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Primate's Message

Archbishop Shane Janzen



*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and Mighty,
God in Three Persons, Blessed Trinity!*

WE begin the Season of Trinitytide with the great traditional hymn, "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!" The Season of Trinitytide draws together the holy mysteries which we celebrate through the Church Year. In His ministry and word, our Lord Jesus Christ revealed to us the mystery of God the Holy Trinity – the love of the Father, the saving grace of the Son, and the power of the Holy Spirit.

God's innermost mystery is that He is Trinity – One God in Three Persons. Everything we believe about God is interfused with this mystery. Our finite, mortal minds cannot possibly plumb the depth of this mystery revealed to us in Jesus Christ. But this we can know: that from the Father's love everything originates; that through the Son we receive all the Father's grace and love; and that just as the Father and Son are one in the communion of the Holy Spirit, so all who are touched by God's grace share in this communion of life and love.

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Through time, God has revealed His Nature; and in the progress of human existence, revealed His divine plan of salvation—a plan formed from the life, power, and love of the Holy Trinity. When we speak about beauty, truth, goodness, and love; or when we speak of God as a great spiritual force, we touch on the nature of the Trinity but only in an impersonal, imperfect, and incomplete way. For the God revealed to us in the Most Holy Trinity has a definite nature and character; He gives definite commands, and does definite acts. Although outside of time and space, the Holy Trinity entered into the drama of life through being Life itself. At the beginning of time, the love and life-giving nature of the Holy Trinity brought forth creation. The universe was formed, and through the breath of God, man became a living soul. But unlike the 'watch-maker' of philosophic argument, God the Holy Trinity did not abandon His creation nor remain a formless life-force surging through us—the 'unknown and unknowable Supreme Being'.

Scripture records that God "did not leave Himself without witness, in that He did good, gave us rain from heaven and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness." He is the living God, "who made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and all things that are in them. And He made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their pre-appointed times and the

boundaries of their dwellings, so that men might seek for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; for in Him we live and move and have our being."

The discovery of God in the wonder of His creation reveals that He is God the Creator. We will come to understand the fullness of His nature if we allow ourselves to be drawn into His self-revelation; to encounter the Holy Trinity in the treasured memories of God's judgements, promises, and mercies. Our journey of discovery reaches back to a covenant made between a nomad and the 'God of the mountain top'—*El Shaddai*. It moves from such concrete things as the Law, the Passover, the Ark and the Temple—*Yahweh*; to the stable at Bethlehem, the hill of Calvary, and the empty rock-hewn tomb—*Jesus Christ*. It leads us to an upper room, to men and women filled with the utter force and power of God's own Spirit, and to the trials and testimonies of millions through the ages. And it brings us to our present moment, for it is in the retelling of the story of salvation, in the listening anew to the spoken Word of God, and in the partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ in Holy Communion, that we come to know His true nature and the reality of His presence in our lives.

For the God who is the bodiless, timeless, transcendent Being of the whole universe is also the Incarnate Lord who is

"not far from any one of us"; Whose nail-scarred Hands and riven-side reveal, even now, the depth of His love for those whom He made in His image. Jesus said, if you want to know God the Father, then look at Me, God the Son. If you want to share in the love of the Father and Son, then welcome into your heart the Spirit who proceeds from that love.

As Christians, we need to know in Whom we believe and in Whom we are seeking. To this end God has given us the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments—The Bible—the inspired word of God. We have the Church, the Body of Christ and the People of God, chosen by the Father, redeemed by the Son, and guided by the Holy Spirit. We have the witness and teachings of Christian men and women who have walked the journey of faith, and who, in their walk have come to know the timeless truths of God.

Life is known by being lived; Christian belief is known by living the faith. The first and last goal of all God's works and words is that we should come to know and love Him. It is in that knowing, in that living out of our life of faith in Christ, that we gain entry into the blessed communion of the One, Holy, and Triune God, Whom we worship and adore, forever! Amen.

Message and Diocesan Updates

Bishop Craig Botterill



"They seek a better country . . ."



