



St. Anthony Catholic Church

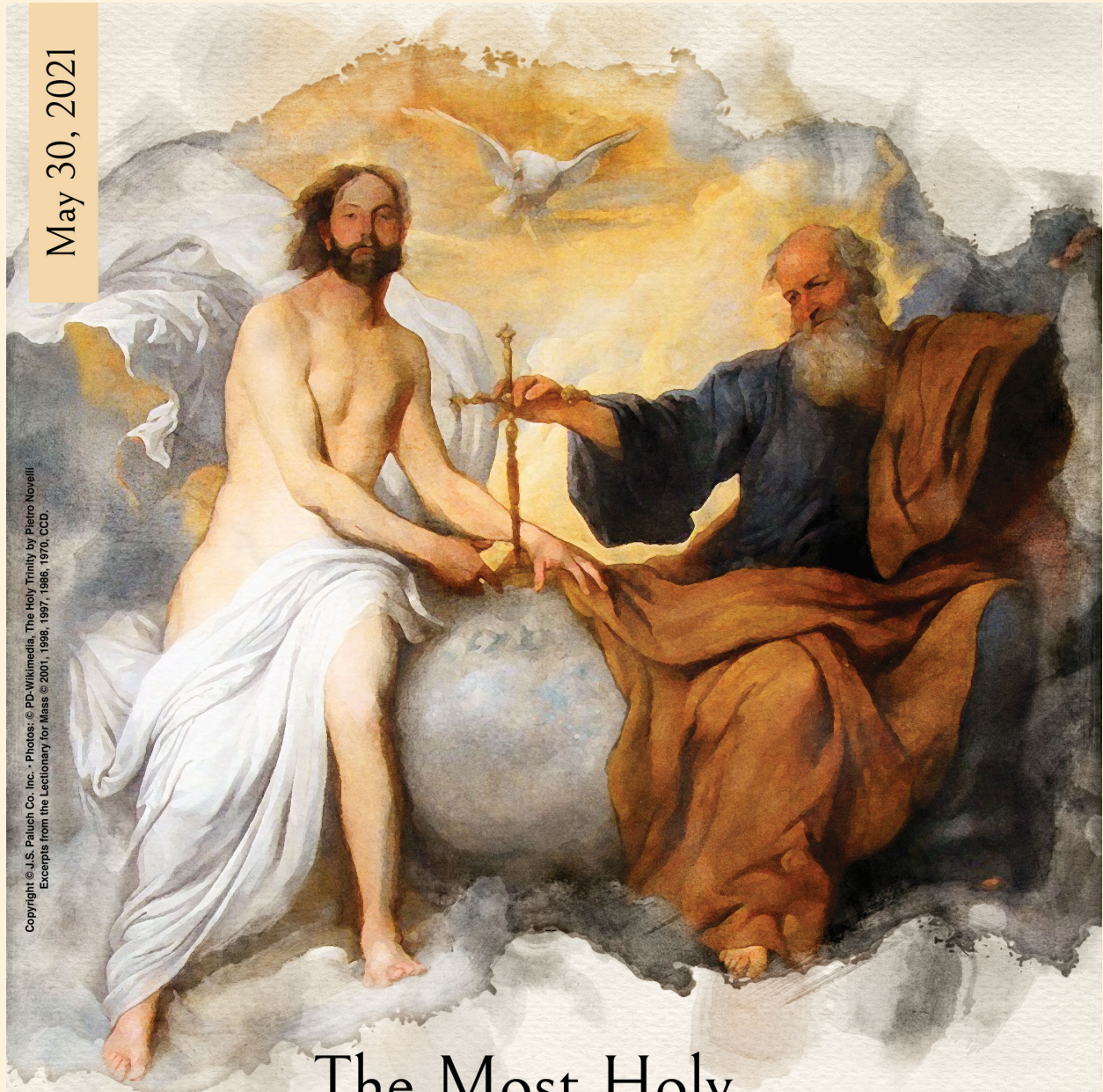
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Welcome / Bienvenidos

May 30, 2021



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The Most Holy

TRINITY

Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19

Parish Office/Oficina Parroquial

(925) 625-2048 Fax: (925) 625-4433

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
(Lunes, Miércoles, Viernes)

9AM to 12PM and 1PM to 6PM

St. Anthony Church Hours

Wear face masks and observe social distancing.

