

# SAINT CHRISTOPHER CATHOLIC CHURCH

**June 7, 2020**

## St. Christopher Church

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## Worship Schedule

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| Morning Prayer  | 7:00 AM Mon-Thurs |
| Daily Mass      | 8:00 AM Mon-Thurs |
| Saturday Vigil  | 4:00 PM           |
| Sunday Mass     | 8:00 & 10:00 AM   |
| Vietnamese Mass | 3:00 PM Sunday    |

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| Confessions | After Daily Mass,<br>approx. 7:45 AM<br>3:00-3:30 PM Saturday |
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| Rosary | 7:00 PM Tuesday |
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| Eucharistic Adoration | Wednesday<br>7:45-8:45 AM<br>Rosary at beginning |
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| 1st Friday of the Month | 1:00-3:00 PM<br>September - June |
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**Welcome New Parishioners! If you would like to register or you have changed your address, please fill out the form on page 5.**

# THE MOST HOLY TRINITY



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**God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him  
might not perish but might have eternal life.**

*John 3:16*

## Our Parish Prayer

Heavenly Father, we pray for all of the people and programs of St. Christopher Parish. Unite us as a community of believers and grant us the wisdom, grace, and strength to do your will. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. AMEN.

## Our Mission

We are a Roman Catholic parish whose members live and proclaim the saving message of Jesus Christ.

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, June 6

4:00 PM Alfred Jamie Wood  
by His Family

### Sunday, June 7

8:00 AM For the people of the parish  
10:00 AM Stephanie Cadwell Walsh  
by The Kaminski Family  
3:00 PM Vietnamese Mass

### Monday, June 8

7:15 AM Eva Julewitz  
by Colleen Fall & Family

### Tuesday, June 9

7:15 AM M. Karen Dill  
by John & Mary Mann

### Wednesday, June 10

7:15 AM Don and Jane Evans  
by Chris and Marta Nissen

### Thursday, June 11

7:15 AM Eva Julewitz  
by Colleen Fall

Andrea Harris  
by Rev. David Harris

### Friday, June 12

No Mass on Fridays

### Saturday, June 13

4:00 PM John A. Schappler  
by His Wife Jane

### Sunday, June 14

8:00 AM For the people of the parish  
10:00 AM Ginette Faucher, 1st Anniv.  
by Richard and Cecile Pelissier

The Klun Family  
by Tom and Zo Long  
3:00 PM Vietnamese Mass

### The Sanctuary Lamp Burns This Week:

For Henry Lamont  
by Elizabeth Cote

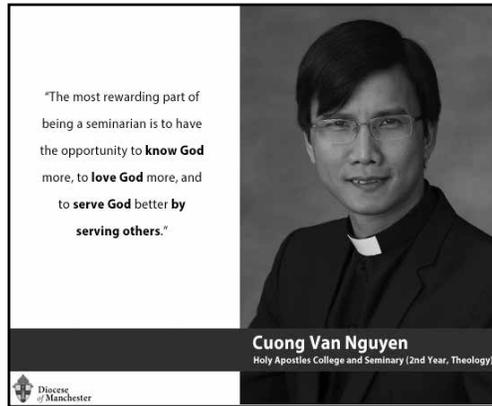
### Altar Bread and Wine:

The Altar Bread, which will become the Body of Our Lord Jesus Christ at all Masses during May, will be offered for the people of the parish. It will be offered in June for John A. Schappler by his wife, Jane.

Arrangements can be made to donate the monthly Altar bread and wine in honor of a loved one by contacting the rectory at 882-0632 during business hours. Mass intentions can also be scheduled by calling the rectory.



## Welcome Seminarian Cuong Nguyen!



Our parish is excited to host Mr. Peter Cuong Nguyen, a seminarian studying to be a priest in our diocese, for the next 8 weeks at our parish. This is part of the immersion experience that all seminarians complete in parishes each summer, which helps familiarize them with parish life and rectory living, and supports their growth in priestly identity. Father David enjoyed summer assignments at parishes throughout the diocese during his seminary years and he is excited to help mentor the next generation!

