



Doubting, Remembering, then Believing

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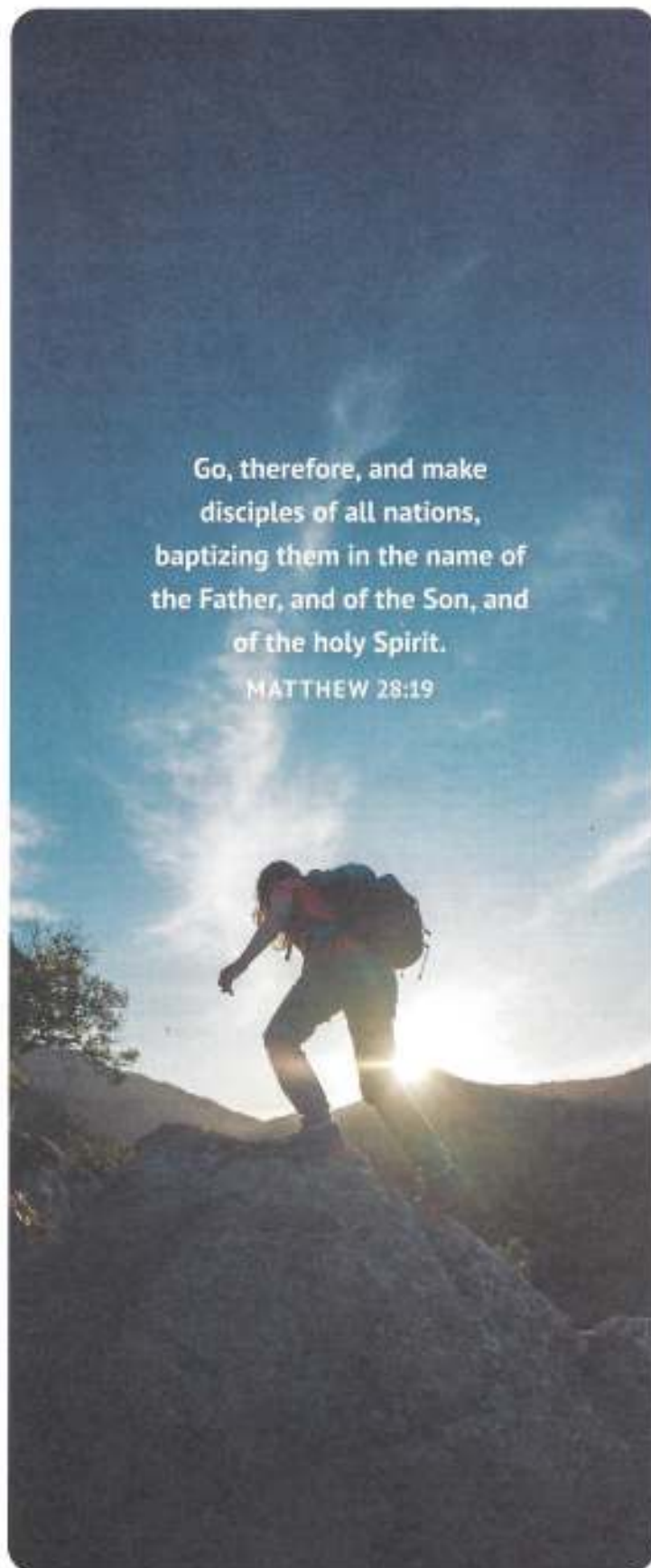
Voltaire, the French author, once commented that God created us in God's image, and ever since we have been trying to pay God back. When we fail to forgive, we may not believe that God forgives us. If we hate another person (or another nation), we may imagine that God agrees with us. "God is on our side," presumes that God is rooting only for our team. In other words, we tend to think of God being like us rather than discovering how we reflect God.

It is little wonder, then, that amid such confusing images we can find ourselves wondering who God is or even doubting God's existence. Yet faith of its nature tends to be sown with doubt simply because faith does not bring the kind of certainty we think science does. This week's Gospel tells how "the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they all saw him, they worshipped, but they doubted" (Matthew 28:16-17). From the beginning believers seemed to be inclined to uncertainty and doubt.

How then do we live in faith? The reading from Deuteronomy tells of Moses asking the people to remember how they had been freed from slavery in Egypt, how God had taught them and taken care of them. It is in remembering past blessings that we recognize a power at work greater than ourselves, a remembering that will lead to renewed faith. We are people who live with the promise of Jesus "to be with you always, to the end of the age." ●

Reflect

This week, perhaps you could spend some time remembering how God has worked in your life.



