

Pastor's Letter

May 26, 2024—The Most Holy Trinity

Dear Church Family,

What goes around comes around. It's an old saying, and it's not a bad way of understanding the mystery we are celebrating today, the mystery of the inner life of God, the Most Holy Trinity.

What's going around in God is love. For want of a better term we talk about it in terms of begetting, as in parents begetting children, and proceeding. This is a very imperfect analogy, but the church has been making do with it for a long time. Here's how it works:

The Father is always going out from himself in love and eternally, without beginning or end, begetting the object of his love, who is the Son. The Son, without beginning or end is eternally being begotten by the Father and an eternal relationship of love exists between them. This love proceeding from them is so powerful that it eternally has a personhood of its own and this person is the Holy Spirit. This circle of love is so intense that the source of the love, the object of the love and the love itself are not even separable, but they are always distinct. They are one God in three persons.

Confused yet? Good. The mystery of God is always beyond the reach of our understanding, but that doesn't mean it's not important. Seeing God as the mystery of giving, receiving, and being love has important meaning for how we should relate to God and each other. If God is love, that means that we are called to be love also. If God is continually pouring himself out in a widening circle of love, that means that we should be going out of ourselves in love for God and neighbor as well. We exist because of love, and we are put here to love and so enter the circle of love that is the inner life of God, the Most Holy Trinity.

Blessings,

Fr. Scott

