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READINGS			May 2024				
May 26			Sunday of the Most Holy Trinity				
			Epistle			Gospel	
			Rom 11:25-36			Mt 28:16-20	
June 2			3rd Sunday of Pentecost				
			Epistle			Gospel	
			1 Cor 2:1-10			In 14:21-27	
Mass Intentions			* LITURGY INTENTIONS * FROM				
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PARISH OFFERING May 19, 2024					Important Messages		
t Weekly offering			\$	\$1,266.00 \$155.00 Monday		Daily Readings	
Coffee Hour						Monday: Acts 4:5-12; Jn 15:1-8	
				+230.00	Tuesday: Acts 4:13-22; Jn 15:9-14		5:9-14
					Wednesda	y: Acts 4:23-31; J	n 15:15-17
Total Income				121 00	Thursday: 1 Cor 10:14-21; Jn 6:47-63		
Total Income\$1,421.00Thank You for your generosity and					Friday: Acts 5:12-21a; Jn 15:22-27		
your support					Saturday: Acts 5:21b-33; Jn 16:1-4		

THE SANCTUARY LAMP



Is a vigil light burning 24/7 and kept near the Blessed Sacrament. The light indicates the unfathomable mystery of the Eucharistic presence of Jesus. It reminds us of the reverence due to the Sacrament. The burning light is a pious custom as a way of prolonging our adoration and prayer to honor His presence.

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Upcoming Second Collection

June 30:	Holy Father's Collection
September 8:	Catholic University of America and Maronite Seminary

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS - 2024

May 30:	Thursday of the Body of Christ
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- June 2: Parish Council Meeting
- June 4: St. Sharbel Ladies Guild Meeting
- June 7: The Sacred Heart of Jesus
- June 16: Father's Day

Sunday of the Most Holy Trinity

Qurbono P. 416; Creed P. 748; Anaphora of St. Mark p. 835

(Matthew 28:16-20)

Today we are at the highest point of the Divine Revelation. St. Matthew is the only one among all Evangelists who brought about the Holy Trinity. He quotes the Lord Jesus: "Baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." This is a very precise theological formula reflecting the baptismal ceremony of the early Christian Community which connects the newly baptized in a special way with the three divine persons.

Saint Matthew concentrates on the mission of Jesus in the "Galilee of Nations" as he narrates the last appearance of Jesus to his disciples in Galilee. He makes it clear that the mission of Jesus is thorough and complete. It reaches Jews and non-Jews without distinction. The mission of Jesus started in Galilee and the mission of the church started also in Galilee with the Apostles. Jesus hands over to his apostles the same mission he himself received from the Father, with the supreme authority that he earned through his glorious resurrection. He reveals to them the mystery of the True God, the one Triune God, whom the Prophets have never known before. He explained to them that the Father has sent him, and the he is the incarnate son, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

For the rest of the week the readings are chosen from Saint John chapters 15 and 16. They complement the readings of the previous week and serve as the continuation of the Gospel of Pentecost which in fact fulfilled the promise Jesus made and that is by sending the Paraclete, the Spirit of truth to his apostles and to his Church.

The ending of the mission of Jesus is best described in the Gospel of Saint Matthew. The final paragraph looks forward to the continuing work of the Messianic Community, making explicit what has already been hinted elsewhere about a mission to those outside the Old Covenant community of Israel. Galilee, in the Gospel of St. Matthew, represents all peoples and all nations, which was also referenced in (Isaiah 8:23). Furthermore, Jesus expresses himself in the words of (Daniel 7:14). The mission which has been limited to Israel in the days of his ministry is now extended to all peoples. With this conclusion in the Gospel of Saint Matthew we have the last words Jesus gave to his men. In this last meeting he did three things:

- 1. **Jesus empowered his disciples:** Proving to them that nothing can be impossible for him, and that there is nothing beyond the power of Him who triumphed over death, He granted them authority and power to carry on their mission.
 - 2. **Jesus commissioned his disciples:** He sent them out to convert the entire world and to make of all men disciples for himself. He instructed them to baptize all nations in the name of the Holy Trinity, the One True God: "The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit." They were sent, not to a specific group, to a favorite people or to a designated race, but to everyone... Basically to "all nations."
- 3. **Jesus promised his disciples a continued presence:** Those disciples and simple Galileans, being sent out to conquer the world, they must have ran scared and totally overwhelmed. Realizing the difficulty and hardship of their mission, Jesus promised them: "Know that I am with you always, until the end of the world.!"