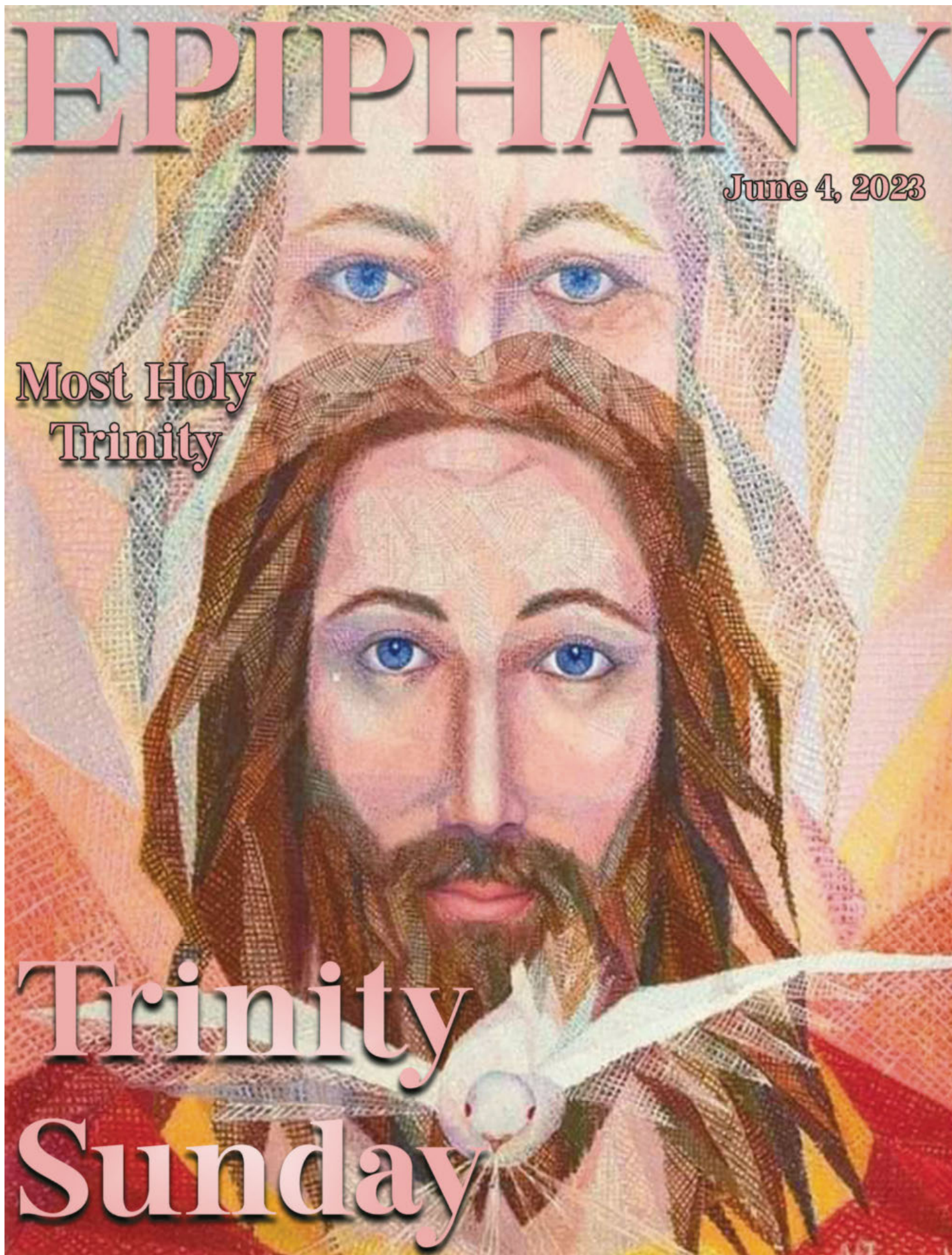


# EPIPHANY

June 4, 2023

Most Holy  
Trinity

Trinity  
Sunday



# WELCOME to Epiphany

## THE TRINITY



Christian spiritual life has roots in our Celtic heritage. A Celtic symbol swirls on the top of many baptismal fonts: interlocked triangles and intertwined circles and three-leaved clovers - 3 each - within one larger circle. The symbol might well be one of the blue threads of Mystery, calling attention to the dance of Father-Son-Holy Spirit in which all move to the music of infinite love to such a degree that there could only be one Dancer.

Mystery is part of what Trinity Sunday is about, not that other Sundays are not. But on this particular Sunday our attention is drawn a little more directly into the Mystery we call God. We use names like Father, and Son, and Holy Spirit. We sing phrases like "God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity." We have our minds drawn toward the truth that we say "in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit" without really putting our minds to it most of the time. We are made more aware of the thin blue thread of Mystery that runs through our lives everyday. Because of its variety, its elusiveness, its nearness and farness, we at least acknowledge both that we know a little about our experience of God while standing in awe about so much we do not know.