St. Anthony Church will be open:

Monday through Friday 9AM to 5PM

Saturday 3PM to 5PM Sunday 2PM to 5PM

CONFESSION / CONFESION

Saturday: 3:30PM to 4:30PM or by appointment

Monday: After the 6:30PM Mass

MASS SCHEDULE / HORARIO DE MISAS

Daily: 8:30AM Bilingual in the Church

Daily Mon & Wed: 6:30PM Español en la Iglesia

Daily Tue & Thu: 6:30PM English in the Church

Daily Fri: 6:30PM Bilingual in the Church

Saturday: 5:00PM English in the Church

Sunday: 8:00AM English in the Church

Sunday: 10:00AM English in the Plaza & Live Stream

Sunday: 12:00PM Español en la Plaza & Live Stream

Sunday: 2:00PM Español en la Iglesia

Sunday: 5:00PM Español en la Iglesia

Live Stream Mass

Sunday Mass at 10AM (English) and 12PM (Español) will be Live Streamed. Come to the Plaza between Padua Hall and the Church to receive Holy Communion at 1:30PM to 1:45PM. Observe social distancing and face mask guidelines.

DEVOTIONS

SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Friday: 7PM to 11PM in the Church

HOLY CROSS CEMETERY AND FUNERAL CENTER

2200 East 18th Street, Antioch, (925) 757-0658

We recommend using Catholic Funeral and Cemetery Services (CFCS) at Holy Cross Cemetery and Funeral Center. Their staff will contact the parish office to assist you with your arrangements.

Email and Text Scam Involving Priests

Please be aware of ongoing phishing scams involving emails and texts purportedly from priests or parish/Chancery staff asking for cash or gifts cards. This is not how priests, parishes or the Diocese of Oakland seeks financial assistance for our work. If you receive an email or text from church personnel asking for assistance, confirm by calling that person and do not respond to the email or text.

PASTORAL and OFFICE STAFF

Fr. Rafael Hinojosa, Parochial Administrator

Fr. Mac Lingo, Parochial Vicar

Deacon Alberto Cruz

Deacon Emeritus Joe Tovar

Deacon Emeritus Alan Layden

Parish Secretary, Carolina Jauregui, 625-9214

Parish Bookkeeper, Celeste Plate

Facilities and Security Coordinator,

David McIntyre (209) 610-8766

Help Beautify the Sanctuary with Flowers

Donate flowers to decorate our Sanctuary. Call the church office at (925) 625-2048 for more information.

Sunday Mass Dispensation Continues

Bishop Barber has dispensed the obligation to attend Sunday and Holy Day Masses until further notice. Although the faithful are dispensed from their obligation to attend Mass, they are encouraged to spend time in prayer on Sunday (such as following a Live Stream Mass or participating in a spiritual or corporal act of mercy).

Giving Made Simple

Please continue to offer your support to St. Anthony with your monetary gifts. These gifts allow us to pay our bills. Please continue giving to the Sunday collection basket by using GIVE+; the online way of giving. Visit our St. Anthony website, on the "Home Page" click "Online Giving"; you may register there and make your gift. Or you may drop your Sunday envelope in the basket at Mass or the U.S. Mailbox in the front by the Church entrance. You decide how to give, but please continue to give.

Second Collection Schedule

May 30 St. Vincent De Paul

June 6 Diocesan Assessment

Submissions to the Sunday Bulletin

Deadline by noon on Monday, six (6) days prior to the desired Sunday of publication. Send files to stanthonybulletineditor@gmail.com or call Michael Maeda, (925) 451-6883.

