

Holy Trinity 2016
Frazee/Callaway
May 21-22

Homily

Mary, our Mother, we give ourselves totally to you as your possession and property. Please make of us, of all that we are and have, whatever most pleases you. Let us be a fit instrument in your immaculate and merciful hands for bringing the greatest possible glory to God. Amen

I have a secret. Don't you want to know what it is? The Catechism reminds us that God held a secret for thousands of years, "...by sending his only Son and the Spirit of Love in the fullness of time, God has revealed his innermost secret: God himself is an eternal exchange of love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, he has destined us to share in that exchange."

By worshipping the Trinity, we realize the full truth of ourselves. St. John Paul the Great put it this way, "In the communion of grace with the Trinity, [our] 'living area' is broadened and raised up to the supernatural level of divine love. [We] live in God and by God."

Failures to love shrink our living area. It is as if we move from the mansion of heaven to a pitiable little stick box on earth. Love expands life; fear and hatred constrict our lives and draw us near death.

When we love, we live in God and by God. The more we love, the closer we approach the infinite heart of God. The Solemnity of the Holy Trinity is really about one thing: that God's love overflows from heaven to earth. When the living area of our hearts is broadened, we have room for new life and old life, we have room for one another and a new friend in need. In God's love, we find ourselves now, and hear the invitation to our eternal reward.

Announcements

Next Weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi). This provides a wonderful opportunity for us to consider the place of the Eucharist in our lives.

It is our privilege to be invited to receive the Lord in Holy Communion weekly, and when we are able to come to daily Mass, even more often than weekly. We want to receive the Lord with true devotion, which means, in part, that we are rightly disposed.

If you have been away from Confession for a while, I invite you to receive the Lord's love and mercy in this Sacrament. It is good and healing for us to examine our conscience and bring our sins to the Lord. It is tough! I know. I go to confession, too. Sometimes we don't know what to say. Sometimes we know what to say but we don't want to say it. Sometimes fear and shame and guilt keep us from the sacrament. Ironic, isn't it, that what keeps us away is precisely what the Lord wants to heal.

Also, consider if you have room in your life to visit the Lord outside of Mass in Eucharistic Adoration.

Callaway: 5-7 PM on Thursdays

Frazee: 9:30 AM – 7:PM on Tuesdays.

For Corpus Christi, we will have special times for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Fraze: 6:30 next Saturday (after Mass) – 8:30 AM Sunday

Callaway 8:30 -10:30 AM

Both Sunday Masses next weekend will be preceded by Benediction.

Topic Two: The Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

This Solemnity is celebrated the Friday after the Second Sunday after Pentecost. This year it is June 3.

We want to give it special attention because the Sacred Heart of Jesus is the patron of the parish in Fraze. I invite all members of the parish to join a Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

A Novena is simply to offer nine days of prayer for a particular intention, with the assistance of a particular saint, or, in this case, appealing the loving, merciful and just heart of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Assumption of Mary Catholic Church in Callaway is Fraze's sister parish, so I will invite them to join in this Novena.

The Novena will be available next weekend. Between now and then, consider the intentions you want to bring to the Lord in this unique way.