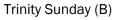
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Gospel Mt 28: 16-20

Final Orders

Early in His public life, Jesus brought three of the disciples, Peter, James and John to a mountain top to give them a glimpse of His identity and life mission. Now, He brings the eleven chosen disciples to a mountain top for the dramatic finale of an event packed life. His final commission to them is direct

"Go, make disciples of all nations: baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit"

He tells His disciples to baptise in the name of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Spirit – not just in His own name, but in the name of the three of them. Jesus is highlighting that God is the community of love that we call Trinity for want of a better name. God is a set of three relationships of love, of distinct but intertwining loves that always was, is and always will be. Jesus is giving us a first glimpse of who God really is in His heart of hearts. It is something we could never have known if Jesus had not told us. Such faith is a pure gift of God.

True, God is the creator of all things. One of the first astronauts to see planet Earth from outer space exclaimed his praise and wonder for the Creator. The beauty of our country in this magnificent weather, the splendour of mountain, lake and sea, the flowers, the trees, the birds and so much else alerts us to the wonder of God's creation. Every human discovery and invention, every hero and heroine, every talented artist and inventor, every saint in our family and on the world stage, remind us of the wonder of God's creation. God is the wonderful creator and giver of all gifts.

But God is more than His achievements and His gifts. God is love, three persons perfectly loving and perfectly lovable. We struggle to analyse and understand fully the mystery of three distinct persons that form one God.

There is the pitfall. We concentrate on understanding and evaluating. The focus must be on appreciation. Our calling is to appreciate the wonder of who God is, and to grow in such appreciation through prayer and worship, personal and communal. Our privileged commission is to lead one another to the mountain top to be reassured that each of us belongs in the heart of that trinity of love that is our God.

"Know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time."



Fr. Tom Clancy

First Friday : Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Next Friday, the 4th June, 2021, is the first Friday of the month. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 10.00am to 11.00am and from 6.30pm to 7.30pm followed by Mass.