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Select "St. Anthony Oakley, CA"

FAITH FORMATION COORDINATORS

Call the Parish Office, (925) 625-2048 to register or for more program information.

Baptism, Carolina Jauregui

CCD (English), Natalie Earley

CCD (Español), Belen Capilla

Youth Confirmation, Emma Arcayena

Adult Confirmation, Jaime Jauregui

Rite of Christian Initiation

For Adults (English), Michael Maeda

For Adults (Español), Esperanza Vega

For Children, Monica Cardoza

Special Religious Development (SPRED), John Dixon

May 30, 2021
The Most Holy Trinity

THE MYSTERY OF THE BLESSED TRINITY

Today we celebrate the solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. The Church sets aside this Sunday to focus our attention on the mystery of the Blessed Trinity, God who is one, but three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The first reading from Deuteronomy emphasizes both God's awesome greatness and amazing nearness. It might seem beyond belief, but the God of all creation speaks to us, protects us, and guides us. The second reading from Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans describes how we are to relate to the three persons who are one God. We are led by the Spirit to meet God the Father as adopted children. Our adoption is such that we are even heirs with our brother, Christ, the second person of the Trinity, in whose sufferings we must also share. In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus speaks with his authority as God and sends us to teach and baptize in the name of the Trinity.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The Lord is God in the heavens above and on earth below (Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40).

Psalm — Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own (Psalm 33).

Second Reading — You received a Spirit of adoption, through whom we cry, "Abba, Father!" (Romans 8:14-17)

Gospel — Baptize them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:16-20).

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— Matthew 28:19

Knights of Columbus Thurston Brice & Paulette Quiba Scholarship

Open to registered members of St. Anthony's Church in Oakley, CA. (Former St. Anthony's registered applicants that are currently active/registered in their scholastic community are eligible, if school is the reason for non-residence.) Submit Knights of Columbus Scholarship Application Form KC-1 and all requested documentation by June 6th. Application is available on St. Anthony website. Return completed applications to the Parish Office, Attn: Knights of Columbus.

Mass Intentions For The Week

Saturday, May 29

5:00PM Maurice Makinano, Sr. †
Mario & Elaine Tuimavave
(17th Wedding Anniversary)

Sunday, May 30

8AM Sione & Fifita Nuku †
10AM Steven Saho †
Grace Mauricio (Health)
12PM Por la Comunidad de St. Antonio
2PM Enrique Madrigal †
5PM Encarnacion Pedro Cristobal †

Monday, May 31

8:30AM Tuimavave, Matu'u, & Letufuga Families †
Lia Katreeb († Birthday †)
6:30PM Trinidad y Abraham Heredia e Hijos †
Jose Maria Miguel (Thanksgiving)

Tuesday, June 1

8:30AM Adeline Diaz (Thanksgiving)
6:30PM

Wednesday, June 2

8:30AM Fidelia y Guadalupe Soloria †
Beto Noela Hinojosa (Wedding
Anniversary)
6:30PM Miguel Angel Plasercia †
Olivia Rodriguez († Birthday †)

Thursday, June 3

8:30AM †
6:30PM Juan Antonio Talavera †

Friday, June 4

8:30AM †
6:30PM †

Saturday, June 5

8:30AM
5:00PM Vidal y Celia Yerena
(51st Wedding Anniversary)

Sunday, June 5

8AM Henry Ehler †
10AM Janice Lynn Huff-Contreras †
Grace Mauricio (Health)
12PM Enrique y Marcelina Morales †
Tita Lira (Health)
2PM Por la Comunidad de St. Antonio
5PM Maria de Jesus y Lucio Padilla †

Clergy Sexual Abuse

Any reports of abuse should be directed to Steve Wilcox, Chancellor, at swilcox@oakdiocese.org or (510) 267-8334.

