904

**Flowers Remembrance:** The fresh flower arrangement at the altar are donated in remembrance of loved ones. If you would like to dedicate flowers, the offering is \$100. Your special intention will be printed in the bulletin. Please contact the Parish Office at (702) 871-1904 for details.

**Prayer List:** If you would like to add a name to our Prayer List, contact the parish office at (702) 871-1904 with the name of the person and how long you would like the person to remain on the list. If it is for an indefinite amount of time, please notify the parish office when you would like the name removed. Please note this list may not be in every bulletin.

**Anointing of the Sick:** If you need to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick at home or in a hospital please call (702) 871-1904 and listen to the prompts. A priest will be notified and will contact you directly. The Sacrament is also offered communally within the Mass. Watch the bulletin for upcoming Anointing of the Sick Masses. **If you are calling after hours please call (702) 871-1904 and push #4.**

**Holy Communion for the Sick:** If you are home-bound, please call the front office at (702) 871-1904 to coordinate a visit with an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. In case of hospitalization, inform the hospital staff that you are Catholic and would like to receive Communion (you may have to provide them with the number of the parish).

**Funerals:** In the event of a death of a loved one, please contact Fr. Shawn or a member of our staff who will talk to you directly as soon as possible at (702) 871-1904. Please be aware that a Catholic Mass can only be celebrated within a Church and not at a mortuary.

**Confession:** Confessions are every Saturday from 8:45 until 9:30am or if the line is finished (whichever comes first) or by appointment. Confessions in Spanish depends on the priest.

**Baptism:** Please contact parish at 702 871-1904, at least 3 months in advance to arrange for preparation program. Parents and Godparents must complete program before baptism can be scheduled.

**Marriage:** Contact the parish office 8-12 months in advance. Call Deacon Jacob for details of the 6-month preparation program. For annulments also call Deacon Jacob Favela - (702) 871-1904

## Other Sacramental questions:

First Communion • Reconciliation • Confirmation  
Please call our Faith Formation Department  
Maria Oswald (702) 871-1904

## R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Inquiry sessions for non-Catholics interested in earning more about the Catholic faith.  
Tuesdays at 6:30 pm in Activity Center Room 5.  
Call Maria Oswald (702) 871-1904

## Welcome Home

A welcoming process for Catholics who have been away or for adults who need to be confirmed. Fr. Shawn will be teaching this class. Call Maria Oswald (702) 871-1904

## Other Information

**Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada** (702) 385-2662  
Emergency Assistance (702) 383-2291  
Catholic Charities Adoption (702) 385-3351

## Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial

Javier & Maria Lopez (702) 243-5934

**GriefSHARE** - Help and healing for those who have lost a loved one. Find a meeting near you ~ [griefshare.org](http://griefshare.org)

## Ministry to Homebound

Mel Kleinschmit (702) 871-1904

## HELP & HEALING

**Al-Anon** - Thursdays, 7:30 pm, Room 2

**Hospital Ministry** (702) 871-1904

**Inch for Life** - Help available for unwanted pregnancies  
Pro Life Office (702) 212-6472

**Knights of Columbus** - Al Wagner (702) 800-5965

**Manna Cupboard Food Pantry** (702) 871-1904

**Marriage Encounter** - Tom & Vickie (702) 379-2395

**Project Rachel** - Post Abortion Ministry (702) 737-1672

**Retrouvaille** - Help for troubled marriages (702) 812-8873

**Social Concerns Board** - Deals with parish outreach and social justice issues (702) 871-1904

**Small Church Communities** - Beth (702) 871-1904

**Spiritual Direction** - Jane Fransioli, BA.

Please call parish office to schedule an appointment with Jane (702) 871-1904

**Southern Nevada Resource Center** - Pro-Life counseling & ministry to the unwed mother (702) 366-1247

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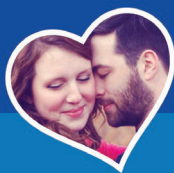


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