

Most Holy Trinity Sunday  
Sunday, June 12, 2022



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## THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

“He will glorify me, because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you. Everything that the Father has is mine; for this reason I told you that he will take from what is mine and declare it to you.” - Jn 16:14-15

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# MASS Intentions

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## June 11, Saturday - Sobota

- 9:00AM \*\*\* Anniversary of Dedication  
 ❖ For Fr. Stephen Pullis (Ord. Ann.)  
 ❖ For the Members of O.L. Mother of Mercy Secular  
 Discalced Carmelites  
 ❖ For John Hines (B'Day)  
 ❖ †Anansa Bakko req. Mother  
 ❖ †Arthur Schlachter req. Jeanette Eastburn  
 ❖ †William C & †Rita Lantzy req. Family  
 ❖ †Christina Loccrichio req. Lantzy Family
- 5:30PM For Monir & Alia Korkis & Family  
 ❖ For Markos Family  
 ❖ †Alger Baker ❖ †Tom Wittner  
 ❖ †Philip Shawn Vivio req. Michael & Michele Vivio  
 ❖ †Stanley F. Smigielski req. Rose Pieknik  
 ❖ †David Chupa req. Family

## June 12, Most Holy Trinity Sunday - Nedela

- 7:30AM Prv 8:22-31; Rom 5:1-5; Jn 16:12-15  
 In Thanksgiving req. Kola Peter Gojcaj  
 ❖ For Thomas Piatak  
 ❖ For James Mead  
 ❖ For the Mother of Mark Calbus  
 ❖ For Nagham & Monir Korkis  
 ❖ †Anansa Bakko req. Mother  
 ❖ †John Maciag req. Wife
- 9:30AM Forgotten Souls in Purgatory req. Maria Sinishtaj  
 ❖ For Rosemary & Simon Shadda  
 ❖ For Samantha & Brandon Mansoor  
 ❖ For Sam & Amy Shamoon & Family  
 ❖ Living & Deceased Member of Kalaj Family  
 req. Maria Sinishtaj  
 ❖ †Rev. Val Rykowski req. Shirley Polakowski  
 ❖ †Louis Allawerdi req. Lisa Nikprelaj
- 11:30AM (Slovak)  
 For Fr. Juraj Nuota (Ord. Ann.)  
 ❖ For Emilia Rafaidus req. Rafaidus Family  
 ❖ †Olga Piatek  
 ❖ †Anna Badowski  
 ❖ †Helena Osiewicz  
 ❖ †Jindrich Plzak req. Ledford Family  
 ❖ †Margaret Ferkovic req. Antoinette LoCicero
- 6:00PM (Latin Tridentine)  
 For the Shamoon Family
- 8:30PM For the Intentions of All Parishioners

## June 13, Monday - Pondelok

- 9:00AM For Diana Langlois req. Langlois Family  
 ❖ For Zelig Parker req. Langlois Family  
 ❖ †Fr. Francis Budovic (Ann.)
- 12:00PM For the Blue Army of Our Lady of Fatima  
 ❖ For Vernon Rolling (B'Day)  
 ❖ †Fr. Francis Budovic

## June 14, Tuesday - Utorok

- 6:00AM For Special Intention req. Kola Peter Gojcaj  
 ❖ †Anansa Bakko req. Mother  
 ❖ †George & Helen Emmendorfer
- 12:00PM For Cecilia Fuller  
 ❖ For Trump Family req. Shirley Polakowski  
 ❖ †Edward Polakowski req. Wife Shirley

## June 15, Wednesday - Streda

- 9:00AM (Latin)  
 For Tim & Victoria Roddy & Family  
 ❖ For Harry Doone, Jr. (B'Day) req. Family  
 ❖ †Cynthia Sherit req. Couture Family
- 12:00PM For Donna Lesko ❖ For Anna & Casey Cain req. Mother  
 ❖ †Matthew Margiewicz req. Christine Margiewicz

## June 16, Thursday - Štvrtok

- 6:00AM For Elizabeth Desser (B'Day) ❖ For Al & Ann Varchetti  
 ❖ For Emma Dzieciolowski (8th B'Day)
- 12:00PM For Vince Laconi ❖ For Ujkaj Family  
 ❖ †Matt Rymarz
- 7:00PM For Deacon Patrick Blenman req. Grandparents  
 ❖ †Roger and Lois Farrier, Sr. req. Daughter  
 ❖ †Nancy Veronica & †Ron L Souva req. Mother

