

Homily: Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity: Cycle B: 2015: Deut 4:32-34, 39-40; Ps. 33;
Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20

“The meaning of the Holy Trinity in our lives”

1. Today we celebrate the gift of God’s revelation to the human race of who He is in His inner life. **THE MYSTERY OF FAITH:** that the one true God of the universe is 3 eternal persons who are really distinct from one another but united freely in a relationship of eternal love. Eternal three in one. The 3 forms of water analogy. A community of eternal life and love of which we are all called to enter intimately into in our minds, hearts, souls and lives. As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* puts it so beautifully, “*The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of Christian faith and life. It is the mystery of God in Himself. It is therefore the source of all the other mysteries of faith, the light that enlightens them. It is the most fundamental and essential teaching in the “hierarchy of the truths of faith.” The whole history of salvation is identical with the history of the way and the means by which the one true God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, reveals Himself to men and reconciles and unites with Himself those who turn away from sin*” (par 234).
2. **We human beings are made in the image and called to grow in the likeness of God.** God is interpersonal in His inner life, so we who are made in God’s image are called to be interpersonal as well. This is why human beings are **social beings** at their core. We are called to live for others and with others in our families, our parish, our community, our nation and our world. We are all brothers and sisters in God, called to live in the mystery of love. We are not called to live in isolation from one another, but we only find the ultimate meaning and purpose of our existence in living a life of love. But love for others rooted in God’s eternal love. Not the worldly counterfeits of love which are in fact various forms of selfishness, be it lust, using others for our own pleasure in various ways, seeing others as a means to our ends, or discarding others when they fail to meet our needs. Selfishness leads to death and destruction on so many levels. Love on the other hand leads to life, meaning and purpose. **To love and to be loved is the essence**

of the human vocation as all the recent popes have pointed out frequently to a modern world which is often a desert of selfishness and death, rather than love and life. How do we learn to love properly? By rooting our lives in the love of the Trinity.

3. How does the Trinity fully reveal the nature of love to us human beings? In the **Paschal mystery** of Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God made man. The fullness of which is Jesus's Life, Passion, Death, Resurrection, Ascension, and Descent of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost, where we clearly see what true love entails, namely **self-gift**. To pour oneself out for the other. God has shown us the way. We share in this mystery first in our **Baptism** when we receive the Trinity into our souls: the **Divine indwelling** by sanctifying grace. The mystery of God's very life in the depths of our being will never leave us, unless we freely chose to fall from grace by committing deliberate mortal sin. Even then, God is so good that He will restore His life in our souls if we receive the **Sacrament of Confession** with a contrite and repentant heart. That's why it is essential that we always strive to live in God's grace and avoid mortal sin at all costs, as I have pointed out many times as your pastor Do we realize that each time we receive **Holy Communion**, depending on our spiritual disposition and openness at the time of reception, the life of the Trinity grows in depth in our souls? What a gift! It is also why we should always make a profound **thanksgiving** to God after we receive Holy Communion: which is the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ the eternal Son of God; but remember where the Son is so also are the Father and the Holy Spirit. Thus when we receive Holy Communion we receive the entire Triune God by grace. How thankful we should be, and how our desire to receive the gift of Holy Communion should increase each day with ever more pure and good hearts. Hence the attraction as we grow closer to the Blessed Trinity of attending Mass not just on Sunday but **daily** if possible. The love of the Trinity in this life leads to the Eucharist and the Eucharist leads us to the love of the Trinity and love for our fellow man. May we learn true love by rooting our lives in the Trinity's love which one day will lead to the Beatific Vision in Heaven. God bless you.