

June 2-3, 2007

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Proverbs 8:22-31

Romans 5:1-5

John 16:12-15

Following Pentecost we have two weekends of 'Doctrinal' events, Trinity Sunday this weekend, and the celebration of the 'Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ – Corpus Christi, next weekend (the anniversary of our establishment as a parish.) These doctrinal days are meant to provide us with time to consider some essential Catholic understandings of God and draw strength from them as we proceed into the VERY, VERY long season of Ordinary Time, which will take us through Thanksgiving. This weekend, with the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity we are reminded that the mystery of 'GOD' is that God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit, three distinct persons – one God. Over a lifetime of worship and prayer we sometimes may grow forgetful regarding the 'mysteriousness' of God, or we may get caught up in thinking of Jesus as the sole manifestation of God's reality. Most certainly Jesus is the eternal Son of the Father...but let us not forget that there is indeed God the Father...and also God the Holy Spirit, a trinity of persons somehow united in one being. When it comes to actually understanding this, nobody really has a clue...which is all part of mystery. This day is meant to give us a jolt and help us consider if we have slipped into thinking of God as 'the guy next door' or some sort of magical charlatan who is supposed to respond to our every whim. Have we perhaps slipped into taking God (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) for granted? Have we forgotten that a charism of 'Trinity' is relationship, that God is ultimately all about relationship (Father – Son – Holy Spirit)? Thus, knowing that God is all about RELATIONSHIP...how have we been approaching him? Have we been relating to God as if he is a business? As a book editor? As an unmoving or uncaring determiner of rules and laws? Think for a moment of how you relate to the different people in your own life? How do you relate with those who are close and intimate as opposed to those with whom you do business or just know in passing? How deep are the varying relationships...and what might be expected from them? So it is with God...treat him like a business and life can end up feeling like a harshly defined contract (complete with penalty clauses); enter into a relationship...and the sky's the limit (which usually drives the contractual people absolutely crazy!)

Thank you for being part of our Corpus Christi celebration this weekend, a special welcome to those who may be joining with us for the first time. Your prayers for the priests of the Diocese of Orange are requested while they are away on the annual Priest Retreat this week. Next weekend is our 8th Anniversary of our establishment as a parish and we will have 'special' receptions following each Mass. We are also in need of some pleasant volunteers to help pour beverages and slice and dice the assorted goodies. Please take a Bulletin with you and make contact with Chef Barber if you can help. Have you made your Directory photo appointment yet? The shoots are underway...don't be left out! Galilee by the Sea, the All-Parish Retreat, all sorts of summer events are approaching, please take a Bulletin so you can keep up-to-date and not miss out on the Summer of 2007! As always, as June wraps you up in vacations, barbeques and summer events, remember, you are loved. FKB