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May 30, 2021

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Astonishing is the term that Clement of Alexandria used in referring to the Holy Trinity. Today's scriptures tell the astonishing stories, from Moses in the Old Testament to the end of Matthew's Gospel, of how we mere humans are intended to be intimately associated with our loving God. We see in Deuteronomy that Moses reminds the new generation of Israelites of the "astonishing" fact that, even though the ancient world teemed with gods, their God was the only God, that "there is no other." Saint Paul in the letter to the Romans writes about those who follow the Spirit as being "sons" of God, which of course would make us brothers and sisters of Christ, and, as he says, "joint heirs with Christ." Another astonishing statement! Finally, Christ bestows the Holy Spirit on the world as his continuing presence and force of divine revelation. How can we not be astonished?

THE MYSTERY IS THE MASTERPIECE

The Most Holy Trinity is the central truth and, indeed, mystery of our lives as believers in God. Even so, few seem to be able to talk about it. (Or is it "them"?) Must we be satisfied to take this truth as an inscrutable object of faith that we can easily ignore? Not at all! We are immersed in Trinitarian reality in many ways.

Please consider these clues to God as more than just Person of the Father. Remember the words of God in scripture when the world and all its wonders were coming to be. The formulas for each stage in creation begin with "Let us . . ." (Genesis 1:26). This is not merely the "Royal We." This is God as a plurality of Being. In Isaiah, the seraphim cry out "Holy, holy, holy . . ." (Isaiah 6:3). Ancient Middle Eastern superlatives come in threes, but why not consider it a sign of God's three-ness? And these Old Testament foreshadowings are nothing compared to our well-known baptismal formula, "I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." Notice that "name" is singular, and yet refers to three persons. Finally, as Christ tells the Apostles in today's Gospel, they are to go out and teach in that same singular triple name.

SHALL WE DANCE?

The famous icon by the equally famous fourteenth-century iconographer Andrej Rublev is a depiction of the Trinity densely packed with symbolic content. The three "angels" sitting at a table are actually meant to be the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. They relate to each other in loving gesture, each one to the other, often described as "dance-like."

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Schedule of Events Horario de Eventos

All Parish events have been suspended, canceled or postponed by Bishop Barber as we are ordered to "Shelter in Place" to curb the spread of the novel coronavirus COVID-19. This Order will continue to be in effect until it is extended, rescinded, superseded, or amended in writing by the Health Officer by Order of the Contra Costa County Public Health Officer.

Convalidation

This program is designed for those couples who are married civilly and now wish to marry in the Church. Some couples, because of differences in religious background or, a sense of distance from the Church at the time of their marriage, or due to complicating family situations, were married civilly or in some other manner that did not meet the Catholic Church's legal requirements for a valid church marriage. If you need more information about this program call the Parish Office (925) 625-2048 and ask to speak with a priest.

Bishop's Appeal: "Rebuild My Church"

As of 30 April 2021, St. Anthony is at 34.6% of our \$21,100 goal. This year has been challenging for so many. Now, more than ever, the good work of the Church is needed in our community. From Faith Formation for students and adults, to important ministry works, to supporting our schools and parishes, our Diocese is making a difference in people's lives every single day — thanks to the prayers and contributions of our catholic community. Make your pledge or donation at:

www.oakdiocese.org/bishops-appeal-donation-page

Adult Faith Formation Classes

If you are over 18 years old and need one or more Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, First Communion or Confirmation; please call the Parish Office (925) 625-2048 to receive more information and to put you on a sign-up list.



St. Anthony pray for us.

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And yet this triangular circle seems incomplete. Indeed it is, because we must become one with this circle of life-giving love. As in a dance, we are drawn into the divine life in the Trinitarian embrace of abundant glory and harmony. Then we complete the movement by taking that love incarnated out to the world, revealing the mystery to our sisters and brothers through our own lives.