## June 17, Friday - Piatok

- 6:00AM For Rosalia Louis (B'Day)  
 ❖ For Aaron Gott ❖ For Thea Raga
- 12:00PM For Stephanie Korkis (B'Day)  
 ❖ †Joseph Semak ❖ †Melvern Casey

## June 18, Saturday - Sobota

- 9:00AM For the Menard & Daniel Families  
 ❖ For Sophia Skrocki & Family  
 ❖ †Albert Tisch (B'Day) req. Family
- 5:30PM For Deacon Phil McCown (B'Day)  
 ❖ For the Intentions of the Knights of Columbus-St.  
 Nicholas Council & Families  
 ❖ For George Wittner Families  
 ❖ For the Fekin Family  
 ❖ For the Scarcelli Family  
 ❖ †Faye Baker  
 ❖ †Philip Shawn Vivio req. Michael & Michele Vivio

## June 19, Corpus Christi Sunday - Nedela

- Gn 14:18-20; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Lk 9:11b-17
- 7:30AM For Benjamin Langlois req. Langlois Family  
 ❖ For Desirae Langlois req. Langlois Family  
 ❖ For Juliana Siwa (B'Day)  
 ❖ †Angie & Families  
 ❖ †Daisy O'Dell  
 ❖ †John Maciag req. Wife  
 ❖ †Louis Allawerdi req. Zinnah Hanna
- 10:00AM \*\*\*Corpus Christi Holy Mass  
 For All Fathers (Natural & Spiritual)  
 Na úmysel všetkých otcov
- 6:00PM (Latin Tridentine)  
 For the Intentions of All Parishioners
- 8:30PM In Thanksgiving req. Laconi Family  
 ❖ For Sam & Amy Shamoon Family  
 ❖ For Rosemary & Simon Shadda  
 ❖ For Samantha & Brandon Mansoor  
 ❖ For Zuzana Prusak (B'Day)  
 ❖ For Marvin Babbie  
 ❖ For Monir Korkis

**Sunday, June 12, 2022**  
**HAPPY 18th ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION**  
**FATHER JURAJ NUOTA**



**Most Holy Trinity Sunday • June 12, 2022**

Jesus Christ, The High Priest

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**HOLY MASS SCHEDULE**

**SATURDAYS: 9:00AM & 5:30PM**

**SUNDAYS: 7:30AM, 9:30AM, 11:30AM (Slovak), 6:00PM (Latin Tridentine) & 8:30PM**

**MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS: 9:00AM & 12:00PM**

**TUESDAYS & FRIDAYS: 6:00AM & 12:00PM**

**THURSDAYS & FIRST FRIDAYS: 6:00AM, 12:00PM & 7:00PM**

**CONFESSION SCHEDULE**

**MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS: 8:30AM - 9:00AM & 11:30AM - 12:00PM**

**TUESDAYS & FRIDAYS: 5:30AM-6:00AM & 11:30AM-12:00PM**

**THURSDAY & 1st FRIDAY: 5:30AM - 6:00AM, 11:30AM - 12:00PM & 6:30PM-7:00PM**

**SATURDAYS: 8:30AM - 9:00AM**

**OFFICE HOURS**

**MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS: 10:00AM - 2:00PM**

**TUESDAYS & FRIDAYS: 11:00AM - 2:00PM**

**THURSDAYS: 11:00AM - 5:00PM**

**\*Office is closed during 12:00PM Holy Mass**

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: THURSDAYS, 1:00PM - 7:00PM**



The 2022 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) is here. The CSA collection funds many diocesan-wide projects and services that benefit all parishes and help to spread the faith. Our contribution to the CSA makes a difference in the lives of many people and is also a great way to strengthen the parish finances.

Our goal for 2022 is \$124,037 which is a \$36,097 drop from the 2021 goal. The large decrease in our goal is an excellent opportunity for us to not only meet our goal, but hopefully exceed it. If we are able to exceed the goal anything collected for CSA over and above the \$124,037 will be returned to the parish tax free.

Parishioners should have already received a CSA packet from the Archdiocese of Detroit in the mail. The direct mailing from, and the handling of the majority of payments by, the AOD takes much of the burden of administration off the parish.

If you did not receive a packet in the mail from the Archdiocese you can call (888) 331-8695 or go online to [givecsa.org](http://givecsa.org) to donate. You can also use the green envelope in the May/June donation envelope packets or simply write a check to "Archdiocese of Detroit-CSA" and drop it in the collection basket.

