



Embracing the Mystery

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The Christian confession of a triune God cannot be explained, it can only be believed. It is not a cop-out to proclaim that this belief is rooted in mystery. Mystery is the essential language and experience of belief. We lose something when we try to explain a mystery instead of embracing it. It may make us uncomfortable; it may provoke more questions than answers. Regardless, it does not suggest the weakness of mystery but rather the beauty, the wonder, and the awe.

Embracing belief and living as a person of faith is a singular journey. You cannot believe for someone else, and that person, even one you dearly love, cannot believe for you. It is also important to understand that as singular as the journey of faith may be, it ultimately ends in community. Belief does not isolate a person, but rather invites a person to connect with others who also walk in faith.

The community/communion of the triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—is the perfect witness to the truth that mystery creates. One God, three divine persons. The Eucharist that we celebrate on this day proclaims the unity of our belief—to the Father, through the Son, by the power of the Holy Spirit. ●



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THE AUTHORS
OF OUR PARISH
COMMUNITY



**The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and
the love of God and the fellowship of
the Holy Spirit be with all of you.**

2 CORINTHIANS 13:13

Reflect

How does the mystery of the Trinity reveal God's nature as a communion of love?



St. Joseph's Church

was consecrated on the 29th of January 1928.
It is the oldest standing Roman Catholic Church on the island.

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Mass Schedule

Saturday Afternoon - 4:00 p.m.
Sunday morning - 9:00 a.m.

Baptism	By appointment: one month in advance
Weddings	1 year in advance (approx.)
Sacrament of Reconciliation	Sunday morning: 8:30 a.m.
Filipino Mass – Saturday	20 th June 2026: 11:00 a.m.
Kids & Youth Ministry	7 th June 2026
Youth/Family Mass	31 st May 2026
Pastoral & Finance Council	22 nd June – 6:30 p.m.
Coffee Social	31 st May 2026
Second Collection	14 th June 2026

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Parish Team Leaders

Mrs. Elizabeth Card – Pastoral Council Chairperson	Mrs. Annette Barclay St. Vincent de Paul Society Representative
Walette Cross Stewardship Representative	Natalia Walker & Justin Tavares Religious Education - Kids & Youth Ministry
Mrs. Mary Harvey - Parish Administrator & Finance Committee Team Leader	Mrs. Jane Farge - Music Ministry



Today's Hymns

Entrance:	O God, Almighty Father	#451
Offertory:	Three In One	Children
Communion:	Into My Heart	Children
Recessional:	All Hail Adored Trinity	#446

Leader of Song: Justin Tavares



We, The St. Joseph's Parish family, take this opportunity to thank you for coming to worship with us today. May our loving Lord always be with you, and with your families.



Sunday – 7th June 2026

Proclaimer of God's Word
Opening/Closing
Eucharistic Minister
Collection Counters
Altar Server
Music

Stefano Ausenda
Annette Barclay
Elizabeth Card
Annette Barclay
Liam/Seamus Stones
Jane Farge

Prayers: Please keep our sick and shut-ins in your prayers, especially Ilene Bremar, Andrew Card, Eleanor Correia and Mary Maybury.

ATTENDANCE & COLLECTION

MASS	Attendees	Collection
Saturday 23 rd May	2	30.00
Sunday 24 th May	53	638.00
TOTAL:	55	\$668.00

*Thank you for your kindness and generosity, it is appreciated. Banking information:
St. Joseph's Parish – Account Number: 20006060757062100 –*

MASS INTENTION:

Saturday, 30th May **The People of St. Joseph's**
Sunday, 31st May **The People of St. Joseph's**

2026 Confirmed Events - St. Josephs

Sunday, 14th June **Fun Afternoon of Music** **2:00 p.m.**
Sunday, 21st June **Classical Music Concert** **5:00 p.m.**
Sunday, 28th June **Classical Music Concert** **5:00 p.m.**

Featuring:

Steve Crawford (Guitar)
Jane Farge (Classical Contralto Opera Singer)
Johanna Pino Gonzales (Viola & Violin)
Andrea Hodson Patton (Piano)

Tickets: Adults \$30 – Seniors/Students/Children (5-18) \$15
Available from today. Contact: Liz Card at
234-0872/WhatsApp 335-2077, or Jane Farge at 747-4060



After Mass this morning, please join us in the Parish Centre, for our monthly Coffee Social. All are welcome.