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A Message From Fr. Rafael

Dear St Anthony community,
“Peace be with you.” Today, the Feast of Pentecost brings us to conclude our Easter celebrations. How quickly our 50 days of Easter have gone. We have witnessed and lived the mystery of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ through Holy Scripture, Holy Tradition and the Magisterium of the Church. By dying on the Cross, Jesus Christ conquered death for us, so that we may have Eternal Salvation. God so loved the world that he sacrificed his only Son so that we might be redeemed from our sins and therefore be able to participate and abide in a life of Grace and his Spirit be what would help us to continue our journey to him, to carry our Cross, to do his will. The celebrations end today but as he has shown the way, we should carry on. Under the circumstances in which we celebrated Easter last year at the beginning of the pandemic, it reminded us how it would have been in the early days of the Church, when the disciples and those Christians who believed in Jesus Christ were hiding for fear of persecution. How unstable everything was for us too; we were told to shelter in place and avoid one another for fear of contracting the novel coronavirus COVID 19. We would see surges of the virus take its toll and then temporarily release us and then surge again and again. Even though, we have lost many of our brothers and sisters to this coronavirus and for whom we pray, but still, we who carry on, have persevered in our faith. We at St. Anthony continued to celebrate Mass, hear confessions, share the Word of God, feeding on the Eucharist, and all of these and more is what has kept us, as Church, united in Jesus Christ. I thank you for your faith, perseverance, testimony, and fidelity to God.

After Jesus’s death and resurrection, the disciples, maybe with doubts and fears and even reservations, went back to their old lives, some were still with minds set on his death. As Luke says “Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen.” So must we throw off our fears and set our hope and confidence in Jesus Christ. Our journey because of this pandemic is probably still uncertain ahead of us and we must remain vigilant and cautious but as people of the Resurrection, baptized children of God, we should move on, not with fear but with the confidence set in the Spirit of love, the Spirit of life and truth.

After rising from the dead, Jesus came to his disciples and doubters, he said to them “Peace be with you.” In those forty days, Jesus Christ ate with them, walked with them, and spoke with them. He even let them touch him. Then he ascended up into the clouds to sit at the right hand of God. But before his departure, he promised never to leave us, and today we celebrate that moment when the Holy Spirit came down upon them and for us. A Spirit of love that fills our hearts. The Holy Spirit that allows us to remain in him as he

Please Pray For/Oremos Por

Deacon Joe Tovar	John Salas
Andrea Spindler	Jose Munoz
Antonio Velasquez	Karen Valdez
Avelina Sablan Salas	Margarita Avalos
Bartolome Robinos	Marge Browne
Bebit Belotendos	Maria Guadalupe Galvan
Bev Rossi	Marlene Layden
Danny Luna, Sr.	Mayra Murillo
Danny Luna, Jr.	Michael Makinano, Sr.
Erica Jaranilla	Michael Makinano, Jr.
Fatima Matuu	Olga Ramos
Gay Lacsa	Rocco Vicente Reyes
Gloria Ibarra	Rolando Abad
Grace Bustos	Stella Benitez
Grace Mauricio	Tina Herrera
Guadalupe Sanchez	Tita Lira
Guillermo Villanueva	Teri Hernandez
Helen Alleman	Thomas DiGiallonardo
Heriberto Diaz	Tony Rodriguez
Joanne Salas	



Our Men and Women of the military services.

Names are removed periodically. If you wish to add a loved one, please call the office at 625-2048.

Sacrament of the Sick

Please notify the parish office of any parishioner who is ill or infirm to request a visit, to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick or Communion at home, hospital or assisted living facility.

remains in us. With that Spirit therefore I invite you, let us carry on.

We live and work in an increasing more secular world, an existence where there is no belief in God. But we who believe in God, we Christians have a mission to bring the Good News and make that love made known to all who do not believe or still doubt. Showing love through our deeds and actions. Let us remember that we are Christians every moment of our lives, not just on Sunday or when we are in church. Let us be the best versions of ourselves all the time. It may be hard, we may fall. But get up, with the strength given by the Sacramental Grace, let us show and proclaim to all that love he has for us.

