

## **Our Lady of Good Hope Roman Catholic Church**

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### **Most Holy Trinity Sunday - June 11, 2017**

#### **Weekday Masses**

Tuesday to Saturday 9:00 AM

#### **Sunday Masses**

Saturday – 4:30 PM (anticipated Mass)  
Sunday – 9:00 AM

#### **Confessions**

Weekdays Tuesday to Saturday – 8:30 AM to 8:45 AM  
Saturday - 3:30 PM to 4:00 PM  
Always available upon request.

#### **Please pray for our sick and shut in parishioners.**

May Our Lord sustain, comfort and heal them through their faith.

Mimi LaBossiere, Ann Vinet, Don Appel, Lew and Dolores Hampton, Marilyn McKay, Galdino Berti, Yunha Kim, Gerard Born, George Stock, Jerzy and Irena Klimczek, Rita Rocan, Theresa Witjes, Dolores Azevedo, Amanda Paller.

#### **Last Sunday Offering**

\$ General  
\$ Building and Maintenance  
\$ Average Weekly Expenses

Thank you for your generous support of your Parish.

**Project Advance:** Our appreciation goes out to all parishioners who have made a gift to Project Advance 2017. **To date, we have received 14 gifts (18.76%) totaling \$8,500.** Remember that funds received over our Diocesan goal (\$5,000.) will be returned to the Parish. Please continue to respond in prayer and generosity. Our sharing reflects our caring. Thank you.

St Anthony of Padua, 7237 Morrow Road, Agassiz, cordially invite you to their **Annual Strawberry Tea, Saturday, June 17 at 1:00 PM.** There will be a bake sale, toonie table, raffles, door prizes and of course a beautiful afternoon tea. Admission: \$5:00 per person.

#### **Reflection – God is our refuge and strength**

“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.” (Psalm 46:1)

We were not made to live independent lives, but lives that are totally dependent upon God. We need Him more that we could ever know. As our Heavenly Father, He has given us many promises of His love, His care, His presence, and His help.

God wants us to call upon Him when we are in need, when we are hurting, when we have sorrow, when we are going through difficulties, and when we are troubled. He is the one we need to turn to; the one we need to share our hearts with; the one we need to cast our cares upon; the one we need to lean upon.

When our burdens are great, we can call upon His greatness. Our cries to God do not need to be complicated or lengthy. Sometimes the only words we can find to say are, "Help me, Lord." That simple cry for help is enough, for the Lord knows all about the details that surround our cry and He is ready to take action.

**Reflection on today's Feast – The Most Holy Trinity**

The mystery of the Holy Trinity, which is the focus of today's Feast, is really the summit or the heart of God's revelation of Himself to us. Anyone who hopes to approach God as He really is must approach Him as the Trinity. This feast is not one that celebrates a historical event, as most of the feasts do. Rather, this feast celebrates a fundamental concept or a *mystery* that is difficult for us to understand.

The Church pondered the revelation of the Trinity for three centuries before it was ready to formulate our faith by means of the first two Ecumenical Councils, that of the Council of Nicea in the year 325 A.D. and that of the Council of Constantinople in 381 A.D.

On this Feast of the Holy Trinity we come face to face with the inner mystery of God as a family of three Divine Persons: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit, where there is complete harmony, love and total peace. The Trinity is the foundational belief of the Catholic Church. It maintains that God consists of *one divine nature, yet three divine Persons in one*. This belief is a great mystery for us. How can God be one and yet three? We do not confess three Gods but we do confess one God in three Persons.

The feast of the Holy Trinity is a celebration of the mystery of God as a family of love. Love is the binding force of the three Persons of the Trinity; so when we love each other we share in that community of love which is the living God.

You might be wondering what the Holy Trinity has to do with *your life*. This Doctrine of our faith is both profound and very personal because it is the centre of our Catholic faith. In the celebration of the Mass and the Sacramental life of the Church, we are calling upon the family of the Holy Trinity to help us to share in the community of God's love.

Made in the image and likeness of God, means we are made in the image and likeness of the Most Holy Trinity. The love we have for one another should then be modelled on the love shared by God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

We live in the world of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. This is the mystery we are celebrating today. It is not something we can hope to understand fully while we're here on earth, and perhaps not even when we get to Heaven. It is something to believe now though and to live with love. By prayer and grace, we can get to know each Person of the Trinity more in our lives.

On this special feast of the Holy Trinity, *together* we pray the simplest of Catholic prayers: "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."

**The Month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus**

During the month of June we have the opportunity of thanking and praising God for His great love for each one of us. The Sacred Heart of Jesus reveals to us the depth and height and breadth of God's compassionate, merciful love for each of us. Let us spend this month in deeper awareness of God's presence abiding within us, living within us, and making us true witnesses in the world of today.

**The heart of Jesus is an open heart. Spend your time there.**

There, in the heart of Jesus, nothing can separate you from the love of Christ and from love for each other. As much as possible, be alone with God so that you can listen to Him. He will speak in the silence of your heart. (Saint Mother Theresa of Calcutta)