Trinity Season is about growth. The colour of the season, green, reminds us of the rich and vibrant life that springs forth at this time each year – all part of the cycle of life that is at the centre of God's plan of creation. As you look around the pews of your local Mission, chaplaincy, or parish church, some of you might be wondering about growth in a different sense: "why aren't we growing as a Church"?

The fact is that in a world where a male Disney employee with a moustache and dressed as a Fairy Princess greets children at the "Magic Kingdom" and in our own country where city councils tear down statues of the Christian founders of this nation, and where our Prime Minister removes the Cross of Christ from the top of the Crown (replacing it with a snowflake), our biblically based moral values do not attract crowds of well-wishers or converts. We now live in the post-Christian era, in an age when belief in God and the fear of eternal consequences for behaviour is the reserve of an increasingly small minority.

What then of the theme of growth that Trinity Season stands for? Perhaps now, more than ever before, our Trinity Season can provide for our individual growth as Christians, mindful that we are only sojourners here in this world and that we seek a far better country – a heavenly home. Each year the systematic feeding of our souls with the Collects, Epistles, and Gospels of our ancient lectionary nourishes us and brings about growth in our relationship with Almighty God and in our strength and maturity as Christians.



In the back garden of my home in Halifax there stands a mighty oak tree that was here for a century or more before we built our house forty years ago. Through the seasons that we have been here the tree has gone through the cycles of being dormant and then bursting into green life, growing taller and stronger with each passing year. It has survived countless hurricanes. This year, with forest fires burning vast swathes of our landscape, this oak still

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majestically stands, firmly anchored by years of annual growth. In a world where much of what we valued has been consumed by the fires of militancy and woke politics (yes, images of Hell come to mind), we continue to stand, as individuals, and as a Church, firmly anchored by years of annual growth that our many Trinity Seasons have brought us.

With the lifting of all Covid restrictions, our Missions, ministries, and Parishes in Canada East have all resumed public worship. Our numbers have not returned to their pre-pandemic levels and given the reality of the world in which we live, they probably won't. Our Faith, however, has not diminished, and as we begin a new Trinity Season we continue the nourishment of our souls through the ancient cycle of teachings, worship, and traditions of our Church. While the world around us burns, our souls continue their growth as we continue our pilgrimage on the way to a far better country – a heavenly home.

With every blessing for your spiritual life and growth this Trinity Season,

+Craig Botterill
Bishop Ordinary, Diocese of Canada East



A Reading from *Life Together* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer

INNUMERABLE times a whole Christian community has broken down because it had sprung from a wish dream. The serious Christian, set down for the first time in a Christian community, is likely to bring with him or her a very definite idea of what Christian life together should be and try to realize it. But God's grace speedily shatters such dreams. Just as surely as God desires to lead us to a knowledge of genuine Christian fellowship, so surely must we be overwhelmed by a great general disillusionment with others, with Christians in general, and, if we are fortunate, with ourselves.

By sheer grace God will not permit us to live even for a brief period in a dream world. He does not abandon us to those rapturous experiences and lofty moods that come over us like a dream. God is not a God of the emotions but the God of truth. Only that fellowship which faces such disillusionment, with all its unhappy and ugly aspects, begins to be what it should be in God's sight, begins to grasp in faith the promise that is given to it. The sooner this shock of disillusionment comes to an individual and to a community the better for both. A community which cannot bear and cannot survive such a crisis, which insists upon keeping its illusion when it should be shattered, permanently loses in that moment the promise of Christian community. Sooner or later it will collapse. Every human wish that is injected into the Christian community is a hindrance to genuine community and must be banished if genuine community is to survive. He who loves his dream of a community more than the Christian community itself becomes a destroyer of the latter, even though his personal intentions may be ever so honest and earnest and sacrificial.

Because God has already laid the only foundation of our fellowship, because God has bound us together in one body with other Christians in Jesus Christ, long before we entered into common life with them, we enter into that common life not as demanders but as thankful recipients. We thank God for what He has done for us. We thank God for giving us brothers and sisters who live by His call, by His forgiveness, and His promise. We do not complain of what God does not give us; we rather thank God for what He does give us daily.