During these times of uncertainty, I invite you, be thankful for the many blessings that we have. I certainly am thankful for all of you the good people of this community and all the hard work and generosity you bring to benefit St. Anthony as a whole. I am thankful for Fr. Mac Lingo our vicar too, as we share the same thoughts on evangelization and his upbeat energy to do the mission and work. I am humbled and flattered by your love and say, “May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make his face shine upon you. May the Lord give you peace.”

“Peace be with you.”

Fr. Rafael Hinojosa

30 de mayo de 2021
La Santísima Trinidad

EL MISTERIO DE LA SANTÍSIMA TRINIDAD

Hoy celebramos la solemnidad de la Santísima Trinidad. La Iglesia dedica este domingo a centrar nuestra atención en el misterio de la Santísima Trinidad, Dios, que es uno, en tres personas: Padre, Hijo y Espíritu Santo.

La primera lectura de Deuteronomio hace énfasis en la grandeza imponente de Dios y su cercanía asombrosa. Puede parecer increíble, pero el Dios de toda la creación nos habla, nos protege y nos guía. La segunda lectura, tomada de la carta de San Pablo a los Romanos, describe la forma en que se relacionan las tres personas que son un solo Dios. El Espíritu nos guía para cumplir con Dios Padre como hijos adoptivos. Nuestra adopción es tal que somos incluso los herederos de nuestro hermano, Cristo, la segunda persona de la Trinidad, cuyos sufrimientos también debemos compartir. En el Evangelio según San Mateo, Jesús habla con la autoridad de Dios y nos envía a enseñar y bautizar en nombre de la Trinidad.

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — El Señor es Dios en los cielos y en la tierra, y no hay otro (Deuteronomio 4:32-34, 39-40).

Salmo — Dichoso el pueblo escogido por Dios (Salmo 33 [32]).

Segunda lectura — Somos hijos de Dios, herederos también; herederos de Dios (Romanos 8:14-17).

Evangelio — Jesús les dice a sus discípulos que vayan y hagan discípulos de todas las naciones (Mateo 28:16-20).

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Segunda Colecta

30 de Mayo St. Vincent De Paul

6 de Junio Impuestos A La Diocesis

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Apoye a nuestros patrocinadores

Cuyos anuncios hacen posible este boletín.

Un Mensaje del Padre Rafael

Amada comunidad de San Antonio, "La paz este con ustedes." Hoy, Domingo de Pentecostés, se cierra nuestro Tiempo Pascual. Qué rápido han pasado nuestros 50 días de Pascua. Hemos presenciado y vivido el misterio de la Resurrección de Jesucristo a través de la Sagrada Escritura, la Sagrada Tradición y el Magisterio de la Iglesia. Por su muerte en la Cruz, Jesucristo nuestro Señor ha vencido a la muerte para que tengamos la eterna salvación. Dios amó tanto al mundo que sacrificó a su único Hijo para que pudiéramos ser redimidos de nuestros pecados, y así, poder ser partícipes de la vida en su gracia y seguir adelante en nuestra jornada de fe, cargando nuestra Cruz and cumpliendo su Santa voluntad. Las celebraciones de Pascua terminan hoy, pero como él nos enseño, la jornada debe continuar.

