

Ask from one end of the sky to the other:  
Did anything so great ever happen before? Was it ever heard of?

DEUTERONOMY 4:32



## Wow!

Some might think that “Wow!” is an inappropriate, even irreverent response, when talking about God. But what words would be appropriate? There are no words, there are no precise doctrinal statements that even come close to identifying God. The readings for today’s feast invite us to ponder, not define, this mystery.

The people at the time of Moses had no concept of a Trinitarian God. However, they were convinced that God worked in their lives. They believed they had been delivered from bondage by God, invited into a special relationship with God, and promised by God a long and fruitful life in a land they could call their own. In other words, they were cared for by God, who demonstrated again and again that they were loved. The Gospel story tells of how Jesus entrusted his disciples with the mission he himself had exercised during his lifetime.

What once might have been considered the special privilege of the nation of Israel was now seen as a promise for all nations. All people could now rely on God’s care for them and God’s ever-present love. Saint Paul identifies this privilege as the Spirit of adoption.

Today’s readings may not paint a clear picture of God or provide a precise definition. God is far beyond any picture or definition. However, each reading gives us a glimpse into the way God works in our lives—inviting us into intimacy, caring for us, loving us. Wow!

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

### FOR *Reflection*

- ★ *Spend time thinking how your life has been blessed with goodness.*
- ★ *Pray the Glory Be slowly and thoughtfully.*



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(Classes and Parents Interview)  
Contact Pastor

## Sacrament of Marriage

(Classes and Couple Interview)  
Contact Fr. Jason - 6 Months Prior

## Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

By appointment with the Pastor

## MAY 30TH

### St. Francis Xavier, Clayton

Weekend Mass: Saturday 5:00pm Sunday 10:30am

Daily Mass: Wednesday (Bilingual Mass) 12:10pm

Tuesday & Thursday: 5:30pm Friday: 12:10pm

Honor of Our Blessed Mother Mass: 1st Saturday 10:30am

Confession: Saturday 4:00-5:00pm OR By Appointment

Adoration: Tuesday & Thursday 6pm to 7 pm

### Our Lady of Guadalupe, Des Moines

Weekend Mass: Sunday 8:00am (Oct 1 - May 31)

Confession: Sunday before 8:00am OR by appt

### St. Joseph, Folsom

Weekend Mass: Sunday 8:00 am (Jun 1 - Sept 30)

Confession: Sunday before 8:00am OR by appt

### NENM Detention Facility, Clayton (For Residents/Staff)

1st, 2nd & 3rd Sunday's Mass 2:00PM

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*This is my body, which will be given up for you.  
This is my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant.  
It will be shed for you & for all... so that sins may be forgiven.  
Do this in memory of me.*

**Masses will be offered May & June 2021**

+ All the Departed Parishioner's & Family Members

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**Sun, May 30** +Joe Simoes & Antonio Simoes By Belen Simoes  
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(OLOG) +Lorene Carr by Marjorie & Grant Long

**Sat, June 5** +Lelia Cordova by Andrea Naranjo

**Sun, June 6**  
(OLOG) +Robert Alexander by Marjorie & Grant Long  
(OLOG) +Liana Bonin by Marjorie & Grant Long

**Sat, June 12** +Lelia Cordova by Andrea Naranjo

**Sun, June 13** +Anthony Gallagher by Andrea Naranjo  
(OLOG) +Robert Alexander by Andrea Naranjo  
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|           | <u>SFX</u> | <u>OLOG</u> |
|-----------|------------|-------------|
| May 22-23 | \$1,417.80 | \$ 261.00   |
| May 15-16 | \$2,038.25 | \$ 377.00   |
| May 8-9   | \$2,517.00 | \$ 451.00   |
| May 1-2   | \$1,801.25 | \$ 435.00   |

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**Announcement**

**Starting June 1st:**

**Mass will resume to its normal weekday schedule:**

**Tuesday & Thursday Mass 5:30pm**

**Tuesday & Thursday Adoration 6 to 7pm**

**Wednesday Bilingual Mass 12:10pm**

**Friday Mass 12:10pm**

Some truths, like the very existence of God, can be known by human reason alone. Other truths, like the fact that God is One in Three Persons – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – can only be known if God reveals them to us. We could never conclude on our own that God is a Trinity. Today's Feast is not only an opportunity for thanking God for telling us more about himself. It is an occasion to take courage as we strive for deeper unity within the human family. God reveals himself to us in order to make us more like himself – not just as individuals, but as families, nations, and an international community. We grow in unity as we give ourselves away to one another, just as the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit give themselves to each other completely.

**Lectors for Masses**

- Sat, June 5– Ross Carter
- Sun, June 6-Raymond Saccoccia
- Sat, June 12– Sammie Wood
- Sun, June 13– Sandy Vaughn

All Ministry schedules are updated monthly and posted on the church website. If you need to know when you serve, check [www.sfxclayton.org](http://www.sfxclayton.org)!!

# Dear Padre,

**I unsuccessfully tried using a clover to explain the Trinity to a non-Catholic relative. She says the leaves are separate and share a single stem, so it doesn't mean they're one entity. How can I help her understand?**

**L**egend tells us St. Patrick used a shamrock to speak about the God who is one and three, but that doesn't mean everyone will find the clover imagery convincing. It took hundreds of years, many arguments, and multiple Church councils to refine the basic outline of orthodox Christian belief in the Trinitarian nature of God. So, it's no great shock that you can't easily break it down into convincing sound bites for a resistant relative.

You should concentrate on the way humans came to know the Trinitarian God, how we have encountered the God who is at once Father, Son, and Spirit in the events of history and revelation. In sharing the way Christians have gradually understood what we do about the nature of the God who saves us, you can speak of how that understanding leads us to pray. Perhaps you can relate the Trinitarian concept to something more recognizable: the idea of a father and son, and the spirit of love that exists between them and also pours from them.

At our liturgies, we have a distinct pattern of praying to the Father, through the Son, in the Spirit. There's more than a shamrock to discuss in all of that. And remember the Creed we pray each Sunday. Discussions like yours are what the Creed was made for.

*Fr. Matthew Allman, CSSR*  
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## Calendar

### Monday

MAY 31

Visitation of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary  
Zep 3:14–18a  
or Rom 12:9–16  
Lk 1:39–56

### Tuesday

JUNE 1

St. Justin, Martyr  
Tb 2:9–14  
Mk 12:13–17

### Wednesday

JUNE 2

Weekday  
Tb 3:1–11a, 16–17a  
Mk 12:18–27

### Thursday

JUNE 3

St. Charles Lwanga and  
Companions, Martyrs  
Tb 6:10–11; 7:1bcde,  
9–17; 8:4–9a  
Mk 12:28–34

### Friday

JUNE 4

Weekday  
Tb 11:5–17  
Mk 12:35–37

### Saturday

JUNE 5

St. Boniface,  
Bishop and Martyr  
Tb 12:1, 5–15, 20  
Mk 12:38–44

### Sunday

JUNE 6

The Most Holy Body  
and Blood of Christ  
(Corpus Christi)  
Ex 24:3–8  
Heb 9:11–15  
Mk 14:12–16, 22–26



## A WORD FROM Pope Francis

*God loves each one of us even when we make mistakes and distance ourselves from him. God the Father loves the world so much that, in order to save it, he gives what is most precious to him: his only-begotten Son....The Trinity is therefore love, wholly at the service of the world.*

ANGELUS, TRINITY SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2020

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