Peter is from Vietnam and he is studying at Holy Apostles Seminary in Connecticut.

He just completed his third year of theology studies and is on track to be ordained as a transitional deacon in 2021. Next academic year, he will serve a pastoral year by living and working in a parish.

Please introduce yourself to Peter when you see him around the parish. We will be having him get involved with as many things as possible around here. By rectory decree, Peter will be expected to share with the pastor any baked goods or goodies you drop-off for him :)

Below is a short biography that Peter wrote to help you get to know him a little bit:

*My full name is Peter Cuong V. Nguyen. My family belongs to Ke Gai parish, the Diocese of Vinh, it is located at the middle of Vietnam. I have four brothers and I am the youngest in my family. My father passed away four years ago when he was 75 years old. My mother is now 73 years old; she is living with my brothers. I love playing soccer and tennis, hiking, and reading.*

*Throughout my high school time, this sense of being called and the desire to be a priest persisted. I desire to be a priest of God and a priest for others. Therefore, after high school, I went to Saigon city where it is located in the south of Vietnam to study in college. I experienced that Jesus Christ is the center of my life. In my deep spiritual experience, Jesus is a "Gardener" and I am an "ornamental tree" in the garden of God. I was a wild tree in the wood, but God brought me up in the spirit of the Gospel. I acknowledge I am a sinner (a sinner is loved by God) but God loves me and calls me to serve Him. Now God calls me to serve Him and His Church; this call is really a great grace for me. I am happy and peaceful because God called me to be a Catholic and his disciple.*

*I have been in the U.S for three years. Now I am a third year theological seminarian and I am studying at the Holy Apostles Seminary. As a seminarian, I have desired to be a holy priest and I believe that my desire comes from God who is calling me to be a priest of God and a priest for others. For me, the most rewarding part of being a seminarian is to have the opportunity to know God more, to love God more, and to serve God better by serving others. Therefore, I can be a witness of Truth, Love and Peace for the world. I am very happy and peaceful to be sent to St. Christopher's Parish this summer.*

*As an international seminarian in the Diocese of Manchester, the most challenging part of my formation is the cultural adaptation and language. However, with God's grace and your help, which are important and helpful for me, I believe that I will overcome all challenges and difficulties to participate in the Diocese of Manchester as a holy priest.*

## Corpus Christi Corner

The Pantry is continuing with our Covid-19 schedule, being open on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 to 1pm. Thanks to the generosity from local organizations and people of Nashua, we are still able to offer clients pre-made bags of groceries. During the month of May, 367.7 pounds of food was collected from the church.

Also, St Chris School recently had a food drive, coordinated by 6th grade student Shea Hansen. Thanks to this drive, 119.4 pounds of food was donated to the Pantry. The grand total for the month of May was 487.1 pounds, with a value of \$813.

Please save us your empty egg cartons. Hannaford gives us their partial dozens of eggs, meaning the eggs from cartons that have a cracked egg in them. We need empty the cartons to package the eggs we get. Other items we could use are: 2 pound bags of flour, juice boxes, gravy or gravy mixes, baked beans, evaporated milk, canned pasta sauce, mayo, beef or vegetable soup, muffin mix, small bottles of shampoo, bar soap, and toothpaste. Your donations can be dropped off at the back door of the church during the open prayer times. Thank you so much for your support.

## For Vocations

"God so loved the world, He gave His only Son." How can you give yourself to God in a response to that love? Could God be calling you to live His love as a priest or in the consecrated life? If you think God may be offering you this grace, write Father Matthew Mason at [mmason@rcbm.org](mailto:mmason@rcbm.org).

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** 1 Kgs 17:1-6; Ps 121:1bc-8; Mt 5:1-12

**Tuesday:** 1 Kgs 17:7-16; Ps 4:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 5:13-16

**Wednesday:** 1 Kgs 18:20-39; Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab, 8, 11; Mt 5:17-19

**Thursday:** Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Ps 65:10-13; Mt 5:20-26

**Friday:** 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16; Ps 27:7-9abc, 13-14; Mt 5:27-32

**Saturday:** 1 Kgs 19:19-21; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-10; Mt 5:33-37

**Sunday:** Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; 1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58

## Art for Education

We are pleased that the Knights of Columbus has partnered with the Catholic Schools Office in an effort to strengthen Catholic education all over New Hampshire, the Art for Education fundraiser. You can purchase a print of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas and Protectress of the Unborn, for \$30 with the option of buying direct or purchasing from Councils that pre-order prints.

