

From the Desk of Fr. Patrick

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity invites us into the greatest mystery of our faith: one God in three Persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Trinity is not simply a doctrine to be explained, but a relationship of perfect love into which we are invited. In today's readings, we see a God who is merciful, loving, and constantly walking with His people.

In the first reading from the Book of Exodus, Moses encounters God on Mount Sinai. God reveals Himself as "a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity." Even though the people were stubborn and sinful, God did not abandon them. Instead, He remained faithful. This reminds us that the Holy Trinity is always at work in our lives with patience, mercy, and compassion. Like a loving parent who never gives up on a child, God continues to guide us even when we fail.

The second reading from Saint Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians gives us one of the most beautiful blessings in Scripture: "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you." Here we see the Trinity working together in harmony – the love of the Father, the grace of the Son, and the communion of the Holy Spirit. Saint Augustine once said, "Where there is love, there is the Trinity." Every act of forgiveness, every sacrifice for another person, and every effort to build peace reflects the life of the Trinity among us.

In the Gospel, we hear the powerful words that many Christians know by heart: "God so loved the world that He gave His only Son." God did not send Jesus to condemn the world, but to save it. The Holy Trinity is a communion of love poured out for humanity. Jesus came not to shame sinners, but to open the doors of eternal life. In a world often filled with division, hatred, and selfishness, Christians are called to reflect the unity and love of the Trinity in daily life.

This feast also challenges us to think about the legacy we leave behind. As a parish community of Saint Patrick, we are standing on the shoulders of faithful men and women who sacrificed greatly for this church. I would like to thank all of you for your generosity to Saint Patrick Parish. Your support, prayers, and dedication continue to strengthen our community and help us grow in faith. I am especially grateful for all those who worked tirelessly for Saint Patrick but are no longer with us in this life. May God bless their souls and reward them for the wonderful gifts they left behind. Because of their faith and sacrifice, we continue the legacy of making Saint Patrick a great community for believers.

My question has always been: What legacy am I going to leave at Saint Patrick for the next generations to come? Every Christian should ask this question. Some leave a legacy through kindness, others through service, prayer, generosity, or by simply bringing people closer to Christ. A parish becomes strong not because of buildings alone, but because of people who love God and care for one another.

In a special way, I would like to thank Fred Biederman for the generous donation of the pipe organ to our church in memory of his wife Barbara. This beautiful gift will bring beauty and reverence into our worship for many years to come. Music has always lifted hearts to God, and this donation will help future generations pray more deeply and experience the beauty of our liturgy. It is a lasting testimony of love, faith, and devotion.

The Holy Trinity teaches us that love is never meant to be kept to ourselves; it is meant to be shared. The Father gives Himself to the Son, the Son gives Himself for the world, and the Holy Spirit fills our hearts with grace. May we, too, become people who give ourselves generously for others. May Saint Patrick Parish continue to be a place where faith is alive, where people are welcomed, and where the love of the Trinity is seen in our words and actions.

As we celebrate this great solemnity, let us thank God for those who came before us, pray for those who worship beside us today, and work faithfully for those who will come after us tomorrow. May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit remain with all of us always. Amen.

-Fr. Patrick