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SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY



EXODUS 34:4B-6, 8-9

DANIEL 3:52, 53, 54, 55

2 CORINTHIANS 13:11-13

JOHN 3:16-18

REFLECTION

The expression 1=3 is bad math. It's bad theology, too, if we merely think of the Trinity as one God in three Persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The mystery of who God is begins here, but there's so much more, for God is not a mathematical formula! Who God is reveals something important about who we are, and who I am. The mystery of the Trinity boils down to this: our God is a perfect communion of love whom we are to imitate in our relationships with one another. The bond between God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is intimate and constantly moving, like a divine dance. A dance that also spills over to you and me, pulling us close, and then sending us outward to dance with others. So, as we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity today, keep in mind that God is not a paradoxical math equation, but rather the One who constantly invites us to dance. Will you dance?



Sometimes art conveys meaning when words come up short. The 15th century icon by Russian artist Andrei Rublev, *Trinity*, is designed to take the viewer deeper into the mystery of the Trinity. www.wellsprings.org.uk/rublevs_icon/rublev.htm

ACTION

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life" (John 3:16). This familiar passage is sometimes used as a litmus test about belief in Jesus to draw conclusions about who can and cannot be saved. But we miss the point when we look at it that way. This passage is about God's saving power. John 3:16 reveals a God who wants to share life with us through his Son, and for us to share life with others. God the Son (Jesus Christ) has shown us that to be fully human is to be in relationship with one another. Because God is a communion of love, we are to reflect that love. Because God is a community, we are most fulfilled in community. We are interdependent; we cannot get by all alone. The relationship between the Persons of the Trinity is a model for Christian discipleship, and has enormous implications for how we treat one another in the here and now. In this busy digital age it's easy to feel disconnected. This week, take a good look around. Make eye contact with others. Hug your mom. Dare to ask deep questions. Walk barefoot in wet grass. Get reconnected; you are not alone.

JOURNALING QUESTIONS

● If you were to rank the importance of the Trinity in your life, where would it fall? Be honest! Which Person of the Trinity—Father, Son, Holy Spirit—do you relate to best? From whom do you feel most distant?