

# Sacred Heart

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Formed in His Heart, Serving with His Heart

#### **Sunday Mass Times**

Saturday Vigil:

5:00 PM Mass of Anticipation

Sunday — The Lord's Day:

8:00 AM Mass

10:00 AM Mass

Child Care Available) 11:35 AM Latin Mass

(1962 Missal)

#### **Daily Mass Times**

Monday:

8:00 AM Communion Service followed by Lauds/Morning Prayer

Tuesday — Saturday:

8:00 AM Mass

followed by Lauds/Morning Prayer

#### **Holy Day Mass Times**

Consult the bulletin

#### **Penance and Reconciliation**

Tuesday — Saturday Morning:

7:30 — 7:50 AM

Saturday Afternoon:

4:00 — 4:45 PM

Or by appointment

#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

Thursdays in the

Sacred Heart Chapel:

8:35 AM — 8:00 PM

#### **Parish Office Hours**

Monday — Friday:

8:00 AM — 4:30 PM

Wednesday Evening: 5:00 — 8:00 PM

(October — April)

**Sunday Mornings:** 

8:30 — 11:30 AM

#### **Parish Web Site**

www.shrmn.org

**Parish Phone:** 763-537-4561

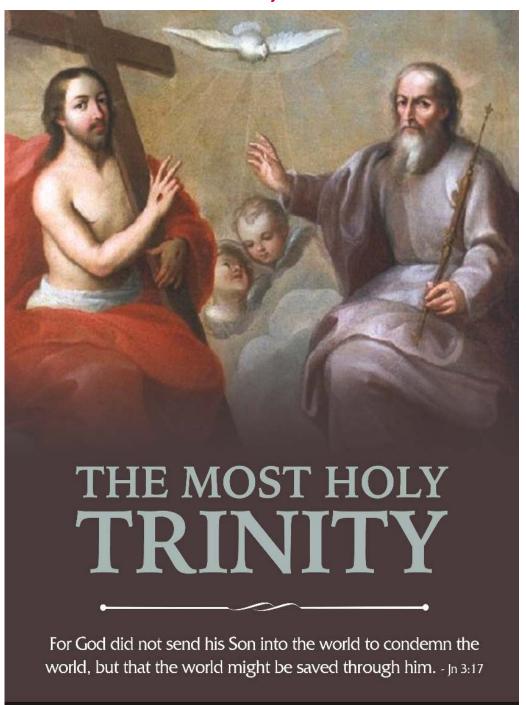
#### **Sacred Heart Catholic School**

Daycare, Pre-K through 8th grade 4050 Hubbard Avenue North Robbinsdale, MN 55422

**School Web Site** 

sacredheartschoolrobbinsdale.org **School Phone:** 763-537-1329

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# Pastor's Page Fr. Bryan J.B. Pedersen

#### **Trinity Sunday - The Athanasian Creed**



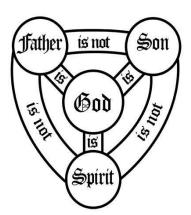
One of the symbols of the Faith, or Creedal Statements approved by the Church in the first millennium and used in her liturgy especially on Trinity Sunday is the Athanasian Creed, which was thought to be composed by the great St. Athanasius. Prior to 1960 it had been recited every Sunday during the Divine Office at the hour known as Prime, now it is recited annually on Trinity Sunday at the hour of Prime when the Roman Breviary as reformed by St. John XXIII is used. The Athanasian Creed is a short, clear exposition of the doctrines of the Trinity and the Incarnation. Unlike most of the other creeds, or symbols, it deals almost exclusively with these two fundamental truths, which it states and restates in terse and varied forms in order to bring out with as much clarity as possible the trinity of the Persons of God and the unity of God. Secondly, the creed focuses on the twofold nature, human and divine, in the one Divine Person of Jesus Christ. At various points the author calls attention to the penalty incurred by those who refuse to accept any of the articles of faith set down in the Creed.

The following is the Marquess of Bute's English translation of the text of the Athanasian Creed:

"Whosoever will be saved, before all things it is necessary that he hold the Catholic Faith. Which faith except everyone do keep whole and undefiled, without doubt he shall perish everlastingly.

