



The Holy Trinity: A Great and Wonderful Mystery

During the past few years there has been an explosion of technology in the computer industry. The amount of information coming from computers is mind boggling. Many people, especially those who were raised with television and radio as the main sources of information, are saying today, "It's too much for me" and they attempt to avoid (or least get involved as little as possible) the new technology. In today's Gospel we find the disciples in a similar situation. In a very short period of time they were faced with new teachings about love that included loving one's enemies, suffering, forgiveness, miracles (including bread and wine becoming the Body and Blood of Christ), the crucifixion and resurrection. There was more information about who God was, about the Trinity, of which Jesus said, "would be too much for you now."

It is encouraging to know that the information about the Trinity is not forced upon the disciples. Jesus is sensitive to the fact that the disciples would easily be overwhelmed with trying to understand this great mystery. One gets the clear inference from the Scriptures that God is not cold, distant and insensitive, but rather is One who is warm, close, sensitive and caring.

God is Father: One who watches over us, guiding us, creating everyone and everything. God is Son, Jesus: God made man, One who teaches us, gives us His Body and Blood, forgives us and nurtures us. God is Holy Spirit: One who strengthens us, gives us wisdom, courage and enables us to live out our faith in daily life. God is three, yet one: always loving, always caring, always listening.

Father David

Call for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

We have a need for people to come forward to serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (often referred to as "Eucharistic Ministers.") Any registered parishioner over 18 years of age that is interested in serving in this ministry at our weekend liturgies distributing the Body and Blood of the Lord is asked to contact me. There is a short questionnaire you are asked to complete. Once the questionnaires are completed and it is ascertained that the candidates are Catholics in good standing, the names are sent in to our Chancery Office, with me asking permission to install the candidates. The Bishop then will delegate me to install the candidates as ministers for a three year term. There is also required training that will be provided. Again, if you are interested, please call me at (630)-469-7540, ext. 203 or e-mail me at: frdavid@stjamesge.org. Thank you.

Father David

Summer Reading

As I was going through my bookcases the other day, I realized that as a "saver" I had retained all of my academic papers required for my advanced theological degrees. Many of them were reflections on readings for the various courses. I took a look at those papers and decided that some of the material might be of interest and/or help to you as you make your own spiritual journey. The writings are not of help to anyone just sitting in a binder on the bookcase. Therefore, this summer I will have some of these papers printed in the weekly bulletin for you to peruse. Because they are academic in nature (although quite practical and fairly easy to comprehend), the footnotes and bibliography will be intact. Happy reading!

Father David