



Embracing the Mystery

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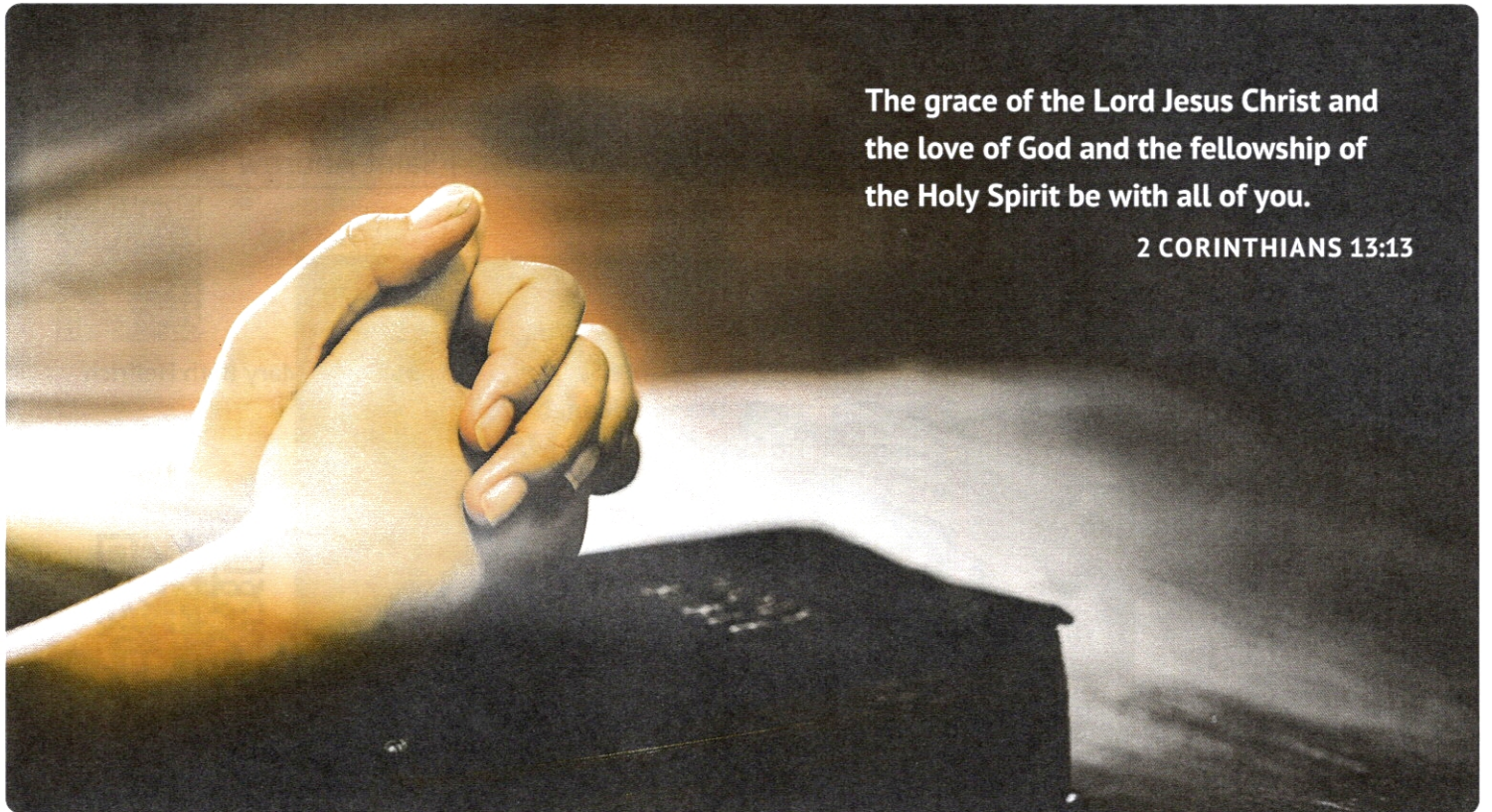
The Christian confession of a triune God cannot be explained, it can only be believed. It is not a cop-out to proclaim that this belief is rooted in mystery. Mystery is the essential language and experience of belief. We lose something when we try to explain a mystery instead of embracing it. It may make us uncomfortable; it may provoke more questions than answers. Regardless, it does not suggest the weakness of mystery but rather the beauty, the wonder, and the awe.

Embracing belief and living as a person of faith is a singular journey. You cannot believe for someone else, and that person, even one you dearly love, cannot believe for you. It is also important to understand that as singular as the journey of faith may be, it ultimately ends in community. Belief does not isolate a person, but rather invites a person to connect with others who also walk in faith.

The community/communion of the triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—is the perfect witness to the truth that mystery creates. One God, three divine persons. The Eucharist that we celebrate on this day proclaims the unity of our belief—to the Father, through the Son, by the power of the Holy Spirit. ●



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**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 CORINTHIANS 13:13

Reflect

How does the mystery of the Trinity reveal God's nature as a communion of love?

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Holy Trinity – May 31, 2026

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Feast</u>	<u>Intention</u>
Monday			
Tuesday	8:00 am	Weekday	Sam Mages
Wednesday	8:00 am	St. Charles Lwanga & Companions	Mary Smith
Thursday	8:00 am	Weekday	Steve Fury
Friday	8:00 am	St. Boniface (at Fort Dodge)	Bill & Rosie Robertson
Saturday	8:00 am	Weekday	Robert Chilton
Sunday	9:00 am	The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ	Saint Andrew Parishioners

Confessions: Sunday 8:00 – 8:45 am or by appointment any time

Ministers for next Sunday, June 7, 2026

Greeters: George & Debbie Hertel

Collection: Reegan Kliesen & Tanner Rumbaugh.

