

# *Our Lady of Lourdes Parish*

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## WELCOME!

Thank you for celebrating with us today. We invite you to come and worship with us again. If you would like to be a member of our faith community, please take a moment to register. We would love to have you as our spiritual companion.

## MASS SCHEDULE

### SATURDAY

5:00 pm Vigil Mass (Vietnamese)

### TUESDAY - FRIDAY

6:00 pm (Vietnamese)

### SUNDAY

8:30 am Mass (English)

10:30 am Mass (Vietnamese)

Livestream (Facebook and Youtube)

12:30 pm (Vietnamese for Youth)

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

1st Friday of the Month - 5:30 pm Adoration  
6:00 pm Mass

## CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:30 pm - 4:50 pm  
Sunday 8:00 am - 8:20 am  
Tuesday - Friday 5:30 pm - 5:50 pm

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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday: Closed  
Tuesday & Friday: Please Call for Appointment  
Wednesday: 9:30am - 3:00pm  
Thursday: 9:30am - 3:00pm  
Please leave a message if no one answers and your call will be returned.

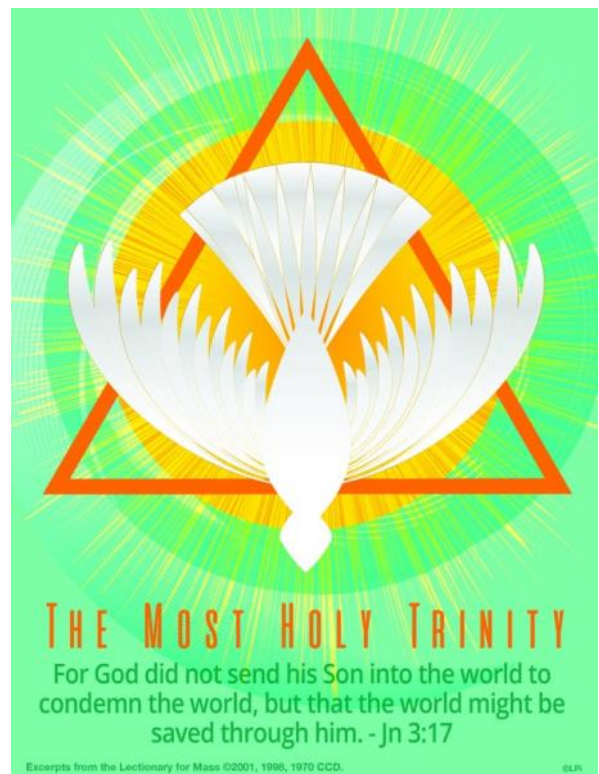


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### FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP (MAY 27TH - MAY 28TH)

Donation	\$5,109.00
Donation Online	\$7,175.00
Maintenance Fund	\$113.00
Debt Reduction	\$0
Total Donation	\$12,397.00

Annual Catholic Appeal 2023 GOAL \$36,577  
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## Holy Trinity Sunday

Homily by Father Peter Doan

Do you know what sin is attacked more than any other in the Bible? It is the sin of idolatry. The very first of the Ten Commandments is “I am the Lord your God, you shall not have false gods before me.” It seems that in the long history between Israel and God, Israel was frequently tempted to turn away from the one true God and to begin to worship the pagan gods of their neighbors. When things were going poorly, when the Jewish people could not understand what Yahweh was about, they were always tempted to believe that if they worshipped another god, if they worshipped one of the idols of stone or wood, their lives would be better. Perhaps the idol could provide something which their God could not. Therefore, the Hebrew prophets were always railing against the worship of false gods.

Now, you might think that idolatry has very little to do with us today. The temptation to idolatry remains a real threat to our lives, because at its heart, idolatry is accepting as God something that is not God. It is worshipping a false god, rather than the true God. Although we do not tend to worship idols of wood or stone, every time we accept a false idea of who God is, we create a false god and we engage in idolatry. Such a temptation is real. We are always inclined to create God according to our own image. We would like to believe that God thinks the way we think, that God would make the same choices that we would make, that God would view the issues of the world and evaluate them as we would evaluate them. But the truth is, God is different than us and greater than us. God is pure spirit. God is all-powerful. God is eternal. God does not think the way we think or make the choices that we make. God does not evaluate everything in the world the way we would evaluate it. Yet, every time we try to shrink the idea of God down to a size that we can understand or control, we create a false god and engage in idolatry.

