

# Dear Padre,

I unsuccessfully tried using a clover to explain the Trinity to a non-Catholic relative. She says the leaves are separate and share a single stem, so it doesn't mean they're one entity. How can I help her understand?

Legend tells us St. Patrick used a shamrock to speak about the God who is one and three, but that doesn't mean everyone will find the clover imagery convincing. It took hundreds of years, many arguments, and multiple Church councils to refine the basic outline of orthodox Christian belief in the Trinitarian nature of God. So, it's no great shock that you can't easily break it down into convincing sound bites for a resistant relative.

You should concentrate on the way humans came to know the Trinitarian God, how we have encountered the God who is at once Father, Son, and Spirit in the events of history and revelation. In sharing the way Christians have gradually understood what we do about the nature of the God who saves us, you can speak of how that understanding leads us to pray. Perhaps you can relate the Trinitarian concept to something more recognizable: the idea of a father and son, and the spirit of love that exists between them and also pours from them.

At our liturgies, we have a distinct pattern of praying to the Father, through the Son, in the Spirit. There's more than a shamrock to discuss in all of that. And remember the Creed we pray each Sunday. Discussions like yours are what the Creed was made for.



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## A WORD FROM Pope Francis

God loves each one of us even when we make mistakes and distance ourselves from him. God the Father loves the world so much that, in order to save it, he gives what is most precious to him: his only-begotten Son....The Trinity is therefore love, wholly at the service of the world.

ANGELUS, TRINITY SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2020

## Calendar

**Monday**  
 MAY 31  
 Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
 Zep 3:14-18a  
 or Rom 12:9-16  
 Lk 1:39-56

**Tuesday**  
 JUNE 1  
 St. Justin, Martyr  
 Tb 2:9-14  
 Mk 12:13-17

**Wednesday**  
 JUNE 2  
 Weekday  
 Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a  
 Mk 12:18-27

**Thursday**  
 JUNE 3  
 St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs  
 Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a  
 Mk 12:28-34

**Friday**  
 JUNE 4  
 Weekday  
 Tb 11:5-17  
 Mk 12:35-37

**Saturday**  
 JUNE 5  
 St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr  
 Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20  
 Mk 12:38-44

**Sunday**  
 JUNE 6  
 The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)  
 Ex 24:3-8  
 Heb 9:11-15  
 Mk 14:12-16, 22-26



# The Most Holy Trinity

May 30, 2021



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### Holy Spirit Mass Schedule & Intentions

Week of May 29 - June 4

Sat 6:00 pm †Melissa Morris  
 Sun 11:00 am Parishioners Living & Deceased  
 Sun 6:00 pm Clark Vaughan (Healing)  
 Mon 8:00 am NO MASS  
 Tue 8:00 am NO MASS  
 Wed 8:00 am NO MASS  
 Thr 8:00 am NO MASS  
 Fri 8:00 am NO MASS

### Christ the King Mass Schedule & Intentions

Week of May 29 - June 4

Sat 4:00 pm †Ann Newman  
 Sun 9:15 am Carol Tucker (Healing)  
 Tue 6:00 pm †All Souls in Purgatory

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Before and after daily Mass, and by Appointment  
 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Adoration – 8:30am- 6:00pm  
 at Holy Spirit in St. Patrick's Chapel  
 Adoration at Christ the King – Tuesday 5:30pm-6pm

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