

Most Holy Trinity
June 7, 2020



God reveals to Moses not only the divine name but the divine essence. God is merciful. God is gracious. God is patient, kind, and faithful. Every one of these characteristics has meaning only in a relationship with someone else. Each one needs to be directed outward. Mercy, generosity, faithfulness, and so on make no sense alone on a desert island. God could have used words like all-powerful, all-knowing, or infinite, all of which God could be-and is-without the presence of anyone else. But when God revealed the divine identity to Moses, the words the Lord used were all relational.

Moses's immediate reaction to God's revelation is to bow down and worship. The words God uses, which describe the Lord's love for the human race, reflexively inspire a reaction of extreme gratitude. Moses wants nothing less than to return God's love with his own. He pleads for the mercy the Lord promised while hoping against hope that the people may return the Lord's fidelity with their own.

These characteristics of God's essence reach their greatest fulfillment in the gift of God's only Son. Only a God of infinite mercy and unfaltering fidelity would make this ultimate gift to the human race. In fact, Jesus Christ was given by God in two ways: given to us in the Incarnation, sharing in our humanity, but also given over the death on the cross, redeeming us in unworthiness. God is generous with love and with life, offering eternal life through the Son and sending the Holy Spirit to stay with us forever.

Question of the Week

How do I respond to God's generosity? How can I share what I have been given in a way that imitates God's generosity?

Saturday, June 6, 2020

Vigil of Pentecost Sunday

Tu Tran – Darrell & Bruce Gabriel – Elodie Gabriel – George Marcell – Joyce Evans – Joseph Ngan Cao and Mary Pram – Francis Hai Cao – Leonard Belton

Sunday, June 7, 2020

Pentecost Sunday

8:30a.m. Tu Tran – Darrell & Bruce Gabriel – Elodie Gabriel – Joseph Ngan Cao and Mary Pram – Francis Hai Cao – Earthy B. Lazard – Walter Banks, III – Melvina Kepp – Lawrence Miller, Jr. – Betty Cates – Msgr. Gauthreaux – Memory Britsch – Calvin Tate – Intentions of Sonja Baham – Brenda Johnson

10:30a.m. Shirley & Lamar Smith – Lordeas Glapion Nix – Melvin Thomas – Msgr. Gauthreaux – Intentions of Stacey Martin – Wayne and Sandra Roberts –

Monday, June 8, 2020

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Jacobs, Sr. – Msgr. Earl Gauthreaux – Tu Tran – Intentions of Therol Humphrey – Stacy Martin

Tuesday, June 9, 2020

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Tu Tran – Msgr. Earl Gauthreaux – Intentions of Stacey Martin – Henry Martin – Therol Humphrey – Jennifer Baptiste – Sonja Baham

Wednesday, June 10, 2020

8:30a.m. Joseph Cong Cao – Peter & Mary Nguyen – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Tu Tran – Msgr. Earl Gauthreaux – Intentions of Stacey Martin – Henry Martin – Sonja Baham

Thursday, June 11, 2020

8:30a.m. Joseph Nagan Cao & Mary Pham – Tu Tran – Msgr. Gauthreaux – Intentions of Henry Martin – Stacey Martin – Therol Humphrey – Sonja Baham

Friday, June 12, 2020

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Tu Tran – Intentions of Stacey and Henry Martin – Sonja Baham

Saturday, June 13, 2020

8:30a.m. Sonja Baham – The living and deceased members of the Catholic Negro American Mission

Prayer offered to end the Pandemic.

“We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God”.

In the present tragic situation, when the whole world is prey to suffering and anxiety, we fly to you, Mother of God and our Mother, and seek refuge under your protection.

Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes towards us amid this coronavirus pandemic. Comfort those who are distraught and mourn their loved ones who have died, and at times are buried in a way that grieves them deeply. Be close to those who are concerned for their loved ones who are sick and who, in order to prevent the spread of the disease, cannot be close to them. Fill with hope those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the economy and employment.

Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us to God, the Father of mercies, that this great suffering may end and that hope and peace may dawn anew. Plead with your divine Son, as you did at Cana, so that the families of the sick and the victims be comforted, and their hearts be opened to confidence and trust.

Protect those doctors, nurses, health workers and volunteers who are on the frontline of this emergency, and are risking their lives to save others. Support their heroic effort and grant them strength, generosity and continued health.

Be close to those who assist the sick night and day, and to priests who, in their pastoral concern and fidelity to the Gospel, are trying to help and support everyone. Blessed Virgin, illumine the minds of men and women engaged in scientific research, that they may find effective solutions to overcome this virus.

Support national leaders, that with wisdom, solicitude and generosity they may come to the aid of those lacking the basic necessities of life and may devise social and economic solutions inspired by farsightedness and solidarity.

Mary Most Holy, stir our consciences, so that the enormous funds invested in developing and stockpiling arms will instead be spent on promoting effective research on how to prevent similar tragedies from occurring in the future.

Beloved Mother, help us realize that we are all members of one great family and to recognize the bond that unites us, so that, in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity, we can help to alleviate countless situations of poverty and need. Make us strong in faith, persevering in service, constant in prayer.

Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course.

To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.



Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp in the Church for this week will burn in memory of Evelyn Knox. The Sanctuary Lamps in the Chapel this week will burn in memory of Michael Braud and Alex Cowart.

General Guidelines for Mass Attendance:

Please enter the door in the front to check in.

Please wear a mask during Mass aside from receiving Communion.

Every other pew in the Church will be roped off.

Be mindful of social distancing and maintain six feet of distance from others at all times.

The sign of peace may be expressed by means of a smile and/or a nod of the head. No physical sign of peace will be exchanged.

When Mass is over, please do not gather in groups in the Narthex and continue to maintain social distancing.

Guidelines for Receiving Holy Communion:

Please bring hand sanitizer to use before receiving Communion.

During Communion, please maintain social distancing in the line by spacing out six feet from the person in front of you.

Communion will be distributed by means of the sacred Host only.

Out of consideration and concern for others, we ask everyone to receive Communion in the hand rather than on the tongue.

When approaching the priest for Communion, place your hand flat atop your other hand. The priest will place the Host over your hand and then let go of the Host to avoid any contact with your hand.