



# ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

*"Our mission is to bring the good news of Jesus Christ's love to our entire community through traditional Anglo-Catholic worship, fellowship, outreach, and Christian formation."*

**Our Vision:** *"We strive to be a haven of healing, reconciliation, joy and peace in service to our wider community and beyond, so that our example in prayer and practice may reflect Christ's love for us all."*

**THIS SUNDAY — June 4, 2023**

**“In God’s Relational Image”**



Trinity Sunday is here to remind us of the essence of our faith: the One Triune God. Nevertheless, it is no use pretending that just because we affirm and reaffirm this trinitarian dogma we have a total grasp of it. We do not and never will, until the time when we are in perfect communion with our God.

The fact is that this is a mystery of our faith that cannot be understood with our finite minds. What we can do, though, is live out what the living One God in three persons implies for our own lives as followers of Jesus' Way of Love.

The trinitarian nature of God means, first of all, that God is relational in Himself, and the nature of this relationship is Love.

Jesus Himself insists on the Father's love for Him and vice versa. He also insists (particularly in John's Gospel) that we, His followers, must show for one another the same love that exists between Him and the Father, and between Him and us.

Jesus' prayer to the Father—Chapter 17 of John's Gospel—is that we—His followers—may be related to one another, and to the rest of humankind and the whole of creation, in the same loving way that the One Triune God is related to Himself.

In the Genesis story that is read on this Sunday (Genesis 1 and part of Genesis 2) we notice how God shows His inner reflection by using a plural form (“let us make humankind...”) precisely and only when He creates humankind. That seems to emphasize the relational nature of God in the light of the creation of His likeness and image: the human creature.

The second important thing to notice is that God explicitly creates humankind to be in relationship: “male and female He created them.”

Furthermore, God addresses the humans He has just created and thus starts a loving relationship with them which begins with His blessing: “God blessed them, and God said to them: Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish...and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.”

Here we notice how God intends the human creature to multiply, and not only be in loving relationship with one another, but also care for the rest of the living creatures God has created.

God not only tells the human creatures what concerns them directly, but even tells them about the plans that He has for the rest of the creatures. So He says, “and to every beast of the earth, and to every bird...I have given every green plant for food.”

It becomes evident that God's intention for the creatures He has created in His image and likeness is to enter into a loving relationship with Him, with one another, and the rest of the creatures, in a way that shows the very essence of His inner loving relationship.

The God we Christians worship is One, but is manifested to us humans in three persons that are united in a perfect loving relationship.

Theologians have defined this inner relationship of the three persons with the Greek term *peichoresis*, whose meaning is *interpenetration or co-inherence*. It also refers to the fact that although we usually identify each person of the Trinity with a specific manifestation (The Father as Creator, the Son as Savior, and the Holy Spirit as Counselor), they all overlap.

What really counts most for us is the fact that if Our God Himself is relational, and the essence of His relation is Love, so must we, the creatures created in His likeness and image show this same kind of loving relationship in our lives.

Fr. Carlos Espósito

Readings for Trinity Sunday

Genesis 1:1-2:3 2 Corinthians 13:5-14 Psalm 150 Matthew 28:16-20

## CALENDAR

Note: We continue worshipping in our historic church. The service will also be on Zoom. The service time is 10am. Tuesday Noon Mass and Friday Morning Prayer at 10:00am are held in All Saints' St. Mary Chapel.

**SUNDAY June 4, 2023 Trinity Sunday**

**10:00am Mass in All Saints' Church**

Join Zoom Meeting from our web site at [www.allsaintschurch.org](http://www.allsaintschurch.org)

Recording of Mass available before noon at [www.allsaintschurch.org](http://www.allsaintschurch.org)

**Christian Formation and First Communion Instruction for Children**

Ages 5-12 in the Parish Hall from 10:00am-10:45am

**Christian Formation** Meets next on June 11 at Noon in the Rector's Office. Book Study: The Three Conversions of the Christian Life

**TUESDAY Noon Mass in St. Mary Chapel**

**THURSDAY Spanish Class 1:00pm to 3:00pm in the Flower Room. Taught by Fr. Carlos**

**FRIDAY 10:00am Morning Prayer in St. Mary Chapel**

**SUNDAY June 11, 2023 The Second Sunday after Pentecost**

**10:00am Mass in All Saints' Church**

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**OUR CORE VALUES:**

- Welcoming strangers like old friends
- Embracing the Anglo-Catholic tradition
- Being dependable members of a caring community
- Respecting each other's differences
- Being faithful stewards of God's gift
- Remembering that God loves everyone unconditionally