And the Catholic faith is this, that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity. Neither confounding the Persons, nor dividing the substance. For there is one Person of the Father, another of the Son, and another of the Holy Ghost. But the Godhead of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Ghost is all One, the Glory Equal, the Majesty Co-Eternal. Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Ghost.

The Father Uncreated, the Son Uncreated, and the Holy Ghost Uncreated. The Father Incomprehensible, the Son Incomprehensible, and the Holy Ghost Incomprehensible. The Father Eternal, the Son Eternal, and the Holy Ghost Eternal, and yet they are not Three Eternals, but



One Eternal. As also there are not Three Uncreated, nor Three Incomprehensibles, but One Uncreated, and One Incomprehensible. So likewise, the Father is Almighty, the Son Almighty, and the Holy Ghost Almighty. And yet they are not Three Almighties but One Almighty.

So, the Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Ghost is God. And yet they are not three Gods, but one God. So likewise, the Father is Lord, the Son Lord, and the Holy Ghost Lord. And yet not three Lords but One Lord. For, like as we are compelled by the Christian verity (truth) to acknowledge every Person by Himself to be God and Lord, so are we forbidden by the Catholic religion to say, there be three Gods or three Lords. The Father is made of none, neither created, nor begotten. The Son is of the Father alone; not made, nor created, but begotten. The Holy Ghost is of the Father, and of the Son neither made, nor created, nor begotten, but proceeding. So, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Ghost, not three Holy Ghosts. And in this Trinity, none is afore or after Other, none is greater or less than Another, but the whole Three Persons are Co-eternal together, and Co-equal. So, that in all things, as is aforesaid, the Unity in Trinity, and the Trinity in Unity, is to be worshipped. He therefore that will be saved, must thus think of the Trinity.

Furthermore, it is necessary to everlasting salvation, that he also believe rightly the Incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ. For the right faith is, that we believe and confess, that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is God and Man. God, of the substance of the Father, begotten before the worlds; and man, of the substance of His mother, born into the world. Perfect God and Perfect Man, of a reasonable soul and human flesh subsisting. Equal to the Father as touching His Godhead, and inferior to the Father as touching His manhood. Who, although He be God and man, yet He is not two, but one Christ. One, not by conversion of the Godhead into flesh, but by taking of the manhood into God. One altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person. For as the reasonable soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ. Who suffered for our salvation, descended into Hell, rose again the third day from the dead. He ascended into Heaven, He sitteth on the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from whence he shall come to judge the quick (living) and the dead. At whose coming all men shall rise again with their bodies, and shall give account for their own works. And they that have done good shall go into life everlasting, and they that have done evil into everlasting fire. This is the Catholic Faith, which except a man believe faithfully and firmly, he cannot be saved."

### Sacred Heart Catholic School

# Congratulation to our 5<sup>th</sup> graders



Our 5<sup>th</sup> graders graduated last week from the D.A.R.E. Program (Drug Abuse Resistance Education). Thank you to Deputy Lundgren, Mrs. McCormick and the Robbinsdale Police Dept. for supporting this great program for our youth. D.A.R.E. is a police officer-led series of classroom lessons that teaches children how to resist peer pressure and live productive drug-free lives.

#### Summer School Office Hours beginning June 19th

Our office staff will be in the school Tuesday-Thursday from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Ms. Bursey will be in the office Monday-Thursday. Please do not hesitate to stop by or call.

**Faithful Beginnings at Sacred Heart Catholic School** prepares our Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten students for the kindergarten transition. If you would like to learn more about Faithful Beginning, please contact the school office.

We have many options for Preschool:

3 year old Pre K: Tuesday/Thursday 9:00-11:30 a.m.

4 year old Pre K: Monday/Wednesday/Friday 8:00-11:00 a.m.

Pre Kindergarten (4/5 year olds): Monday-Friday with full day and part time options.

#### K-8<sup>th</sup> grade openings

If you are looking for Pre-School through 8th grade Catholic school where....

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Sacred Heart blends academic and spiritual growth in both curricular and extra curricular activities. As a result students receive a well-rounded education. Our teachers differentiate curriculum focusing on individual learning needs of each child. Whether in the computer lab, Spanish classes, phy ed or art classes, teachers have high expectations for every student. Please call us for a tour! We are currently accepting new families. Tuition scholarships are available.