Cantor: Choir

Servers: Emma Peintner, Stella Watters, Volunteer

Lectors: Rochele Weil & Becca Durler

E.M.C.'s: Elaine Slattery, Sheila McCarty, Mary Beth Helfrich

Gifts: Diana Polkinghorn

Rosary: Robert Askew

Giving Report: 5-24-26

Envelopes: \$1,540.00

Loose: \$288.00

Electronic: \$670.71

Alms for Renovation Project: \$67,345.69



First Friday Holy Hour and Confessions are on Friday, June 5 at 6:30 pm

Thank You to the Knight of Columbus and Altar Society for cooking the breakfast for Fr. Ted's 25th Anniversary.

Also, a huge Thank You goes to the Vocations Commission, the Altar Society and the Knights of Columbus for the 'Pre-Ordination Dinner' on Friday night. We received so many complements on the level of hospitality that the families of the ordinandi, the priests, deacons and Bishop encountered. I believe that what they experienced is an extension of the spiritual gift of hospitality that St. Andrew Parish possesses. Thank you!

I, Jonathan Lemus, want to express my gratitude for the opportunity to be at Wright this school year. It has been a blessing to share my time with all of you. Thank you for your prayers and support.

Please continue to keep me in your prayers, that I may do God's will and allow God to be God in our lives, as Psalm 127:1 reminds us:

"Unless the LORD build the house, they labor in vain who build. Unless the LORD guard the city, in vain does the guard keep watch." May the Lord keep you, guard you, and may He shine his face upon all of you. Peace!
Jonathan

SUMMER MISSIONS 2026

Prayer and Action - A mission trip for 9th-12th graders

Camp Cristo Rey - An experience of God's creation for 5th-8th graders

Totus Tuus - Faith formation at the local parish for 1st-12th graders

Bonus Events - Father/Son Fishing and Mother/Daughter Crafts for 5-17 year olds and their parents

Learn more about each one and register here: dcdiocese.org/summer-missions-youth

Or scan here for a video that explains the programs:



Hospitality + Prayer + Service + Formation + Evangelization

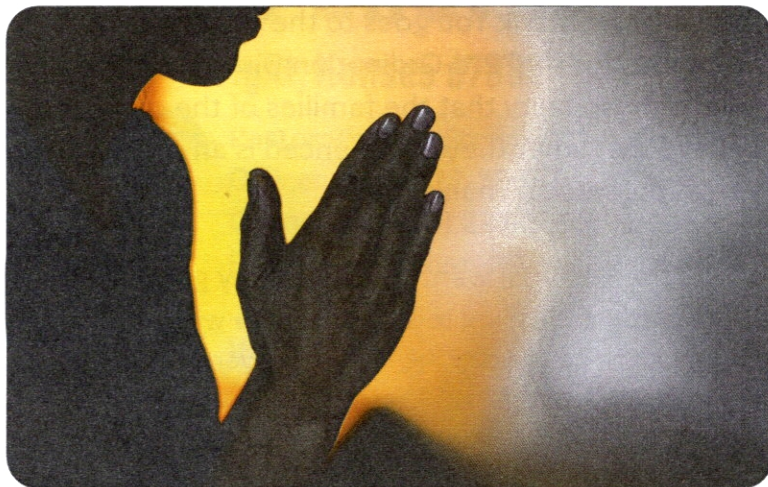
Dear Padre,

During Mass, is it proper for the faithful to raise our hands when pronouncing the words, “For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever”?

When the priest and people offer the Our Father together to God, the presider assumes an ancient posture of prayer, known as the *orans*—with arms extended and palms opened upward. After the Lord’s Prayer, the priest keeps his hands extended and says alone the embolism (“Deliver us, Lord...”). At the end, he joins his hands, and the people acclaim, “For the kingdom....” This acclamation is meant to be the people’s response to the embolism, and the priest remains silent for it. It would appear unnecessary for the faithful to now extend their hands during this acclamation—especially when it’s a response to an embolism prayer that just called for the presider to have extended his own hands and now has them joined together.

Although the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* doesn’t mention a specific congregational hand posture during this acclamation, it speaks in favor of “what serves the common spiritual good of the People of God, rather than private inclination or arbitrary choice,” stating that a common bodily posture “is a sign of the unity of the members of the Christian community gathered together for the sacred Liturgy: it both expresses and fosters the intention and spiritual attitude of the participants” (*GIRM* 42). ●

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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

To those in power, I repeat: listen to the voice of conscience! The apparent victories

achieved with weapons, which sow death and destruction, are in reality defeats and never bring peace or security! God does not want war, he wants peace, and he strengthens those who are committed to leaving behind the spiral of hatred and taking the path of dialogue.

ANGELUS, ROME, SEPTEMBER 7, 2025



Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

Monday

June 1
St. Justin, Martyr
2 Pt 1:2–7
Mk 12:1–12

Tuesday

June 2
Weekday
2 Pt 3:12–15a, 17–18
Mk 12:13–17

Wednesday

June 3
St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs
2 Tm 1:1–3, 6–12
Mk 12:18–27

Thursday

June 4
Weekday
2 Tm 2:8–15
Mk 12:28–34

Friday

June 5
St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr
2 Tm 3:10–17
Mk 12:35–37

Saturday

June 6
Weekday
2 Tm 4:1–8
Mk 12:38–44

Sunday

June 7
The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)
Dt 8:2–3, 14b–16a
1 Cor 10:16–17
Jn 6:51–58

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