

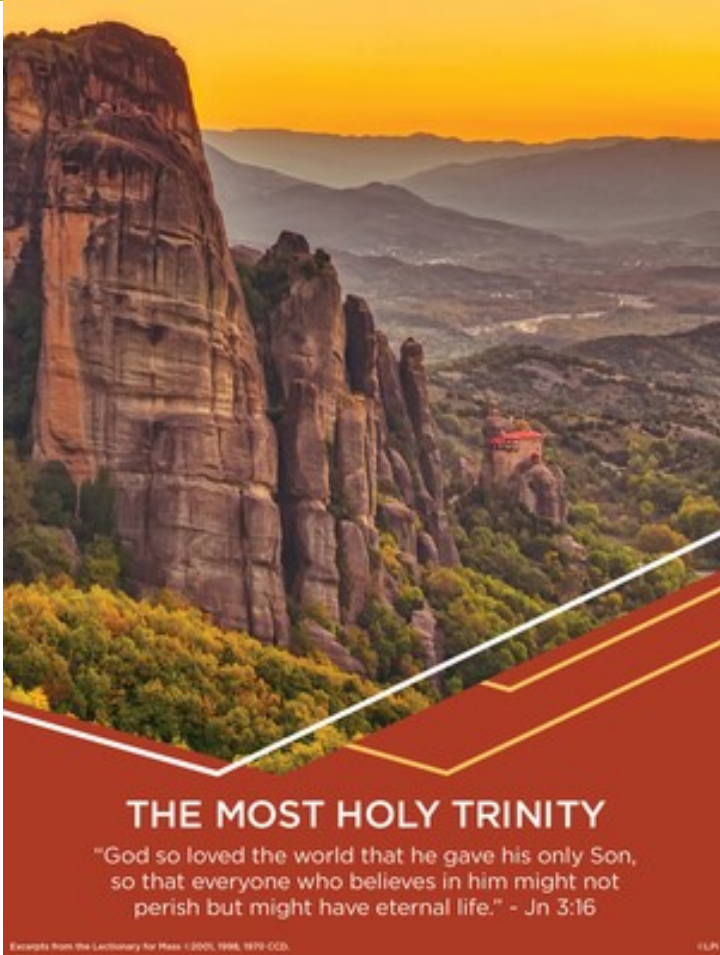


St. John's Catholic Church

Omaha's Jesuit Parish Located at Creighton University
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The Most Holy Trinity, June 7th, 2020



THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

"God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him might not
perish but might have eternal life." - Jn 3:16

Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass (2002, 1988, 1979-CCB)

(LJF)

Early Christian preaching, especially in Jewish Christian circles, often included a re-interpretation of familiar biblical texts in light of the experience of the risen Christ.

How well do we know our scriptures? Could we do what Jesus did on the road to Emmaus and help others understand the scriptures in the light of Christ?
-National Association of Pastoral Musicians

Sunday 10:30 am Music

The music for today's livestreamed liturgy can be found in the online worship guide available from the front page of www.stjohns-creighton.org.

When unable to be present to the Eucharist physically, the faithful are invited and encouraged to receive "spiritual communion" in prayer.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

Lord Jesus Christ,
you are the bread of life and the one true vine.
I believe that you are truly present
in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist.
I seek you.
I worship and adore you.
Since I cannot receive you
in the Eucharistic bread and wine,
I pray that you will come into my heart and soul,
that I may be united to you,
by your all-powerful and ever-present Holy Spirit.
Let me receive you, and be nourished by you.
Become for me the manna in my wilderness,
the bread of angels
for my very human journey through time,
a foretaste of the heavenly banquet,
and solace in the hour of my death.
I pray all this, trusting that you yourself are
our Life, our Peace, and our everlasting Joy.
Amen.

Prayer Requests

Jack Walsh	Tanya Little
Terry Moore	Donald Cleveland
Martha Granados	Mary McMahan
Linda Baker	Cheryl Saker
Special Intention	Jane O'Brien
Fr. Steve Ryan	

St. John's parish is a Catholic Ignatian community committed to welcoming all, celebrating Eucharist, and empowering all to serve for the greater honor and glory of God.

