

June 10 & 11 Trinity Sunday Homily Outline

Story about the Ford gasoline (essence) car and the diesel fuel (gazole).

God has built us in a certain way

- We know this from revelation when he said in the book of Genesis:

THEN GOD SAID: LET US MAKE MAN IN OUR IMAGE, AFTER OUR LIKENESS. LET THEM HAVE DOMINION OVER THE FISH OF THE SEA, THE BIRDS OF THE AIR, THE TAME ANIMALS, ALL THE WILD ANIMALS, AND ALL THE CREATURES THAT CRAWL ON THE EARTH. GOD CREATED MANKIND IN HIS IMAGE; IN THE IMAGE OF GOD HE CREATED THEM; MALE AND FEMALE HE CREATED THEM. – **GENESIS 1:26-27**

- But we also just know it from experience – some ways of living work and lead to happiness, peace, freedom, joy – and some ways of life don't work and lead to unhappiness, enslavement, misery, and despair.

1. We are created in the image of God – therefore we need to know something about God if we want to understand ourselves.

God is love and He lives in a communion of life and love as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

God reveals to us what love is:

- The Father gives himself completely in love to the Son, the Son receives the gift of Love from the Father and in gratitude offers all that he is, and that love is so real and substantial that it is the person of the Holy Spirit.
- This mystery of the interior life of God is revealed to us by Jesus – the second person of the Trinity comes down to reveal this inner love life of God and to invite us to participate in it.

An eternal communion of life and love – self-giving love which is life giving.

Therefore – if we are created in the image and likeness of God – and we know that's what God looks like – then we know some important stuff about who we are and how we are supposed to live.

2. What, practically speaking does that mean?

Gasoline Ford car – put in sand? Put in water? Put in diesel?

Pope Benedict says this very beautifully: *"The strongest proof that we are made in the image of the Trinity is this: love alone makes us happy because we live in a relationship, and we live to love and to be loved."*

Life is best, life works when lived loving God and neighbor. A fully human life and Christian life is one that is turned outward toward others and toward God. In the same way a soul turned in upon itself is dying in a state of decay.

3. Trinitarian Doctrine teaches us where we are going

If you are not really going anywhere, if we don't have a final goal or purpose, if everything, love, suffering, work, sacrifice, heroism is all ultimately meaningless – well its no wonder that people run around gathering up experiences and stuff to try to keep from really considering that. You can even try to be more kind, charitable, to make the world a little better place, but ultimately, "why".

Announcements:

- ❖ **ACA and Father's Day Novena** envelopes in pews; put in regular collection
- ❖ **Tonight (Saturday)— Fulfilling the Vision Presentation w/Fr. Lappe** after 5:15pm Mass in Camerman Hall
- ❖ **Today (Sunday)—Fulfilling the Vision Presentation w/Fr. Lappe** after 11am Mass in Camerman Hall
- ❖ **Tuesday—Fatima Rosary @ 3pm** in Church (all decades prayed)
- ❖ **Wednesday—Confession @ 5pm;** Adult Series "Growing in the Spiritual Life" w/Fr. Lappe @ 6pm in Camerman Hall
- ❖ **Thursday—Adult Gospel Study @ 6pm** in Center room 4; Extraordinary Form Mass @ 7pm
- ❖ **Corpus Christi—Procession @ 1pm,** followed by Knights of Columbus Potluck in Camerman Hall – see flyer for potluck information
- ❖ **After 8:15am Mass—Enjoy Hospitality** with your parish family in Camerman Hall