

Trinity Sunday Homily

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Today is Trinity Sunday. We celebrate God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

- **Core to our Catholic identity:**
- **Baptized in the name of the Trinity**
- **Sports figures making the sign of the cross**
- **My experience with protestant communities when praying in the streets.**
 - **They always end their prayer: “We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen”**
 - **We very frequently end our prayer, “We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.”**

We celebrate God as a community of love. Jesus revealed God as Father. The great God of the Old Testament is one with Jesus. The powerful bond between God and Jesus is the Spirit of love.

By our baptism, we are adopted into...we are part of this dynamic relationship.

Believing in the Holy Trinity has major implications for our lives.

We are not just individuals in a dog eat dog world trying to eaking out a living and battling against one another. By our baptism, we are adopted into the life of the Trinity. We are part of God's family of love. It changes EVERYTHING FOR US!

**We are not isolated individuals living in a jungle where whoever is most powerful
or the most beautiful
or the most popular is on top.**

**No, we are a people of God,
Created by a loving God,
Redeemed by the blood of Christ,
And held together by the bond of the Spirit.
Yes, we are called to form a community of love in the Spirit.**

Being a people incorporated into the life of the Spirit has major implications for our lives

The life of the Trinity is at the very heart of our National Bishop's statements on major issues:

- **Question of Immigration: all are God's children**
- **Health care: all share the same life and deserve the best care possible**

The life of the Trinity is affecting the very people also at the very heart of Pope Francis' vision of Christian life.

- **Social concern for others and for this earth: we are all brothers and sisters on this planet. Laudate Si.**

The life of the Trinity directly affect our work of evangelization. Did you hear who Pope Francis is choosing as his main advisors, as the new Cardinals in the church?

Many of them are from the peripheries the far reaches of the earth. Being pulled into the center of God's life. They are often from small dioceses; they reflect the dynamism of the trinity as they extend the love of God to the ends of the earth.

Here is an example:

Bishop Louis-Marie Ling Mangkhanekhoun

He doesn't even have a diocese.

He is apostolic vicar of Paske, in Asia, a territory a million people of which only 14,500 are Catholic.

The forming diocese is smaller than some large suburban parishes. His mission is to go and bring the good news of the life of the Trinity to animists living in the mountains.

He has SIX parish priests in his “baby diocese”.

Not only is cardinal elect Louis-Marie Ling from a small diocese. His vision is to imbed Christianity into the very fabric of the people’s daily life. Here is how the new cardinal is planning to bring the life of the Trinity to a remote part of India.

The positive thing is that we have married catechists who are true missionaries, who go to live in the villages and become the “roots” of evangelization. They go, live, they begin to build bonds. We offer this experience to the seminarians. Seminary students must study three years, then they must stop for at least a year, up to three years, to mature in their decision, but also for pastoral experience as catechists, carrying medicines, aid, prayers for the people of the mountains, live as the villagers do in everything.

- Married catechists put down the roots of evangelization;
- Seminarians follow them to get pastoral experience BEFORE they are ordained.

Much need to grow in the life of the Trinity and to share that life with others.

- **That is the purpose of our new electronic sign outside of the front door of church.**
- **Fr. Mike: Did you get my message?**
- **Commitment to Family life.**
- **Public prayer**

Yes we are the people of the Trinity.

Uniquely bless and sent to announce to the world the good news of our unique family of love.

Called to share this family life with our world.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you!