COMMUNITY

“My friends, we cannot tolerate or turn a blind eye to racism and exclusion in any form and yet claim to defend the sacredness of every human life.” – Pope Francis

We are made in the image of the one Triune God, a dynamic relationship of love. Human life, made *imago Dei*, is incalculably valuable. This is why we must “defend the sacredness of every human life” especially when it is most vulnerable. The image of George Floyd, killed slowly and publicly, makes visible the vulnerability many members of our family have lived with through generations. The sin of racism is a moral and spiritual failure, which “we cannot tolerate or turn a blind eye.” We condemn the horrific, brutal killing of George Floyd. And yet it is not enough... we must examine our own complicity in the social systems that allow this violence to endure. How will we change? How will we leverage personal change into social change? It is not enough to not be racist, but we must work together to actively dismantle systems of racism. This is long and difficult work. Where do we begin?

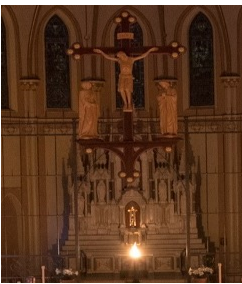
Pray. We are people of faith. We ask God to transform our minds and hearts to become people of true solidarity, all of us together.

Learn. Collaborate with God in conversion. For those who are not regularly targets of racism and racist systems this means listening to those who are. Seek out resources, books, articles, podcasts, that help provide context. It is not the job of those targeted by racism to personally educate those who are not. Many good resources are already available to can help broaden the sphere of understanding beyond one’s own limited experience.

Work. Listen to local leaders in communities of color. However well informed, those who do not have the primary experience of such discrimination should defer to those who do. This is not just about showing up, but showing up in ways that are actually helpful. That always includes calling out racism or assumptions of white supremacy when you hear it. Advocate within your circle, whatever that may be, and act collectively with humility.

We are called to dynamic relationships of love, because we are made in the image of the Triune God. When any member or group within our family suffers, we all suffer. As we pray, learn, and work in the service of human life and dignity we make an offering of our lives to God. We ask God to take what we have and transform it into enough.

— Fr. Lorn Snow S.J., Pastor & Sara Schulte-Bukowinski, Parish Life Director



Let us pray for and celebrate with Avery Grace Gilbreath, who received the sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday May 31st. Congratulations Avery!



We prayerfully remember **Patricia Jackson Gambee**, sister of long-time St. John’s parishioner Michael Jackson. May Jesus Christ console her family and friends, especially during this difficult time.

WORSHIP

Liturgy Updates for St. John’s - COVID-19

As St. John’s continues to respond to new information about COVID-19, our parish staff is committed to safeguarding the health of our parishioners as well as serving their spiritual needs as best we can under the health guidelines. We, too, feel keenly the separation from the many tangible and communal ways we are used to practicing our Catholic faith.

Singing in Groups

Recent research indicates that singing together greatly increases the risk of spreading respiratory infection through aerosol particles among those present. This seems to be the case even with masks and 6ft social distancing, especially for the length of a typical Mass (See summaries [here](#) and [here](#)). In an abundance of caution, St. John’s will ask those present in the church space not to vocally participate in the music but to continue engaging it in prayer. However, because so many more of our worshipping community currently join us through the livestream, a cantor and accompanist will continue to invite those at home to join in song using the online worship guide. The cantor will be at least 30ft from the congregation in light of suggested social distancing for singing. We hope that research in the coming months tells us more about the risk aerosol particles pose in spreading the coronavirus. We certainly hope to be singing together again soon when we can do so safely!

Weekly Offering Report for May 24th

Weekly Budget Goal	8,086.79	Annual Budget Goal	428,600.00
Weekend Contributions	1915.00	Fiscal Year-to-Date Goal	388,165.92
Other	25.80		
ONLINE	210.00		
ACH	<u>3,670.00</u>		
TOTAL	5,820.80		
Above (Below) weekly goal	-2,265.99	Amount Collected YTD	403,650.44
		Above (Below) YTD Goal	15,484.52



If you would like to make donations on line please go to our website and look for this icon to click on.

www.stjohns-creighton.org

DEADLINES FOR NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Below are the deadline dates for upcoming Parish Newsletters









Friday June 12th NOON for Sunday June 21st

Friday June 19th NOON for Sunday June 28th

Friday June 26th NOON for Sunday July 5th

Please submit all requests to jonherrington@creighton.edu AND stjohns@creighton.edu with the subject line: NEWSLETTER.

