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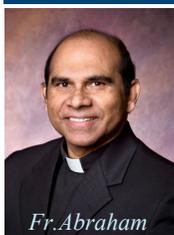


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The Most Holy Trinity Sunday May 30, 2021



Fr. Abraham

The Most Holy Trinity

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

There is an old and much-repeated story about St. Augustine, one of the intellectual giants of the Church. Once, he was walking on the seashore meditating on the mystery of the Trinity. There, he observed a little boy carrying water in the palm of his tiny hands and pouring it in a nearby pool. St. Augustine asked the little boy what he was trying to do. The child replied, “I want to pour out the whole water of the sea into the pool.” The saint exclaimed, “You will never succeed in that.” Then the child stood up and said, “I do exactly as you do. Do you think, with your small understanding you will be able to discover the mystery of the Trinity?” Then the child disappeared.

The mystery of the most Holy Trinity is a basic doctrine of faith in Christianity. It is understandable not with our heads, but with our hearts. It teaches us that there are three distinct persons in one God, sharing the same divine nature. We believe in this mystery because Jesus who is God taught it clearly, the Evangelists recorded it, the Fathers of the Church tried to explain it and the Councils of Nicaea and Constantinople defined it as a dogma of Christian faith.

Even though Jesus did not use the word Trinity, he, however, was familiar with the very word that comprises the Trinity, namely, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. When he taught his disciples how to pray, his model prayer begins, “Our Father...” When he was baptized, he heard the voice, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased; and the Holy Spirit appears as a dove.” After his resurrection, he appeared to his disciples, breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit.” Today’s gospel (Matthew 28: 16-20) describes Jesus’ final appearance to his apostles just before his ascension into heaven. At that moment, he commissioned them to make disciples of all nations, and commanded them to baptize those who came to believe, “in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” Rather than tells us what the Trinity IS, Jesus chose to tell us what the Trinity DOES, for us.

On this Solemnity of the most Holy Trinity, we are not so much concerned about the mystery of God being one but three persons, nor about the doctrine of this mystery. What we are actually celebrating is God’s dynamic and intimate friendship with us through the three persons of the Trinity. The doctrine of the Trinity is ultimately not about the abstract nature of God, nor about God in isolation from everything. It is rather a teaching about God’s life with us, and our life with each other. When Jesus told us how to pray to our Father, he told us to ask our Father to give us our daily bread, forgive us our trespasses as we forgive others, and lead us not into temptations. There is nothing mysterious, nothing out of this world about these requests. When Jesus is identified as God’s own beloved Son, his Sonship does not hold the splendor of heaven, but rather the caring for the needs of his brothers and sisters on earth by giving his own body and blood.

On Pentecost, Jesus sent the Holy Spirit who promptly filled the hearts of disciples, so they could continue the work he had begun during his ministry. This is the God, the Trinity, who is for us. The doctrine of the Trinity affirms that it is God’s very nature to be committed to humanity, and that God’s face is turned toward us in love. The joy that this feast gives us today is that the God we worship here is the God who is for us and with us forever. Let us pray for the firm conviction that the Trinitarian God abides in us and that He is the source of our hope, courage and strength, and is our final destination. Let us practice the Trinitarian relationship of love and unity in the family relationships of father, mother and children because by baptism we become children of God and members of God’s Trinitarian family.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Abraham Kochupurackal CMI
Pastor

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for the bulletin two weekends out;
St. Bernard copy must be emailed to:
bulletin@st-bernard-cologne.org and
pquinn55322@hotmail.com

Ascension copy must be emailed to:
busadmin@ascensionnya.org

All inserts and weekend Mass announcements can be
emailed or a paper copy brought to the Parish office at
St. Bernard or Ascension.



**CALENDAR FOR ASCENSION AND
ST. BERNARDS' PARISHES**

All events cancelled until further notice.

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts
but the same Spirit. *1 Corinthians 12:4*



The Synod Process

**Year 3 (2021-2022):
The Church Engages**

**Fall 2021: Parish Consultation Process
with Small Groups**

- Small groups meet in every parish to learn, pray, and discuss the focus areas.
- Parish feedback on priorities within each focus area will help inform the Deanery consultation.

