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## **Most Holy Trinity**

The fundamental dogma, on which everything in Christianity is based, is that of the Blessed Trinity in whose name all Christians are baptized. The feast of the Blessed Trinity needs to be understood and celebrated as a prolongation of the mysteries of Christ and as the solemn expression of our faith in this triune life of the Divine Persons, to which we have been given access by Baptism and by the Redemption won for us by Christ. Only in heaven shall we properly understand what it means, in union with Christ, to share as sons in the very life of God.

The feast of the Blessed Trinity was introduced in the ninth century and was only inserted in the general calendar of the Church in the fourteenth century by Pope John XXII. But the cultus of the Trinity is, of course, to be found throughout the liturgy. Constantly the Church causes us to praise and adore the thrice-holy God who has so shown His mercy towards us and has given us to share in His life.

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### **Trinity Sunday**

The dogma of faith which forms the object of the feast is this: There is one God and in this one God there are three Divine Persons; the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God. Yet there are not three Gods, but one, eternal, incomprehensible God! The Father is not more God than the Son, neither is the Son more God than the Holy Spirit. The Father is the first Divine Person; the Son is the second Divine Person, begotten from the nature of the Father from eternity; the Holy Spirit is the third Divine Person, proceeding from the Father and the Son. No mortal can fully fathom this sublime truth. But I submit humbly and say: *Lord, I believe, help my weak faith.*

Why is this feast celebrated at this particular time? It may be interpreted as a finale to all the preceding feasts. All three Persons contributed to and shared in the work of redemption. The Father sent His Son to earth, for "God so loved the world as to give His only-begotten Son." The Father called us to the faith. The Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, became man and died for us. He redeemed us and made us children of God. He ever remains the liturgist *par excellence* to whom we are united in all sacred functions. After Christ's ascension the Holy Spirit, however, became our Teacher, our Leader, our Guide, our Consoler. On solemn occasions a thanksgiving *Te Deum* rises spontaneously from Christian hearts.



The feast of the Most Holy Trinity may well be regarded as the Church's *Te Deum* of gratitude over all the blessings of the Christmas and Easter seasons; for this mystery is a synthesis of Christmas, Epiphany, Easter, Ascension and Pentecost. This feast, which falls on the first Sunday after Pentecost, should make us mindful that actually every Sunday is devoted to the honor of the Most Holy Trinity, that every Sunday is sanctified and consecrated to the triune God. Sunday after Sunday we should recall in a spirit of gratitude the gifts which the Blessed Trinity is bestowing upon us. The Father created and predestined us; on the first day of the week He began the work of creation. The Son redeemed us; Sunday is the "Day of the Lord," the day of His resurrection. The Holy Spirit sanctified us, made us His temple;

on Sunday the Holy Spirit descended upon the infant Church. Sunday, therefore, is *the* day of the Most Holy Trinity.

Excerpted from *The Church's Year of Grace*, Pius Parsch

**Symbols of the Trinity:** Equilateral Triangle; Circle of Eternity; Three interwoven Circles; Triangle in Circle; Circle within Triangle; Interwoven Circle and Triangle; Two Triangles interwoven in shape of Star of David; Two Triangles in shape of Star of David interwoven with Circle; Trefoil; Trefoil and Triangle; Trefoil with points; Triquetra; Triquetra and circle; Shield of the Holy Trinity; Three Fishes linked together in shape of a triangle; Cross and Triangle overlapping; Fleur de Lys; St. Patrick's Shamrock.

- [The Directory on Popular Piety](#) explains some of the pious exercises related to the devotion of the Holy or Blessed Trinity. Three very simple prayers are the Sign of the Cross, *Gloria Patri* (Glory be to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, etc.) and the *Trisagion* (meaning "thrice holy"): "Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy on us." This is just one version, there are many others, and it is usually found in the Eastern liturgies.

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## **Sacrament of Baptism**

**please call:**

**Rev. John Yake, I.V. Dei**

**902-535-2231**

Instructors for baptism:

Mary Fougere, SJB (902) 535-2699

Rose Pâté, SP (902) 302-7011

Vera Doucette, HGA (902) 785-4018

## **Sacrament of Matrimony**

Please call Fr. Yake six months prior to the wedding date.

