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THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

My dear parishioners:

Two and a half months have passed and still there is no sight of freedom of movement in sight, due to COVID 19. I only hope and pray all of you are really taking good care of yourselves by maintaining a good spiritual diet and staying at home. As you know, at each Mass that I offer daily, you are always in prayer, I am praying that the good Lord takes good care of each one of you!

Today Holy Mother, the church is celebrating the feast of the Holy Trinity. The Trinity is a mystery. When we say that something is a mystery, it does not mean that we cannot know anything about it. It just means that we cannot know *everything* about it. Faith does not contradict reason. . . rather it transcends it. We should keep this in mind when discussing the mystery of the Trinity.

The mystery of the Blessed Trinity means that in whatever way we portray God, as Father, Son & Spirit, it will always be inadequate and incomplete. No one has ever seen God or the Holy Spirit. No one has a true portrait of Jesus. All the images and words we use for the Trinity are more a reflection of our faith than the final word about God. God is always more than any name we use or any concept we have. But the special insight into God we celebrate today is that relationships are at the very centre of who God is.

The early Christians struggled to understand how and why God would have three faces and yet exist as One Being, love as One, act as One. They settled the “how” of the Trinity’s nature by teaching us that the three Persons of the Trinity are co-equal, consubstantial and co-eternal. They settled the “why” of the Trinity by reflecting that their experience of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit was an encounter of love. They knew the core of God was not an idea or a principle, but was a loving relationship. Furthermore, the early Christians knew that they were invited into this relationship.

What was true for them is true for us. Think about this for a minute. We believe that the God, who creates, redeems and sustains the world, seeks us out and invites us into a loving relationship. This is what gives us our greatest dignity and urges us on to share this message with everyone we meet. What a privilege. What a beautiful invitation, what a loving God.

Every time we do anything to form new and good relationships, let us mend those that are broken, help other relationships to be deeper and richer or just enjoy the ones we have, and by this we discover one thing, i.e. Trinity Sunday is a movable feast.

PARISH UPDATES

- Regarding our dear Bishop, he is recovering. . but slowly. He does appreciate all your prayers, but is asking you to *continue* to keep him in your prayers.
- KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ~ SELLING OF FIREWORKS ~ The KOC are looking for volunteers to help sell fireworks leading up to Canada Day weekend. Some Knights of Columbus, because of health issues or age, are susceptible to the corona virus. The council does not want to expose them to any risk. KOC are getting the fireworks trailer ready to sell fireworks for Canada Day and will have a plexiglass barrier, hand sanitizer and wipes to protect people in the trailer. If you are comfortable and can spare a few hours later in the month, please contact the parish office OR Michael Blahy 905-392-8922 or FS@KofCBeaverton.org
- During this time of COVID19, three of our very dear parishioners were called their heavenly abode due to natural causes, they are + Elizabeth (Lisa) Scheepers, on May 25th, and on June 4th, both + Charles (Chuck) Brownell and + Lillian O’Neill passed away. May their souls rest in eternal peace. I offer my sincere condolences to the families and on behalf of the parish. Masses will be a later date.

In closing, to all those who are contributing to the upkeep of the churches, I say thank you very much and God bless you!

**Rev. Oswin Fernandes
Pastor**