Ordering Details:

- Visit: <https://form.jotform.com/RCBM/artforeducation>
- Print can be shipped directly to you (\$5 shipping cost) or purchased in person at their local NH Knights Council, at participating councils (ask a Knight!).
- Fundraiser runs May 1-August 15, 2020; prints ordered online will be shipped on or around the 15th of each month (May, June, July, Aug).

## Parish Giving

The operation of the parish continues to rely upon your generosity through the offertory collection. It is important that we continue our parish giving at this time. Please consider the following ways to support St. Chris:

- If you give by cash in the offertory collection, we highly encourage you to please sign up for online giving. This is the most efficient way for us to enable the parish to maintain its financial obligations uninterrupted. You can sign up for automated payment or make individual gifts online at <https://stchrisparishnh.org/giving/>
- If you typically put envelopes in the collection basket but are unable to attend mass, please consider mailing them to us or dropping them in the mail slot of the office door.
- If you are in a position to give more, we would ask you to prayerfully increase your giving in the weeks ahead or consider making an additional gift.

**Thank You!**

## We're Here for YOU at St. Christopher Parish!

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Monday - Friday 9:00-3:00

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Bulletin submissions are due one week before publication.



**Like St. Chris Parish on Facebook!**



We were unable to process last week's offertory prior to the bulletin deadline. Please check back here next week!

**Thank you  
for supporting  
your Spiritual Home!**



**Knights of Columbus**

Did you know, last year the Knights of Columbus donated more than \$185,000,000 to charities in our community and around the world? In addition, members used their time by donating more than 73,000,000 volunteer hours. Want to be a part of something bigger than yourself? Go to [KofC.org/joinus](http://KofC.org/joinus) for more information.



**Family Connection to this Week's Gospel**

**Gospel Reading: John 3:16-18**

**God sent his Son into the world to save the world.**

Because of God's great love for us, he sent his Son, Jesus, to save the world. Jesus, in turn, sent the Holy Spirit so that our faith in God and his love would be strengthened. The nurturing experiences of family life also help us to understand and have faith in God's love.

Create a family poster together showing all the ways in which your family experiences God's great love. Use symbols, pictures, and words to show how you have seen God at work in your family life and in our history. Then read together today's Gospel, John 3:16-18. Pray together, thanking God for his gift of love. Conclude by praying the Glory Be to the Father or today's Psalm.

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**Recognizing Excellence Awards**

The successes of our Catholic schools and their students would not be possible without the selfless support of our committed educators, administrators, clergy, and lay partners in the community. This year, we are holding the St. John Neumann Education Trust Gala where we will Recognize Excellence in our Catholic Schools at the Manchester Country Club in Bedford, NH on Thursday, November 19, 2020. We hope you will consider joining us at this exciting event when we will officially honor a Superintendent Award Honoree, a Clergy member of the Year, and our Teacher of the Year.

To nominate someone you think deserves to receive this special recognition, please visit <https://www.catholicnh.org/schools/office/news/gala/>

The deadline for nominations is July 31, 2020.

**Mass Intentions**

Parishioners may request memorial masses for loved ones, as well as sponsoring the Sanctuary Lamp for a week, by contacting the rectory at 882-0632, Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Suggested donation is \$10 and mass cards are available. Arrangements can also be made to donate the Altar bread and wine for a month.

*Until further notice...*

**St. Christopher Church**

**will be OPEN**

**for prayer**

**Monday to Friday  
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM**

*Please use  
the side door to enter the church!*



**Diary of a Little Soul — WEEK 35**

My little world in here is getting brighter all the time since I am stretching Mom's belly more and more. My eyes can see much better, and I love to turn towards the light and play. It's fun to see what I can do with my fingers and toes. When it gets dark, I like to sleep just like Mom does. I am practicing what my parents call a "daily routine." How am I doing?

