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## The Most Holy Trinity

***Glory to the Trinity,  
 the undivided unity,  
 the Father, Son, and Spirit one,  
 from whom all life and goodness  
 come.***

This refrain from a popular hymn brings home simply and beautifully the meaning and the message of today's feast. There are many ways in which we can attempt to define and describe the Most Holy Trinity, but in the end our faith is not in statements, formulations, and definitions. Our faith is in the mystery of the Living God who comes into our life as the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. How can we come to experience the Holy Trinity? A way to do this is to reflect on what happens when God is present.

God as Father = The One who creates and gives life to everything. Everything good, beautiful, and true that is in the world comes from the Father. God, as Father, protects the weak, defends the rights of the vulnerable, champions the cause of the poor, and blesses all with good things and plenty. God, as Father, is prodigal in love and merciful towards all of us. When we go astray and squander all our gifts and opportunities, the Father waits patiently and yearns for our return to embrace us in His arms again. God, as Father, will not spare anything nor anyone - not even His own beloved Son - in order to save us. And, when we behold the wonder of universe our hearts can only be lifted up in praise and thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father.

God as Son = Jesus, God as Son, takes flesh in the womb of Mary and comes to live among us. In Jesus we see and hear and feel the touch of God. He heals the sick. He forgives sinners. He proclaims Good News to the poor. He calls us His friends and lays down his life for us. He empties Himself completely on the cross and is raised to life so that He might save us and open for us the way to eternal life. In Jesus, we come to experience the plentiful redemption of God.

God as Holy Spirit = the Breath of God blows with power to sanctify and make all things holy. All the good that we do - every act of charity or kindness we offer to the least of our sisters and brothers - is done through the action of the Holy Spirit living in us. And, whenever and wherever we experience love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control, we can be certain that the God the Holy Spirit is alive for these are the fruits of God's Spirit.

***Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,  
 as it was in the beginning, is now,  
 and ever shall be, world without  
 end. Amen***

***Reflection by Clement Lee, CSSr***

# Novena notes



Trinity Sunday  
 Year B  
 27 May 2018

## Readings & Responses for the Week

Sun, 27 May Trinity Sunday	Deut 4:32-34,39-40; Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20 Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own.
Mon, 28 May	1 Pt 1:3-9; Mk 10:17-27 The Lord keeps his covenant ever in mind.
Tue, 29 May Vesak Day (Public Holiday)	1 Pt 1:10-16; Mk 10:28-31 The Lord has made known his salvation.
Wed, 30 May	1 Pt 1:18-25; Mk 10:32-45 O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!
Thu, 31 May Visitation Of The Blessed Virgin Mary	Zeph 3:14-18; Lk 1:39-56 Great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.
Fri, 1 June St Justin, Martyr	1 Pt 4:7-13; Mk 11:11-26 The Lord comes to rule the earth.
Sat, 2 June SS. Marcellinus & Peter, Martyrs	Jude 17:20-25; Mk 11:27-33 For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.

WEEKDAY MASS (MON - FRI)  
 Time: 6.30am, 12.15pm, 6.30pm  
 Confession: Half an hour before Mass

SUNSET MASS (SAT)  
 Time: 6.30pm

SUNDAY MASS  
 Time: 8am, 10am, 12noon, 5.30pm

PUBLIC HOLIDAY  
 Time: 8am, 6.30pm

SATURDAY MORNING MASS  
 Time: 7am

SATURDAY NOVENA DEVOTION  
 English: 8am, 9.30am, 11am, 1pm, 4pm, 5.30pm  
 Mandarin: 2.30pm  
 Confession: After every Novena Service except after the 11am service.

DAYS OF OBLIGATION  
 Time: 7pm (Eve of Day of Obligation)  
 6.30am, 12.15pm, 7pm

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## The Apostles :

In response to many who have asked about the 12 Apostles featured on the stained-glass panels above the Sanctuary, we will be presenting 4 of them each week in the Novenanotes. Today we present the final four :



(Below St. Joseph - from Left to the Right) :

**St. Matthew      St. Simon      St. Jude Thaddaeus      St. Matthias**

## NOVUM - Novena Church Volunteers in the Media Ministry

We are looking for volunteers in the following specialized areas to help in the outreach efforts of the Church. Please go to our website [www.novenachurch.com](http://www.novenachurch.com) to download a form or obtain one from the Reception. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Josephine Ee at 97926549 for more details.

1. Photographers
2. Videographers
3. Designers
4. Shrine Visual Tech Support
5. Computer programming specialists for Website / Apps Maintenance and Updating
6. Social media specialists
7. Communications Specialist

## Safety and Security in the Church

When the Church is full, please do not enter. For safety and security no standing along the aisles on Sundays and Days of Obligations. Thank you.

## Safety Checks

For our peace of mind and the safety of all, our Ministers of Hospitality will be carrying out a simple check of bags and bulky items being brought into the Church.

Please give them your full cooperation. Thank you.

## DAWN Skill Development Programme for foreign domestic workers

Registration is open for Courses on Baking, Cooking, Cake Decoration, Sewing and Handicraft from July 2018 till December 2018.

The 2nd Batch 2018 Care-giving Course is scheduled to begin on Sunday 15 July 2018.

Classes will be conducted on 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month.

Dates : Sundays, 27th May 2018, 3rd, 10th & 17th June 2018.

Time : 10 am to 2 pm

Venue: DAWN,  
Good Shepherd Place,  
9, Lorong 8, Toa Payoh,  
Singapore 319253.

Contact: 96702880 (Suzeth) or 82333728 (Sr. Barbara)

## Praying The Rosary

There will be the praying of the Rosary immediately after the 6.30pm evening Mass from Monday to Friday in the month of May.

## Vesak Day, 29<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Please take note there will be **NO** lunch time Mass on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2018, Tuesday. Masses will be at 8am and 6.30pm.