**January/February 2022
Deanery Consultation Process**

- Pastors and parish representatives gather one Saturday to learn, pray, and discuss the focus areas.
- Deanery feedback will help determine the Synod topics.

**June 2022: Archdiocesan Synod
Assembly (Pentecost Weekend):**

- Approximately 500 appointed delegates (including two from each parish) gather to learn, pray, and discuss the Synod topics and recommend pastoral priorities to Archbishop Hebda.
- After considering the Synod recommendations, Archbishop writes a Pastoral Letter (November - Feast of Christ the King) leading to a Pastoral Plan to move our Archdiocese into the future.

Spiritual Resources!

TV: Diocese of St. Cloud: Sun., 11 AM. on KSTCTV/45;—
Diocese of Winona-Rochester: Sun., 11:30 AM. on Fox 9+;
— Our Lady of Grace, Edina: Sun., Noon on Fox 9+ (Dish/
Direct 29, Comcast 10/807; Over Air 9.2);—EWTN: 7:00
AM, 11:00 AM, 6:00 PM.

Radio: Relevant Radio 1330am: Weekdays and Sun. at
noon, and at 9 a.m. __ EWTN: ewtn.com/radio/listen-live
**Please pray the Rosary daily for our nation, our world,
an end to Abortion and an end to the Coronavirus.**

The following is a list of a few TV and Radio stations that
air the Rosary.

TV:EWTN: 6:30am, After the TV Mass at Approximately
8:00am.; 2:30pm.; 8:30pm.

__ Catholic TV Network: 2:00 am; 9:00am; 5:30pm Nuvera
Nu Tel Cable TV Ch. 21

Radio: Revelant Radio 1330am: 7:00pm. “Family Rosary
across America”

Welcome Back!! As of today, you will be seeing some changes when you
enter our worship spaces. The ropes will be removed and you can go back to
your ‘regular’ pews. Masks will not be required but we strongly encourage
those who have not been vaccinated (or anyone who wants to) to still wear
masks. Hand sanitizer will still be available upon entry to church and prior to
communion. We know we are not finished with this pandemic yet, so are mak-
ing small steps for now. Missals will not be put out yet. There will be more
changes coming around July 1st. You will be receiving a letter mid-June out-
lining those updates. Many blessings to all of you and summer unfolds and we
all try to get back to our new ‘normal’.

Memorial Day Decorations on the Cemetery

This is just a reminder that decorations for the cemeteries at both parishes may be
put up the week prior to Memorial Day and must be removed by the Tuesday fol-
lowing Memorial Day. We like to keep the area looking nice for the residents and
visitors they may receive. Any decorations not removed in a timely manner will be
removed and placed over by the AC units at St. Bernard and under the big pine tree
at Ascension. Thank you.

The Memorial Day Mass this year will be held at **St. Bernard** on Monday, May
31st at 8:45am. The **Cologne VFW** Flags & Honor Guard will be at the St. Ber-
nard cemetery at about 9:30am.to salute all veterans.

The NYA VFW and American Legion will be at the **Ascension Cemetery**, also on
Monday, May 31st at about 9:30 am. There will be a short prayer service followed
by the salute to all veterans.

Resident House Mother

Enkrateia House of Hope (EHOH) located in the SW suburban area, is seeking a
compassionate, highly efficient team player to assist in providing a positive social,
intellectual, emotional and faith-filled spiritual living environment for pregnant
mothers and their children. If you are called to be a part of this great ministry to
transform a woman's life by being hands and feet of Christ, please call 612-508-
0217 or send an e-mail to
enkrateiahouseofhope@gmail.com. For more details go to their website-https://
www.enkrateiahouseofhope.org

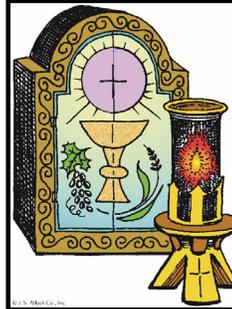
Word of Life “In modern times, children in their mothers’ wombs and those approaching
the end of their lives are certainly among the ‘least of these’ in our world’s estimation. Prac-
tices such as abortion and assisted suicide tragically reject the truth that human life is always
to be cherished and defended with loving concern. ... Through the intercession of Our Lady
of Guadalupe, may Our Lord grant us the grace to truly and courageously live his Gospel of
life.” USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
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Mass Ministry Schedule - June 5-6, 2021

