



Wisdom à la Water Balloons

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

A *Calvin and Hobbes* comic strip finds Calvin filling water balloons. Immediately, we know there's trouble ahead. Calvin's plan is to drench Susie Derkins unless, as he says, the universe can give him some sign that there is a moral law against it. Calvin gives the universe thirty seconds. When there is no sign, Calvin concludes he is allowed to soak Susie. He finds her and pummels her with water balloons. Susie takes off after Calvin as he runs, screaming, "Help! Help!" The final frame shows Calvin, dazed and beaten, wondering why the universe always gives the sign *after* you do something.

It does seem that we learn more about the ways of life from our mistakes and upheavals than we do from the times when life unfolds smoothly. It is how we come to wisdom—the wisdom that is the very aura of God present in our lives. In fact, John's Gospel

points out that God is always the one who brings us to that wisdom; a God woven into the very ups and downs of what we are about. "When he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth" (John 16:13). It is St. Paul who notices how the troubles of life are always the source of new wisdom. He writes of how our afflictions lead us to endurance, and how endurance brings about character, and how it is our character (our inner values) that brings us to hope and trust in God's wisdom rather than in our own. In so many ways, it is the power and presence of the Holy Trinity making us new. ●

Reflect

**Think of a time when life was difficult.
What blessings or important lessons
did you receive as a result?**

[Jesus said to his disciples,]
"Everything that the Father
has is mine; for this reason I
told you that [the Holy Spirit]
will take from what is mine
and declare it to you."

JOHN 16:15



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St. Thomas More Site

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Adoration Room at STM Site

Open Daily from 9 am-6 pm

Confession Info

Saturday morning, alternating
between STM Site & HT Site

in the Confessional between

10:30 am-11:15am



Holy Trinity Site

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St. Barbara Daily Mass Intentions for the Week of June 16, 2025

Monday	6/16			† No Mass
Tuesday	6/17	9:00 am	STM Site	† No Mass
Wednesday	6/18	5:30 pm	HT Site	† No Mass
Thursday	6/19	9:00 am	HT Site	† No Mass
Friday	6/20	9:00 am	STM Site	† Derek Baird

St. Barbara Mass Intentions for the weekend of June 21-22, 2025

Saturday	6/21	4:00 pm	ST. Thomas More Site	† Phil Maggio
Sunday	6/22	9:00 am	Holy Trinity Site	† For the Parishioners



THE MOST HOLY TRINITY-PROFOUND LOVE & UNITY



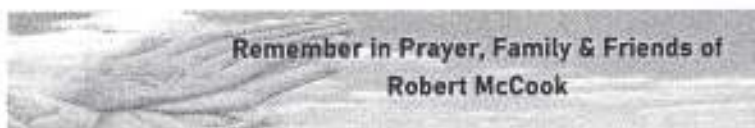
Of all the great feasts we celebrate within the Church throughout the year, today's solemnity presents us with a mystery that is so deep and transcendent that our eternity will be spent in perpetual contemplation. The Holy Trinity, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, will never change, never

be fully understood, and will be the cause of our everlasting adoration and joy. Though the Church has used philosophical concepts to explain the Trinity, no human concept or description will ever fully explain who God is. Though we can point to some general truths about God, we will never be able to fully depict the inner essence, depth, beauty and omnipotence of the Trinity.

As we consider that fact, it's important to understand that the Holy Trinity is not first a theological mystery we try to define. Rather, the Holy Trinity is first a communion of Persons of God we are invited to know. We do not primarily come to know God through intellectual deduction. We come to know God through prayerful union with Him. Though theology is exceptionally useful and important, the essence of God is beyond any and every philosophical concept we humans can define.

The Father, Son and Holy Spirit are Persons. And as Persons, They want to be known. And They want to be known primarily through a life of deep and intimate prayer. Praying to One Person, of course, is praying to all, since They are One God. But we are, nonetheless, called to a relationship of love with the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. And though our feeble minds may not be able to fully comprehend the essence of God, He will draw us deeper and deeper into a knowledge of Him if we let Him.