Parish and Mission Updates

News from Around the ACCC



Cathedral Church of Saint John the Evangelist Victoria, BC

Sunday, April 16 saw the admission of Mr. Robert Jan Dukarm as a Licenced Lay Reader at the Cathedral. Robert is also our talented Organist. We pray for his ongoing ministry in both roles.

On Sunday, May 7, we joined Canadians and citizens across the other Commonwealth Realms and Nations in celebrating the Coronation of Their Majesties King Charles III and Queen Camilla.

We pray Almighty God to grant them a happy and glorious reign. God Save The King!

May 21 was a joyous occasion as we celebrated Rose Nicholson's Confirmation with her family.



**Parish of Holy Trinity
Medicine Hat, AB**

Christmas of 2022 saw the Parish decorating the inside the church and preparing the altar to celebrate the Nativity of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. The Christmas Crib was blessed at the beginning of the mass and the lighting of the Christ Candle took place. People were welcomed into the church by candles placed on the steps to the front doors and were encouraged to take one home at the end of the mass. We enjoyed the celebrations of the Christmas season throughout the Twelve Days of Christmas. Fr. Glenn made himself available (as always) to hear confessions leading up to the Christmas masses.



After our Shrove Tuesday service, Fr. Glenn hosted a pancake supper for the Parish and we saw newcomers in attendance who had been at our previous Sunday mass. They have become regular attendees as their busy life schedule permits and are a welcome addition to the congregation bringing even more light-hearted conversations during the post-service fellowship times. It was by a personal invitation made by one of our parishioners to them that they attend the Sunday Mass, which drew them to the Parish.

The "Games Night" continues on the second Wednesday of every month. We have had a few visitors from the community enjoy the games and one evening, there was a mother with her two children who were passing through Medicine Hat which had decided to join us. The young boy was interested in knowing more about the bible and Fr. Glenn was pleased to be able to provide him with a complementary graphic novel styled bible called "The Action Bible: God's Redemptive Story".



In some follow-up conversations between Fr. Glenn and the boy, they talked about the nature of Jesus Christ and how He and God are of one mind. Fr. Glenn has been told by the boy's mother that the young fellow is reading portions from the book on a daily basis. As we move into the summer months we will be taking a pause from the Games Night and will look at the possibility of resuming in the autumn.

As we know from experience, personal one-on-one invitations to people are the most effective way in which to bring people into the church to "come and see". We are also mindful that reaching out through social media platforms can be a way to "break the ice" and provide an opportunity to meet people outside of the church environment and speak with them in person. Fr. Robert Short (All Saints', Calgary, Alberta) has had much success in this area and with his continued encouragement, we have been active on the Nextdoor app within our own local community. We find that the more we use it, make posts, welcome people to the community, and comment on posts, we are seeing more people contact us through the app. As the app focuses on the close surrounding community by the church, we

can easily connect with people who are within a short walking or driving distance from the building. If you have any questions around the app, please do not hesitate to contact Fr. Glenn or Fr. Robert for assistance. The app can be found here for computer: <https://nextdoor.com/> Here for Android devices: <https://tinyurl.com/ycxmsdrs> and here for Apple iOS devices: <https://tinyurl.com/mr2nbua8>

Upon an open invitation to all, Fr. Glenn attended a Benedictine Retreat (March 20 to 22) held at All Saints' Traditional Anglican Church, Calgary, Alberta, hosted by Fr. Robert Short, Rector of the Parish and a Benedictine Oblate. The day began at 5:00 am with the Office of Vigils and continued to follow all of the Divine Offices throughout the day with the addition of Morning & Evening Prayer. Mass was said during the retreat by Fr. Robert commemorating St. Benedict. In the spirit of a Benedictine community, Fr. Glenn prepared the meals that were eaten in the church hall, during which spiritual readings (*Lectio divina*) from St. John of the Cross were played through Fr. Robert's mobile phone and bluetooth speaker. Though not strictly a completely silent retreat, the day was of a more quite atmosphere as appropriate to the gathering. Those that participated came away spiritually renewed, physically refreshed, and looking forward to the next time a retreat can be organised.