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**Priest Staff:** Fr. Bryan J.B. Pedersen **Deacon:** Dr. James Ramsey

#### **Mass Intentions**

#### JUNE

Sun. 1	1 8:00 AM	Roger G. Johnson+
	10:00 AM	Mary Jane Piazza+
	11:35 AM	Parishioners
Mon. 1	.2 8:00 AM	Communion Service
Tues. 1	.3 8:00 AM	Helen Pavnica+
Wed. 1	.4 8:00 AM	Robert Otremba+
Thu. 1	L5 8:00 AM	Mary Whiting+
Fri. 1	.6 8:00 AM	Hilaria Jost+
Sat. 1	7 8:00 AM	Clarence Nelson+
	5:00 PM	Mike Novicki+
Sun. 1	8:00 AM	Britton Toensing+
	10:00 AM	Parishioners
	11:35 AM	Msgr. Stanley John

#### **Liturgical Ministers**

#### June 13-17, 8:00 AM Mass

**Altar Servers** 

June 13- Mac & Laney Murphy

June 14- Mark Thibault & Andrew Thibault

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June 15- Lucas Patterson & Eli Hippen

June 16- Peter & Leo Fisher

June 17- Andreas Laue & Tommy Heifort

#### Saturday June 17, 5:00 PM Vigil Mass

**Altar Servers:** James & Madeline Handler, Caden Wall

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EMHC: Mary & Gerry Mimick, Dillon Frye

Hope Doerner

Lector: To Be Assigned

#### Sunday, June 18, 8:00 AM Mass

Altar Servers: – Mark, Andrew, & John

Thibault

EMHC: Art & Marilyn Zenzen, Char Alberti

Lector: Cheri Dargis

#### Sunday, June 18, 10:00 AM Mass

Altar Servers: Patrick, Colin, & Daniel Finley

EMHC: Pat Hargreaves, Bob Lind, Julie

Harty, Bobbie Ramsey **Lector:** Bill Blonigan

#### Money Counters, June 18, 9:00AM

Rick Riley, Amy Fisher, Kathy Riley



#### Faith Formation



#### **PRE-BAPTISM CLASSES**

Pre-Baptism Classes are offered at Sacred Heart on the Second Tuesday of the month. All parents are required to attend a pre-baptism class before the Baptism of their first child or if it has been over

three years since they last attended a pre-baptism class. Our next scheduled session is Tuesday June 13 at 7pm in the Activities Building. If you plan to attend this session, please call the Parish Office 763-537-4561.

#### **Music Ministry**



Many thanks to all of the Sacred Heart musicians for a wonderful year of music! Thank you to the Handbell Ensemble, Chancel Choir, Resurrection Choir, Random Spirits, Kantorei, Cherub Choir, Junior Choir, Cantors and Instrumentalists for all of your hard work and dedication. Have a great summer! - Jeffrey Patry

**Calling all instrumentalists!** If you are an instrumentalist and have more than 2 years of experience on your instrument, I would love to have you play for our Masses this summer. If interested, please contact Jeffrey at <a href="mailto:jpatry@shrmn.org">jpatry@shrmn.org</a> or 763.537.4561, ext. 109.

#### **LECTOR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MASS**

This ministry proclaims the Liturgy of the Word at weekday or weekend masses. Opportunities are available for those with or without experience. Coaching materials with training are provided and the commitment of time is very manageable. To learn more, please contact the Parish Office or Dave Krussow at 763-535-3023.

# **Youth Ministry**

#### **BUY COFFEE-SUPPORT OUR YOUTH**

WE HAVE A NEW SHIPMENT OF COFFEE FOR SALE FROM OUR YOUTH GROUP. MEDIUM ROAST-WHOLE BEAN, OR GROUND BAGS OF COFFEE ARE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE IN THE PARISH OFFICE. \$13.00 A BAG. THANK YOU.



#### Refunders



#### **REFUNDERS NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS**

Can you volunteer your time to clip coupons one day a month. These dedicated volunteers gather together on the third Tuesday at 8:30am in the morning. Proceeds from this ministry go to benefit the many needs of the school. If you would like to be a part of this group, please join us on **Tuesday June 20**.



