June 4, 2023

The Most Holy Trinity

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son ... "John 3:16

This passage is quite familiar – both in our reading and hearing the passage, but also from references on posters at sporting events and large gatherings for the past few decades. But familiarity may cause us to not really pay attention to the message and meaning. God gave His son Jesus with a love that is so great and unconditional, it is difficult to comprehend. Is the love you show God and others unconditional? Or are there "conditions" to the love you share? Are there "conditions" to you in forgiving others? Are you generous with your time, gifts, money and possessions only when there are "conditions" -- when you will receive something in return? Think about that. Pray about ridding yourself of those "conditions."

June 11, 2023

Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

"Because the loaf of bread is one, we, though many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf." 1 Corinthians 10:17

Everyone is different – each with unique skills and gifts. Despite our differences, we are called to work together, as one body, to build God's kingdom on earth and bring others closer to God the Father, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. As part of that one body, we must do our part with our gifts from God, but also be open to recognize and benefit from the gifts of others

June 18, 2023

11th Sunday of Ordinary Time

"As you go, make this proclamation: 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' " Matthew 10:7

How would most people react if they knew that their time on earth was coming to an end very soon? Of course, they would make sure their affairs were in order; they would contact family and friends to let them know how much they are loved; they would make sure that certain treasures are passed along to those they leave behind. They very likely would not procrastinate on the things they deem as important. Yet, often people procrastinate with making thing "right with God." Being a disciple of God is not something that we should do in the future. God's kingdom is now.

June 25, 2023

12th Sunday of Ordinary Time

"Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father." Matthew 10:32

If people knew you from "outside" of your church community, would they know that you are Catholic? It is easy to share our faith, pray and talk about discipleship when in the company of other Catholics, but do we share our faith or "back away" from defending our faith in situations other at Mass or church activities. Pray for the strength to be "recognized" as Catholic in your words and actions, no matter what the situation.