

“Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How inscrutable are his judgments and how unsearchable his ways! For who has known the mind of the Lord or who has been his counselor?”

Romans 11:33-34



Today is called Trinity Sunday; it's the day we recognize and celebrate the....Holy Trinity!

The most Holy Trinity is the three Persons in one God. This can be a little tricky to wrap our minds around, so let's think of this a little. When Saint Patrick went to Ireland to teach the people there about God, he used the three leaf clover, or shamrock, to explain. The shamrock has three leaves, but they are all part of the same plant. They have one stem and are all equal.

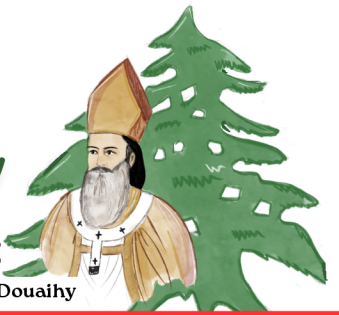


The Holy Trinity is the three Persons of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. They are all equal and are all *one*, but also *three*.

When we read today's New Testament reading from Romans, we see the question, "For who has known the mind of the Lord or who has been his counselor?" We can answer this question by saying Himself, the Trinity. No person or created thing can know the mind of God or give Him counsel, but within the Trinity, God who is Three persons in One God knows and counsels Himself.

Today let us thank God for His wisdom and for the Blessed Trinity who creates us, guides us, protects us, and sanctifies us.

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Who can fully comprehend God as Holy Trinity?
So great is this mystery far beyond our scrutiny!





Gospel Corner

Matthew
28:16-20

Before Jesus began his public ministry, John the Baptist was sent to preach and convert hearts and minds in order to prepare the way for Jesus. John brought to the people a baptism of repentance - he called the people to turn away from their sins and turn toward God, who was to come among them in the Person of Jesus Christ.



While John the Baptist introduced the ritual of baptism to the people, Jesus transformed and perfected it before he left his Apostles in charge of continuing his mission on earth. At the Ascension, when Jesus went to his father in heaven, Jesus gave the Apostles their final instructions. The Apostle Matthew shares the words of Jesus when he told them: "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore and

make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." The evangelist Mark also recounts Jesus saying: "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned."



A critical aspect of our faith, as given to us through the words of Jesus, is the importance and necessity of receiving the Mystery of Baptism. When a person is baptized through the uses of water and the invocation of the Holy Trinity, their soul is cleansed of Original Sin, they are united to Jesus Christ, and are welcomed into God's family - the church. The Mystery of Baptism is essential to live forever with God in heaven one day.

While the Church has always taught that Baptism is necessary for salvation, the Church also teaches us that God is not bound by anything. In his love and mercy, God may grant salvation to anyone he wishes, for with God all things are possible. But let us be grateful having received the Mystery of Baptism in our lives and help others see the beautiful gift it can be for them!

Did you know?

MINISTERS of BAPTISM

The ordinary ministers of the Mystery of Baptism are the bishop and priest.


In case of an emergency, anyone, even a non-baptized person, with the proper intention, can baptize someone so long as they pour water on the person's head while using the proper


Trinitarian formula:
"I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."




What you can do

We cross ourselves in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit (the Trinity!).

 Cross yourself before you pray to mindfully bring yourself into the presence of God.

 Cross yourself when you pass a cemetery as a way to pray for the faithful departed.

 Cross yourself when you pass a Catholic church to remember God's presence there.

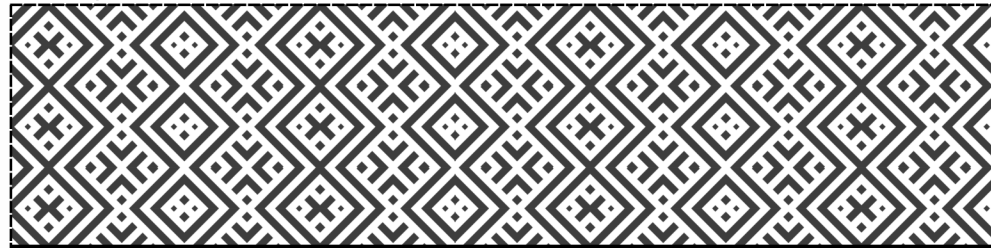


Bookmark Craft



Saint Ephrem the Syrian lived in the fourth century and wrote many hymns about our faith. On the bookmark below you can read part of his hymn about the Trinity. Color, cut out on the dotted line, fold in half on the solid line, and glue the bookmark together to use for your summer reading! Then, with a parent's permission, look up the entire hymn and read it for yourself.

Tip: If you have a way to laminate your bookmark, it will make it stronger!



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