

Trinity Sunday

My beloved brothers and sisters, in today's gospel Jesus discloses to us the greatest mystery in the Universe, the Holy Trinity. He gives us a glance into the very nature of God. Like a lightning bolt lights up the darkest of nights, Jesus enlightens us and makes us insiders into the very core of existence itself. He tells us that the Holy Spirit speaks only what He hears from the Son, and everything the Son has He has received from the Father; and now, Jesus, the Son of God communicates the mystery of God to us. In doing so, they communicate their whole selves, their entire divine persons; and in doing so, we are privileged not just to be insiders to a secret, rather, we are made intimate sharers in the Divine Act of Loving us into existence. God is a total unity of three Divine Persons, wholly self-sufficient; nonetheless, God who is absolute love, empties Himself out in total self-giving. That is the essential nature of the God of Love!

Jesus reveals to us that the inner life of God is absolute, no-holds-barred generosity, eternal and unlimited self-donation. In other words, God, the Holy Trinity created everything that exists and holds it into existence because God desires us to receive everything that God is! Why does that universe exist? The universe exists so that you and I can exist, to be loved with the full power of the Absolute power of God's love! You and I exist, so that God can cause us to share in His unique Divine Nature- He divinizes us. That is the whole meaning of our Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. It is the reason why Jesus gave us Confession and Absolution!

It is easy to become in the philosophical attempts to explain and understand the nature of God as three persons in One God, but every philosophical explanation limps and can only give us a merest rational understanding of God Who is Love! Anything we can say, is ultimately a dull reflection. No mere human mind could have made this up; only God could have revealed it, and He did so in Jesus, because Jesus wants us to enjoy forever what He knows and enjoys, in complete and absolute unity with Him, in His unity with the Father and the Holy Spirit!

So, what are the practical effects of this revelation by Jesus? Like any human relationship, because all of our relationships are based in the reality of the Trinity,

and the Divine Family of Love, the more deeply we ponder in prayer the revelation of God, the more we will love Him and the more we discover how infinitely much He loves us! The more we love God, the more capable of loving we become, and the more like God we become, and the greater the fulfillment of joy and happiness and meaning of life we discover. Why? Because we were made for this! The reason that God has revealed Himself to us, is because He wants us to know Him and How infinitely much He loves us, and because He wants us to love Him. Today, we do well to ask ourselves: How much do I know God? How much time do I spend in prayer trying to know Him? Today, ask God to set your hearts on fire with His Divine Love and to make of you a Conflagration of that Divine Love!