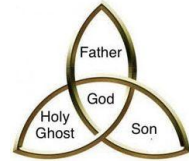




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Harlowton, Montana
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The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity
May 31, 2026

The Catechism teaches that "by sending his only Son and the Spirit of Love in the fullness of time, God has revealed his innermost secret: God himself is an eternal exchange of love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and he has destined us to share in that exchange" (221). "The three persons are one truth" (Saint Augustine). By pondering the truth of the Trinity, we also realize the full truth of ourselves: By his gift of faith, God has made his own life available to us even now. "The complete Trinity dwells in us" (Father Marie-Michel Philipon, o.p.) God reveals the fullness of his very self to us that we "might not perish but might have eternal life," and that we might be received as his own.

The Lord, the Lord, a merciful and gracious God

First Reading: Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9

Psalm: Daniel 3:52-56 R/ Glory and praise for ever!

The grace of Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Alleluia, Alleluia, Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; to God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia, Alleluia God sent his Son that the world might be saved through him.

Gospel: John 3:16-18

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Please pray for our seminarians:

Riley Helgoe

Bret Rotz

Anderson

James Semling

Ryan Frampton

Congratulations to Fr. Dillon Armstrong on his ordination to the priesthood! Please keep him in your prayers.

Jake Smith

Anthony Olmes

Shae Bills

Carson Gorton

Mason Yochum

Dcn. Kaleb Mitchell

Jamie Severson Carter

Matt Keck

Liam Aippersbach

Mark Your Calendars:

No Mass on Thursday June 11th and 18th.

On Thursday, June 25th we will have a farewell party for Fr. Cody at the Chief Joseph Park. This will be a catered meal but we are asking parish members to bring desserts. Community invited. Our Parish Potluck on Sunday, June 28th will be a Farewell Potluck for Fr. Cody.

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Father Cody's Corner: Basics of Catholicism Part 137: The Rite of the Anointing of the Sick

We have now entered the core of the rite. The Laying on of Hands begins the core parts of the rite and the parts that confer healing. The two necessary parts of the rite are the Laying on of Hands and the anointing with oil. In extreme cases of serious critical ailments, a priest can truncate the rite to these two elements.

During the Laying on of Hands the priest doesn't say anything either out loud or to himself. It is a simple gesture of invoking the Holy Spirit. The prayer of thanksgiving for the oil follows. Recall: the Oil of the Infirm is one of the three oils used for the sacraments. This oil is consecrated by the bishop once each year during the season of Lent. Bishop Vetter has clarified over the past couple of years the structure of the Chrism Mass and the consecration of the Oil of the Infirm. Unlike the other two oils which are consecrated following the Homily, the Oil of the Infirm is consecrated after the Our Father. Many think this is rather strange. Only two Sacraments have blessings or consecrations following the Our Father: the consecration of the Oil of the Infirm and the Nuptial Blessing at a Wedding Mass. Why? Why do we move only these two blessings to a strange part of the Mass? The answer is clear if you take a moment to think through the Mass and these pivotal moments. Following the Consecration of the bread and wine and having prayed together the prayer that Jesus taught us, we come to the point of the Mass just before Communion. The Communion Rite is designed to heal us and prepare us for Communion. Thus, the Nuptial Blessing coming after the Our Father makes a point: this couple is united together like Jesus coming into our lives and uniting with us in the Eucharist. The prayer of consecration of the Oil of the Infirm coming after the Our Father makes the point that as Jesus brings us healing through the Sacrament of his Body and Blood so does this oil bring healing to those who are anointed with it.

In the event that the priest doesn't have oil or ran out of oil, he can bless olive oil or any normal clean oil (not motor oil) for the sake of the anointing at this time. Normally, priests carry vials of oil with them whenever they travel so that they can anoint people who are in emergency situations. The part between the Laying on of Hands and the anointing with oil is called the Prayer of Thanksgiving for the oil. We need to take a moment and realize the gift of this special and healing oil which will be used to confer healing on the person. Therefore, the Church makes us take a moment to pray and be grateful for the gift of this Sacrament through which God shows his healing power and helps us to understand his mission.

Following the prayer of thanksgiving, the priest anoints the person's forehead and the palms of their hands with the following words. For the forehead: "through this holy anointing may the Lord in his love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit." For the palms of the hands: "may the Lord who frees you from sin save you and raise you up." You can tell from the power of these words that the person now shares in the healing ministry of Jesus and his Resurrection. ~ Fr. Cody

How God Loves: Scott Hahn Reflects on Trinity Sunday

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Readings: Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9; Daniel 3:52-56; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; John 3:16-18

We often begin Mass with the prayer from today's Epistle: "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you." We praise the God who has revealed Himself as a Trinity, a communion of persons.

Communion with the Trinity is the goal of our worship—and the purpose of the salvation history that begins in the Bible and continues in the Eucharist and sacraments of the Church.

We see the beginnings of God's self-revelation in today's First Reading, as He passes before Moses and cries out His holy name.

Israel had sinned in worshipping the golden calf (see Exodus 32). But God does not condemn them to perish. Instead He proclaims His mercy and faithfulness to His covenant.

God loved Israel as His firstborn son among the nations (see Exodus 4:22). Through Israel—heirs of His covenant with Abraham—God planned to reveal Himself as the Father of all nations (see Genesis 22:18).

The memory of God's covenant testing of Abraham—and Abraham's faithful obedience—lies behind today's Gospel.

In commanding Abraham to offer his only beloved son (see Genesis 22:2, 12, 16), God was preparing us for the fullest possible revelation of His love for the world.