As part of the ongoing work we are doing as a Parish to invite people to both church services and social events, we are aware of the “curb appeal”

aspect of the church building and property. To help continue to improve on making the church an inviting presence in the community, the Vestry met mid-April to discuss, prioritize, and approve a number of items which we will be working on through the coming months, and indeed years, as time and finances allow.

This year the Parish was able to provide carnations, along with a prayer card, to the mother's of the congregation in thanksgiving and appreciation for their work in raising children within Godly homes. The extra flowers were distributed to mothers in the larger community and were greatly appreciated by all who received them.

A Prayer for Mothers

MERCIFUL Saviour, who didst love Martha and Mary, hallowing their home with thy sacred presence: Bless, we beseech thee, our mothers, that thy love may rest upon them, and that thy presence may be with them. May they grow in grace and in the knowledge of thee, our Lord and Saviour. Teach them to love one another as thou hast given commandment. Help them to bear one another's burdens and so fulfil thy law, O blessed Jesus, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, for evermore. Amen.

As the civic Mother's Day also fell on Rogation Sunday, we had the blessing of rogation crosses after the Litany at the beginning of the mass.

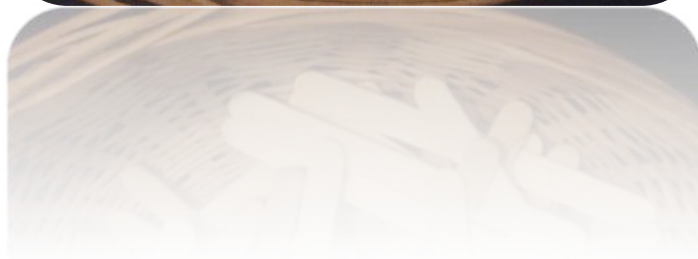
Though in this day and age we have become more separated from the very intense agrarian society we once were, we remember the importance of God's providence to us and by the blessing of Rogation crosses and the placing of them in our small gardens, outdoor or indoor potted plants, we keep this remembrance alive in our daily lives.

The Pastor's Hour continues to be held on Wednesdays from 10:30 am to 2:00 pm with both parishioners and members of the larger community visiting with Fr. Glenn and talking with him about things that are bothering them or in just general conversation about life. The Parish is pleased that people are taking advantage of this ministry that Fr. Glenn offers and appreciate the connections that he has been able to make through this outreach.

In closing, we continue in the faith once delivered to the Saints and pray for the growth and witness of the Christian Way in the City of Medicine Hat and amongst our own congregation.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Reverend Glenn Galenkamp, Rector
Holy Trinity Anglican Catholic Church



Fr. Glenn blessing a crucifix with holy water on Easter Day for a visitor.



Fr. Glenn returning blessed crucifix to a very happy visitor.

Church of the Resurrection Edmonton, AB

God continues to faithfully enliven our congregation. Our mighty God, worship, prayer, and fellowship are the glue that holds us all together. Fr. Davis preaches God's Word Sunday by Sunday followed by fellowship for all. When he was ill, Eugene as Lay Reader offered Evensong so that the church doors stayed open. Everyone shares their talents whether setting up, cleaning up, offering drives or preparing lunch. When the Hiltons were away in March, Tom prepared bulletins in advance, and others pitched in to do necessary tasks. (The Hiltons appreciated the opportunity to enjoy the familiarity of Mass and fellowship at both Fr. Robert Short's church in Calgary and The Archbishop's church in Victoria.)

Celebrating both tradition and innovation, our Good Friday service highlighted James Stolee's original paintings of the Stations of the Cross, and two strangers who joined us for our Easter service found us through our new webpage. We were thrilled a shut-in had Easter communion in church for the first time in years, courtesy of her daughter's efforts and special transportation. Intercessory prayer has always been an important aspect of our ministry, but this week a prayer chain was also initiated by one of our new snowbird members to pray for travellers on a challenging business trip.