Masses at St. John's This Week

Date	Feast	Readings	Mass Time—Location—Intention
6/07 Sun	 <i>THE MOST HOLY TRINITY</i>	Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9 2 Cor 13:11-13 Jn 3:16-18	10:30 AM Livestreamed All Sunday liturgies are in the Church and offered for the people of the parish
6/08 Mon	 Saint James Berthieu	1 Kgs 17:1-6 Mt 5:1-12	Noon—Livestream—†Fr. Adolfo Nicolás S.J.
6/09 Tues	 <i>Saint Joseph de Anchieta</i>	1 Kgs 17:7-16 Mt 5:13-16	Noon—Livestream—Mary Alice Howick
6/10 Wed		1 Kgs 18:20-39 Mt 5:17-19	Noon—Livestream—†Louie Lopez
6/11 Thur	 <i>Saint Barnabas, Apostle</i>	Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3 Mt 5:20-26	Noon—Livestream—†Dr. Cecil Marie Zielinski
6/12 Fri		1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16 Mt 5:27-32	Noon—Livestream—†Robert L. Carlson
6/13 Sat		1 Kgs 19:19-21 Mt 5:33-37	Noon—Livestream
6/14 Sun	 <i>THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST</i>	Acts 2:1-11 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 Jn 20:19-23	10:30 AM Livestreamed All Sunday liturgies are in the Church and offered for the people of the parish

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ST. BENEDICT CENTER REOPENING

Starting on June 1, we will be open again! We will go about reopening with caution and great concern for everyone's health and safety. We ask those who have a health problem or are older to wait for a while yet before coming. The number of the people in the conference rooms will be limited in keeping with the orders of the health department. You will be required to wear a mask when you are indoors and around other people.

CONTEMPLATIVE PHOTOGRAPHY

June 13, 2020

One-day retreat at Saint Benedict Center, Schuyler, with Rita Otis. Seeing deeply is an act of intimacy; it is to see ourselves in relationship to God's created world, rather than only observing. When we really see, we become one with creation. This retreat is designed to nurture our ability to see with an "inner eye." With a camera we take the energy of intimacy and make it manifest. That is contemplative photography. Please bring your own camera, laptop computer to upload your pictures, paper for journaling, mask and hand sanitizer. Social distancing will be observed. Limited to ten participants. Lunch is available for \$11.02 (includes tax). Register now by visiting www.StBenedictCenter.com or call (402) 352-8819.

REFLECTION



“In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.”

It seems fitting that our return to Ordinary Time is marked* by a celebration of the Trinity. We probably reference the Trinity more often than we realize. We begin our Christian lives with baptism in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. We begin and end our prayers with the sign of the cross. The creed we say each Sunday expands on that Trinitarian theology. At the end of each Mass, we go forth to live in the name of the three persons of the Trinity.

As often as we Christians reference it, the Trinity is difficult to explain. (And that’s after living in Ireland, where they have so many symbols for the Trinity! Thanks, St. Patrick.) It’s much easier to explain one of the commands to love: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind,” or “Love one another as [Christ has] loved you.” Even as difficult as it is to define love, that’s an easier concept to my mind than $3 = 1$.

I like to think of the Trinity as perichoresis, a holy dance. When I think of the three Persons of the Trinity engaged in a swirling dance, active and joyful, moving so quickly and gracefully as to blend together, it is easy to see that the Trinity is about relationship, and therefore about love. How can we say “God is love” unless God is relationship? We are baptized in the name of the Trinity, the Community of Being, into the Christian community.

We don’t see our larger St. John’s family all in one place this Sunday, or even spread among our usual favorite Mass times. And yet, we are still invited to join the holy dance of the Trinity in our daily lives as they are at this moment. Maybe it’s an awkward dance as we approach the grocery store checkout line or the person coming the other way on the sidewalk, as we attempt to maintain social distancing. Maybe it’s the dance of fixing dinner when everyone is in the kitchen, navigating the household Zoom meeting schedule, or sticking to a daily routine. Wherever we are, we are invited to a holy dance as we find our rhythm for Ordinary Time.

(*Church pun! The name of this season, “Ordinary Time,” comes from the Latin word *Ordinalis*, which simply means “numbered,” “ruled,” or “marked.” Much like a musical meter, Ordinary Time helps us fall into a rhythm as Jesus accompanies us in our daily lives and we accompany Jesus in his life of teaching.)

—Molly Mattingly

REMEMBERING SR ROSALIMA



Sister Mary Rosalima
Wilkinson

Sisters of Mercy West Midwest

Age 90

Sunday May 17, 2020

Born Merdith Wilkinson in Omaha, Nebraska, Sister Rosalima was cared for by her grandmother until the age of four when she and her younger sister and brother were placed in St. James Orphanage. Her grandmother continued to visit each Sunday and was a presence in her life.

The Sisters of Mercy, who operated the orphanage, “Gave me the care and love I needed to grow,” said Sister Rosalima. “They fed us and took care of us. Most kids want to be like their mothers, and that’s what we knew. To think that people would dedicate their lives to taking care of all those kids—that was inspirational.”