## **Pre-Marriage Program**

**May 29, 2021**

Offered by Family Service of Eastern Nova Scotia, Glace Bay.

Register by phone: 902-849-4772

For more information, contact:

Tasia Boucher

EAP/Pre-Marriage Program Coordinator & Admin Support

[tboucher@fsens.ns.ca](mailto:tboucher@fsens.ns.ca)

Website: <http://ensfamilyservice.ca/>

## **Weekday Liturgy**

**When in lockdown we still need to exercise our faith by our devotional prayer; there is much need for prayer in our troubled world.**

**Please note: Mass intentions should be arranged with Mary at office.**

**May 23 2021 receipts (HGA only)**

## **Holy Guardian Angels**

Envelopes & Loose                      \$200.00

## **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**Please call the office** when covid-19 restrictions are lifted to reschedule Masses that were missed during closure.

**Facebook Live with Fr Patrick O'Neill and John Ratchford**

**Sundays at 7 pm**

Fr. Patrick and John will host a 30-minute presentation of spirituality, talks and taking questions from viewers. Fr. Patrick is pastor of Our Lady of Fatima, Sydney River, as well as producer of Mass for Shut-Ins and chaplain for the Canadian Armed Forces and CBRM police. John Ratchford is a renowned photographer from North Sydney who has shared his personal experiences of faith and mental illness as part of our Youth Ministry Let's Talk events in 2020 and 2021.

**To view the livestream:**

<https://www.facebook.com/frpatrick.oneill>

**From EWTN**

Given all that we face in the world today, do you believe it's possible to live a saintly life?

Meet Blessed Carlo Acutis. Born in 1991, he is the first Millennial to be named "Blessed" in the Church.

We invite you to watch *I Am With You* – an EWTN Original Documentary that will introduce you to his amazing life and help you to better understand, live, and share your own faith.

From May 1–31, we are making this available Free and On Demand. Simply [sign up](#). In addition to sending you access to the documentary, which you can view at your convenience, we will also send you the eBook bundle: *Seven Lessons in Holiness from Blessed Carlo Acutis* and *The Twelve Stations of the Most Holy Eucharist*. The Eucharist was central to Carlo's life and gave him the strength to live the life of a saint.

To watch the documentary, *I Am With You*, free On Demand and to receive these two free eBooks, visit [ewtn.com/carloacutis](http://ewtn.com/carloacutis). Hurry because this offer ends on May 31.

May God bless you.

In Christ,

Your EWTN Family

**Year of 'Amoris Laetitia Family'  
March 19, 2021 - June 22, 2022**

March 19 was the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation on the joy and beauty of family love and the start of the year 'Amoris Laetitia Family', a 15-month journey leading to the 10<sup>th</sup> World Meeting of Families in Rome, June 2022.

**Read *Amoris Laetitia* on Our Bookshelf:**

<https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/bookshelf/>

"The gift shop at the Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine in Mabou will open on Saturday May 1st The hours and days are as follows: We look forward to opening the gift shop at Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine on Saturday, May 1st Hours are from 1:00 to 4:00 pm daily. On Saturday, May 22nd the hours will be 10:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday to Saturday and 11:00 am to 5:00 pm on Sunday. The Shrine is open daily for visitation as it has been all winter There is public health protocol in place in both the Shrine and the gift shop.

If you have any inquiries, please call 902-945-2221.”

Thank-you Betty Ann

**Pray the Rosary Daily in May  
For An End To The Pandemic**

Pope Francis is requesting that during this month of May, particularly dedicated to Our Lady, the entire Church invoke the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary for the end of the pandemic.

Thirty Marian Shrines will take turns leading this prayer throughout the Church while offering the faithful a series of prayer moments for them to participate throughout the entire day. Among the Marian shrines chosen is that of Notre-Dame-du-Cap, in Trois-Rivières (Québec).

Daily prayers will be live broadcast through the official online channels of the Holy See. Further details are available on the Pontifical Council's website:

<http://www.pcpne.va/content/pcpne/en.html>