#### DID YOU KNOW.....

that you can make a visit to Church anytime between the hours of 8:30am and 4:30pm, Monday thru Friday. The Side Chapel is open for visitation during these hours.

# **Parish Organizations**

## **Respect Life Ministry**



O-LIFE STAND! Saturday, June 24, 9am to 10am, Robbinsdale Clinic (parking lot of our Chapel of the Innocents next door, 3821 W. STRIES Broadway, Robbinsdale, MN 55422)

STAND! is designed to encourage those who have never considered or experienced praying in front of an abortion facility an opportunity to do so with the help of seasoned Pro-Life Action Ministries staff and volunteers. These are ideal rallies for those who have been "regulars" at our events to bring those who are new and/or those who have only attended our larger events. Part of these rallies will be training in behavior and attitude. These are a safe place to help more and more Christians come and STAND! for life at the abortion facilities. The more we are present, the more lives that are saved.



If you or someone you knows is new to spending time in prayer at an abortion facility, this is for you. Come, learn and STAND! for life.

Take courage and STAND!

#### Weekly Prayer Times next to Robbinsdale ABORTION mill

In the parking lot at 3821 West Broadway, Chapel of the Innocent

Saturday 10:00 a.m., (Rosary), led by Rev. Thomas Dufner Last Saturday 9:00-10:00 a.m., Hope Community Church, Sarah (612) 703-1407 Daily 6:00 p.m., (Rosary), John (612) 913-2785

Prayer support is especially needed on Sat. mornings from 7am to 9am when the women are entering the abortion mill for their abortions.



Why don't Catholics add the "For yours is the Kingdom..." prayer at the end of the Our Father like the Protestants do? Where did it come from?



The conclusion of the Lord's Prayer that you refer to is called a doxology, which is a prayer of glory and praise. This particular doxology we do use in the Mass. After the Our Father, the priest prays the prayer that begins, "Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil..." and the people respond with the doxology. The doxology is not found in the Bible, in either Matthew 6:9-13 or Luke 11: 2-4, but it is very ancient. It was first found in *The Didache*, also called "The Teaching of the Twelve Apostles," which dates probably from about the year AD 90. It was a letter of instruction to early converts to Christianity. Protestantism dates only to the sixteenth century, so the doxology is actually a Catholic prayer. Some scholars and the catechism (§ 2760) indicate that the doxology was connected to the celebration of the Eucharist and was not used apart from it.

Remember, both the Lord's Prayer and the Eucharist were part of the "mysteries of faith," things taught only to believers. Ironically, a remnant of a prayer used during the celebration of the Eucharist has comes to be used widely by many Christian churches that do not celebrate the Eucharist! Truth is indeed stranger than fiction!

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#### Calendar of Events

#### Sunday, June 11-Trinity Sunday

Mass: Fr. Pedersen 8:00 AM 10:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen

10:00 AM Child Care

Latin Mass: Fr. Pedersen 11:35 AM

Monday, June 12-St. John of Faculso 1479,

8:00 AM Communion Service

Tuesday, June 13-St. Anthony of Padua 1231

7:30 AM Confession: Fr. Pedersen Mass: Fr. Pedersen 8:00 AM Coffee & Donuts

Wednesday, June 14-St. Basil the Great 379, Trad.

7:30 AM Confession: Fr. Pedersen 8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen Branch III- Off Site

Thursday, June 15- Corpus Christi, Trad.

Confession: Fr. Pedersen 7:30 AM 8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen

8:35 AM - 8:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, June 16-St. John Francis Regis 1640, Trad.

7:30 AM Confession: Fr. Pedersen Mass: Fr. Pedersen

Saturday, June 17-St. Gregory Barbarigo 1697. Trad.

7:30 AM Confession: Fr. Pedersen 8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen 4:00 PM Confessions

Sunday, June 18- Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

Father's Day

8:30 AM

5:00 PM

8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen 10:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen 10:00 AM Child Care

11:35 AM Latin Mass: Fr. Pedersen

Monday, June 19-St. Romuald 1027 Extreme Faith Camp-Off Site all week

Communion Service

Tuesday, June 20-St. Silverius 537, Trad.