The only way to prevent this tendency to create false gods is to constantly remind ourselves that God is transcendent, that God transcends us and the world in which we live. God is greater than anything we can think or imagine. At the heart of our faith, we believe that God is One. There is only one God. Yet at the same time, we believe that God is three divine persons, Father, Son, and Spirit. It is impossible for us to imagine how God is the way that God is. How is God one and three at the same time? I have no idea. What the Doctrine of the Trinity does is remind us that God is different than us, greater than us.

Those who believe in the transcendence of God know that they do not need to understand. When something tragic happens in our lives, when we have a miscarriage, when we discover we have cancer, when thousands of people are killed in an earthquake, we want to understand. We want to try to explain how these evils are a part of our world. Yet every effort to explain runs the risk of creating a false god. In our efforts to explain, we say, “this happened because God was trying to punish me,” or “God was trying to teach a lesson,” or “God was angry.” All of these explanations do in some sense explain what happened, but they do so at the cost of creating an idol, a god who is different from the way that God is. Those who accept the transcendence of God understand that they do not need to understand. They continue to proclaim a good and saving God even though they do not understand how God can allow these evils to happen in our world. Knowing the transcendence of God, they are more comfortable in saying they do not understand than creating a false god. They accept transcendence over idolatry.

Those who believe in the transcendence of God also know that there is nothing we can do to stop God from loving. God’s love is radically different than human love. We love other people because they are good and because they love us in return. God’s love is not limited to such categories. When people attack us, abuse us, or manipulate us, our love ceases. At times we must place boundaries so that we are not hurt again. But God’s love is different. God’s love does not have the limitations of human love. God can and does love everyone. God loves our enemies. God loves us, even when we are wrong and selfish. God can do this because God is different than us and greater than we are. Those who accept the transcendence of God understand that there is nothing we can do to stop God from loving us.

We believe in a transcendent God, in a God who is greater than anything we can think or imagine. This is Good News, because we do not, after all, want a God who is just like us. We want a God who is so good and great that we cannot completely understand God. We want a God whose love is so free and powerful that nothing we can do can stop God from loving us. Such a God is beyond our comprehension. Such a God is no idol. Such a God is not the creation of our best intentions. Such a transcendent God is the only true God—the only God worthy of our love and adoration.

# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

"The LORD, the LORD, a merciful and gracious God,  
slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity."  
(Ex 34:6)

### Psalm:

Glory and praise for ever! (Dn 3:52b)

### Second Reading:

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ  
and the love of God  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of  
you. (2 Cor 13:13)

### Gospel:

For God did not send his Son into the world to  
condemn the world,  
but that the world might be saved through him.  
(Jn 3:17)

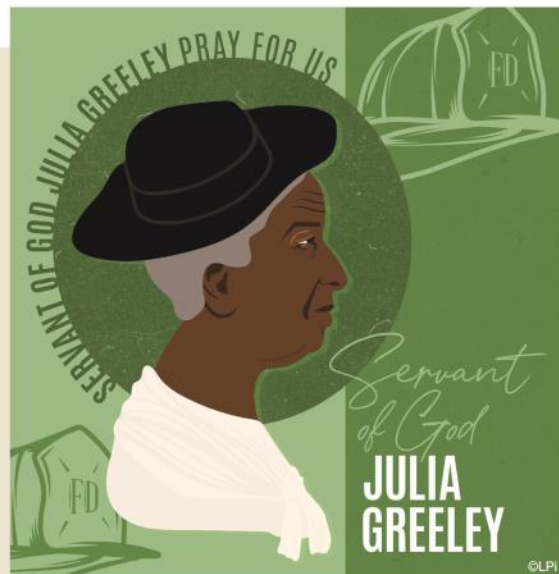
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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

On this Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, we are reminded to encourage one another, to show affection and support. Can we do it? Can we do it in our daily interactions, in our families? Can we even do it on social media?

## Observances for the week of June 4, 2023

- Sunday:** The Most Holy Trinity  
**Monday:** St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr  
**Tuesday:** St. Norbert, Bishop  
**Friday:** St. Ephrem, Deacon and Doctor of the Church  
**Next Sunday:** The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ



## Saint of the week

Servant of God Julia Greeley, Denver's Angel of Charity, was born into slavery and emancipated after the Civil War. She spent her life serving the poor with a special devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and a love for children and praying for the city's fire fighters.

## Prayer

Heavenly Father, Your servant Julia Greeley dedicated her life to honoring the Sacred Heart of Your son and to the humble service of the poor. Grant to me a generous heart like Your son's, and if it be in accordance with your holy will, please grant this favor I now ask through Julia's intercession (insert intention).

I pray this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

(Prayer Source: Julia Greeley Guild, 1535 N. Logan St., Denver CO 80213.)