Thank you for your generosity and support to the CSA and to Ss. Cyril & Methodius Parish! *Fr. Libor*

**YEAR OF PRAYER FOR PRIESTLY VOCATIONS**

(June 4, 2022 - May 28, 2023)

*Heavenly Father, Lord of the Harvest,  
call forth vocations to the priesthood  
from our archdiocese and families.*

*Jesus, Eternal High Priest,  
give us men willing to sacrifice and serve.  
Make their hearts after your own Sacred Heart.*

*Holy Spirit, Everlasting Love between Father and Son,  
strengthen, inspire, and set men on fire with divine charity.  
Grant them the courage to say yes to their vocation.*

*Holy Mary, Mother of God, Mother of priests,  
comfort and protect your sons as they discern their call.*

*With Saint Joseph,  
may they know your love and companionship  
as they deepen their relationship with Jesus.*

*Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us.*

*St. Anne, pray for us.*

*St. John Vianney, patron saint of priests, pray for us.*

# Corpus Christi Mass Next Sunday, June 19

## Mass Schedule Change

The 9:30AM & 11:30AM Holy Masses will be combined next Sunday, June 19, at 10:00AM

## Flower Petals for the Procession

Flower petals are needed for the Procession that follows the 10:00AM Holy Mass.  
Please bring your flower petals to the coatroom off the vestibule prior to the Holy Mass.

## Reception After the 10:00AM Holy Mass

Our Corpus Christi Reception will follow the 10:00AM Holy Mass.

Please bring finger-food desserts (on disposable platters)  
to the Fr. Mikus Parish Hall prior to the Holy Mass.



## June 13th—Second Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima Monday, June 13—Marian Procession & Devotions after the 12:00 Noon Holy Mass



During World War I, Pope Benedict XV made repeated but forlorn pleas for peace, and finally in May 1917, made a direct appeal to the Blessed Mother to intercede for peace in the world. Soon, Our Lady began to appear at Fatima, Portugal to three shepherd children, Lucia dos Santos, age 10, and her cousins, Francisco and Jacinta Marto, ages 9 and 7. Fatima was a small village about 70 miles north of Lisbon.

**June 13, 1917:** About 50 people turned up at the Cova da Iria on June 13 as the three children assembled near the holm oak tree where the Lady had appeared. The children then saw a flash of light followed immediately by the apparition of Mary as she spoke to Lucia: "I want you to come on the 13th of next month, to pray the Rosary every day, and to learn to read. Later, I will tell you what I want."

Lucia asked Mary to take them to heaven and was reassured in this way: "I will take Jacinta and Francisco shortly, but you will stay here for some time to come. Jesus wants to use you to make me known and loved. He wishes to establish devotion to my Immaculate Heart throughout the world. I promise salvation to whoever embraces it. These souls will be dear to God, like flowers put by me to adorn his throne."

This last sentence is found in a letter written in 1927 by Sister Lucia to her confessor.

Lucia was sad at the first part of this reply and asked: "Am I to stay here alone?" Mary replied: "No, my daughter. Are you suffering a great deal? Don't lose heart. I will never forsake you. My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the way that will lead you to God."

One of the witnesses to this apparition, Maria Carreira, described how Lucia then cried out and pointed as Mary departed. She herself heard a noise like "a rocket a long way off," and looked to see a small cloud a few inches over the tree rise and move slowly towards the east until it disappeared. The crowd of pilgrims then returned to Fatima where they reported the amazing things they had seen, thus ensuring that there were between two and three thousand people present for the July apparition.

## Parish Slovak Festival Update

### FESTIVAL RAFFLE TICKETS COMING SOON

Parishioners, please watch your mailbox for the 2022 Festival Raffle tickets allocated to you to sell or buy. The tickets were mailed this week so you should receive them soon.

The **First Early Bird Drawing will be held on Sunday, June 26**, so please **turn in your sold tickets by Friday, June 22, 2:00PM, to be eligible for this \$250 drawing.** You may drop your sold tickets into the collection basket on weekends or in the Parish Office on weekdays.

(NOTE: If you win, your tickets stub goes back in the drum for the July Early Bird Drawing and for the final drawing on Sunday of the Festival weekend. Thank you for your support!

If you have any questions or do not receive raffle tickets in the mail, please contact:

Karen Bove, (248) 709-9055 or kbove1@msn.com

Raffle tickets may also be purchased in the Parish Office. This is our parish's largest fundraiser because of you!