*O Lord, you have probed me and you know me; you know when I sit and when I stand; you understand my thoughts from afar. My journeys and my rest you scrutinize, with all my ways, you are familiar.*



# Saint Christopher ACADEMY

**Coming July 1, 2020**

Families looking for a comprehensive authentically Catholic school for their PreK-3 through grade 8 children will have a new option in Fall 2020! St. Christopher School and Nashua Catholic Regional Junior High School will be unified as one Catholic academy, named Saint Christopher Academy, as of July 1, 2020. The new school model, unique to the Diocese of Manchester, will blend both schools into one Catholic academy housed on two campuses.

PreK-3 to grade 6 students will attend class at the lower campus at 20 Cushing Avenue, the current location of St. Christopher School. Students in grades 7 and 8 will attend at the upper campus at 6 Bartlett Avenue, the current location of Nashua Catholic.

"Our new school will bring together the numerous gifts, strengths, and traditions of St. Christopher School, the former Infant Jesus School, and Nashua Catholic Regional Junior High School, while also adding new advantages and opportunities made possible by the unified academy model. The Academy will be faith centered, academically excellent, and built upon a loving community where each child is cherished and challenged to grow," explains Principal Cynthia Vita Clarke.

Saint Christopher Academy is enrolling students for the 2020-2021 school year. To apply, visit [SaintChrisAcademy.org](http://SaintChrisAcademy.org) or contact Cindy Clarke at 603-882-7442.

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## THE MOST HOLY TRINITY June 7, 2020

At moments in our lives we may wonder how we know who God is or what God is like. Today's readings help us to feel secure in placing our faith in God and being assured of God's unfailing love. When Moses went up the mountain as the Lord had commanded him, God powerfully described himself, "The Lord, the Lord, a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity." Jesus shows us the depths of this life of God. He came not to condemn the world but to save it. As people in relationship with God, we often fail. We walk away from God's ways, fall into sinfulness, and then, with the Lord's grace, come to our senses and return. God's words to Moses and the very life of Jesus show us that when we do so, we can still rely on God's mercy and kindness, because love is God's very nature.

### CALLED TO BE LIKE GOD

We might consider this testimony to the life and love of God and think to ourselves, so what? Knowing that

God loves us is reassuring, and may help us place our faith and trust in the Lord, but something more naturally follows—as followers of Jesus, we are called to become more like him. When others look at us, they should be able to say that we are "merciful and gracious, slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity." This gets at the heart of what it means to be a Christian. Our daily decisions, words, and actions are to reflect the merciful graciousness of God. We are able to do this through the indwelling power and presence of the Holy Spirit. In what ways are you becoming more Christ-like? May the grace of the Lord, love of God, and fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you as you renew your commitment to show and share God's kindness to others!

Today's Readings: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9; Dn 3:52, 54, 55; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18

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*Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands.  
Protect them as they protect us.  
Bless them and their families,  
For the selfless acts they perform,  
For us in our time of need.  
And give us peace.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus, Our Lord  
and Savior. Amen.*

Please pray for the following service people from our parish:

Children of William & Yvette

Berthelotte:

LTC Brian Berthelotte (Army);  
LtCol Mark Berthelotte (USAF);  
LCDR Brad Berthelotte (Navy)

Grandson of William & Yvette  
Berthelotte:

Cpl. Matthew Berthelotte  
(USMC)

Son of John & Alana Kocsis:  
SSG. John Kocsis III (Army)

Son of Joseph & Sue Strob:  
Maj. Rob Strob

Grandson of Pat & Kaye  
Heffernan:

Sgt. Eamonn Garber (USMC)

Son of David & Patricia Taylor:  
SFC James Taylor (Army)

Grandson of Lorraine St. Pierre  
PFC Alexander St. Pierre (Army)

