



Embracing the Mystery

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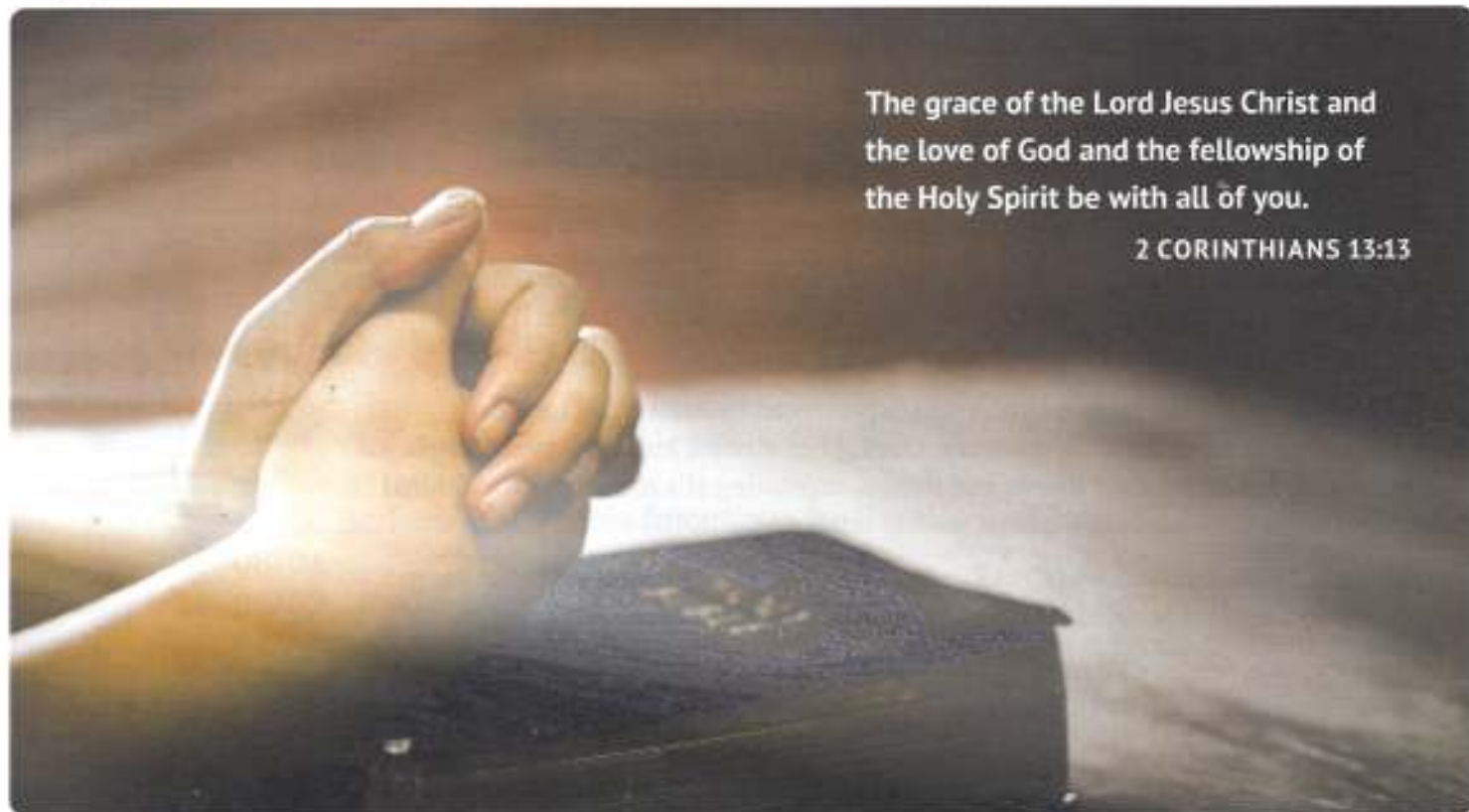
The Christian confession of a triune God cannot be explained, it can only be believed. It is not a cop-out to proclaim that this belief is rooted in mystery. Mystery is the essential language and experience of belief. We lose something when we try to explain a mystery instead of embracing it. It may make us uncomfortable; it may provoke more questions than answers. Regardless, it does not suggest the weakness of mystery but rather the beauty, the wonder, and the awe.