7:30 AM Confession: Fr. Pedersen 8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen 9:00 AM **Home Communion** 

Refunders-Marian Rooms Wednesday, June 21-St. Aloysius Gonzaga 1591

7:30 AM Confession: Fr. Pedersen 8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen

Thursday, June 22-St. Paulinus of Nola 431

7:30 AM Confession: Fr. Pedersen 8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen

8:35 AM - 8:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration

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#### **Appointed Sunday Readings-**

#### Most Holy Trinity-June 11, 2017

First Reading: Thus the LORD passed before him and cried out, "The LORD, the LORD, a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity." (Ex 34:6)

Psalm: Glory and praise for ever! (Dn 3)

Second Reading: Brothers and sisters, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with

**Gospel:** 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. (Jn 3:16-17)

#### **Latin Mass Sunday Readings**

#### **Trinity Sunday**

you. (2 Cor 13:11)

**Epistle:** O The depth of the riches of the wisdom and of the knowledge of God! **Gradual:** Blessed art Thou, O Lord,... **Gospel:** At that time Jesus said to His Disciples: All power is given to Me in heaven and on earth.

#### **Appointed Daily Readings**

Monday, June 12—Saturday, June 17 Monday: 2 Cor 1:1-7/Ps 34:2-9/Mt 5:1-12 Tuesday: 2 Cor 1:18-22/Ps 119:129-133, 135/

Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday: 2 Cor 3:4-11/Ps 99:5-9/Mt 5:17-

19

Thursday: 2 Cor 3:15--4:1, 3-6/Ps 85:9ab, 10-

14/Mt 5:20-26

Friday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 116:10-11, 15-18/Mt

5:27-32

**Saturday:** 2 Cor 5:14-21/Ps 103:1-4, 9-12/Mt

5:33-37

#### **Prayers of the Faithful**

#### Please remember In your prayers

**Those Who Are Ill:** Tom Ambrose, Melody Voss, Trisha Swanson

Those Serving In Our Armed Forces: Chad Tatur, Barbara J. Hoeben, John F. Landolt III, Philip Aubart, Sam Dahlgren-Castilla, Daniel Arnold, Justin Rathbun, Shannon Gregory, John Aubart, Joey Eckman, Joseph Mash, Liam Gregory, Jordan Reese, and Andrew Gladitsch

#### **Parish Prayer Line**

To be placed on the prayer line call Michele at 763-717-0444. You can also send in your request via e-mail: <a href="mailto:cshadmin@shrmn.org">cshadmin@shrmn.org</a>

#### **Administration**

# Stewardship

For Weekly Contribution Information:

Please Contact the Parish Office.

#### **News From Other Sources**

#### **SUMMER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Sharing & Caring Hands/Mary's Place needs volunteers ages 16+ willing to help with our Summer Reading Program. This includes listening to students read to you, helping students practice their ABC's, and working with a large population of refugee children just learning English. No teaching/tutoring experience required!

Program Starts: Week of June 19; Program Ends: Week of August 14<sup>th</sup>

Open Mondays, Tuesdays, & Wednesdays from 3:30-5:30pm

Volunteers pick one day per week to attend

Interested? Email kklement@sharingandcaringhands.org

Visit our website www.sharingandcaringhands.org

#### **Archdiocesan Fatima Centennial Celebration**

Join us for a pilgrimage around the Archdiocese of St. Paul/Minneapolis to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Fatima apparitions, May 13– October 13. The pilgrimage parishes will host a Fatima program to include indulgence prayers and solemn veneration of Our Lady of Fatima.

#### Tuesday June 13, Transfiguration Church

6133 15th Street N., Oakdale, MN.

6 PM Rosary

6:30 PM Mass

Followed by talk- Father William Baer

#### **Rural Life Sunday Celebration June 25**

Mark your calendars for this year's Archdiocesan Rural Life Sunday celebration hosted by the parish of St. Bridget of Sweden, Lindstrom and held at the Byron and Judy Dahlheimer Family Farm (33091 Oasis Rd, Center City). Beginning at 2 p.m., the day includes Sunday Mass and a creation blessing, with Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda presiding. Following, there will be a country meal, music, dance, and family-fun activities. Join the parishioners from St. Bridget of Sweden and others from throughout the Archdiocese to pray, remember, and celebrate all the good things God has given us in our rural way of life. All are welcome! For many more details, including a map and directions, visit archspm.org/Events. Questions? Contact the Office of Parish and Clergy Services at 651-290-1647.

