

Rectoría San Juan de Dios
The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, Cycle A
Ex 34, 4-6.8-9; Ps (Dn 3); 2 Cor 13, 11-13; Jn 3, 16-18
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The Family of God

Our Christian life takes place in the presence of God who is a trinity of persons. We were baptized and will die in the certainty of being part of the family of God, called to live in His intratrinitarian life.

When we hear in the Gospel of John that “*God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten Son,*” we can understand the triune God as a family that includes us in its plan of communication of life and love. God Himself draws near, unsparingly giving us the most familial, the most intimate part of Himself, His own Son. The Old Testament background of this gift is the story of Abraham (Gn 22, 2) when God asks him to sacrifice his son. God did not permit that sacrifice from men, but He did decide to give His own Son. At the heart of this, we find the gift of life and love that is God, the pure life of family. Once He gave us His Son, we became integrated into His mystery, born from His heart for all eternity; we are the family of God. This is our identity and our belonging.

Celebrating the Holy Trinity today, we want to live the experience of our family life with God. But how will we do that? Let us try these three attitudes:

1-Let us put ourselves in places of encounter.

Like Moses, we must go up the mountain, at dawn, with the new tablets of the law; that is, we must approach God to the full extent of our abilities, from our current state

of life, whatever we are going through, but without discarding His law, whether we are complying with it or not.

Putting oneself in places of encounter has to be evocative for each person. Let us imagine the mountain of Sinai, misty in the dawn light: there, in the mystery, God appears. Our new mountains are any place of encounter when I dedicate time and my sincere willingness to hear God. It can be my marital relationship attended to in a special way, attention to children, to friends, or even to my work, but seen from the meeting with God that transcends these and all the moments of my life.

When in my daily life I discover God—merciful, compassionate, patient, and faithful—I have sufficient reasons to prostrate myself before Him. Or not?

When one puts himself in places of encounter as Moses did, he knows that God walks with his family.

2- Let us transcend relationships.

St Paul invites us to undertake acts that change lives, not only ritualistic acts such as a ritual kiss of peace (2 Cor 13, 12). He proposes that the community rejoice, work for perfection, and greet each other with the kiss of peace, seeking agreement with one another.

To transcend ordinary relationships means to pay attention to the spiritual dimension of our relationships; that dimension is accompanied by our intimate relationship with God who also is a member of our family.

In order to transcend our relationships, we must set aside the accidental and the superficial, and direct ourselves to the essential, to more important things such as the

inheritance of salvation that we receive in a trinitarian way: grace, love, and communion.

3-Let us act from our familiarity with God.

Love transforms us; it makes us capable of being gift and life for others, in the way of divine fatherhood, sharing the most intimate part of ourselves so that others might have life. The daily communication of life and love allows us to discover new perspectives of family and endless ways of living the fullness of communication and love.

Let us be transformed by the trinitarian family from the Eucharistic Bread, through the communion of the Body and Blood of Christ, in which we are saved, in the sense that we are raised to the trinitarian relationship of God.

In the feast of the Most Holy Trinity, we are called to make a world and a human history with the warmth of home...of family in the fullest sense of God.