Reflect, today, upon the Most Holy Trinity. As you do, say a prayer to God asking for a deeper and more intimate knowledge of Him. Ask Him to communicate to you His divine love and to open your mind and heart to a deeper understanding of who He is. Try to humble yourself before the great mystery of the inner life of God. Humility before the mystery of God means that we know how little we know about Him and how little we know of Him. But that humble truth will help us move closer to the deeper relationship of love to which we are called. (Excerpted from catholic-daily-reflections.com)



Remember in Prayer, Family & Friends of
Robert McCook

This Weekend's Visiting Priest

Fr. Michael Schaab was born in Peoria, IL in 1944 and was ordained Priest in 1971. He started as an assistant Priest in St. Malachy in Rantoul, IL and retired as Pastor of St. Pius X in Rock Island, IL in 2014. He continues to celebrate Masses throughout the Peoria Diocese when needed, let us thank Fr. Mike for his precious help.

Latest Offering's

June 8th Weekend
St. Barbara Parish

Total Collections: \$2,739.00

HT site \$1,797.00

STM site \$ 942.00

Next Confessions

Confession will be

Sat. June 21st

10:30am-11:15am

STM Site



Father's Day Prayer

God our Father,
you govern and protect your people
and shepherd them with a father's love.
You place a father in a family
as a sign of your love, care,
and constant protection.

May fathers everywhere be faithful
to the example shown in the Scriptures:
steadfast in love, forgiving
transgressions, sustaining the family,
caring for those in need.

Give your wisdom to fathers
that they may encourage and
guide their children.
Keep them healthy
so they may support a family.

Guide every father
with the Spirit of your love
that they may grow in holiness
and draw their family ever closer to you.
Amen

Adrian Oldham

Dear Padre,

What does the Church teach about respect for the body after death? Is burial the most respectful? It's certainly the most expensive. What about donating your body to science? Or cremation? If someone is cremated, can the ashes be kept respectfully by a family member, or do they have to be buried?

Your question serves as a summation of current practice and exposes the real-life dilemma and choices facing loved ones: "How can I be respectful and at the same time practical?"

Catholics believe that the body of the deceased must be respected and not simply disposed of without care or concern. Current practice allows for burial, cremation, and the donation of the body to science, and choices depend in large part on tradition, culture, and economic circumstances. If someone chooses to donate to medical science, it is with the understanding that the body will be cremated or properly buried. If cremation is the chosen option, proper burial of the cremains in a sacred place is required.

All of this assumes an uneventful passing of the deceased person. It does not account for war, disease, or disaster. When faced with ordinary, rather than extraordinary, circumstances, loved ones have a real opportunity to be grateful and thankful for the chance to mourn, grieve, and show respect for the person. Unfortunately, that is not always the case in today's world. ●

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Celebrating the Most Holy Trinity is not so much a theological exercise, but a revolution in our way of life. God, in whom each Person lives for the other in a continual relationship...provokes us to live with others and for others. Open. Today, we can ask ourselves if our life reflects the God we believe in.

ANGELUS, ROME, JUNE 12, 2022

Monday

June 16
Weekday
2 Cor 6:1-10
Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday

June 17
Weekday
2 Cor 8:1-9
Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday

June 18
Weekday
2 Cor 9:6-11
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday

June 19
Weekday
2 Cor 11:1-11
Mt 6:7-15

Friday

June 20
Weekday
2 Cor 11:18, 21-30
Mt 6:19-23

Saturday

June 21
St. Aloysius Gonzaga,
Religious
2 Cor 12:1-10
Mt 6:24-34

Sunday

June 22
The Most Holy Body
and Blood of Christ
(Corpus Christi)
Gn 14:18-20
1 Cor 11:23-26
Lk 9:11b-17