Embracing belief and living as a person of faith is a singular journey. You cannot believe for someone else, and that person, even one you dearly love, cannot believe for you. It is also important to understand that as singular as the journey of faith may be, it ultimately ends in community. Belief does not isolate a person, but rather invites a person to connect with others who also walk in faith.

The community/communion of the triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—is the perfect witness to the truth that mystery creates. One God, three divine persons. The Eucharist that we celebrate on this day proclaims the unity of our belief—to the Father, through the Son, by the power of the Holy Spirit. ●



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The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

2 CORINTHIANS 13:13

Reflect

How does the mystery of the Trinity reveal God's nature as a communion of love?

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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

Parish Office

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St. Barbara Daily Mass Intentions for the Week of June 1, 2026

Monday	06/01			† No Mass
Tuesday	06/02	9:00 am	STM Site	† Geraldine Sondgeroth
Wednesday	06/03	5:30 pm	HT Site	† Roy & Molly Chapman
Thursday	06/04	9:00 am	HT Site	† Wes & Rita Hoscheid
Friday	06/05	9:00 am	STM Site	† Douglas Jensen

St. Barbara Mass Intentions for the weekend of June 6 – 7, 2026

Saturday	06/06	4:00 pm	ST. Thomas More Site	† For the Parishioners
Sunday	06/07	9:00 am	Holy Trinity Site	† Angela Miller

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)

June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

The Catholic Church dedicates June to the Sacred Heart primarily because the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart falls within this month. This feast is always celebrated on the Friday following the feast of Corpus Christi, typically placing it in early-to-mid June.

The tradition is rooted in the private revelations experienced by Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, a French nun, in the 17th century. During her visions, Jesus reportedly displayed His heart surrounded by the feast thorns and flames, expressing His intense, unconditional love for humanity and requesting a special feast of reparation.

To celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Diocese of Peoria, the consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus will start on June 12. Ways to live this devotion are as follow:

First Friday Devotion, where Catholics receive Holy Communion on the first Friday of nine consecutive months by attending Mass for nine months.

Pray a Weekly Holy Hour - Find an hour of Eucharistic adoration, especially on Thursdays, in union with Christ's agony in Gethsemane.

Pray: The Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus - USSCB

The Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus - "Hallow"

The Morning Offering

Sacred Heart Retreat with Mother Olga of the Sacred Heart - find on "Hallow"



Latest Offering's

May 24th Weekend

St. Barbara Parish

Total Collections:

\$3,291.00

Next Confessions

Confession will be

Sat. June 6th

10:30 am-11:15 am

STM Site

in the confessional

Dear Padre,

During Mass, is it proper for the faithful to raise our hands when pronouncing the words, “For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever”?

When the priest and people offer the Our Father together to God, the presider assumes an ancient posture of prayer, known as the *orans*—with arms extended and palms opened upward. After the


Lord’s Prayer, the priest keeps his hands extended and says alone the embolism (“Deliver us, Lord...”). At the end, he joins his hands, and the people acclaim, “For the kingdom....” This acclamation is meant to be the people’s response to the embolism, and the priest remains silent for it. It would appear unnecessary for the faithful to now extend their hands during this acclamation—especially when it’s a response to an embolism prayer that just called for the presider to have extended his own hands and now has them joined together.

Although the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* doesn’t mention a specific congregational hand posture during this acclamation, it speaks in favor of “what serves the common spiritual good of the People of God, rather than private inclination or arbitrary choice,” stating that a common bodily posture “is a sign of the unity of the members of the Christian community gathered together for the sacred Liturgy: it both expresses and fosters the intention and spiritual attitude of the participants” (*GIRM* 42). ●

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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

To those in power, I repeat: listen to the voice of conscience! The apparent victories achieved with weapons, which sow death and destruction, are in reality defeats and never bring peace or security! God does not want war, he wants peace, and he strengthens those who are committed to leaving behind the spiral of hatred and taking the path of dialogue.

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Monday

June 1
St. Justin, Martyr
2 Pt 1:2-7
Mk 12:1-12

Tuesday

June 2
Weekday
2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18
Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday

June 3
St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs
2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12
Mk 12:18-27

Thursday

June 4
Weekday
2 Tm 2:8-15
Mk 12:28-34

Friday

June 5
St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr
2 Tm 3:10-17
Mk 12:35-37

Saturday

June 6
Weekday
2 Tm 4:1-8
Mk 12:38-44

Sunday

June 7
The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)
Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a
1 Cor 10:16-17
Jn 6:51-58