

-(Catechism par. #234) “The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of Christian faith and life. It is the mystery of God in Himself.”

-Jesus in today’s Gospel shows the 3 Divine persons are all God (of the same Divine Nature) He says: “Everything the Father has belongs to the Son, and all that the Son has belongs to the Father / And the Spirit has what belongs to the Father and the Son” /

1. What do they share? (Divine Essence).

-1st Reading Proverbs: Wisdom is of the Holy Spirit / And THUS: existed before the creation of the Heavens and Earth / Thus existing always with the Father and the Son.

The activity of the Holy Spirit is that of glorifying Christ / bringing clarity to the disciples of all that Jesus taught them / The Holy Spirit allows us the Wisdom to recognize the Father through the Son / And thus come to know God who was made visible by the Son. JESUS IS LORD!

-The Trinity is a mystery but God, thru Divine Revelation, has shown that **2. He is also a Communion of Persons.**

THUS

-God is an Eternal exchange of love - open to give & receive the other. **(God desires that we share in this exchange).**

The 1st person of the Trinity is God as Father. God from the beginning is Fatherhood and paternity. This aspect of God is truly the nature of God as Father and how he has always expressed Himself to the Son. The Father’s plan from before all time was to bring all things together in and thru Jesus. Thus the Father envelops each one of us in the love that he has for Jesus His Son. This is an action for all eternity! And Jesus thru the incarnation (becoming man) has allowed us to become sons of God the Father thru adoption. **Thus thru our baptism’s we have a share in Jesus’ Sonship with God the Father. Thus we have received a gift to share in the love found in the very life of the Trinity.**

The 2nd Person Jesus as Son expresses His Sonship eternally with His Father. Thus, Jesus models for us His openness and fidelity to the Father’s love. An obedience to the Fr’s will which is also eternal. Jesus’ obedience is

the way one receives all from the Father and is the path of total gift of self to the Father. If we were to use the temptations in the desert we would find that Jesus does not receive bread, nor the nations from the devil. Jesus will wait patiently to receive all of these things from His Father. He is our model on how to receive patiently the Father's love. **This sonship based in fidelity is eternal between the Son and His Father.**

-2nd Reading: Romans: "...the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit."

I am standing here before you today because I am the love of my parents (Father and Mother) personified and in the flesh. **The 3rd Person the Holy Spirit is the love of the Father and the Son personified.** Selfless/Sacrificial love is always fruitful. This is also eternal. Thus, the HS is always active in us to make the love of the Father and Son a reality/present in our lives (Allow us to participate in the exchange of Love)

I am always troubled when I hear someone ask - how can we really know true fatherhood, motherhood. The human family is not the model – God is! We can know true Fatherhood/Motherhood and Sonship by seeking God's plan. **God is a communion of persons, And through Grace and an openness we can receive, know, & share this love.**

Sin is the opposite of Jesus' model of perfect fidelity, obedience and openness in giving and receiving the Father's love. Sin causes a breakdown in our families because there is a breakdown in the openness in how we are to receive and give love. Pride, arrogance, selfishness, narcissism, abandonment, absence, fear, anger, insecurity can cause us to not be open to being loved, or giving love.

When I was at a summer retreat in Omaha, NB (IPF) there was an exercise to help us to reflect on God as Father. I was amazed how many young men had confessed how God used the summer to help them relate to God as Father. Some seminarians didn't really know their father. Without Fatherhood we cannot fully come to know and love God.

Share my story of how through Lectio Divina (praying with the Scriptures): During the 10 Day IPF silent retreat God used the Gospel Nativity Story to heal my image of Fatherhood, and insight to the love of my own Father.

Next Week is Fathers Day: I will be away with my own family. Thus to the Fathers / Like I said to the mothers / Never stop praying for your children.

-Be present

-Tell your children and spouse you love them.

-The greatest Good / Take your family to receive Jesus at Mass. Thus, a higher love as you pray your family to Heaven.

Remember this: When we are Baptized / We receive an incredible Father who is always walking with us / A loving Father who tells His adopted Sons / Follow me and my Son through the Wisdom of the Holy Spirit / And I will give you Life!