



May 31, 2026

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Most Holy Trinity

Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9 | 2 Cor 13:11-13 | Jn 3:16-18

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

In today's first reading, we hear how Moses, obedient to God's command, ascends Mount Sinai early in the morning. Up at the summit, the Lord appears to Moses in a cloud and shares his name with Moses: "LORD" (in Hebrew, the tetragrammaton, the unspeakably holy divine name). But God doesn't only reveal the name that Moses should call him by; he also reveals what kind of God he is: "The Lord, a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity." Moses bows down in worship and entreats the Lord to "receive us as your own." Today's Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity reminds us that we have a God who wants us to not only know his name, but to know his inner self. The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are - indeed - the God who is rich in mercy. And anyone who believes in this God will not perish but will have eternal life. May we bow our hearts in worship of the Lord this day, grateful for the gift we have of belonging to the people he calls his own.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Our second reading contains a detail that might come as a surprise to our 21st-century ears: "Greet one another with a holy kiss." This gesture in the New Testament era was an outward sign of the communion and love that existed in the early Church - a communion that we're also called to today. The communion that exists in the Church is meant to point the world back to its source: God himself. Part of the witness we're called to offer the world as Christian believers is the love we share among one another. The Church is to be a sacrament or "sign and instrument ... of ... union with God" and unity with "the whole human race." (*Lumen Gentium* 1) The bonds of love that exist among Christians is about more than just having a tight-knit community; it's about showing the world that we're called to a loving relationship with God and with one another.

WITNESS

This week, consider how you can strengthen the bonds of friendship you have with your fellow Christians, so that united together in love and peace, you can bear witness to the God who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Consider participating in a fellowship (social) event being put on by your parish or invite someone you see regularly at Church out for coffee or brunch after Mass.

Church of the Ascension

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Masses: (Sat) 5p; (Sun) 7a, 9a, 11a, 5p
(Mon-Fri) 8a; (Sat) 9a

Confessions: (Sat) 4p - 4:45p

Circling in on the Trinity

Dante, the writer of the *Divine Comedy*, created images of eternity more enduring than most theology. His description of the Trinity is curious: "In the profound and clear substance of the supreme light, three circles appeared to me; of three different colors and one single dimension." In our Creed, we affirm the relationship of Jesus to God as "light from light." Circles represent infinity, and one dimension absolute unity. But the colors? Dante isn't telling. He does call this unity Knower, Known, and Knowing, as well as Lover, Loved, and Loving. By any other name, our God is One. *-Takefiveforfaith.com*

Eucharistic Procession with SJ Bishop

May 31 @ 1:00pm - 3:00pm

1:30pm - Gather at Mission Santa Clara

2:00pm - Depart and walk 2.2 miles with Our Lord to Saint Justin Church, Santa Clara.

Consider parking your car at the end point - St. Justin - and making your way to Mission Santa Clara.



Eucharistic Procession at Ascension

June 7 - Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ

10:00am - after the 9:00am Sunday Mass.

Eucharistic Adoration & Divine Mercy

June 5 - First Friday

You are invited to the 8am Mass then Eucharistic Adoration every First Friday from 8:30am to 3:00pm (in Room A - use the side door), followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet & Benediction. Though drop-ins are welcome, please **sign up in church** to ensure that at least two adorers are present any time.

R.I.P.

Sylvia Hewitt, whose funeral was on May 28, passed away March 12. May she rest in peace.

Seasons of Hope Grief Discussion Group

This discussion group offers a place to share reflections on the loss of a loved one. Summer sessions begin July 15 from 1:00-2:30pm in Sacred Heart Parish Center's Transfiguration Room. To register, contact Carolyn Orasin 408-867-3634 or c.orsain@sacredheartsaratoga.org.

WEEKLY OFFERING - May 24

-Total: **\$4,449** (\$3,393+ online: \$1,056. Goal: \$6,800.

-YTD Sunday: **\$316,615**. Budget: \$312,800.

-Priest Retirement Fund: **\$500** (YTD: \$4,488).

-Building Fund (for buildings repainting): **\$2,000** (YTD: \$6,213)

Thank you for your generosity.

MASS INTENTIONS

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| May 30 | Sat | 05 pm | Vilma Azevedo + |
| Jun 01 | Mon | 08 am | Tony & Chris Borromeo + |
| Jun 06 | Sat | 09 am | Carol McLafferty (L) |

Holy Father's Prayer Intention in June

Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.

Pope Leo's Rosary for Peace

Accompanying his repeated calls for an end to war, Pope Leo XIV is scheduled to preside over the recitation of the Holy Rosary on May 30 in the Vatican Gardens, with each decade dedicated to people impacted by war—from families torn apart to medical personnel and volunteers.

Capital Campaign Report: 118%

Thank you to our **85 generous donors!**

Although we exceeded our campaign goal, we still need more donations to fund the **Terrace project**. The initial estimated cost is \$250,000.

If you want to donate to the Terrace project, please make your check payable to *Church of Ascension* and include '*Terrace project*' in the memo line. **For those wishing to support the Capital Campaign**, please write your check to *Sowing Seeds of Faith*, or go to dsj.org/giving/seedsfaith.

Consider **QCD, IRA, stock transfer**, etc.

Terrace Project

A major undertaking at Ascension will be the Terrace Project, which will renovate **the church's main entrance and the adjacent area**.



The focus will be on creating an **ADA compliant ramp** and addressing safety issues. With proper funding, this area will be transformed into a **welcoming space** for gatherings before and after Mass, fostering the sense of community for worshippers. The initial estimated cost: \$250,000.

To view the concept design of the Terrace Project, scan the QR code. **To donate to this project**, write a check payable to Ascension Church with *Terrace project on the memo line*.

Benevity Matching Gift

Your company may match your donations through Benevity platform. Donate via Benevity and get your company-matched dollars with your donation. Look up "Church of the Ascension" in Benevity using our Tax ID 94-2734503.

Take advantage of this amazing opportunity. Benevity and Campaign materials are on tables near the church main exit.

Catholic Charities Refugee Foster Care

Learn how you can provide a home of healing and belonging to a refugee youth in need.

Contact 408-325-5107 or rhc@ccsc.org.