Mass Ministry	Ascension Sat. 5:00 pm	Ascension Sun 8:00 am	St. Bernard Sat. 8:00 pm	St. Bernard Sun. 10:00 am
Sacristan	Sherry Witte	Suspended until further notice	Suspended until further notice	Patricia Quinn
Servers	JMT Member			
Reader	JMT Member			Volunteer
Eucharistic Ministers	JMT Member			Vicki Arnst
Ushers	JMT Member			Volunteer
Greeters	Suspended until further notice			Suspended until further notice
Homebound Ministers	Sue Tellers & Volunteer			Barb Knorr & Volunteers

Mass Times/Intentions

Day	Time	Location	Intention
Monday	May 31 8:45 am	St. Bernard	All Military Veterans
Tuesday	June 1 6:15 pm	Ascension	†Del Lano
Wednesday	June 2 8:00 am	St. Bernard	†Hilbert & Euella Knauer
Thursday	June 3 8:00 am	St. Bernard	†Elvira Winkler
Friday	June 4 6:15 pm	Ascension	†Mass of Reparation
Saturday	June 5 5:00 pm	Ascension	†George Lemmer
Sunday	June 6 10:00 am	St. Bernard	All Parishioners, & †Denann Karels



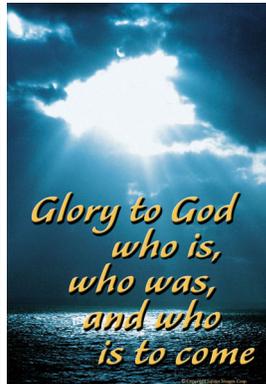
Eucharistic Adoration

Ascension
Every Tuesday & Friday
3:00 pm until 6:00 pm

St. Bernard
Every Wednesday
2:00 pm until 7:00 pm

SCRIPTURE READINGS May 31 – June 6, 2021

Monday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16*Is 12:2-6*Lk 1:39-56 **Tuesday:** Tb 2:9-14*Ps 112:1-2,7-9*Mk 12:13-17. **Wednesday:** Tb 3:1-11a,16-17a*Ps 25:2-9*Mk 12:18-27 **Thursday:** Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde,9-17; 8:4-9a*Ps 128:1-5*Mk 12:28-34. **Friday:** Tb 11:5-17*Ps 146:1-2,6-10*Mk 12:35-37. **Saturday:** Tb 12:1,5-15,20*Tb 13:2,6-8*Mk 12:38-44. **Sunday:** Ex 24:3-8*Ps 116:12-13,15-18* Heb 9:11-15* Mk 14:12-16,22-26



SACRAMENTS

Baptisms: By appointment.

Marriage Arrangements

The couple should contact the priest as soon as they become engaged. They must meet with the priest twice before setting a marriage date. These two meetings need to be completed 6 months before the proposed date.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

By appointment with Father.
Call 952-856-1050

Anointing of the Sick

Call the parish office at any time.

St. Bernard Stewardship of Treasure

Budget for week	3,027.20
Contributions 05-12 through 05-18-21	3,321.17
Total Actual Collection YTD	173,222.79
YTD 12-31 Collection Over (Under) Budget	8,608.66
Forward in Faith	
Envelope Income	50.00
Electronic Donations	693.42
Forward in Faith Total	693.42
Forward in Faith YTD	33,344.12

Did you know you can have your contributions automatically deducted from your checking or savings account?
For more information call the parish office 952-466-2031, or visit www.st-bernard-cologne.org

Ascension Weekly Collection Report

Totals as of 5/9/2021

Weekly Operating Budget:	\$ 3,115.38
Contributions:	3,462.75
E-Giving:	270.00
Weekly Budget YTD:	143,307.48
Actual Collection YTD:	135,891.30
CUF-KC December Match:	7,500.00
Total Collected Over (Under) YTD:	83.82
Capital Improvement Offering:	70.00
Capital Improvement-E-Giving:	45.00
Capital Improvement YTD:	8,430.00

Sign up for electronic giving at ascensionnva.org
Under Links -> E-giving. Or call the parish office for more information: 952-467-3351.