

GREETINGS FROM FR. SCOTT

Today is Trinity Sunday. Trinity is about unity. Explaining the trinity is not easy. It is the greatest mystery of our faith.

Fr. Jeremy, my Foundations of Theology professor at Mount Angel seminary, said this about the trinity: "The Father is not the Son, the Son is not the Father, and the Spirit is neither of these. No one of these exists out of itself." In other words, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are both diverse yet united.

They are diverse in that they are three distinct persons and each has a unique relationship to us. For example, Susie is a wife, a mother, and a sister. In Trinitarian language, she would be three persons (wife, mother, and sister). Susie would relate somewhat differently to her husband, children, and siblings.

Father, Son, and Spirit are united in that they are one nature and one God. For example, Susie has to be wife, mother, and sister, but she is one person, Susie.

The trinity is three persons but one nature. Here is another way to explain the trinity. The love of the Father and the Son was so great that it brought forth the Holy Spirit. Similarly, the love between a wife and a husband is so great that it brings forth a child.

I have also devised a way to keep the three persons separate in my mind. It is a way I pray to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. God is past, Jesus is present, and the Holy Spirit is future.

Think of the Father as someone you give thanks to for things you already have received in the past. Father, thank you for my life, my children, my gifts, and health.

Jesus, the Son, is like our brother. We can go to Jesus with any problem we are experiencing right now in the present. For example, Jesus, help me to be honest, help my dad who is experiencing difficulties with his health, forgive me for gossiping.

The Holy Spirit helps us in our future relationships with others. Holy Spirit, guide my words and actions tomorrow when I have a job interview. Holy Spirit, help me to confront my friends who are gossiping and ask them to stop. Holy Spirit, guide my thoughts today so that they may be pure.

We are not supposed to understand totally the Trinity. Our Catechism states, "The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of the Christian faith and life. It is the mystery of God in himself."

Struggle with the mystery of the Trinity, think about its meaning, and ask questions about it. Be a little creative when you pray. The idea is to enter deeper into the mystery of the Trinity every week.

Many of our prayers at liturgy are Trinitarian. Listen to this one from Saint Paul: "May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all."

STEWARDSHIP

May 27, 2012	\$6,208.49
Last Year	\$6,133.30

Daily Mass Readings

Monday June 4

2 Pt 1:2-7 Ps 91:1-2, 14-16 Mk 12:1-12

Tuesday June 5

2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18 Ps 90:2-4, 10 Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday June 6

2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12 Ps 123:1-2 Mk 12:18-27

Thursday June 7

2 Tm 2:8-15 Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14 Mk 12:28-34

Friday June 8

2 Tm 3:10-17 Ps 119:157, 160-161 Mk 12:35-37

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	June 2
5:00pm	+ Earl Bobby Pace
Sunday	June 3
9:00am	
11:30am	For the People of the Parish
Monday	June 4
9:00am	
Tuesday	June 5
9:00am	
Wednesday	June 6
9:00am	
Thursday	June 7
9:00am	+ Leo Dresnek
Friday	June 8
9:00am	+ Annie Ruder



FAITH FORMATION

1st Eucharist photographs are available after the Masses.

YOUTH MINISTRY

ALASKA CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE

Youth gathering for students entering grades 9-12 at St. Elizabeth Seaton in Anchorage. To register, please contact

Doug Stewart 297-7432 or dstewart@caa-ak.org

TUESDAY, June 5th 7:30 pm

Jesse Manibusan will be in concert at the Wendy Williams Auditorium at UAA. Jesse is a gifted Catholic composer and performer. This family concert will be great fun for every age and a featured part of ACYC. You do not have to be registered at the Conference to attend this performance.

ONE BREAD ONE BODY

It's not too late!! If you have not already pledged, please make your pledge to this year's *One Bread, One Body* Annual Appeal and support the ministries of your local Church. Thank you to all who have joined the Appeal. Remember that participation at any level of giving is more important than the amount an individual or family is able to share. For your convenience, you may give or pledge by mail or securely online at www.archdioceseofanchorage.org/donate

VENTURING CREW

Venture crew - a coed group of teens and young adults looking for outdoor excitement - meets the first Monday of the month (June 5) at 7 pm in the old church. Next adventure - kayaking or canoeing from Cottonwood to Wasilla Lake, but you folks decide. Call Ed at 357-7029 if you want more information or come to the meeting!

OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

OLV is now enrolling for the 2012-2013 school year in grades K-8. Please stop at the Sacred Heart Parish office or call 376-0883 for information.

Thank you to all the friends, families, and parishioners for helping move our school to Sacred Heart over the last week. This was an amazing effort and everyone worked very hard. The children appreciate your efforts and commitment to Catholic education.

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COMING EVENTS

June

- 2/3 Ace's Mystical Rose Religious gifts
- 4 Contemplative Prayer 6:30pm
- 7 Rosary 7pm
- 10 Church picnic
- 17 Father's Day
- 24 Inquiry for those interested in the Church

Church Picnic June 10th

Please bring the following to share with your fellow parishioners: A-I Chips J-R Salads S-Z Desserts

OFFICE HOURS

Monday 11am—2pm
Tuesday—Friday 8:30 am—2:00pm

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PARISH GARDEN BOXES

Garden boxes are available for planting vegetables to supply the Wasilla Food Pantry. Please contact the sign-up sheet in the Social Hall.

FLAG RETIREMENT

Torn or faded flags are being collected in the Social Hall for formal retirement ceremony on June 14th Flag Day at St. Andrew's Parish. The 4th Degree Knights are assisting with this project.

THANK YOU

I would like to thank all of the parishioners and friends for supplying meals as I was recovering from my surgery. Your generosity was greatly appreciated.

Nancy Groshan

FOOD PANTRY

Items needed at the pantry:
All kinds of pasta
Beans—canned (not green)
rice, flour, sugar,
grocery bags

357-3769

WASILLA FOOD PANTRY

The following data indicates the increasing need and hunger in the Valley.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Families</u>	<u>People</u>
Oct 2011	805	2541
Feb 2012	1009	3160
Apr 2012	1047	3442

Every donation helps our community. Families need our outreach, please put your donations in the buckets at both church doors. Again thank you for your ongoing support of our local food pantry.