Sons of Laurie Kopka and  
Grandsons of Madeleine Kopka:  
AT2 Michael Allard (Navy)  
AME2 Joseph Allard (Navy)

Daughter of John Soltis:  
Lt.Col. Kristen Soltis (USAF)

Granddaughter of Dan & Sue Tracy:  
1Lt Brittany DesLauriers (Army)

Grandson of Betty Batey:  
Captain Nick Batey USAF

Nephew of Karen Narkis:  
AMT3 David P. Narkis (Coast  
Guard)

*To add to our military prayer list,  
email [bulletin@stchrisparishnh.org](mailto:bulletin@stchrisparishnh.org) or  
call the Rectory at 882-0632.*

## St. Christopher Parish Community Outreach

### Parish Prayer Line

*Overwhelmed by life, by care?  
May we help with our prayer?*

St. Christopher's Prayer Line --  
24/7 from us to Heaven!

#### Go online to

[www.stchrisparishnh.org](http://www.stchrisparishnh.org)

#### Send email to

prayerhotline@  
stchrisparishnh.org

### Prayer Shawls

Our prayer shawl ministry, Creating for our Community, gathers once a month to knit, crochet, and pray as they create beautiful prayer shawls. If you know of someone who could benefit from the gift of a Prayer Shawl, whether they are having difficult time, or simply need the comfort of Prayer wrapped around their shoulders, please contact the rectory at 882-0632.

### Outreach Ministry

If you are homebound and cannot attend Mass and would like to receive communion, please call the Rectory 882-0632.

### Senior Companions

Are you homebound? Would you enjoy a visit? Your parish wants to stay connected with you! If St. Christopher is your spiritual home, how about a visit from one of your fellow parishioners? To arrange a visit, please call the Rectory at 882-0632.

## Blessed Franz Jägerstätter

(1907-1943)

Called to serve his country as a Nazi soldier, Franz eventually refused, and this husband and father of three daughters—Rosalie, Marie and Aloisia—was executed because of it.

Born in St. Radegund in Upper Austria, Franz lost his father during World War I and was adopted after Heinrich Jaegerstaetter married Rosalia Huber. As a young man, he loved to ride his motorcycle and was the natural leader of a gang whose members were arrested in 1934 for brawling. For three years he worked in the mines in another city and then returned to St. Radegund, where he became a farmer, married Franziska and lived his faith with quiet but intense conviction.

In 1938, he publicly opposed the German Anschluss, annexation, of Austria. The next year, he was drafted into the Austrian army, trained for seven months and then received a deferment. In 1940, Franz was called up again but allowed to return home at the request of the town's mayor. He was in active service between October 1940 and April 1941, but was again deferred. His pastor, other priests, and the bishop of Linz urged him not to refuse to serve if drafted.

In February 1943, Franz was called up again and reported to army officials in Enns, Austria. When he refused to take the oath of loyalty to Hitler, he was imprisoned in Linz. Later he volunteered to serve in the medical corps but was not assigned there.

During Holy Week Franz wrote to his wife: "Easter is coming and, if it should be God's will that we can never again in this world celebrate Easter together in our intimate family circle, we can still look ahead in the happy confidence that, when the eternal Easter morning dawns, no one in our family circle shall be missing—so we can then be permitted to rejoice together forever." He was transferred in May to a prison in Berlin.

Challenged by his attorney that other Catholics were serving in the army, Franz responded, "I can only act on my own conscience. I do not judge anyone. I can only judge myself." He continued, "I have considered my family. I have prayed and put myself and my family in God's hands. I know that, if I do what I think God wants me to do, he will take care of my family."

On August 8, 1943, Franz wrote to Franziska: "Dear wife and mother, I thank you once more from my heart for everything that you have done for me in my lifetime, for all the sacrifices that you have borne for me. I beg you to forgive me if I have hurt or offended you, just as I have forgiven everything... My heartfelt greetings for my dear children. I will surely beg the dear God, if I am permitted to enter heaven soon, that he will set aside a little place in heaven for all of you."