Save the Date!

## Slovak Festival

Friday, August 26, 6:00PM-11:00PM

Saturday, August 27, 3:00PM-11:00PM

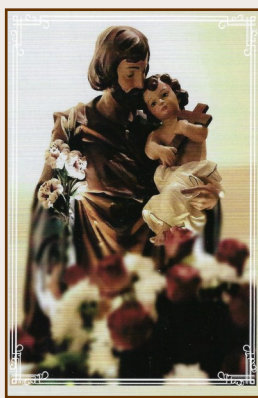
Sunday, August 28, 12:00PM-8:00PM

### CHAIRPERSONS NEEDED:

INFLATABLES,  
PUBLICITY & PHOTOGRAPHER

If you would like to chair an area, contact:  
John Fournier, 248-410-5866





## Father's Day Novena

Father's Day is next Sunday, June 19, and our Father's Day Novena will begin on Monday, June 20. Novena Mass cards are available after all Holy Masses on weekends and in the Parish Office this week.

*The Sacrifice of the Mass is the Most Perfect Gift Anyone can Receive!*

## RTL-Lifespan Father's Day Candy Bars • June 18 & 19

RTL- Lifespan will again be offering assorted chocolate candy bars in honor of fathers on Father's Day weekend. Volunteers will be outside the front entrance of the church after the following Holy Masses while supplies last: Saturday, June 18, 5:30PM, and Sunday, June 19, 7:30AM, 10:00AM and 6:00PM. The suggested donation is \$1 and all collections will assist in pro-life work in Macomb and Oakland Counties.

Thank you to Fathers Libor and Juraj  
for allowing the candy sale.

Betty Abate, Lifespan Representative



## American Red Cross Blood Drive



**Monday, July 25 • 9:00AM-2:00PM • [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)**

## Catholic Biblical School of Michigan Info Night • June 15

Ever wonder about the Biblical roots of our faith? Start a journey through the entire Bible, guided by expert live teachers with the Catholic Biblical School of Michigan's new classes starting this September at: St. Isidore, 18201 23 Mile Road, Macomb Twp. (Thursdays, 7:00-9:00PM) or online (any day/time).

Find out more at the June Open House Info Night, on Wednesday, June 15, at 7:00PM at St. Isidore or Sunday, June 12, at 8:00PM online at [cbsmich.org/infonights](http://cbsmich.org/infonights). Through donations, CBSM is accessible to all with 100% of requests for financial aid granted: [cbsmich.org/join](http://cbsmich.org/join) or call/text (586) 438-3085

## Regina Caeli Academy - [www.rcahybrid.org](http://www.rcahybrid.org)

Regina Caeli is a private, independent, University-Style Hybrid® operating in the Catholic tradition. Preschool - 12th grade students attend classical academic and extracurricular classes two days a week, and homeschool the remaining days following the plans provided by RCA. To learn more:

[admissions@rcahybrid.org](mailto:admissions@rcahybrid.org)

Regina Caeli Academy is hiring for the 2022-23 academic year! Formal teaching experience is not needed, but a love of the Catholic faith is required! Apply on-line:

<https://rcahybrid.isolvedhire.com/jobs/>

## Vacation Bible School News • June 20-24

VBS registration is now closed but donations are still needed. Check out the donation board in the vestibule and return your items as soon as possible. Thank you for your consideration and your support of our young children.

The final planning meeting is this Wednesday, June 15. This meeting is mandatory! If you are unable to attend, please contact:

Mrs. Moe Jones, (586) 219-6678

## Our Lady's Rosary Makers • Friday, June 17

The Rosary Makers meet on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month. Their next meeting will be on Friday, June 17, from 1:00-3:00PM in Room #113. Newcomers are always welcome. Please plan to join Our Lady's Rosary Makers this Friday, June 17.

For more information, please call: Jo Ann, (586) 979-1078

## Holy Happy Hour for Young Adult Singles • June 22

Young adult singles join other Catholic young adult singles for Holy Happy Hour on Wednesday, June 22, at 6:30PM, at Old St. Patrick in Ann Arbor. Rosary begins at 6:30PM, Adoration & Benediction from 6:30PM-8:00PM, Confession from 6:45PM-8:00PM and Happy Hour at HopCat, Ann Arbor, begins at 8:15PM.

