Solemnity of the Most Blessed Trinity — May 30, 2021

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 group. 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 ritual 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: The Father, the Son and Holy 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 of God, one lives as a true child of God, crying out "Abba Father". He or she realizes that 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 Indwelling Guest who is Advocate and Consoler in every need.

This awareness expresses itself in Christian prayers 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 holy rosary, in the "Apostles' Creed, and many other 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 Christian faith in which baptism has initiated us is a great gift of God. But to appreciate it more fully, we ought to have a deep knowledge of what that faith entails. It is not enough to know the faith. We must live it. What more appealing objective be than to live in union with God who is our Father, our Brother, our Advocate and Consoler! The life of a Christian is most fulfilled when it is oriented toward the Triune God, for the motivation will impel it to live in a community of love with one fellow human beings.

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

Sunday Collection - May 23

St. Rose, Crockett	$2605
St. Patrick Mission, Port Costa	$712

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Congratulations

Congratulations to all the graduates in the next few weeks

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tues.	**June 1**	**11:00AM**
Thanksgiving		Olivia Austria Edwardes
Wed.	**June 2**	**11:00AM**
Special Intentions		
Thur.	**June 3**	**11:00AM**
Special Intentions		
Fri.	**June 4**	**11:00AM**
Elyse M. Combong (graduation)		Lolo & Lola
Sat.	**June 5**	**4:30PM**
Ray & Mary Lou Austria†		Olivia
Sun.	**June 6**	**9:00AM**
Special Intentions		
Port Costa		**11:00AM**
People of the Parish		

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