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Excerpts from Today's Readings

*This is why you must now know,
and fix in your heart, that the LORD is God
in the heavens above and on earth below,
and that there is no other.*

DEUTERONOMY 4:39

*Brothers and sisters:
For those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.
For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear,
but you received a Spirit of adoption,
through whom we cry, "Abba, Father!"
The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit
that we are children of God,
and if children, then heirs,
heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ....*

ROMANS 8:14-17

*The eleven disciples went to Galilee,
to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them.
When they all saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted.
Then Jesus approached and said to them,
“All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me.
Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,
teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.
And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.”*

MATTHEW 28:16-20

Reflection

Today we are invited to celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, which resounds through the selected scripture readings. The first passage from Deuteronomy imprints our covenantal relationship with God, the One and Only, the Nameless and Eternal, the Creator, Our Father, the Sacred Origin of all. The second reading from Paul cements our relationship and our familial connection with God, gifted by the Holy Spirit, an inherited legacy through Christ's redeeming love. The Gospel portion, titled "The Great Commissioning," instructs the evangelization of all nations and it is here where what we know as the Holy Trinity is expressed: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." At the end of this reading, we circle back to the Eternal God: "I am with you always, until the end of the age."

Whew, that is quite a bit to take in. While contemplating and pondering the Holy Trinity while composing this reflection, I spent some time with the Nicene Creed. The ancient and familiar statement of faith recites the belief in an integrated whole of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Unique, and yet, One and the Same. I can't begin to understand the theology of the Holy Trinity or sort through the sacred mystery of it all, but I am confident in it.

By way of explanation, many years ago, I taught weather and climate. One can elaborate on the synergy of Coriolis force, thermodynamics, winds and condensation, but the tangible evidence is the weather we experience. Beyond the abstract, what are the appreciable manifestations of the Holy Trinity in our world today? What does it mean to live a Trinitarian life in whatever circumstance we are? For the next several days, we will explore these questions

through story and the teachings of Father Jean-Pierre Medaille. Happy journey.



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For Pondering

- What is the significance of the Holy Trinity in your understanding of God and faith?
 - How do you feel when reciting the Nicene Creed and your sense of belonging to such a big family?
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For Prayer

*Glory be to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen.*

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