For more details: Instagram: @hot\_and\_holy

Facebook: @HHCYAGroup

Email: [hncyagroup@gmail.com](mailto:hncyagroup@gmail.com)

## Church Dress and Other Church Etiquette

Thank you for your presence and participation at Ss. Cyril & Methodius Parish. In order to make our weekly celebrations more conducive to prayer and to preserve the sacredness of our liturgies, the following are some gentle reminders of proper church etiquette and proper church attire (especially during the upcoming warmer weather). Please:

- wear attire that is fitting for a Holy Place. Attire that is not fitting includes: short dresses or skirts, or shorts, halters or tank tops, tight-fitting/revealing clothes. (If you are not certain what is/is not fitting, ask your grandmother or mother.)
- silence your cell phones and electronic devices and refrain from texting and/or emailing
- try to arrive on time for Mass
- do not talk, chew gum or eat food in the "Church Proper". (Remember the one-hour Fast.)

Thank you!

# Wanted: Bikes, All Sizes

**Is that bike your kids have outgrown still taking up space in your garage? Is it in really good condition? Would you consider donating it to St. Dominic's Outreach Center in Detroit? Each summer the Center hosts a Summer Fun Day for children ages 5-12 whose families are receiving assistance with food and other necessities. One of the highlights of the day is a bike raffle, when almost-new bikes, like yours, are the prizes.**

**If you would like to give a child the joy of riding your unused bike, or if you would like to donate a bike lock or a helmet, please call Christian Service Coordinator:**

**Erin Rybicki, at (586) 530-0547**





### Knights of Columbus Baby Bottle Project • Collection Weekend • June 25 & 26

We are planning to collect your filled baby bottles the weekend of June 25 & 26. Please continue to fill your bottles in the meantime. We thank you in advance for your support of this vital project which will support Mary's Mangle, a Catholic residential program for homeless expectant women. They witness the love of Christ by promoting the dignity of life. Mary's Mangle provides a safe, faith-based and caring environment that supports the transition into motherhood, including extended aftercare for continued personal growth and integration into the community.

Thank you for your generous donations and care for these mothers and babies!

Questions, call or email Right-to-Life Chair for Council 7011:

Gino Vitale, (586) 344-1150, ginovitale333@yahoo.com



### "A TRIBUTE TO OUR LORD'S MOTHER ... OH, HOW WE LOVE HER"

**Retreat organized by the Rosary Society**

**Saturday, July 23**

Please mark your calendar to join us on Saturday, July 23, to attend a retreat honoring Our Lord's Mother at Ss. Cyril & Methodius in the Fr. Mikus Hall. Doors open at 10:00AM, Program begins at 10:30AM. Cost: \$10. All those 16 years of age and older are welcome.

This program will feature a light lunch, movie, encouraging words from Deacon Gerald Smigell, stimulating reflections, gifts, and comradery. Complete details will be published next weekend.

### Archbishop's Letter to the Faithful Year of Prayer for Priestly Vocations

**Forming Men of the Hearts: A Pastoral Note on a Year of Prayer for Priestly Vocations by The Most Rev. Allen H. Vigneron**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

June 1, 2022

Each of you is called to something great.

Our first and foundational call is for every Christian to live out a life worthy of being a child of God. We received this gift at baptism, which carries with it the joy of knowing we are made in the image and likeness of God. We need not look to externals to define who we are; this is our treasured identity that no one can take away from us. Speaking of his flock, Jesus the Good Shepherd reminds us that, "My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand." (Jn. 10:29)

Each of us is also called to his or her own specific vocation in life. God gives his children meaning and purpose by calling us to give our lives in marriage, religious life or consecrated life, or to persevere in the generous single life. Another call from Our Lord is for men to share his priesthood, to serve as spiritual fathers and shepherds to the faithful. Throughout the Gospels, Jesus asks those who seek him out the question, "What do you want me to do for you?" (Lk. 18:41)

This year, we are focused on asking for more priests. While it is good to pray for all vocations, a most immediate need is an increase of priestly vocations here in the Archdiocese of Detroit. The priesthood is essential for the Sacramental life of the Church; without the priest, we would be without the Eucharist, the Mass, and would have no one to hear our Confessions to reconcile us sinners with our Father.

