Trinity Sunday June 12, 2022

From the Desk of Fr. Leo

When you stop and think about it, nothing can be more terrifying than being all alone, it is really the one great thing that we dread: being all alone, with no one, absolutely no other person. We all want to belong, to have a happy, warm relationship with other persons. This is fundamentally the reason why we have such a strong instinct to found a family. And everyone somehow wants to belong to that safe, secure inner circle of persons that we call a family. But every human family is imperfect in one way or another. There is , however , one family that is perfect in every way, and that is the family of God.

This Sunday is the feast of the Blessed Trinity, the day on which we celebrate the magnificent truth that God is a family of persons. God is not some awesome, nebulous power that created the universe and floats around out there somewhere in outer space. God is three persons. The first person is the Father, the second person is the Son. It is by means of these family names that God has revealed himself to us, because his life is essentially one of family-type relationship. Between the father and the Son there is of course a bond, a bond of love. In God this bond is so perfect and complete that it is a person, the Holy Spirit. God the Father and God the Son from all eternity are locked in personal, perfect love and companionship through the love that is the Holy Spirit.

God has not merely revealed this truth to us. He has also invited us to share in this family life. The inner circle of God's family is not closed; it has been opened to us, and we have been called into it.

By our baptism we were born of God the Father. He really and truly became our Father on that day, because he gave us a share in his own divine life. God the Son became our brother, because we became like him. And the Father and the Son gave us a share in their love by giving us the Holy Spirit, the bond of love that brings us into the inner family circle.

All through his life Jesus, the Son of God, addressed God as "my Father." But when he taught us to pray, he instructed us to pray by saying "Our Father." His father has become our father as well. On Sunday at mass we are gathered as the family of God in his home, the Church. We are one with Christ, our brother, and the Holy Spirit is within us so that we may love our father as we should. In the Mass, as taught, by our Lord, we will say "Our Father who art in heaven." Then God will invite us to his family table for the family banquet in Holy Communion.

Sometimes we may feel that we want to be free of God and his fatherly commands and directions, as a child sometimes yearns for independence from parental control. As with an astronaut walking in space, the first moments of freedom are exhilarating. But deep down, that is not what we really want. We want and need to belong, to have a deep personal relationship with others. Our human families are only the reflection of our eternal destiny which begins now in the Church. For God has called us into the inner circle of his own family life, the Blessed Trinity.

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tues.	**June 14**	**11:00AM**
Father's Day Novena		
Wed.	**June 15**	**11:00AM**
Father's Day Novena		
Thur.	**June 16**	**11:00PM**
Father's Day Novena		
Fri.	**June 17**	**11:00AM**
Father's Day Novena		
Sat.	**June 18**	**4:30PM**
Father's Day Novena		
Sid Jensen Sr.†		Jensen Family
Sun.	**June 19**	**9:00AM**
Father's Day Novena		
Port Costa		**11:00AM**
Father's Day Novena		
People of the Parish		

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