

Our Sacred Stories
Trinity: Mystery in Our Life

Context matters. Awareness of the bigger, fuller picture helps us to understand what we are looking at in the moment. In living with Covid-19 we sometimes wonder why decision-makers so often appear to change the guidelines of our response to the pandemic. Why for instance, can they not tell us how long we will be under restrictions at the border?

One of the realities of our experience at this time is that Covid-19 is a new (novel) virus. We have had many viruses among us, but this one is new. We do not know all the characteristics that mark it. In some measure we will only become more aware of the bigger picture by looking at how it behaves in real time. That is, in the day by day unfolding of our experience. There is no quick and easy response. Only by examining our experience of the virus, over time, can we discover the best responses. In understanding how to respond, context matters. In some ways, it is..... a mystery.

“It’s a mystery.” Such a statement can mean many things to us. It might mean something that is unsolvable. Or perhaps it means a question for which we do not have an answer. On the other hand, it may be our way to avoid a question we do not want. It can even be used to refer to a type of novel or movie.

Our lives are full of “mysteries”. Every relationship is a mystery for us. Every time we enter into a friendship, we have to realize that we will never fully understand this person. The relationship will be in continual evolution. The deeper the relationship, the greater the mystery. When we speak of the “mystery of the Trinity” or some other “mystery” of our faith” this is what we face.

“Mystery” in this case is used to speak of something the meaning of which is so great that we can never exhaust the truth of it. All of our seeking and searching, all of our questions will help us with understanding, but there will always be more to discover in our relationships. This is certainly true of the “mystery of the Trinity.”

Matthew in his Gospel (Matt.28:16-20) opens up the many aspects of this mystery of the Trinity. He does so in relating an experience of the disciples in an encounter with the Risen Jesus. It is significant that they have this experience on a mountain, in fact the mountain on which Jesus presented what we call the Sermon on the Mount. This sermon covers Matthew chapters 5-7. It is a collection of sayings and teachings which capture the core of the message of Jesus and the focus of his whole mission among us. In some ways then, it expresses the meaning of the Trinity for us.

As the disciples encounter Jesus on this mountain, they discover that they are being included in the relationship of love that Jesus has with God as a loving parent. They are adopted children of God. In this relationship Jesus draws them into his mission. He is not “handing on the mission”, but rather he is “including them in his mission.”

In celebrating the Feast of the Trinity, we are acknowledging a truth that is at the foundation of who we are as Christians. It expresses our faith in our God who loves us deeply, as a parent. So deeply does this God love us that God came in the person of Jesus to live among, to share the life that we live, even unto death. More than this, Jesus draws us into sharing a loving relationship with God and calls us to share with others, all others, the loving relationship we have with God. This gift of love from God brings us to full and eternal life. All of this and more is expressed in the “mystery of the Trinity.”

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Office Manager: Diane Dube		Sunday 11:00 am
Pastoral Council Chair: Stuart Kinney	<i>Reconciliation</i>	Saturday 3:00-3:30 pm
Property & Finance Chair: Marg McCallum	St. Simon & Jude	Sunday 9:00 am
Office Hours: Mon-Thurs 10:00 am- 1:30 pm	<i>Reconciliation</i>	Sunday 8:15-8:45 am

May 30, 2021 **Most Holy Trinity**

Saturday	May 29	4:00 pm St. Gertrude	Parishioners
Sunday	May 30	9:00 am Sts. Simon & Jude	Tim Creaghan
Sunday	May 30	11:00 am St. Gertrude	Helen Ross
Monday	May 31	No Mass
Tuesday	June 1	9:00 Adoration 10:00 Mass Sts Simon & Jude	Jean Guy Poirier
Tuesday	June 1	12:15 pm St. Gertrude	Rosary Led by the CWL
Wednesday	June 2	11:15 am Adoration 12:15 Mass St. Gertrude..	Deidre Wright
Thursday	June 3	12:15 pm St. Gertrude	Ethel Bridgeo & DMF
Friday	June 4	9:00 am St. Gertrude	Brian Markey
Saturday	June 5	4:00 pm St. Gertrude	Irene McGuire
Sunday	June 6	9:00 am Sts. Simon & Jude	Janice Morrison
Sunday	June 6	11:00 am St. Gertrude	Parishioners

Sts. Simon and Jude: Adoration 9am and Mass 10am will be celebrated 1st Tuesday of the month, **June 1st** . The Sacrament of **Reconciliation** will be available during Adoration.

