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Trinity Sunday A

This Sunday we celebrate Trinity Sunday. It is a Sunday dedicated to the belief that we have that God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Three Persons but one God. Last Sunday we celebrated Pentecost, the day on which the Holy Spirit came down upon the disciples as tongues of fire. We know that the Lord makes people holy. In addition, the Lord is the One who makes our space here in church holy, and He is the One who makes our times and seasons holy as well. The Church recognizes that even though the Lord lives in eternity, in Heaven, the Lord works in His own mysterious ways in our world and in our time.

The Lord has provided us with sacred places. We think about why we come to church. We come primarily to worship God. Although we might be able to *pray* anywhere, we must *worship* God in the place that He has designated. We thank God and we give Him the praise that is due to Him. It is a sacred duty, but of course it is more than just a duty. It is something that we should enjoy doing.

We recognize that this church is a house of prayer. Throughout the day, we can come and spend some time praying in front of the Blessed Sacrament. We can offer to God whatever is on our hearts and our minds. We can offer to God all the things that have happened to us. We can also pray the Rosary or other formal prayers. We can even come and just spend some quiet time at church, since it is a place of rest and peace. We know that we can come to church and that God will be here.

Even though we come to church to offer something to God, we also receive things from Him. We receive nourishment from the Mass through Communion and through the Scriptures that we hear. We receive many graces that are usually unavailable to us otherwise. So, even though we primarily come to worship God, we also receive things from our presence in church and we also strengthen our bonds with each other.

Drawing near to God's presence in church is much like drawing near to His home in Heaven. St. Teresa of the Andes wrote that Heaven is a Tabernacle without doors. The same peace that we experience here will also exist in our heavenly home, but to a greater degree. The same fulfillment and nourishment that we experience here will also be present in Heaven, but will surpass anything that we can imagine.