Inspired by the Sisters of Mercy, she entered the community in 1949 with a desire to become a teacher.

She began her teaching career in 1952 and was primarily a music teacher at many schools in Omaha, Lincoln, and Dodge, Nebraska; Council Bluffs and Des Moines, Iowa; Kansas City, Missouri; Denver, Colorado; and Red Bluff, California. She was the principal at Assumption Academy in Chadron, Nebraska; Catholic Con. Grade School in Omaha; Holy Family School in Clarkson, Washington; St. Joseph School in Salida, Colorado; Holy Trinity in Hartington, Nebraska; and St. Wenceslaus School in Dodge, Nebraska.

From 1982 to 1987, she served as a pastoral associate at Immaculate Conception in Rushville, Nebraska, and St. Leo in Gordon, Nebraska.

In 1992, Sister Rosalima began to serve as a volunteer at Mercy Hospital in Council Bluffs, a ministry she continued until the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition to working in the gift shop, she had served on the board and was known for the delicious baked items she donated for the bake sales.

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation Survey:

While we continue living into these uncertain times we, the staff of St. John’s, want to find new and creative ways to serve and accompany our parish community by creating opportunities that can be accessed remotely.

We would like your feedback in choosing one to pilot at this time. Please visit the “New Faith Formation Survey” linked on right column of our website.

THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

The month of June is a special time to reflect and intensify devotion to the Sacred Heart. The Solemnity of the Sacred Heart is celebrated the Friday after Corpus Christi. A novena is listed here to be prayed for the 9 days preceding the feast. Stay tuned for parish celebrations of this great feast!

I. O my Jesus, you have said: 'Truly I say to you, ask and you will receive, seek and you will find, knock and it will be opened to you. ' Behold I knock, I seek and ask for the grace of..... (here name your request)
Our Father... . Hail Mary... . Glory Be to the Father... .

Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.

II. O my Jesus, you have said: 'Truly I say to you, if you ask anything of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. ' Behold, in your name, I ask the Father for the grace of..... (here name your request)
Our Father... Hail Mary... . Glory Be To the Father... .

Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.

III. O my Jesus, you have said: 'Truly I say to you, heaven and earth will pass away but my words will not pass away. ' Encouraged by your infallible words I ask for the grace of... (here name your request)
Our Father... . Hail Mary... . Glory Be to the Father...

Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, for whom it is impossible not to have compassion on the afflicted, have pity on us miserable sinners and grant us the grace which we ask of you, through the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary, your tender Mother and ours.

Say the Hail, Holy Queen and add: St. Joseph, foster father of Jesus, pray for us.

The devotion to the Sacred Heart began with the mystical visions of Jesus and his Sacred Heart as revealed to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647-1690), a Visitation Sister living in the French town of Paray-le-Monial. As is often the case, the sisters in her community were highly doubtful about her reported visions. At one point Margaret Mary was told in prayer that God would send her "his faithful servant and perfect friend." Shortly afterwards, St. Claude la Colombiere, a Jesuit priest living nearby, was assigned to serve as her spiritual director. Later, Margaret Mary would have a vision that showed their two hearts (hers and Claude's) united with the heart of Jesus.

From that point the two worked together to spread the devotion, which became strongly associated with the Jesuits, who promoted it with vigor in the following centuries. As the devotion flourished, the paintings, mosaics, and sculptures. So did parishes, hospitals, retreat centers, schools, and universities named in its honor. Everything you know that is named "Sacred Heart" (including the great church of Sacré Coeur in Paris) stems from these two people—and Jesus of course.

In time, though, devotion to the Sacred Heart fell off to such an extent that Fr. Pedro Arrupe, SJ, then the superior general of the Society of Jesus, had to remind his brother Jesuits in 1981: "I have always been convinced that what we call 'Devotion to the Sacred Heart' is a symbolic expression of the very basis of the Ignatian spirit." He told them that the Sacred Heart is "one of the deepest sources of vitality for interior life." Yet Father Arrupe acknowledged, "In recent years the very expression 'Sacred Heart' has constantly aroused, from some quarters, emotional, almost allergic reactions."

Those "allergic reactions" mean that we are missing a powerful and vivid symbol of the love of Jesus. **For the Sacred Heart is nothing less than an image of the way that Jesus loves us: fully, lavishly, radically, completely, sacrificially.**

—Fr. James Martin, S.J., *America Magazine*
Edited for brevity, *emphasis added*