Please have items for Bulletin by Wednesday

Please pray for the sick: Nora Gagnon , Martha Cummings Sincennes, Bridget Keenan Wort, John Gallagher, Pat & Ed McGuire, Lori Young, Emmanuel Basque, Karen Keoughan , Dorothy Hemsley, Margaret Bridgeo, Vicki Guerrero, Doris Brown & Genevieve Price.
Those who have died: John Kidney, Brenda Nason, Gordon Reinhart & Bernie MacInnis

CWL- PRAYER LINE: Prayers will be said daily for two weeks by the CWL women, on request. All requests are confidential; no information is required. To have prayers said, call Jocelyn Keirstead (328-9485) jkeirstead52@gmail.com

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Mondays *Bingo. Door opens at 6:00 pm.*
50/50 – May 24, 2021- Winner Donna Richardson **\$256.00.** Tickets are \$2/week available at Martin's Corner Store on Broadway or bulk food store on Connell St. Tickets must be purchased by 6 pm Sunday. Interested in becoming a knight? Contact Frances Campbell



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Urgent Appeal for India

Development and Peace-Caritas Canada has pledged \$50,000 to the Caritas network to help the Indian people at this critical time. The need, however, will far exceed that sum. **HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

You can help by making a donation through Development and Peace-Caritas Canada. Go to the Development and Peace website at

www.devpc.org

and click on the **GIVE NOW** and you can make an online donation. The need is great. Thank you for your generosity.

Thank you from St. Maria Goretti Parish – *thank you for your generous donations. You are helping us with our power bills and helping keeping church doors open. God bless and keep you all. Stay safe.*

Father Martin and the congregation at Sts Simon and Jude Church wish to congratulate our Nackawic High School 2021 Graduates, Luke McLellan, Riley Nason and Leanne Cormier and wish them a successful future.



Ministries

For St. Gertrude's, please arrive 15 minutes before scheduled Mass if you are a lector. Please arrive ½ hour before Mass if you are a Door Greeter or Screener. Please let Myrna or Ann know you are present to serve. If unable to serve, please let Myrna 328-9640 or Anne 382-8398 know in advance or find a replacement. Thank you so much for your generous offer to serve during these unique pandemic times.

Date	Time	Lector	Hospitality/Door Greeter	Screener
05-Jun	4:00 PM	Ben Kilfoil	Gerry Crawford	Veronica Steeves
		Loraine Stone		
		Marg McCallum		
06-Jun	11:00 AM	Michelle Nowlan	Mike Chandra	Vicki McLean
		Allison Chandra		
		Jack Keilty		
06-Jun	9:00 AM	1st Reading + Karen	Prayers Faithful	2nd Reading Jacqueline
13-Jun	9:00 AM	1st Reading Tom	Prayers Faithful +	2nd Reading Rita

Offertory May 22/23

	<u>St. Gertrude</u>	<u>Sts. Simon & Jude</u>	<u>St. Thomas</u>
Loose	82		15
Envelopes	919	257	140
PAD	1,572	249	77
E-Transfer	20		
Easter			<u>40</u>
	<u>2593</u>	<u>506</u>	<u>272</u>
Papal Charities	8	St. Lawrence/Benton	10
Dev & Peace	5	Global South	10

Family Registration - We are **updating our parish family** directory. For those who have not registered at the Parish office or who may have just got offertory envelopes, please pick up a registration form at the back of the church with the bulletins. **This information is vital in planning for programs for all age groups.** Once completed you can drop in the collection box where you sign- in and sanitize your hands or in the mail slot at the Parish Office. You may also use this form to update your family information. Thank you.