# About God's Word THROUGH THE WEEK AT EPIPHANY

**Sunday, Jun 04, 2023**

## **Widen the circle**

Trinity Sunday isn't for parsing the Three-in-One. It's an invitation to meditate on the mutual self-giving of Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier, who "so love the world" that we all share in the divine embrace. Yet to child victims of aggression, their experience has felt outside of any caring circle. That's why the U.N.'s "Convention on the Rights of the Child" was the most rapidly and widely ratified rights treaty in history. It ensures every child has a right to life, a name, family or guardian, health care, education, freedom of religion—even the right to play. Encircle the children in your life with tenderness.

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; John 3:16-18 (164). "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son."

**Monday, Jun 05, 2023**

## **Make your life a work of art**

Artist and author on interreligious thought, Frederick Franck was born in 1909 in Holland and died on this day in 2006 in Warwick, New York—the place of his life's work, Pacem in Terris ("Peace on Earth"), a garden of more than 70 sculptures, open free to the public and dedicated to Pope John XXIII, Dr. Albert Schweitzer, and the Buddhist teacher D.T. Suzuki. Raised agnostic in a Catholic region of his country and a student of Zen Buddhism, Franck was inspired during the Cuban Missile Crisis to go to Rome in 1963 to draw all the sessions of the Second Vatican Council. "Art is neither a profession nor a hobby, it is a way of being," he said. Take inspiration to creatively express your spirituality in your own way of being.

MEMORIAL OF BONIFACE, BISHOP, MARTYR

TODAY'S READINGS: Tobit 1:3; 2:1b-8; Mark 12:1-12 (353). "By the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes."

**Tuesday, Jun 06, 2023**

## **One bread, one body**

A painting by Flemish artist Peter Paul Rubens—called *The Defenders of the Eucharist*—includes a serene Saint Norbert, his white robes wrapped around a ciborium (the cup that holds the consecrated Eucharist) as he cradles the Blessed Sacrament. Norbert founded the Norbertine religious order as well as the first Third Order for laypeople embracing the spirit of religious life. And, as a successful peacemaker, he's often depicted with an olive branch. But Norbert's preaching about the Blessed Sacrament, convincing entire villages to reclaim their lost belief in the Real Presence—also having eucharistic miracles happen on his watch—has earned him the title "Apostle of the Blessed Sacrament." May he inspire our devotion as the National Eucharistic Revival enters its second phase this month.

MEMORIAL OF NORBERT, BISHOP

TODAY'S READINGS: Tobit 2:9-14; Mark 12:13-17 (354). "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

**Wednesday, Jun 07, 2023**

## **Transcending prejudice in service to God**

This day marks the 105th death anniversary of Servant of God Julia Greeley, one of seven African-American Catholics on the path to sainthood. She is one of two such candidates born into slavery in Ralls County, Missouri during the mid-19th century,

alongside Venerable Augustus Tolton. Freed during the Civil War, she emigrated to Colorado with her employer and became a Catholic due to their influence. There she would become known as "Denver's Angel of Charity" despite her own poverty, assisting the destitute at night so as not to offend her white beneficiaries. She died in 1918 and was the first and only Catholic layperson to lay in repose in the city—later becoming the first buried in the cathedral. May her legacy of service live on in all of us.

TODAY'S READINGS: Tobit 3:1-11a, 16-17a; Mark 12:18-27 (355).

"When they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but they are like the angels in heaven."

**Thursday, Jun 08, 2023**

## **Love begets love**

It's June, a popular month for weddings in North America. Church teachings about marriage varied for the first millennium. Today they communicate high ideals, resting on this basic framework, paraphrased from the Catechism of the Catholic Church: God loves us with a definitive and irrevocable love; married couples share in this love, which supports and sustains them. Their faithfulness to each other witnesses God's persistent love. Many are called to marriage, but others follow a different path. How has God called you to share the love poured out on you?

TODAY'S READINGS: Tobit 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a; Mark 12:28-34 (356). "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength."

**Friday, Jun 09, 2023**

## **A troubled land calls for compassion**

Saint Ephrem of Syria was a prolific writer of poetry, hymns, poems, sermons, and biblical commentaries. He has been called the most significant of all the fathers of the Syriac-speaking church tradition. He addressed the church in Syria in troubled times ... and Syria's troubles continue, perhaps never more acutely than today. Already suffering badly the devastation of 12 years of ruthless suppression, in February it suffered a devastating earthquake that killed more than 7,000 people and devastated more than 10,000 buildings in northwest Syria. The U.N. reports that more than 4 million Syrians, mostly women and children, depend on humanitarian aid to survive. Mercy USA invites donations for housing for destitute Syrians. Consider a donation in honor of Ephrem.

MEMORIAL OF EPHREM OF SYRIA, DEACON, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: Tobit 11:5-17; Mark 12:35-37 (357). "I am certain that his eyes will be opened."

**Saturday, Jun 10, 2023**

## **The widow's mite revisited**

It is ironic that the story of the widow's mite in today's gospel is so often used as an example of generous giving when it's obvious that giving "all she had, her whole livelihood" had left her destitute and penniless. Jesus actually uses the widow's action as an example of what happens when the unscrupulous clergy of his day, with their long robes and the esteem of the people, "devour the houses of widows." The lesson is for religious leaders *not* to push poor people into deeper poverty. Pray for your pastors.

