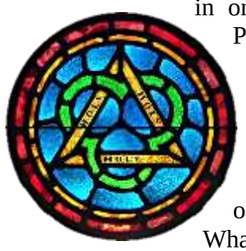
The Most Holy Trinity — June 7, 2020

From the Desk of Fr. Leo

An adult discussion group was wrestling with the subject of the Holy Trinity, the feast which we celebrate this weekend. They had reviewed the basic teaching: In the Holy Trinity, there are three Persons, God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. Yet, there is only one God. Then they got into the question of how the Trinity works together. It was getting beyond their depth when someone pointed to the pastor who was sitting silent on the sidelines: "Father, can you throw some light on this?" "Perhaps, I can throw some light on it." he replied. He turned to one of the discussants: "Bill, do you play the guitar?" Bill admitted: "I can play at it." "Good enough," father went on. "How does a guitar produce musical sounds?" There are three things involved: musical art or the mind tells us what to do, the hand strikes, the string makes the sound. The mind does not make the sound, the hand does not make the sound, but both work with the string which does not make the sound. All three work together, although the special work of the string is to produce the sound. The Holy Trinity works something like that." The group agreed that the illustration helped.

One of the first prayers we Catholics learn is the simple and beautiful sign of the cross. We touch with the fingers of our right hand the forehead, breast, left shoulder, and right shoulder as we pray; "In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." That holy action reminds us that there are three persons in one God, and that the second Person of the Trinity died on the cross for all of us.



Going a step further, the illustration of the guitar helps us understand to a certain degree how the three persons of the Trinity work together. What one member of the Trinity did, they all did together. Each had a special work. We call God the Father, the Creator, even though the Son and the Spirit took part in the creation of things. God the Son is our Redeemer, although the Father and the Spirit were united with Him. As God, the Father and the Spirit were everywhere, especially in the God-Man, even though they did not assume human flesh as He did. The work of the Holy Spirit is to make all of humankind holy. The Father and the Son join in this work. There is a loving, working relationship between the three Persons of the Trinity.

Jesus once said: "I am not alone, but the Father is with me." (John 8:16). Regarding the third Person, St. Luke tells us: Jesus being full of the Holy Spirit returned from the Jordan." (Luke 4:11).

During the mass, we profess our faith. "I believe in the Father...maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ...who suffered, died...rose...will come to judge. I believe in the Holy Spirit...the giver of life." We will never understand the Holy Trinity but we do believe in the Holy Three. Let us turn to them with love every time we celebrate mass.

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

Though we are not able to meet together during this week, please keep these intentions in your personal prayers, as Father will continue to include them in his private masses.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tues.	**June 9**	**N/A**
Special Intentions		
Wed.	**June 10**	**N/A**
Special Intentions		
Thur.	**June 11**	**N/A**
Dana Martinez †		Mom
Fri.	**June 12**	**N/A**
Special Intentions		
Sat.	**June 13**	**N/A**
David Botta †		Mr. & Mrs. S. Vella
Sun.	**June 14**	**N/A**
People of the Parish		
Port Costa		**N/A**
Mahoney Family		Alice Marshall

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