



ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

THIS SUNDAY June 11 & BEYOND

Seeing the Signs of Love



There are all kinds of ways to tell a good love story because there are all kinds of ways of falling in love, but a classic theme is what we might call “hidden love.” A simple example would be Jack falling in love with his friend Jill without her recognizing it, until the dramatic moment when something happens to make it obvious. When Jill realizes this, she’s able to look back and see all the signs that had gone unnoticed before. Then (because this is a simple example and not a popular TV series), her heart is filled with love for Jack and they live happily ever after. We never get tired of this sort of narrative because it happens in real life all the time. In fact, it’s happening in your life right now.

This is actually the narrative arc of salvation history, of God loving us and having the signs go unnoticed. In this Sunday’s first lesson from Genesis, we see God making us in his own image and creating a place for us to know and love him. Before that love can mature and flourish, though, the relationship is wounded and God and Man are separated. Throughout the Old Testament, God continues to love, but his people don’t always experience it that way, so God sends his own Son to perfectly reveal his love for us. In his Passion and Death for us, Jesus gives us the dramatic moment that makes it obvious and causes us to look at life in a new light.

The yearning of God’s heart is that, just like Jill in our example, when our eyes are opened to the way he loves us, we’ll be moved to return that love. In our natural relationships, we share the desires of our hearts, so that what’s important to one becomes important to both, and that’s what happens when we open our hearts to God. At the Last Supper, Jesus shows us that the greatest desire of God’s heart is that we be together, but even more so than “in the beginning.” God wants us to

make our home in the Holy Trinity, and be a part of the perfect exchange of the divine love of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

So on Trinity Sunday we celebrate the fact that God treasures us so much that he died so that he could receive your love for all eternity, and that he doesn't want to wait. Jesus has taken our humanity into the presence of God and sends us the Holy Spirit from the presence of God so that we can begin to experience the intimacy of the Trinity now, while we're still living out our faith here on earth. There are all kinds of ways to tell a good love story, so ask God to show you any signs in your life that you've misinterpreted or just plain missed, because it's a story he never gets tired of telling.

Father J. D. McQueen

CALENDAR

SUNDAY: 8:00a Low Mass (Church)
 9:30a Christian Formation (Fireside Room)
 10:30a Solemn Mass (Church)

—*The entrance to the church is on 6th Avenue*—

Note: Child care is provided at the 8:00a, 10:30a Mass, Coffee Hour & Fellowship follow the Mass in the Parish Hall.

MONDAY 7:00p (AA) Doctors' Group (Fireside Room)

TUESDAY: Noon Mass (St. Mary's Chapel)

THURSDAY 6:30p Evening Prayer (St. Mary's Chapel)

FRIDAY: 9:00a Morning Prayer (St. Mary's Chapel)
 9:30a Mass (St. Mary's Chapel)

AA Meetings

8:00p Ladies' Group (Fireside Room)

8:15p Men's Group (Parish Hall)