BISHOP'S CORNER

Dear Fellow-Catholics,

For millions of viewers, Jonathan Roumie has become almost inseparable from his portrayal of Christ in *The Chosen*. Yet one of the most compelling things about Roumie is perhaps how aware he seems of the responsibility that comes with the role. Recently, *Movie Guide* shared the quiet prayer Roumie says before filming scenes as Jesus: "Let people see your face and not mine. Let them hear your words and not mine." It's particularly striking that in a profession usually built around being seen, Roumie's instinct is almost the reverse: to step aside as

much as possible so the character can remain at the centre. Maybe this helps explain why his portrayal has resonated so deeply with audiences far beyond practicing Christians.

For Roumie, preparing to portray Christ seems to involve as much spiritual attentiveness as professional discipline. In interviews, he has described immersing himself in Scripture and prayer before filming, while also seeking guidance from priests and trusted friends to better understand the passages being portrayed. That level of attentiveness perhaps helps explain why audiences often describe his performance as unusually sincere. At a time when many people feel exhausted by outrage, irony, and endless online self-presentation, Roumie's approach feels refreshingly unforced.

His connection to the role also seems shaped by the struggles that preceded it. Roumie has spoken candidly about periods of financial uncertainty while trying to establish himself as an actor in Los Angeles, before *The Chosen* transformed his career. At one particularly difficult moment, he says, he surrendered his future entirely to God, only for *The Chosen* to arrive shortly afterwards.

It's a beautiful lesson in how faith is often communicated most powerfully not when we draw attention to ourselves, but when something wiser, gentler, and more loving becomes visible through us.

May your weekend be restful and your week and the entire month of June be good!

Bishop Wes

TRINITY SUNDAY

Trinity Sunday Year A gives us the opportunity to reflect on the mystery of God's nature and how He reveals Himself as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Through the readings, we are invited to consider how this unity and relationship shapes our faith and how we are called to live in communion with God and one another.

The Mystery of God's Unity

Trinity Sunday invites us to reflect on the mystery of God's unity. God is one but exists in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. This mystery is difficult to understand fully, as our human minds cannot grasp the full depth of this truth. We are asked not to fully comprehend it, but to accept it as part of our faith. This is a central teaching in the Church, one that shapes how we relate to God.

The most important thing about the Trinity is the perfect unity between the three persons. Even though they are distinct from one another, they share the same nature and work together in harmony. There is no conflict, no separation, only perfect love and unity. This unity is not forced; it flows naturally from the very nature of God. It is a model for us in how we should live with one another. In our own lives, we are called to reflect the unity of the Trinity. Just as the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are united in love, we are called to love one another. This love should not

be based on what we get from others, but on a deeper connection that reflects God's love. Working together in unity, especially in the Church, is part of our response to this mystery. It means putting aside our personal desires to serve the greater good of others.

The unity of the Trinity challenges us to overcome division in our own lives. Whether in our families, workplaces, or communities, God's love calls us to build unity and peace. It asks us to recognize that we are all connected, and that unity in love is the foundation of a healthy relationship with God and each other.

God's love is not based on our actions or how good we are. It is unconditional and constant. Jesus came to reveal this love, and through His life, death, and resurrection, He opened the way for us to be saved. The Holy Spirit, who dwells in us, is a constant reminder of God's presence and love. He helps us live as faithful disciples of Christ and empowers us to share God's love with others.