Franz was beheaded and cremated the following day. In 1946, his ashes were reburied in St. Radegund near a memorial inscribed with his name and the names of almost 60 village men who died during their military service. He was beatified in Linz on October 26, 2007. His "spiritual testament" is now in Rome's St. Bartholomew Church as part of a shrine to 20th-century martyrs for their faith.

### Welcome! Please use this form to register!

*St. Christopher Parish welcomes all visitors to our Spiritual Home! If you are interested in joining the parish, please complete the form below and either drop it in the Offertory Basket or mail it to the Rectory. One of our Parish staff members will be in touch. Registration forms are also available online at [www.StChrisParishNH.org](http://www.StChrisParishNH.org).*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

## About Our Catholic Faith:

### The Most Holy Trinity

#### 1. Where does the word "Trinity" come from?

It comes from the Latin word trinitas, which means "three" or "triad." The Greek equivalent is triados.

#### 2. When was it first used?

The first surviving use of the term (there may have been earlier uses that are now lost) was around A.D. 170 by Theophilus of Antioch, who wrote:

In like manner also the three days which were before the luminaries, are types of the Trinity [Τριάδος], of God, and His Word, and His wisdom. And the fourth is the type of man, who needs light, that so there may be God, the Word, wisdom, man [To Autolyucus 2:15].

#### 3. What is the Trinity?

The Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church explains it this way:

*The Church expresses her trinitarian faith by professing a belief in the oneness of God in whom there are three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

*The three divine Persons are only one God because each of them equally possesses the fullness of the one and indivisible divine nature.*

*They are really distinct from each other by reason of the relations which place them in correspondence to each other.*

*The Father generates the Son; the Son is generated by the Father; the Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father and the Son [CCC 48].*

#### 4. Is the Trinity the central mystery of the Christian Faith?

Yes. The Compendium explains:

*The central mystery of Christian faith and life is the mystery of the Most Blessed Trinity. Christians are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit [CCCC 44].*

#### 5. When did the Church infallibly define the Trinity?

The dogma of the Trinity was defined in two stages, at the First Council of Nicaea (A.D. 325) and the First Council of Constantine (A.D. 381).

First Nicaea defined the divinity of the Son and wrote the part of the Creed that deals with the Son. This council was called to deal with the heresy known as Arianism, which claimed that the Son was a supernatural being but not God.

First Constantinople defined the divinity of the Holy Spirit and wrote the part of the Creed that deals with the Spirit. This council dealt with a heresy known as Macedonianism (because its advocates were from Macedonia) which denied the divinity of the Holy Spirit. This heresy was also called Pneumatomachianism (from a Greek phrase meaning "fighting the Spirit").

#### 6. How can the Trinity be proved?

The Trinity can only be proved through the divine revelation that Jesus brought us. It cannot be proved by natural reason or from the Old Testament alone. The Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church states:

*God has left some traces of his trinitarian being in creation and in the Old Testament but his inmost being as the Holy Trinity is a mystery which is inaccessible to reason alone or even to Israel's faith before the Incarnation of the Son of God and the sending of the Holy Spirit.*

*This mystery was revealed by Jesus Christ and it is the source of all the other mysteries [CCC 45].*

Although the vocabulary used to express the doctrine of the Trinity took time to develop, we can demonstrate the different aspects of the doctrine from Scripture.

### Prayer to Saint Michael

*St. Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell, Satan and all the other evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.*

### Prayer for Vocations

*O Holy Spirit, Spirit of wisdom and divine love, impart Your knowledge, understanding, and counsel to youth that they may know the vocation wherein they can best serve God. Give them courage and strength to follow God's holy will. Guide their uncertain steps, strengthen their resolutions, shield their chastity, fashion their minds, conquer their hearts, and lead them to the vineyards where they will labor in God's holy service. Amen.*

### Prayer for Priests

*Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help our priests be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire for your people. Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom. Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry. Help them to become instruments of your Divine grace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. Amen.*

In the Words of  
*Pope Francis*

*"A Church that is mother follows the path of tenderness and compassion. A son or daughter of the Church is therefore meek, tender, smiling, and full of love"*

**Pope Francis I @ Pontifex**

**June 1, 2020**