In this Year of Prayer for Priestly Vocations, Our Lord Jesus Christ is calling us to pray, invite, and encourage men to the ministerial priesthood for service in the Archdiocese of Detroit. Christ is asking us to accompany these men in forming the next generation of priests. God has not stopped calling men to serve as his shepherds; he continues to issue his call, but too many young men are struggling to hear and respond to this call. It is our duty to help them hear God's voice and respond to his invitation with joy. May their free choice, the same offered to Mary at the Annunciation, be one that echoes her fiat: "[L]et it be done to me according to your word." (Lk. 1:38)

Below, I will offer details about our situation and response, but first and foremost I am asking for your vital participation in prayer. Prayer is not an after-thought, but our first thought. If we pray with faith as Jesus says, "we will be able to move mountains." (Mt. 17:20) In responding to this challenge, we pray for God to move the hearts of men to rise to the occasion and answer their call to the priesthood.

This pastoral note explains why we are embarking on a Year of Prayer for Priestly Vocations: reflecting on the ministerial priesthood and its importance to the life of the Church, looking at our current situation in the Archdiocese in reference to priestly vocations, and offering to all the faithful a word of encouragement as we take up this most crucial task.

While I will speak openly about the challenge before us, the underlying message is a call to hope. God has not abandoned his Church and will certainly not leave us in our time of need. Each year we celebrate the Resurrection of Christ at Easter; this is the basis of this hope, made our own through our sharing in his death and resurrection. St. Paul reminds us that after our trials, "[H]ope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us." (Rm. 5:5) With these words in mind, we give thanks to God ahead of time for the abundant fruit that will be born from our efforts of a year focused on praying for more priestly vocations.

*This is segment one of a Pastoral Note published to the faithful in Detroit, by The Most Reverend Allen H. Vigneron, Archbishop of Detroit. To read the complete letter, and to learn how to support this Prayer initiative, visit: [www.aodonline.org](http://www.aodonline.org).*

Pastoral Note to be continued in next week's bulletin ...





## *The Most Holy Trinity*

Each Sunday at the Holy Mass, we stand and profess our Faith. While most Catholics are familiar with the Nicene Creed and the Apostles' Creed, most do not know that the Catholic Church has three approved Creeds - the third being 'The Athanasian Creed!'

Throughout the centuries, the very teaching of the Trinity has been attacked by some of the worst heresies! The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us that the Trinity: **"is the most fundamental and essential teaching in the hierarchy of the Truths of Faith."** Written in the 5th century, the Athanasian Creed is often a forgotten treasure of Holy Mother Church, defending the very doctrine of the Trinity. On this Blessed Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, let us recall the words of this ancient Creed and give glory to our Triune God!

### *The Athanasian Creed*

Whoever wishes to be saved must, above all, keep the Catholic faith.

For unless a person keeps this faith whole and entire, he will undoubtedly be lost forever.

This is what the Catholic faith teaches: we worship one God in the Trinity and the Trinity in unity.

Neither confounding the Persons, nor dividing the substance.

For there is one person of the Father, another of the Son, another of the Holy Spirit.

But the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit have one divinity, equal glory, and coeternal majesty.

What the Father is, the Son is, and the Holy Spirit is.

The Father is uncreated, the Son is uncreated, and the Holy Spirit is uncreated.

The Father is boundless, the Son is boundless, and the Holy Spirit is boundless.

The Father is eternal, the Son is eternal, and the Holy Spirit is eternal.

Nevertheless, there are not three eternal beings, but one eternal being.

So there are not three uncreated beings, nor three boundless beings,  
but one uncreated being and one boundless being.

Likewise, the Father is omnipotent, the Son is omnipotent, the Holy Spirit is omnipotent.

Yet there are not three omnipotent beings, but one omnipotent being.

Thus the Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Spirit is God.

However, there are not three gods, but one God.

The Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, and the Holy Spirit is Lord.

However, there are not three lords, but one Lord.

For as we are obliged by Christian truth to acknowledge every Person singly to be God and Lord,  
so too are we forbidden by the Catholic religion to say that there are three Gods or Lords.

The Father was not made, nor created, nor generated by anyone.

The Son is not made, nor created, but begotten by the Father alone.

The Holy Spirit is not made, nor created, nor generated, but proceeds from the Father and the Son.

There is, then, one Father, not three fathers; one Son, not three sons;  
one Holy Spirit, not three holy spirits.

In this Trinity, there is nothing before or after, nothing greater or less.

The entire three Persons are coeternal and coequal with one another.

So that in all things, as has been said above,  
the Unity is to be worshipped in Trinity and the Trinity in Unity.

He, therefore, who wishes to be saved,  
must believe thus about the Trinity.

~Excerpt from the Athanasian Creed