Las circunstancias en que celebramos la Pascua del año pasado al comienzo de la pandemia, nos recordó cómo habría sido en los primeros días de la Iglesia, cuando los discípulos y los cristianos que creían en Jesucristo se escondían por miedo a la persecución. Así que fue al comienzo de la pandemia, con lo inestable que era todo, que nos dijeron que nos refugiáramos en nuestros hogares y nos evitáramos unos a otros por temor a contraer el nuevo coronavirus COVID 19. Vimos brotes de este virus surgir fuertemente, luego temporalmente calmarse solo para nuevamente volver a surgir una y otra vez más. Hemos perdido a tantos de nuestros hermanos y hermanas a causa de este coronavirus, y oramos por ellos y sus familias, pero nosotros debemos continuar perseverado en nuestra fe y por eso aquí en San Antonio seguimos escuchando confesiones, celebrando la Misa para escuchar la Palabra de Dios y alimentarnos de su cuerpo y de su sangre en la Eucaristía que nos mantiene fuertes y unidos como una verdadera Iglesia de Dios. Les doy las gracias por su Fe, fidelidad, perseverancia y testimonio en Dios.

Después de la muerte y resurrección de nuestro Señor, los discípulos, aun con dudas, miedos y reservaciones poco a poco volvieron a su vida normal, algunos aun con los ojos puestos en la muerte y no la resurrección, Como dice Lucas, "¿Por qué buscáis entre los muertos al que vive? No está aquí, ha resucitado." Los invito a deshacernos de nuestros miedos, y fijar nuestra confianza y mantener la esperanza en Jesucristo nuestro Señor. Nuestra jornada con esta pandemia aún no termina, debemos seguir siendo cuidadosos y precavidos, pero como creyentes de la resurrección e hijos de Dios por nuestro bautismo, no podemos pararnos, si no avanzar, no con más miedos si no con toda la confianza en el Espíritu de Dios, Espíritu de vida y de verdad.

Después de resucitar de entre los muertos, Jesús se

acercó a sus discípulos y los incrédulos y les dijo “La paz este con ustedes.” En esos cuarenta días, Jesucristo comió con ellos, caminó con ellos y habló con ellos. Dejó que lo tocaran. Luego fue llevado a las nubes para sentarse a la derecha de Dios. Pero antes de su partida, prometió no dejarnos nunca y hoy celebramos esa venida del Espíritu Santo que vino sobre los apóstoles y viene sobre nosotros. Un espíritu de amor que llena nuestros corazones. El Espíritu Santo que nos permite permanecer en él como él permanece en nosotros. Con la gracias de ese Espíritu, los invito, sigamos en la jornada de vida y fe en el Señor.

Vivimos y trabajamos en un mundo cada vez más materialista, en una sociedad que casi no cree en Dios. Pero los que creemos en Dios, nosotros los Cristianos tenemos la misión de llevar la Buena Nueva a nuestros hermanos y hermanas. Amando a través de nuestros hechos y acciones. Recordemos que somos Cristianos en cada momento de nuestras vidas no solo los Domingos o cuando estamos dentro del templo. Nuestro cuerpo físico es el templo de Dios donde vive el Espíritu Santo. Seamos las mejores versiones de nosotros mismos todo el tiempo. Intentémoslo, no es fácil y caeremos. Pero levántate, recibe el Sacramento de la Reconciliación, confiesa los pecados que Dios ya sabe que has cometido. Dios te conoce. Él te creó. Llénense de cosas buenas para que sus obras y acciones sean buenas y agradables a Dios. Y proclamemos a todos el amor que el nos da.

Durante estos tiempos de incertidumbre, le invito, seamos agradecidos con las tantas bendiciones que tenemos y recibimos del Señor. Ciertamente yo estoy agradecido por todos ustedes la gente buena de esta comunidad y por todo el gran trabajo, esfuerzo y generosidad para beneficio de toda nuestra parroquia de San Antonio. Estoy agradecido por la presencia del Fr. Mac Lingo, con quien compartimos los mismos ideales sobre la evangelización y por su entusiasta energía para hacer el trabajo que el Señor nos encomendó. Me siento honrado y conmovido por su amor y fe y les digo: “Que el Señor los bendiga y los guarde. Que el Señor haga resplandecer su rostro sobre ustedes. Que el Señor les dé la paz.”

“La paz este con ustedes.”

