Solemnity of the Most Blessed Trinity — May 26, 2024

From the Desk of Fr. Leo

During the Middle Ages, a king or queen would make a deserving subject a knight, by laying a sword on his head and knighting him as Knight of the Royal Order or some such groups. From that time on, the knight had special privileges and also obligations. He was expected to lead a truly Christian life and defend the faith as well as the weak and the helpless. The ceremony of knighting was not an empty procedure but conferred on him rights and privileges.

Baptism is the initiation rite for the Christian. It is not a mere external rite but an efficacious sign instituted by Christ to give new birth to a person, and immerse him or her into a new atmosphere, the Christian atmosphere of the Triune God: Father, Son and Spirit, one God in a community of love of three divine persons. This supreme reality of the Trinity is to enter into every phase of the Christian life and give meaning to it. Every community (family, religious, parochial) finds its model in this community of love. But only when the individual Christian becomes more aware of his or her relation to the three persons of the Trinity and lives it, does it become truly effectual. Reborn as a child, one lives as a true child of God, crying out "Abba Father". He realizes he or she is truly a brother or sister to the Son who loved him or her even unto death. To the Spirit he or she turns as a dwelling Guest who is Advocate and Consoler in every need.

This awareness expresses itself in Christian payers and practices. Whereas of old, Israel turned to the Lord in the unity of God, the Christian turns to the same Lord in the trinity of Persons, praying to the Father through the Son in the Holy Spirit, the Love of both. We live our Christian calling in the words of the Sign of the Cross, in the Gloria at mass, in the "Glory Be" at the end of a decade of the rosary, in the Apostles Creed, and many prayers of the liturgy. The Father is praised and loved for giving us his Son to be our Savior and Brother, our sacrifice and our food. With the Son we pass through all the vicissitudes of life and go with him to the Father, being assured of his personal love and care as Shepherd of the flock. In the Spirit we are enabled to live our Christian commitment, and to love the Father and the Son with the very Love with which we are loved.

The life of the Christian is most fulfilled when it is oriented toward the Triune God, for that motivation will impel it to live in a community of love with one's fellowmen and women.

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tues.	**May 28**	**11:00AM**
Noel Martinez (healing)		Nicholas & Gina
Wed.	**May 29**	**11:00AM**
Special intentions		
Thur.	**May 30**	**11:00AM**
Special intentions		
Fri.	**May 31**	**11:00AM**
Jorgelia Quiapo † (birthday)		Ed & Mae
Sat.	**June 1**	**4:30PM**
John Collins †		Franca Ponti
Sun.	**June 2**	**9:00AM**
People of the Parish		
Port Costa		**11:00AM**
Ladislav Krchnak & Family		Theresa

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