

“Closing The Circle”

“Why do we have to hear all this stuff about the Trinity?”

This question burst forth from a gentleman in the third row as I was giving a marvelous and subtle explanation of that topic.

“Why can’t we just go to church and be good to each other?”

Would he allow me to explain, I asked.

The Triune God is not some kind of brainy speculation by scholars. It is the way we experience God in this world. To do what you said, “go to church and be good to each other,” is the Trinity in action!

Would you allow me to explain?

First, long ago, human beings learned that there is only one God, and that he “found delight in the human race.” Think of the many, many stories in the First Testament about God’s pursuit of us, his laboring to make a loving and holy covenant with us: “I will be your God and you will be my people.” Like a marriage agreement.

Well, as in a marriage arrangement, God became by turns angry, hurt, delighted, spurned, glorified, ignored, praised and rejected. Yet God kept coming back and back to renew the covenant. God’s love remained steadfast, even if ours sometimes does not.

Then we found out that God’s nature had always consisted of another component!

His very nature had always been to relate to others, to “pour himself forth,” as the First Reading puts it, and to receive back. The “Second Person” had been at one with the “First Person” for all eternity.

So, this Second Person was made flesh, called by us the Word. We saw him. Jesus laughed and cried and preached and turned over tables and cured people, and was loyal to his friends even unto the end. “He said, “everything the Father has is mine” (Gospel). That’s how we knew he was The Word and the Word was God. Somehow, two persons in one God.

Then came a third revelation about the Trinity. Jesus hints about it in the Gospel: “I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now.” In other words, our small souls would burst with the greatness of God—unless God gentled himself down and would begin to actually dwell within us, guiding our understanding.

So Jesus promised to pour out the Holy Spirit into us. He tells us that the Spirit is God. “Everything that the Father has is mine; for this reason I told you that he [God the Spirit] will take from what is mine and declare it to you.”

Do you get the logic? Everything the Father has belongs to the Word. Everything that Jesus the Word has belongs to the Spirit. The Spirit is the third part of God, so to speak, and it bestows us and the whole earth back upon the Father, thus closing the circle.

What aliveness, what movement there is in God: speaking, reaching out, flowing forth, receiving back. God is liquid motion, a dynamism in which everything is changing always, yet always remaining the same because it is love.

We are invited into that circle of love. Even in today’s difficult world.

And that is why we hear “all this stuff about the trinity”!

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The Most Holy Trinity Sunday June 12, 2022

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St. Stephens

Friday: Adoration followed by Benediction 3:45pm
Saturday: Sacrament of Reconciliation 2:00 PM to 2:30 PM
Sunday Masses: 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM
Tuesday & Thursday: Mass at 7:15am
Wednesday & Friday: Mass at 5:00pm
1st Saturday: Adoration at 8:00am; Mass at 9:00am

St. Josephs, Ethete

11am Sunday Mass
Sacrament of Reconciliation 15 minutes before Mass

Blessed Sacrament, Ft. Washakie

Saturday Vigil Mass 4:30 PM
Sacrament of Reconciliation 15 minutes before Mass

The purpose of St. Stephen’s Indian Mission, the presence of the Roman Catholic Church among the Eastern Shoshone and Northern Arapaho, is to grow into a strong community of believers, sharing our lives in the Holy Spirit, forming one welcoming People of God, who are committed to Jesus Christ, His gospel and mission.

Readings June 13th through June 12th:

Mon: Prv 8:22-31; Ps 8:4-9; Rom 5:1-5; Jn 16:12-15
 Tue: 1 Kgs 21:17-29; Ps 51:3-6b, 11, 16; Mt 5:43-48
 Wed: 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14; Ps 31:20-21, 24; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
 Thur: Sire 48:1-14; Ps 97:1-7; Mt 6:7-15
 Fri: 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20; Ps 132:11-14, 17-18; Mt 6:19-23
 Sat: 2 Chr 24:17-25; Ps 89:4-5, 29-34; Mt 6:24-34
 Sun: Gn 14:18-20; Ps:110:1-4; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Lk 9:11b-17

Sunday Ministry Schedule-St. Stephens

6/12/22

9:00am Mass
 Marilu Duncan

5pm Mass
 Volunteer Needed

6/19/22

9am Mass
 Melissa Brown

5pm Mass
 Volunteer Needed

Parish Collection

6/5 \$2737

"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." Corinthians 9:7

Feast of the Sacred Heart

June 24th is the Feast of the Sacred Heart. The Brown family would like to invite you to their home (4 Northern Arapaho Rd in Arapahoe) to pray the Novena with them from June 16th through June 24th. (This was a promise made while Howard was hospitalized.) We will start at 6pm on 6/16 with a light meal afterwards. Please come join us and pray your own intentions while we give thanks for Howard's recovery, pray for his continued healing and also thank all those who prayed for him by sharing a meal together. Hohou.

Mass Intentions this week

6/11: Saturday 4:30pm Blessed Sacrament	Geraldine Brown for her birthday
6/12: Sunday 9am St. Stephens	Tre Bradley & Kaylynn Cox
Sunday 11am St. Josephs	Gilberta Willow
Sunday 5pm St. Stephens	For the people
6/14: Tuesday 7:15am St. Stephens	Intention of donor
6/15: Wednesday 5pm St. Stephens	Special Intention
6/16: Thursday 7:15am St. Stephens	Special Intention
6/17: Friday 5pm St. Stephens	Max Moorman
6/18: Saturday 4:30pm Blessed Sacrament	+George Smith
6/19: Sunday 9am St. Stephens	Father Drew on his birthday
Sunday 11am St. Josephs	For the people
Sunday 5pm St. Stephens	Patti Stalley and family

Please pray for the family of:

+Michael Warren Ramsdell

Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Christ is Risen!

Indeed, He is Risen!

Farewell Lunch!

Everyone is invited to come thank Father Jim for his six years of ministry to our Mission. We will have lunch on June 26th at 1pm. The Mission will provide the condiments, hamburgers and hotdogs and paper goods. Parishioners with last name beginning with A through G are asked to bring a side dish of baked beans, potato salad, macaroni salad or the like; H through N are asked to bring a dessert; O through U are asked to bring chips and dip; V-Z are asked to bring drinks. If you are unable to bring a dish please come anyway! Please bring chairs!

SAVE THE DATE!

WCCW 68th State Convention

"Faith, hope, and love remain - greatest of these is love." 1 Cor. 13:13
 Sept. 9-11, 2022 - Our Lady of Peace Church - Pinedale, WY

Keynote speakers:

Danielle Bean - Ascension Press published author (WHISPERS) and "Girlfriends" podcast

Kitty Cleveland - "music missionary" - singer and songwriter - CDs found at Lighthouse Catholic Media

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Blessed Sacrament and St. Josephs

**Please join us at the farewell lunch for
 Father Jim on 6/26!**