Padre Rafael Hinojosa

Gratis Vacuna Del Covid

La Clínica De La Raza MOBILE TEAM está ofreciendo la VACUNA del COVID (Janssen/J&J) en Oakley. MARTES 1:00-3:00 p.m. 2185 Main Street. Tel: (925) 363-2000. Personas sin cita son bienvenidos.

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Cada mes habra una lista para inscribirse para donaciones de plantas y flores para decorar nuestro Santuario. Embellecer nuestro lugar Sagrado de Oracion. Llame (925) 625-2048 para mas información.

30 de mayo de 2021

La Solemnidad de la Santísima Trinidad

UN MISTERIO ASOMBROSO

Asombroso es una palabra que usó Clemente de Alejandría para referirse a la Santísima Trinidad. Las Escrituras de hoy narran historias asombrosas, desde Moisés en el Antiguo Testamento hasta el final del Evangelio de Mateo, de cómo nosotros meros humanos, estamos destinados a estar íntimamente asociados con nuestro amoroso Dios. Vemos en el libro del Deuteronomio que Moisés recuerda a la nueva generación de israelitas el hecho “asombroso” de que, aunque el mundo antiguo rebosaba con dioses, su Dios era el único Dios, que “no hay otro”. San Pablo en su carta a los Romanos escribe acerca de quienes siguen al Espíritu Santo como “hijos” de Dios, lo que por supuesto, nos convertiría en hermanos y hermanas de Cristo y, como dice, “coherederos con Cristo”. ¡Otra afirmación sorprendente! Por último, Cristo otorga el Espíritu Santo al mundo como su presencia continua y fuerza de revelación divina. ¿Cómo no asombrarse?

EL MISTERIO ES LA OBRA MAESTRA

La Santísima Trinidad es la verdad central y, de hecho, el misterio de nuestras vidas como creyentes en Dios. Aun así, pocos parecen ser capaces de hablar de ella. (¿O es “ellos?”) ¿Debemos conformarnos con tomar esta verdad como un objeto de fe que podemos ignorar fácilmente? ¡De ninguna manera! Estamos inmersos en la realidad trinitaria de muchas maneras.

Por favor considera estos indicios de que Dios es más que una persona del Padre. Recuerda las palabras de Dios en las Escrituras cuando el mundo y todas sus maravillas fueron creados. La frase con la que empieza cada etapa de la creación dice: “Hagamos. . .” (Génesis 1:26). Esto no es simplemente el “Nosotros, la realeza”. Este es Dios como una pluralidad de Seres. En Isaías, los serafines claman: “Santo, santo, santo. . .” (Isaías 6:3). Este uso múltiple de una palabra (superlativo) en la región del mundo del Antiguo Oriente era usado tres veces, pero ¿por qué no considerarlo como un signo de la triplicidad de Dios? Y estas prefiguraciones del Antiguo Testamento no son nada comparadas con nuestra conocida fórmula bautismal: “Yo te bautizo en el nombre del Padre y, del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo”. Hay que notar que “nombre” es singular, y sin embargo se refiere a tres personas. Por último, como Cristo les dice a los apóstoles en el Evangelio de hoy, deben salir y enseñar en ese mismo triple nombre singular.

¿BAILAMOS?

El famoso icono del igualmente famoso iconógrafo del siglo XIV, Adrej Rublev, es una representación de la Trinidad densamente cargada de contenido simbólico. Los tres “ángeles” sentados en la mesa son en realidad el Padre, el Hijo y el Espíritu Santo. Se relacionan entre sí con gestos amorosos, cada uno con el otro, a menudo descritos como “danzantes”. Y, sin embargo, este círculo triangular parece incompleto. De hecho, lo está. Como en una danza, somos llevados a la vida divina en el brazo trinitario de abundante gloria y armonía. Luego completamos el movimiento llevando ese amor encarnado al mundo, revelando el misterio a nuestras hermanas y hermanos a través de nuestras vidas.

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