

From the Life in the Spirit Apostolate

Tonight's Shepherding Session topic will be on God's Love. It will start immediately after the Corporate Praise and Worship.

BLD Toronto LSS # 25 Schedule

Shepherding Sessions (Our Lady of the Assumption Church)

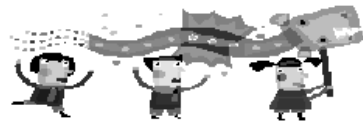
Friday, May 28, 2010	Topic: God's Love
Friday, June 11, 2010	Topic: Salvation
Friday, June 18, 2010	Topic: New Life and Receiving God's Gift
Mon-Thurs, June 21-24, 2010	One-on-One Shepherding Session
Mon-Tues, June 21-22, 2010	General Confession
Friday, June 25, 2010	Invocation Mass

LSS Weekend Proper (Cardinal Leger Catholic School)

Saturday, June 26, 2010	LSS Proper
Sunday, June 27, 2010	LSS Proper

Post LSS Shepherding Session (Our Lady of the Assumption Church)

Friday, July 9, 2010	Topic: Growth
Friday, July 16, 2010	Topic: Transformation



BLD 20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION PARADE OF BANNERS

The *EVANGELIZATION APOSTOLATE* is scheduled to showcase their banners on Friday, June 4, 2010. The parade will start promptly at 8:00 p.m. followed immediately by Mass. Formation is to be coordinated by the Apostolate DCS and Ministry Heads. There will be a brief podium introduction of the Apostolate and Ministries. Each Ministry should quietly wait for their queue and promptly enter the Church as soon as their Ministry is announced.

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May 28, 2010

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Solemnity of the Holy Trinity



produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us." (Ro 5:3-4)

REFLECTION:

Trinity Sunday is the first Sunday after Pentecost during which time we focus ourselves to the Three Divine Persons of the Blessed Trinity.

The first reading from the Book of Proverbs tells us of God's Divine Wisdom in creating the order of all what is seen and unseen.

In the Second Reading St Paul tells us that we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of the risen life of Christ through our faith. Christ in us is the foundation of our hope. As Christians, we desire hope. It is a free gift from God. Hope does not disappoint us because of God's love for us. St Paul tells us that through sufferings, endurance, the forming of character

THEME:

We are disciples of Christ when we manifest the unity of the Most Holy Trinity.

WORD:

Pr 8:22-31; Ps 8:4-9; Ro 5:1-5; Jn 16:12-15

ORDER:

"We boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering

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and hope, God's love is poured into our hearts through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

In the Gospel, Jesus said, "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now." He had so much to say but the disciples were not ready yet. Paul says in 1 Co 2:14, "The natural person has no room for the gifts of God's Spirit; to him they are folly; he cannot recognize them because their value can only be assessed in the Spirit." God does not give us more than we can handle. The scriptures tell us that when the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide us in all truth. The Holy Spirit takes all Jesus has said and makes them known to us. He is the Spirit of truth that leads us little by little as we let Him.

We are the recipients of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit's "all". John 17:21 states "that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I am in You, that they may also be in us, so that the world may believe that it was You who sent me." God does not want us to walk in darkness but rather to know Him through the light of the Holy Spirit. It is God's intention to lead us in to greater intimacy with Him and with one another for He is the God of relationships. The BLD, through its Life in the Spirit Seminar and its many programs, helps us establish a deep personal relationship with God.

God created us in his own image. Because of His boundless love, He sent us Jesus so that we may fully understand His unconditional love for us through His passion, death and resurrection. God then sent us the Holy Spirit to strengthen us, to be with us always and guide us to persevere in our faith journey in this life. God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit are the threefold action of the Holy Trinity in our lives.

DIRECTION:

Let us rejoice and give thanks in all circumstances for the God who made us is in us and will always be with us.

GOD'S PROMISE:

"The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us." (Ro 5:5)

***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.
Pope Benedict XVI***

IT TAKES THREE TO BE ONE

In the story of salvation, we usually attribute creation to the Father, redemption to the Son and sanctification to the Holy Spirit. Nevertheless, though they are distinct as person, neither the Father nor the Son nor the Holy Spirit ever exists in separation or acts in isolation from the other two persons of the Godhead. The inner relationship of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit in such a way that each of them is fully and equally God, yet there are not three Gods but one is incomprehensible to the human mind. It is a mystery.

What does the doctrine of the Blessed Trinity tell us about the kind of God we worship and what does this say about the kind of people we should be?

God does not exist in isolated individualism but in a community of relationships. In other words, God is not a loner or a recluse. This means that a Christian in search of Godliness (Matthew 5:48) must shun every tendency to isolationism and individualism. True love requires three partners. You remember the old saying "Two is company, three is a crowd." The Trinity shows us that three is community, three is love at its best; three is not a crowd. Taking an example from the human condition we see that when a man A is in love, he looks for a woman B so that together they can produce a baby C. Father, mother and child — love when it becomes complete becomes a trinity. Over and above that, each one of us becomes fully human only when we are in relationship with God and in relationship with others. In that way life becomes Trinitarian like that of God. The doctrine of the Blessed Trinity challenges us to adopt an I-and-God-and-neighbor principle. I am a Christian insofar as I live in a relationship of love with God and other people.

-Fr. Munachi Ezeogu C.S.Sp.

FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

The feast of the Most Holy Trinity may well be regarded as the Church's *Te Deum* of gratitude over all the blessings of the Christmas and Easter seasons; for this mystery is a synthesis of Christmas, Epiphany, Easter, Ascension and Pentecost. This feast, which falls on the first Sunday after Pentecost, should make us mindful that actually every Sunday is devoted to the honor of the Most Holy Trinity, that every Sunday is sanctified and consecrated to the triune God. Sunday after Sunday we should recall in a spirit of gratitude the gifts which the Blessed Trinity is bestowing upon us. The Father created and predestined us; on the first day of the week He began the work of creation. The Son redeemed us; Sunday is the "Day of the Lord," the day of His resurrection. The Holy Spirit sanctified us, made us His temple; on Sunday the Holy Spirit descended upon the infant Church. Sunday, therefore, is *the* day of the Most Holy Trinity.

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