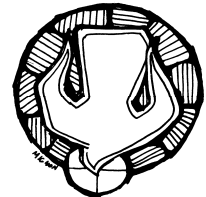


# THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

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## THE INEXPRESSIBLE MYSTERY

The God of the universe is mysterious. Science has not been able to solve the mystery of how the universe came into being or explain exactly what continues to give it creative energy and masterful design. No religion asserts that it has found words to name fully the ineffable mystery of God, for no matter what name we use, God always transcends our limited ability to understand. God is a mystery to be believed, not known. And yet, we Christians believe that our name for God best expresses that inexpressible mystery: God is the Most Holy Trinity of three persons united in a communion of love, pouring forth that creative, saving, sanctifying love into the world. Today's scriptures celebrate the mystery of the Trinity and give us clues for living that mystery in our lives.

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## — SPECIAL COLLECTION TODAY — RETIREMENT FUND FOR ARCHDIOCESAN PRIESTS

TODAY, all parishioners throughout the Archdiocese are asked to give generously to support the Retirement Fund for Archdiocesan Priest via a special collection.

Currently, the fund provides for 149 priests who are retired. Over the next ten years, the number of priests who will reach retirement age will number 358. These men have committed their lives to serve the spiritual needs of our parish communities. We, in turn, owe it to them to assure that they do not have to worry about their retirement years. Since 2000, the faithful of the Archdiocese have been asked for financial support for this Fund and have responded generously and tremendously in support of this important special collection. A total of \$9,957,090 has been added to the Priests' Pension Plan through this collection. Contributions envelopes are available in the pews today. Thank you for your help.

### ...REFLECTIONS...

The readings for next Sunday, *The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ*, are listed below along with a question to prompt you to relate the Word of God to your life.

**FIRST READING:** Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a

**SECOND READING:** 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

**GOSPEL:** John 6:51-58

**In today's gospel Jesus tells us that he is the "living bread come down from heaven." How are you bread for those you meet in your life? Do you leave people nourished after meeting with them? After we receive the Eucharist, what do our actions toward others say?**

## AN EXCITING TIME FOR ST. MATTHEW PARISH!

*On May 31, Deacon Angel Castro will receive the Sacrament of Holy Orders thus beginning a life of service to the people of God. The very next day, June first, at 2:30 in the afternoon, Fr. Angel Castro will celebrate his first Mass in our church. All parishioners are welcome to attend. Please be aware that this liturgy will be very crowded.*

*During the past six months our parish community has had the pleasure and honor of hearing Deacon Angel Castro proclaim the Word of God through scripture and homily at our Sunday liturgies. Let us continue to support Deacon Castro with our prayers and encouragement during his final days of formation.*

## LORD, SEND OUT YOUR SPIRIT

*A parish celebration...*

This Friday, May 23 at 7:00 in the evening, Bishop Alexander Salazar will come to St. Matthew Church to confirm 56 young adults. Please keep our Confirmandi in your prayers as they are 'born again with water and the Holy Spirit!'

## FR BILL STOEGER WILL SPEAK HERE IN TWO WEEKS

Fr. Bill Stoeger, S.J., brother of Fr. Jack, is a renowned astrophysicist at the Vatican Observatory, and will be speaking on **Monday, June 2nd at 7:00p.m.** His topic, **GOD AND THE UNIVERSE**, will explore the relationship of religion and science and will remind us that God is found not only in scripture but also in nature.

We find, experience, and come into communion with God through nature and through our acceptance of its beauties, joys, nourishment, sufferings, dyings and rebirths. **WHY NOT INVITE YOUR FRIENDS** to this rare opportunity to deepen your appreciation of 'God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?'

## ST. ANTHONY'S FIESTA

Our neighbor, St. Anthony Church is hosting its annual Parish Fiesta this weekend with games, food and a raffle! Stop by and enjoy good family fun while supporting their elementary school.