Go, therefore, and make
disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of
the Father, and of the Son, and
of the holy Spirit.

MATTHEW 28:19



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Congratulations

Congratulations to Ernie & Barb Bartoli on celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on June 1st!

Daily Mass Intentions for the Week of May 27, 2024

Monday	5/27			† No Mass
Tuesday	5/28	9:00 am	STM	† For the Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday	5/29	5:30 pm	HT	† Susan & Frances Flaherty
Thursday	5/30	9:00 am	HT	† Leo & Darlene Greskiwcz
Friday	5/31	9:00 am	STM	† Marguerite Pommier

Mass Intentions for the weekend of June 1 - 2, 2024

Saturday	6/1	4:00 pm	St Thomas More	† Michael Bacidore
Sunday	6/2	8:30 am	Holy Trinity	† Dec. Mem. Harold Klein Family
		10:30 am	St Patrick	† 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 Trinity, the life of 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 Trinity is not first a theological mystery we try to define. Rather, the Trinity is first a communion of Persons 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 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 you move closer to the deeper relationship of love to which you are called.

(Excerpted from "Catholic-daily-reflections.com")

Memorial Day - Remember & Honor

Memorial Day honors the brave men and women who have sacrificed their lives in service to our country. These courageous individuals have given everything they had to defend our freedoms and way of life.

Memorial Day reminds us of the high price of freedom and the debt of gratitude we owe to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice. It is a day to reflect on their sacrifice and to honor their memory with gratitude.

Memorial Day services Monday May 27, 2024
Conducted by the Ladd American Legion.
8:45 am – Holy Trinity Miners Memorial Cemetery
9:45 am – St. Patrick Calvary Cemetery
11:15 am – Veterans Park in Dalzell

The Padre Pio Group of Sacred Heart in Granville will meet Monday June 3rd @ 6pm with special guest, Fr. Larry Webber, of the Capuchin Fraternity in Milwaukee, WI.

LATEST OFFERING'S

MAY 19TH WEEKEND

HT – \$1,064.00

SP – \$ 503.00

STM – \$ 800.00



Let's remember.

The wife who lost her husband.
The husband who lost his wife.

Let's remember.

The mother and father who lost
their child.

Let's remember.

The child who lost a parent.

Let's remember.

To pray. To be grateful. To never
take our freedom for granted.

Thank you to those who have been
called to serve and to those who
have given their lives.

CONFESSIONS

CONFESSIONS WILL BE

SAT. JUNE 1ST

10:30 - 11:15 AM AT

ST. PATRICK

IN THE CHAPEL

Dear Padre,

I hear people talking about finding their vocation. How do I know what my vocation is?

Our Catholic understanding of vocation is “a call from God to a particular state in life,” by which is usually meant single, married, priest, or religious. When you hear people speaking about finding their vocation, it is possible that this is what they have in mind. On the other hand, it is also quite possible that they are referring simply to a particular occupation that they feel comfortable with and wish to pursue.

The root understanding of *vocation* is really the understanding of God’s call and our response. Vocation has not so much to do with what we do but is rather reflective of what we believe about our relationship with God. Vocation assumes that we believe that God is active in our own unique history, and is involved in our decision-making process; that God desires to manifest his will to us; and that God does in fact communicate with us in a very personal way.

If you are truly open to the will of God in your own life, if you are willing to listen to God’s call and make your decisions and choices based on this experience, preferably with the guidance of a confessor or spiritual director, you will discover the true happiness that a real vocation can bring. ●



A pilgrim takes time during a World Youth Day event to speak with a priest about vocations. MICHELLE BAUMAN / CATHOLIC NEWS AGENCY

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

“Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another” [2 Corinthians 13:11]. The Christian community, even with all its human limitations, can become a reflection of the communion of the Trinity, of its kindness, of its beauty. But this—just as Paul himself testifies—necessarily passes through the experience of God’s mercy, of his forgiveness.

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MONDAY

May 27

Weekday

1 Pt 1:3–9

Mk 10:17–27

TUESDAY

May 28

Weekday

1 Pt 1:10–16

Mk 10:28–31

WEDNESDAY

May 29

Weekday

1 Pt 1:18–25

Mk 10:32–45

THURSDAY

May 30

Weekday

1 Pt 2:2–5, 9–12

Mk 10:46–52

FRIDAY

May 31

Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Zep 3:14–18a or Rom 12:9–16

Lk 1:39–56

SATURDAY

June 1

St. Justin, Martyr

Jude 17, 20b–25

Mk 11:27–33

SUNDAY

June 2

Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

Ex 24:3–8

Heb 9:11–15

Mk 14:12–16, 22–26

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