

Dear Parish Family,

*God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him might not perish
but might have eternal life.*

*For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world,
but that the world might be saved through him.*

*Whoever believes in him will not be condemned,
but whoever does not believe has already been condemned,*

because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. (John 3: 16-18)

This Sunday the Church celebrates The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. This central doctrine of our Catholic faith affirms our belief in one God, Three Divine Persons. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us, The Father, Son and Holy Spirit are one and the same God. The divine Persons are distinct from one another. The purpose of the divine missions of the Son and the Holy Spirit is to bring us to share in the life, light and love of the Trinity (CCC #'s 238-260)."

There is a legend that says that one day, St. Augustine was meditating on the mystery of the Blessed Trinity. He was strolling along the beach as he pondered and, lost in thought, he encountered a child who had dug a little hole in the sand. With a tiny bucket in hand, the youngster had begun making trips to the sea and back, pouring pails full of water into the hole in the sand. Observing this for a while, Augustine asked the child what he was doing. "I'm putting the ocean in a hole." Condescendingly, Augustine said, "But you can never do that." Whereupon, the youngster responded, "And neither can you ever figure out the Holy Trinity." Legend has it that the boy disappeared, because in fact he was an angel (Catholic Source Book, p. 64).

May the one, true God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless you and keep you, may His face shine upon you and may He grant you His peace.

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