As Abraham was willing to offer Isaac, God did not spare His own Son but handed Him over for us all (see Romans 8:32).

In this, He revealed what was only disclosed partially to Moses—that His kindness continues for a thousand generations, that He forgives our sin and takes us back as His very own people (see Deuteronomy 4:20; 9:29).

Jesus humbled Himself to die in obedience to God's will. And for this, the Spirit of God raised Him from the dead (see Romans 8:11) and gave Him a name above every name (see Philippians 2:8-10).

This is the name we glorify in today's Responsorial: the name of our Lord, the God who is Love (see 1 John 4, 8, 16).

~ Dr. Scott Hahn

Suggested Prayer of the Faithful page 446 May Magnificat

(Each local community should compose its own Universal Prayer but may find inspiration in the texts proposed here.)

The God has revealed the truth of who he is: an eternal exchange of love—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—and he has destined us to share in that exchange. Filled with joy we now pray:

That the preaching and teaching of the Church will bless all with the desire to share in the life of the Blessed Trinity.

That through the justice of earthly rulers all will come to know God's authority and majesty.

For our parish community: that our unity in the faith and as children of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit may never diminish.

For those who live without faith: that the love of the Blessed Trinity awaken their minds and give hope to their hearts.

For those who struggle with depression, addiction, loneliness, or mental illness: that they experience the consolation of knowing they are loved by the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

For the grace this week to live each moment consciously united to God in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Loving Father, let us remain completely vigilant in our faith and wholly given over to your creative action. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Let us adore the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit:

R/ Glory and praise to our God!

Father most holy, we do not know how to pray:

– *send us the Spirit to aid us in our weakness. R/*

Father all-powerful, you sent the Spirit into our hearts to cry, "Abba, Father":

– *make us heirs in Christ your Son. R/*

Jesus, Son of God, you prayed to the Father to send the Advocate for your Church:

– *lead us by the Spirit of truth. R/*

Jesus, risen from the dead, you sent the Spirit, the Consoler, to your disciples:

– *make us witnesses for you. R/*

Spirit of the Father and the Son, ripen your fruits in our hearts:

– *grant us patience and gentleness, charity, joy, and peace. R/*

Personal intentions Our Father....

Eternal Father, who with the Word of Life and the Spirit of Truth are glorious in Trinity and majestic in unity, inspire us to drink ever more deeply of the wellspring of salvation that is the sacraments, we pray, that we may be drawn ever more fully into that divine life which awaits us in heaven. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

MEDITATION OF THE DAY One and Three pages 454-455 May Magnificat

Look at the sun on high, which appears to be one.

But bend down and look and see its shining - a second.

Test, touch, and examine its heat - a third.

They are like one another, and not alike....

Fire and sun are single natures.

Three things are mingled within them threefold -

Substance, heat, and, third, light -

And they dwell in accord with another....

If fire's nature is such a marvel

(It begets, yet suffers no loss; it spreads evenly, without growing cold;

Though its heat is distinct, it is not cut off from it...),

[It bears] the mystery of the Spirit - the type of the Holy Spirit....

And though they are so like one another,

[Fire] is still far different, for it cannot depict

The Trinitarian mysteries, which can never be depicted.

And if the investigation of this fire inundates us -

How can it be one? How can it be three?

How can those things that dwell within it be three?

How can its heat be divided and not cut off? -

A nature that we have received lovingly, in a threefold manner,

Yet have not, along with it, possessed divisive debating,

How much more should we receive simply

These Three, with love that does not dispute?

Their nature does not come after us, to become like us,

For they are like each other in every way,

[While] the natures of creatures are distinct and dissimilar.

How much more distinct than all is the nature above all? ~ Saint Ephrem the Syrian

Saint Ephrem the Syrian († 373), a deacon and a hermit, wrote hundreds of hymns in honor of the Blessed Trinity, the Incarnation, and the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Intercessions page 457 May Magnificat

Let us pray in praise and thanksgiving:

R/ Glory, praise, and honor to our God!

God the Father almighty, you have loved us from all eternity: **R/**

God the Son, Word of the Father, you have revealed the Father to us in time: **R/**

God the Holy Spirit, bond of love, you draw us into one: **R/**

Holy Trinity, one God: **R/**

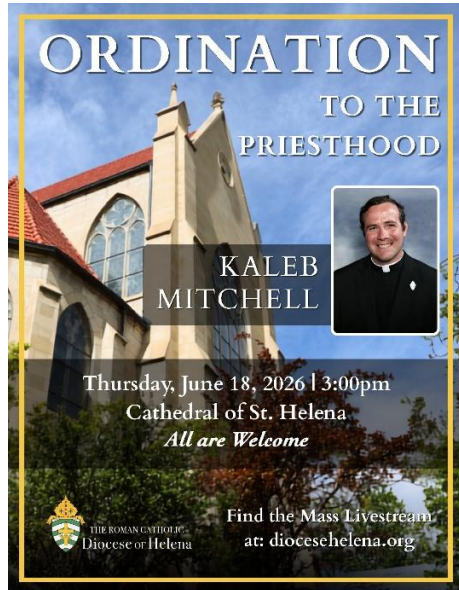
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Our Father....

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of us! Amen.

(cf. 2 Cor 13:13)

Marian Antiphon



SAFE ENVIRONMENT – PROTECTING GOD’S CHILDREN

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To obtain information about the Diocese’s implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People through our Safe Environment policies and programs, visit: <https://diocesehelena.org/safe-environment>

*We are all called to be great saints,
Don't miss the opportunity.
~ Mother Angelica*