TODAY'S READINGS: Tobit 12:1, 5-15, 20; Mark 12:38-44 (358). "They devour the houses of widows . . . They will receive a very severe condemnation."

# COVENANT



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## Covenant in the Bible: Meaning and Purpose

We don't talk a lot about covenants today, but we should. Covenants are one of the most important themes in the Bible—they are the key to God's redemptive plan to restore humanity to its divine calling. Starting in Genesis, God enters into one formal partnership (i.e., covenant) after another with various humans in order to rescue his world. These divine-human partnerships drive the narrative forward until it reaches its climax in Jesus. To tell the story of God redeeming humanity through Jesus is to tell the whole story of God's covenantal relationship with humans. The most famous Biblical covenant may be the one that God made with Noah. You may recall that at the end of the Great Flood, God offered a rainbow as a covenantal sign, promising that never again would there be an act of divine anger towards the human family.



And God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant which I have established between Me and all flesh that is on the earth"

GENESIS 9:17

## What's a Covenant?

A covenant is a relationship between two partners who make binding promises to each other and work together to reach a common goal. They're

often accompanied by oaths, signs, and ceremonies.

## Epiphany's Covenant

As we work to transform Epiphany from a maintenance Church to a missionary Church—a church where everyone in the parish is sent out every week to be the face of Love and the Word of God—we suggest that we must enter into this **sacred covenant** with God. By solemnly pledging to God our unique **time, talents and treasure** through the instrument of our little Church of the Epiphany, we can undertake the responsibility of building the Kingdom that was entrusted to us all by Jesus.



On this COVENANT WEEKEND, let us be the Church that the world

# @EPIPHANY

**JUN 4 - JUN 11**

## EVENTS



**Covenant Sunday**  
11:00am Class Mass &  
Sunday Scripture Program  
12:30pm Parish Alpha  
7:30 Young Adult Mass



**12:10pm Mass**  
**12:30pm Miraculous Medal**  
**novena**



**11:00am 22 Club**  
**12:10pm Mass**  
**7:00pm Connect**



**12:10pm Mass**  
**12:40pm OLPH (Church)**  
**7:00pm Bereavement Program**  
**7:00pm Breaking Open**  
**The Word via Zoom**



**12:10pm Mass**  
**7:00pm Legion of Mary**  
**7:00pm YA Alpha**



**12:10pm Mass**  
**6:30pm Sant' Egidio**  
**Fridays**



**4:00pm Vigil Mass**



**11:00am Family Mass &**  
**Sunday Scripture**  
**12:30pm Parish Alpha**  
**7:30 Young Adult Mass**

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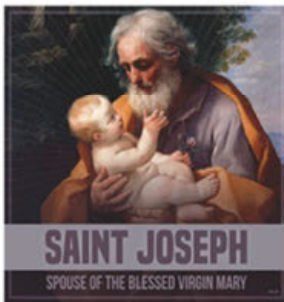
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	May 2022 - Apr 2023	May 2019 - Apr 2020
collections	\$575,932	\$807,961
expenses	937,149	845,136
net	<b>\$(361,217)</b>	<b>\$(37,175)</b>

Joseph Epiphany



**DON'T FORGET YOUR FATHER!**

After Father's Day, every Mass in June will include a special plea for fathers, living or deceased, listed on our Father's Day Novena envelopes, which can be found in the Narthex. Complete the envelope and place it in the collection basket or give it to a minister or priest. We need fathers, and our fathers need us - **and our prayers!**

**June 10-11 Second Collection**  
**Support our Catholic Home Missions**  
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This collection supports American parishes which lack regular access to pastoral services like Mass, the sacraments, and religious education.

Our Church in Latin America & the Caribbean is also in dire need of support for their priests, vital programs, and seminarian formation.

As always, we are grateful for the generosity of the parishioners at Epiphany.

**MASSES**

**Monday-Friday 12:10pm**  
**Saturday Vigil: 4pm**  
**Sunday 11am & 7:30pm**

**THIS WEEK'S**  
**ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS**

- Saturday, June 3** *Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions*  
 4:00pm Philip Soroka
- Sunday, June 4** *The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity*  
 11:00am John Maruffi  
 7:30pm Ann Ahern
- Monday, June 5** *Memorial of Saint Boniface*  
 12:10pm Patrick Monroe
- Tuesday, June 6**  
 12:10pm Maureen Filip
- Wednesday, June 7**  
 12:10pm Pablo Jr. & Maria Lourdes Roman
- Thursday, June 8**  
 12:10pm Nora Patricia Gracia
- Friday, June 9**  
 12:10pm Maria Veronica Asunción Tamesis Trota
- Saturday, June 10**  
 4:00pm Vincent Guglielmo
- Sunday, June 11** *Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ*  
 11:00am Dorothy & Frank Callahan  
 7:30pm Nilda Tolentino
- Monday, June 12**  
 12:10pm John Joe Crowley
- Tuesday, June 13** *Memorial of Saint Anthony of Padua*  
 12:10pm Mary & Joseph Walsh

**Sanctuary Lamp**  
**June 4 - 10**  
**John Maruffi**

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