#### Faith and Freedom: Grandparents and Grandchildren Pray at the Cathedral

Tuesday, June 27, 1-3 p.m., Cathedral of Saint Paul, 239 Selby Ave., St. Paul This summer, bring your grandchildren on this pilgrimage to the majestic Cathedral of Saint Paul.

- Experience an up-close view of the sanctuary, altar, Archbishop's chair, chapels and shrines.
- Learn about the Mass with a brief tutorial by Fr. John Paul Erickson.
- Participate in Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction.

Find more details for this event and register online at <a href="www.CatholicGrandparenting.org">www.CatholicGrandparenting.org</a>. Free will offering. Suggested Donation: \$10 per family. Questions? Contact Susanna Bolle at bolles@archspm.org or 651-291-4411.





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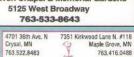
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# GOSPEL MEDITATION The Most Holy Trinity

"God so loved the world that he gave his only Son." We are used to this profound idea, so used to it that we often glaze over the incredible reality: God the Father has a Son who became man and dwelt among us! Too often we blithely make the sign of the cross in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, without realizing what a radical theology we are announcing.

Only Christianity proclaims a triune God. Only Christianity professes that we have one God in three divine persons. Only Christianity declares that the very nature of God is to be relational and literally "personal." Why does this matter? Because we are made in God's image, as the opening chapters of Genesis tell us. We, therefore, are made in the image of this Trinitarian God who IS love. We are built to be like this God! Just as God the Father loves God the Son and God the Holy Spirit, we too are called to love one another. In fact, we are not fulfilling our nature and design when we don't. And just as God loved the world (that is, us!) so too we are called to love him in return.

We don't have to embrace this image in which we were made, of course. God gave us freedom so that our love can be real, but this means our choices really matter. We can decide not to reflect God's interpersonal love in the world. We can opt not to return the love that God pours out to each of us. But this can only lead to disappointment in the end. After all, God sent his Son so that "everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." Ultimately, this means spending eternity in the Trinitarian embrace of love. So why not start now?

#### LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Today's celebration of the Most Holy Trinity shows us how awe-some and huge God really is! He is not a judgmental and aloof king reigning in heaven but a loving and compassionate God who is intimately involved with his children and all his creation. God as Father reveals the immensity of God's presence as seen in the wonder of creation: the stars and seas, the mountains and hills, and all the glory that surrounds us. Jesus reveals the compassionate and gentle face of God, a God of mercy who desires nothing more than for his children to seek and come to him. God the Holy Spirit reminds us that God is the very life force of our existence, without whom we would have no breath and the universe would have no life.

#### **Pastoral Care Team Visits**

Because of the Right to Privacy Laws, Sacred Heart is not notified of parishioners who are hospitalized, homebound, or have entered a health care facility. We must hear from you, a family member, or a friend, if you would like to be visited by someone on the Pastoral Care Team.

Please call the Sacred Heart Parish Office 763-537-4561 and we will take the necessary information and pass it along to the Pastor and the Pastoral Care Team.

# WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC TRADITIONS EXPLAINED Question:

Why don't Catholics add the "For yours is the Kingdom..." prayer at the end of the Our Father like Protestants do? Where did it come from?

#### Answer:

The conclusion of the Lord's Prayer that you refer to is called a doxology, which is a prayer of glory and praise. This particular doxology we do use in the Mass. After the Our Father, the priest prays the prayer that begins, "Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil..." and the people respond with the doxology. The doxology is not found in the Bible, but it is very ancient. It was first found in "The Didache," also called "The Teaching of the Twelve Apostles," which dates probably from about the year AD 90. It was a letter of instruction to early converts to Christianity. Protestantism dates only to the sixteenth century, so the doxology is actually a Catholic prayer. Some scholars and the catechism (#2760) indicate that the doxology was connected to the celebration of the Eucharist and was not used apart from it.

Remember, both the Lord's Prayer and the Eucharist were part of the "mysteries of faith," things taught only to believers. Ironically, a remnant of a prayer used during the celebration of the Eucharist has comes to be used widely by many Christian churches that do not celebrate the Eucharist! Truth is indeed stranger than fiction!

