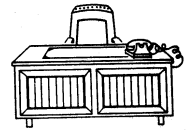


The Most Holy Trinity

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From the Desk of
Fr. Romanus

Dear Parishioners,

The Most Holy Trinity:

This Sunday is the celebration of the Most Holy Trinity, which is one of the fundamental beliefs of the Church. The doctrine of the Holy Trinity states that there are three persons in one God (expressed in Greek as hypostasis), namely; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The three co-exist in absolute harmonious relationship and share one nature (essence). The unity of the three persons is often designated in scholarly circles as “hypostatic union.”

Many have tried to dissect the inner workings of this divine relationship with little success. The failure to fully comprehend the nature of the divine relationship is due to the fact that we are dealing with the mystery of God. Limited human intelligence is incapable of fully grasping the overwhelming mystery of God. The doctrine of the Holy Trinity is not a proposition to be broken down, but a mystery to be lived. The much we know about God is essentially through revelation and the mediation of Jesus Christ.

Christian faith in the Trinity is often designated as Trinitarianism, in contrast to Unitarianism, a belief in one God and one person. Unitarianism should not be confused with Monotheism, a belief in one God, which is a fundamental part of our Christian faith. Unitarianism also differs from Binitarianism, a belief in one God and two persons. In contrast to Catholic belief, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints views the Trinity as three divine persons with three separate natures as opposed to one nature, sharing one purpose.

The harmonious relationship of the Trinity is a model for Christian relationships. Harmonious relationship is more than tolerating others, but a willingness to love everyone unconditionally, understanding that no one is perfect, including you.

Have a great week!

Fr. Romanus