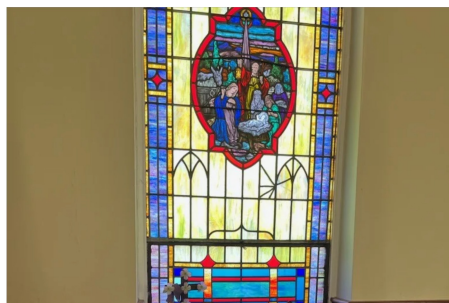


Trinity Sunday

The mystery of the Holy Trinity
One of the foundational truths of our faith is the “one God in three Persons: Father all-powerful, Christ Lord and Savior, Spirit of love.” How do we understand the Trinity? We don’t! God, by definition, is ineffable, beyond conceptualization, beyond imagination, beyond language. The Christian belief that God is a trinity helps underscore how rich the mystery of God is and how our experience of God is always richer than our concepts and language about God.



We can reason our way into knowledge of the existence of God, but we would never know of God as Trinity if it were not revealed to us. There is much else about God that has been revealed: about God as giver of life, land, and food; about God as liberator and protector etc... None of this comes from reason, although it does not contradict reason. Most of what we know about God we know because God has revealed it to us. On this Trinity Sunday, it would be good to reflect on the God of our faith and worship. Do we honor the God of revelation, or do we honor a god of our own making: Do we honor the vengeful god of a merciless world, or do we honor “the Lord, a merciful and gracious God?”

Readings & Hymns

Hymns for This day

Processional :268(I bind myself)

Baptism: 270(Holy Holy)

Offertory: 267 (Holy God)

Communion : 197(let all

Mortal flesh)

Recessional :301 (Immortal...)

Readings

Old Testament: Is 6,1-8

The Epistle: Rev. 14,1

The Gospel : Jn 3,1...

CHURCH SERVICES SCHEDULE

Sundays : Mass at 11:30 am

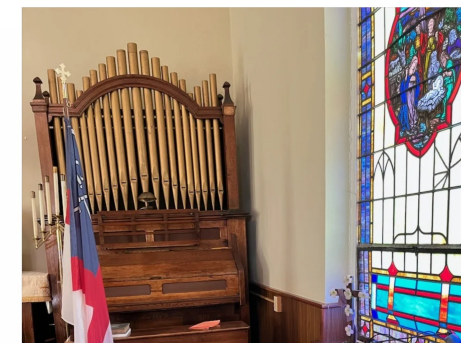
Wednesday:Bible Study at 7:00 pm

We encourage everyone to continue to support the operation of the church by sending your offerings (collection) to the church. This week, we are celebrating



Trinity Time

Easter Sunday begins the Easter season. The 50-day ,Eastertide, running to Pentecost, is the longest season on the Church calendar. Everything starts with the joyous celebrations of Easter Sunday. The first eight days, beginning with Easter Sunday, is the octave of Easter. Each octave day is a solemnity, the highest ranking feast in the church, and we hear those vivid accounts of that first Easter. During the 50 days, the church helps us to unlock the mysteries and miracles of Easter. Earlier in church history, the first week after Easter was known as “white week” because those baptized on Easter would attend daily Mass wearing their white baptismal garments. In our time, for those who received the sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil, these days are commonly used to continue their understanding of the sacraments and the paschal mysteries. The last Sunday of the octave was, for centuries, called Low Sunday to differentiate it from the glories of Easter Sunday.



The sacrament of Communion and Confirmation are also often connected to Eastertide. From Holy Saturday through the Saturday after Pentecost, the church honors the Blessed Mother with the “Regina Coeli” (Queen of Heaven) instead of the Angelus. We recite the Regina Coeli while standing during prayers at 6 a.m., noon and 6 p.m. Forty days into the season, the church commemorates the feast of the Ascension. Jesus returns to the Father and thus offers a foretaste of what is in store for us. St. Leo said, “Christ’s ascension is our own ascension; our body has the hope of one day being where its glorious head has preceded it.”

After the Ascension is another period of preparation, praying, readying our hearts for the great feast of Pentecost. This day commemorates Jesus sending the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete, just as he said he would. With the celebration of Pentecost, a ceremony ranked by the church only behind Easter and Christmas, we will return to Ordinary Time. What we call the Easter season is over but Easter never ends.

We often hear that without belief in the Resurrection, the Christian faith has no basis, **but** no foundation. Indeed, St. Paul tells us in his First Letter to the Corinthians that "if Christ has not been raised, then empty is our preaching; empty, too, your faith" (15:14). The crux of the matter is that Christ died for us; Christ rose from the dead; Christ is alive. Hundreds saw the resurrected Lord; the four Gospel writers separately confirm this miracle through their beautiful and detailed recounting of the Resurrection story. The Mass readings on Easter Sunday transform us back to that first Easter. We experience the roller-coaster emotions of the women who arrive at the empty tomb and hear the angelic message, "He is not here, but he has been raised" (Lk 24:6).



For 40 days, standing near the elevated pulpit, the paschal candle illuminates the Gospel. On the day of the Ascension, it is extinguished but remains perpetually visible near the baptismal font in every Catholic church. The candle is lit at baptisms and funerals, reflecting back on the Resurrection.

Jn15,26...

“ When the comforter comes ”



Study Topic

Spiritual Awareness



Study Topic

Understand our church's history



Study Topic

Emotional support in time of Crisis

Ministries Update

VESTRY MEMBERS:

Amanda Miller, Sr. Warden

Immaculee Ayetan, Jr. Warden

Rick Frye, Secretary

Lynne Brisbane, Treasurer

Upcoming Church Events



Adoration service: 1st & 3rd Sunday of month at 11:00 am
Mass : 11:30 am



The bishop annual visitation will be on May 31.
Please plan to attend.



May's potluck will be on Sunday 10

Highlights

Our Church is our Families' family

