



LEVIN-TAITOKO

“A COMMUNITY RADIATING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST”

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PENTECOST SUNDAY - 15th JUNE 2025

Dear brothers and sisters,

*"I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now.
But when he comes, the Spirit of truth,
he will guide you to all truth."*

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. In great humility and thanksgiving, we celebrate God's self-revelation to us. He is not a single, individual being. God is a unity of three divine persons. Their eternal relationship to each is so perfect and total and complete that they are one.

Jesus Christ, the Son of Mary, has revealed Himself to us as the eternal Son of the Father and that their love for each other as Father and Son is so full and alive that it is a completely other person: the Holy Spirit. The Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit are so perfectly united that they are one God.

This doctrine that we believe and teach as Catholics is proclaimed only because the Holy Trinity has created us in their image and likeness and we have in our finite created beings and inkling of their divine identity as a perfect relationship of Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.

We know instinctively that God is a relationship of divine persons because we too are always relational. No one is a single individual person who is not from another and drawn to be in love with others. We can intuit that we ourselves are persons whose identities have come from and are tied intimately and forever to two other persons: our father and mother.

Yet, because Jesus has taught us and because the Holy Spirit has been poured into our hearts from Jesus and His Father, we have come to know that we have all come from the Holy Trinity, are raised and sustained in being by the Holy Trinity and are being drawn to enter into perfect communion with the Holy Trinity.

Our whole existence, from conception to now, and all our relationships are being ordered and directed toward perfect communion with the Father, through the Son, in the Holy Spirit.

We were born for Them. We live for Them and in Them. We love because of Them. We die for them. Through all of this, we are being transformed into Divine, Pure and Eternal Love that the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are.

Father Simi

JUBILEE YEAR 2025 Celebrate on a pilgrimage! Join the Family Pilgrim Walk *Walk for a Cause on Saturday, 28 June, the Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.* Pilgrims will meet at Parliament at 8am, visit the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart and St. Mary, then head to St Mary of the Angels Church The National Shrine dedicated to Mary Assumed into Heaven for mass at 11:00am. Cost is \$15 or \$50 for a family. Register at family-pilgrim-walk.raiselysite.com.

TAX RECEIPTS from St Vincent de Paul and the Parish are both available in the foyer. Thank you



TUESDAY SOCIAL CLUB At 12pm in the Parish Centre for a gathering of friends for fellowship and a shared lunch.

COMMUNITY LINE PHONE Do you happen to have a little time on your hands? We are in desperate need of people to answer the Community Line phone. This is a service to the parish which is not too taxing – the more people we share it with, for a week at a time, the less often you are needed. If you could do this, please contact Kilian – 022-695-0056.

MISSING! WHERE IS IT? The key from the lock-box in the flower room has been missing for some weeks. Please leave it somewhere we can find it in the church.

SUPPORT A STUDENT - BE PART OF THEIR JOURNEY
At St Joseph's School, we believe every child deserves the chance to thrive, participate fully in school life, and grow into the person God has created them to be. To help make this a reality, we're undertaking fundraising efforts to support students in areas such as attendance dues, uniforms, camps, and other special learning opportunities. From time to time, these costs can place extra pressure on families - and your support can make all the difference. Specifically, this year, a number of classes have the opportunity to take part in exciting trips - an overnight camp and an education-based day trip later in the year. We'd love to ensure every child is able to take part, regardless of financial circumstances. If you feel called to support this initiative, donations can be made to the following school account:

St Joseph's School Account Number: 12-3157-0123950-00

(Please use "camp" as the reference for student trip support or "student support" for general sponsorship)

Every contribution, big or small, helps remove barriers and creates a more inclusive experience for all our learners.

Thank you for being a valued part of our faith-filled and caring community.



St VINCENT de PAUL CORNER

The Holy Spirit is certainly at work in our parish inspiring so many of you to support our work of helping those who are struggling in our society. Last year we gave food to 1436 people. This year so far we have already surpassed that number. This goes to show how the current economic situation in our country is dire for those on low incomes. The need never stops, of course, so your charity is deeply appreciated. God bless you.

SVdP Levin Bank Account for donations: 11 6932 0308328 11



BABY ASSIST

Thank you so much for the generous donations we have received so far. It means a lot to the families who receive them. We would greatly appreciate knitwear for newborn babies as there have been a few born recently. Larger blankets for preschoolers to wrap themselves in and for cots would be most appreciated. Many thanks.

John 027 626 4792
Kilian 022 695 0056
Brigitte 027 379 2802

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS TO OFFICE@STJOSEPHLEVIN.COM BY 9AM WEDNESDAY
POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JUNE 2025

That the world might grow in compassion Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.

TRINITY SUNDAY

Today, on Trinity Sunday, we pause to reflect on one of the most profound mysteries of our faith - God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. It is a mystery that is not meant to confuse us, but to draw us into deeper relationship with God and one another.

The doctrine of the Trinity tells us that God is not solitary, but relational. Before the foundation of the world, love existed in its perfect form within the Trinity - the Father loving the Son, the Son glorifying the Father, and the Spirit uniting them in perfect communion. This divine relationship reveals that love is not just something God does; it is who He is.



From the first pages of Scripture, we see the Trinity at work. The Father speaks, the Word brings life, and the Spirit hovers over creation, breathing order into chaos. Later, Jesus tells us, "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19). This is not just a formula but an invitation - to step into the life of God.

What does this mean for us today? It means that we are called to reflect God's communal nature in our own lives. As the Father, Son, and Spirit exist in perfect unity, so we, too, are invited to live in love, humility, and unity with others. The Trinity calls us to serve as Jesus served, to love as the Father loves, and to be guided by the Spirit in truth.

In a world that often divides, the Trinity reminds us that our identity is grounded in relationship, not isolation. We are not alone; we are drawn into God's perfect love, embraced by His eternal presence. May we live out this truth daily, striving to reflect the unity, love, and grace of the Triune God.



May the souls of our beloved dead and the souls
of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

Colleen Witham

Suzanne Aubert says...

Life is great, it is beautiful, it is a stepping onwards towards heaven; it gains for us merits; and it is death that teaches us what life really is.

Reflection:

I went to visit a non-Catholic friend who was dying of cancer. She was sitting up in bed, looking yellow and emaciated, but smiling radiantly. When I asked her how she was feeling, she replied simply, “I am not afraid of dying. It is only another step on my journey. Soon I will be with God.”

I am lucky. I have been given the gift of faith, a faith which assures me there is life after death. So there is no excuse for me not to find life great and beautiful, and death a simple progression to eternal life with God.



Prayer:

Lord, thank you for showing me that death is only a step towards life with you.

W E E K L Y S C H E D U L E

Monday, 16th June	9:30am	Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Tuesday, 17th	9:30pm	Holy Mass
	12:00pm	Tuesday Social Group
Wednesday, 18th	9:30am	Holy Mass
	10:00am	Rosary in the Chapel
Thursday, 19th	9:30am	Holy Mass
	7:30pm	Christian Meditation in the Side Chapel
Friday, 20th	11:00am	Exposition
	12:10am	Holy Mass, Reconciliation
Saturday, 21st	5:30pm	Vigil Mass
Sunday, 22nd	9:30am	Holy Mass
	11:00am	Legion of Mary Kiribati Group (Chapel)

Readings at Sunday Mass

(15/6/2025) **1st Reading:** Proverbs 8: 22-31 **2nd Reading:** Romans 5: 1-5
Gospel: John 16: 12-15

Psalm Response: *Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!*

(22/6/2025) **1st Reading:** Genesis 14: 18-20 **2nd Reading:** 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26
Gospel: Luke 9: 11b-17