We are also reminded in the readings that God's love is not just about us receiving grace, but about sharing it. As Christians, we are called to live out the love we receive by loving others. This means showing kindness, patience, and forgiveness, just as God has shown to us. The gift of grace and salvation is a central part of what we celebrate on Trinity Sunday. It challenges us to be more like the God we worship, sharing love and grace with everyone we meet. It is a call to live out our faith in practical ways that reflect the love of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Source: Young Catholics 2026



The Most Holy Trinity: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son..." JOHN 3:16


Is your love conditional? Is there a price others have to pay to receive your love and forgiveness? Are you generous with your time, skills, money and possessions? If you give someone something, do you expect something in return? Do you give your time freely or do you "fit it in" when it's convenient for you? God desires a personal relationship with us so much that He gave us His Son, unconditionally! Pray for a grateful and generous heart.




TRINITY SUNDAY



MAIN MESSAGE

- God is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. 
- God is love, mercy, and justice.
- Jesus brings us eternal life.
- We are called to peace and unity.




THREE IN ONE,
ONE IN LOVE 

KEY SCRIPTURE



"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."

- John 3:16 



THE READINGS


FIRST READING

Exodus 34:4B-6, 8-9

God shows mercy and justice to Moses.

PSALM

Daniel 3

A song of praise to God's greatness and holiness. 


SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Paul prays for peace and unity. Blessing of grace, love, and the Holy Spirit.

GOSPEL

John 3:16-18

God sent His Son to save the world. Believe and have eternal life. 

THEMES TO KNOW


-  God is love
-  Justice and mercy
-  Peace and unity
-  Gift of eternal life
-  Guided by the Holy Spirit

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR US





-  Trust in God's love every day.
-  Choose peace and be kind to others.
-  Stay united with family and friends.
-  Grow in faith and follow Jesus.

TRY THIS




Make the Sign of the Cross slowly. Think about God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit. 


REFLECTION QUESTIONS

-  How do you see God's love in your life?
-  What helps you stay close to Jesus?
-  How can you bring more peace to your day? 

ACTION STEP



Pray to the Holy Spirit and ask for help to love God and others today. 

SCAN FOR MORE 



Dear Padre,

During Mass, is it proper for the faithful to raise our hands when pronouncing the words, “For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever”?

When the priest and people offer the Our Father together to God, the presider assumes an ancient posture of prayer, known as the *orans*—with arms extended and palms opened upward. After the Lord’s Prayer, the priest keeps his hands extended and says alone the embolism (“Deliver us, Lord...”). At the end, he joins his hands, and the people acclaim, “For the kingdom....” This acclamation is meant to be the people’s response to the embolism, and the priest remains silent for it. It would appear unnecessary for the faithful to now extend their hands during this acclamation—especially when it’s a response to an embolism prayer that just called for the presider to have extended his own hands and now has them joined together.

Although the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* doesn’t mention a specific congregational hand posture during this acclamation, it speaks in favor of “what serves the common spiritual good of the People of God, rather than private inclination or arbitrary choice,” stating that a common bodily posture “is a sign of the unity of the members of the Christian community gathered together for the sacred Liturgy: it both expresses and fosters the intention and spiritual attitude of the participants” (*GIRM* 42). ●

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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

To those in power, I repeat: listen to the voice of conscience! The apparent victories

achieved with weapons, which sow death and destruction, are in reality defeats and never bring peace or security! God does not want war, he wants peace, and he strengthens those who are committed to leaving behind the spiral of hatred and taking the path of dialogue.

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Do you have a question for the Padre?

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Monday

June 1

St. Justin, Martyr

2 Pt 1:2–7

Mk 12:1–12

Tuesday

June 2

Weekday

2 Pt 3:12–15a, 17–18

Mk 12:13–17

Wednesday

June 3

St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

2 Tm 1:1–3, 6–12

Mk 12:18–27

Thursday

June 4

Weekday

2 Tm 2:8–15

Mk 12:28–34

Friday

June 5

St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr

2 Tm 3:10–17

Mk 12:35–37

Saturday

June 6

Weekday

2 Tm 4:1–8

Mk 12:38–44

Sunday

June 7

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

Dt 8:2–3, 14b–16a

1 Cor 10:16–17

Jn 6:51–58