In the background, if not the forefront on occasion, we have dealt with outstanding housekeeping issues, scheduling Vestry meetings by ZOOM,

revising our Articles of Association (which have finally been sent to the Corporate Registry for acceptance), experimenting with electronic music, completing yearly paperwork, and researching insurance. We thank Father Glenn for setting up our new website (www.anglicancatholic-edmonton.com) with Father Davis as liaison.



This spring we also investigated the possibility of moving into our own building, a hot topic during the Archbishop's Episcopal visit last October. Two possible properties were considered recently without success at present. We again thank Sonia for researching possibilities, Father Glenn as Regional Dean for coming to Edmonton to offer his counsel, Archbishop Janzen for his support, and various of our own members for their efforts to help us make an informed decision. We continue to keep an open mind while we thank God for the congenial setting where we now worship.

**St. Barnabas
Moose Jaw, SK**

In this edition of the Chronicle, St. Barnabas has some sad news to share. Long time member and supporter of our parish, Fay Botterill, went on to her eternal reward on April 26, 2023. As many readers will be aware, Fay was Bishop Craig Botterill's mother. Bishop Botterill was here with us on May 4, 2023, to officiate a Requiem Mass for Fay. About 40 family members, close friends and parishioners were present.

Fay will be fondly remembered for her contributions to the life of the parish. She would often bring tarts, or some other type of homemade goodies for coffee time. Conversation was always livened up with her input, and there were no shortages of discussion topics at coffee time. When we moved into our own building, Fay joined in with everyone and helped do some clean up and organizing and donated extra items that she had for our kitchen. She was a contributor of time and talents as much as she was able.

Fay was a lifelong member of St. Barnabas Parish, and her mother Winnifred Henderson was also a life long member of St. Barnabas Parish until she went to her eternal reward at 100 years of age.

While we have a season of sadness at the loss of Fay, we are comforted in the Gospel hope we hear each Sunday in the Mass, and daily in the Offices. We share in that same hope of salvation and grace that Fay had and shared with all of us. We will meet up again.

Fay Winnifred Botterill



1934-2023

It is with deep sorrow and much love that we mourn the passing of Fay Winnifred Botterill (nee Henderson) of Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan on April 26, 2023, at the age of 89 years.

She was predeceased by her loving husband, Ronald James (Jim) Botterill; parents Walter John (Pat) and Winnifred Annie Henderson; brothers Roy and Alan Henderson. She is survived by her children Craig Ronald Botterill, K.C., (Angela), Michael James Botterill (Lori), and Mrs. Susan Fay Wray (Scott); eight grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; as well as her sisters Mrs. Peggy Wiens, Mrs. Laura Duff, and Mrs. Debbie Thomas; and brother Willard Henderson.



Traditional Anglican Church Updates

In March 2023, Archbishop Shane Janzen, Primate of the Traditional Anglican Church worldwide, made his first Primatial Visit to the parishes and missions of the Traditional Anglican Church - Latin American Province in Guatemala and El Salvador.

The trip included the Consecration of Bishop Carlos Enrique Zet Ramirez at San Jose Parish Church. It was a wonderful, inspiring and fruitful trip. Gracias a Dios!

ACCC and TAC Calendar – Upcoming Events

- June 18, 2023 – Episcopal Visit to Calgary
- June 19-23, 2023 – College of Bishops Meeting, FCJ Centre, Calgary
- July 16, 2023 – Episcopal Visit to Medicine Hat
- July 17-22, 2023 – Clericus and Music Workshop, FCJ Centre, Calgary
- July 23, 2023 – Episcopal Visit to Edmonton
- September 18, 2023 – St. Bede's, start of Michaelmas Term
- October 9-13, 2023 – Primate in Orlando for G3 Joint Synod

Subject to change.



Bishop-elect, Father Carlos Ramirez, with Bishop Juan Sion, Bishop Ruben Rodriguez, the Primate, Archbishop Juan Garcia, and Bishop Garcia Tista.

Guatemala/El Salvador: Photo Gallery

