

Fr. Martin's Reflection – May 26, 2024

The Most Holy Trinity - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This weekend we celebrate the solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity. This is, for many priests, one of the more challenging weekends on how to explain the mystery of the Holy Trinity. I have listened to many homilies on the Trinity, some long and some short and one or two that seemed to do a good job of explaining the Holy Trinity. I have come to realize that what is important is not trying to fully understand the Holy Trinity as a single unit, which I do not believe we as humans can honestly do, but getting to know the Holy Trinity as individual parts.

When we reflect on the 'Father' and the attributes of the 'Father,' we experience the role the 'Father' wishes to play in our lives. When we focus on the 'Son' and the attributes of the 'Son,' we experience the role the 'Son' wishes to play in our lives. When we focus on the 'Holy Spirit,' we experience the role the 'Holy Spirit' wishes to play in our lives. When we better understand the role the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit wishes to play in our lives, the better we understand the Most Holy Spirit.

A Memorial Day Prayer for Our Military and Military Families

Heavenly Father, today is Yours. We thank You for giving us this beautiful opportunity to honor the men and women who so bravely served this country in the past as well as in the present. Father, we ask You to bless and strengthen those brave souls who selflessly give of themselves without asking anything in return. We ask You to heal our wounded warriors who returned home in pain after they gave their all for this great land. Bless them. Restore their souls. Heal their bodies. Bring salvation to the lost. Father, we ask You to bless the families of our military who stay behind while their loved one goes into battle. Keep them safe and provide for their needs according to Your abundance. Lord, we pray for a special blessing upon the families whose loved one gave his or her life to this country. Keep them safe and comfort their hearts. Lord, we ask You to anoint our Chaplains and others who bring the Word to our military. Bless their ministry and bring a great harvest of souls from their efforts. Father, we ask You to forgive the sins of this nation as well as the sins of the leaders who have forgotten how to pray. Have mercy on all Americans and bring us to a state of repentance in these difficult times. We ask You to forgive our pride as a nation and deliver us from the evil that has come upon us. You alone are righteous and holy. You alone are worthy of praise. We make this prayer and all our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

“The Lord shall judge between many peoples, they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks, nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.” (Micah 4:3)

Have a wonderful Memorial Day and may the words of the prophet Micah ring true in the year ahead.

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