

Blessed the people
the Lord has chosen
to be His own!

Trinity Sunday



San Ignacio de Loyola Parish

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REFLECTION ON THE WORD

Today's Gospel has often been called the "great commission". Sending forth disciples is "great" because of what it entails: the disciples take up



Jesus' very mission to bring the Good News of salvation to "all nations". Who are these "nations" to which God sends us? All the countries of the world, to be sure, but also the close-to-hand "nations" of our own families, co-workers, friends, everyone who is

part of our lives. What are we sent to do? Nothing less than gather all humanity into the loving embrace of our Triune God. And how in the name of God am I supposed to do that!

Remember that gift we were given at Easter—the Very Power of God? The Spirit of God was poured into us at baptism, renewed in a myriad of ways throughout our life, and proclaimed at Easter—that's how we are to live out our "great commission"—by the Very Power of God that lives within us and enables us to continue God's work in bringing salvation to our world.

Words to reflect upon: the Great Commission

Our Pastor, **Fr. Lawrence P. Searles, SJ** will celebrate the 28th anniversary of his priestly ordination on Saturday, June 6. We join the entire Parish community in extending our congratulations and profound gratitude to Fr. Larry for his many years of service to us, the People of God. May God continue to bless him abundantly as he leads us to an ever more intimate



knowledge and relationship with Our Lord Jesus. **Happy Anniversary, Fr. Larry!**

LIVING THE PASCHAL MYSTERY

Today's Gospel moves us from speculation about the Trinity as a dogma to be believed to an experience of the Trinity. The dignity of our baptism is that we share in God's life and mighty deeds: creating, speaking to us, calling a nation, giving commandments, leading us by the Spirit, adopting us as "heirs with Christ". These are the same deeds that form the pattern of our own daily living. By bringing God's presence to all those we meet, we are re-creating, announcing God's mighty deeds, calling forth goodness from others, giving direction to our lives, leading others to God, and becoming one with others in the family of God's beloved children... the work of a life-time!

Words to reflect upon: an Experience of the Trinity

Wednesday, June 3rd, is the anniversary of the 1963 death of "good" **Pope John XXIII** who told us "See everything; overlook a great deal; correct a little". Much has been written and spoken about the warmth and holiness of the beloved Pope John, but perhaps the testimony of the world was best expressed by a newspaper drawing of the earth shrouded in mourning with the simple caption, "A Death in the Family." Pope John was canonized in 2014. **Pray for us, St. Pope John XXIII**



reflections on the Trinity

from the works of Karl Rahner and Elizabeth Johnson

- ✘ God's own self has 3 different ways of being, exists in 3 distinct manners of subsistence.
- ✘ God is God, first of all, in the divine self, the unoriginate and source of all — **FATHER**.
- ✘ God is God, again, in a way that is always self-expressing, always self-uttering, always going out—**SON**
- ✘ God is God a third time as the power of unifying love, always bringing the divine self-expression back into the primordial unity — **HOLY SPIRIT**.

—THE LITURGICAL CORNER

Today the church marks the beginning of the liturgical cycle **Ordinary Time II**. The liturgical color is green, symbolizing life and hope. From today until the First



Sunday of Advent, **Ordinary Time** celebrates the whole mystery of Christ—his life, miracles and teachings—in the light of his Resurrection. Sunday after Sunday during this season, the Church gives us the opportunity to consciously consider our community journey together through time toward eternity meditating on these mysteries.

Presbyterian Pastor Joy Douglas Strome sums it up like this: “Our role is clear and we are compelled to act. God’s own people are empowered through Christ to sing, protest, dance, pray and march. We make our way into **ordinary time** with the most extraordinary claim: Christ is risen! It is enough to sustain us. It is enough to support us. It is enough to empower us for the days ahead. **Alleluia! Amen.**”

Word of Mercy

On March 13, Pope Francis surprised the world by proclaiming an extraordinary holy year, a **Jubilee of Mercy that will extend from Dec. 8, 2015 to Nov. 20, 2016**. The



jubilee will involve the Catholic Church throughout the world in concrete initiatives of mercy at parish, diocesan and national levels across the globe.

Francis wants this jubilee to be deeply spiritual, a far-reaching Christian witness of mercy to the world. He said he is “convinced that the whole church can find in this jubilee the joy of rediscovering and making fruitful the mercy of God, with which we are all called to give consolation to every man and every woman of our time”.

Francis has been called the pope of mercy ever since his election, frequently proclaiming to the world the God of mercy, who wants to save people, not to condemn them. Mercy was the central theme of his first public mass as pope and has surfaced again and again in his talks and homilies throughout the past two years. “I believe that this is the season of mercy” he told journalists on the flight back from Rio de Janeiro in 2013. “The church is a mother: she has to go out to heal those who are hurting, with mercy. If the Lord never tires of forgiving, we have no other choice than this: to care for those who are hurting”.

Blessed are you, God of Mercy!

POPE FRANCIS

A REFLECTION FROM POPE FRANCIS AT THE BEGINNING OF ANOTHER POLITICAL/ELECTION CYCLE

“Politics, though often denigrated, remains a lofty vocation and one of the highest forms of charity, inasmuch as it seeks the common good. Where, then, should a healthy economic policy begin? What are the necessary pillars for public administration? The answer is precise: the dignity of the human person and the common good. Unfortunately, however, these two pillars, that ought to structure economic policy, often seem to be a mere addendum imported from without in order to fill out a political discourse lacking in perspectives or plans for integral development.

...Please, be courageous and do not be afraid, in political and economic projects, to allow yourselves to be influenced by a broader meaning of life as this will help you to truly serve the common good and will give you strength in ‘striving to increase the goods of this world and to make them more accessible to all!’”

Glory to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit; to God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia! Alleluia!

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people,

1 Timothy 2:1

LET US PRAY TOGETHER TODAY FOR THE CHRONICALLY ILL:

*please
pray for
the sick*

Sylvia Tasner, Fr. Vega, Jerry and Albert Vega, Rudy & Sonia Méndez, **Maggie Maziarz**, and Peter Fiorito. *Let us join our hearts and pray together in the words of Pope Francis that “the fire of God’s love may conquer the blaze of war and violence that afflict humanity and that dialogue may prevail over armed conflict everywhere”.*

Praying with Scripture

First Reading Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40



Moses heard the voice of God from a burning bush. Where do you hear the voice of God? In friends...the poor...newspapers... bishops...nature...novels...music...your heart? Moses couldn’t imagine anything comparable to the love God already had shown his people. What, in God’s plan of salvation, was Moses not aware of?