

Today is Trinity Sunday.

The theology of the Trinity is a touchy subject. Not because there's any disagreement on things ... three Divine Persons in one Godhead all sharing the same Divine substance.

Rather, the Trinity is so far beyond our comprehension, that the best we can do is try to understand it by analogy.

The problems arise when you invest too heavily in your own analogy and start insisting that the analogy is reality. Heresies are named after famous theologians who took their theories too seriously ... Nestorius ... Arius ... or after groups of people who stubbornly insisted that they had God all figured out ... Sabellians ... patripassionists ...

The analogies, which all fall short, are things like the "Economic Trinity" ... which has nothing to do with money. Rather, the word Economic is used in its original Greek sense of "Household." God the Father: the Creator ... God the Son: the Redeemer ... God the Holy Spirit: the Sanctifier.

Which all sounds very neat and tidy, until you realize that when considering the analogy of the "Essential Trinity" ... and here the word Essential is used in its original Latin sense of "Essence." All three Divine Persons of the Trinity

share in the One Divine Essence and are always together in every Divine Action.

So, the difficulty is that while the Three Divine Persons are distinct, They are also one. And how that is achieved is beyond our comprehension.

We can rest assured of one thing: that by our Baptism, we are given a share in the Divine Life of the Trinity ... and through the Sacraments are strengthened and healed and configured to live that Divine Life more fully.

Our final purpose, is to spend Eternity sharing fully in that Divine Life ... whatever that may mean.

Today as we approach this altar to receive the Sacred Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ ... the Second Person of the Trinity ... let us pray for a deeper realization of the Great Mystery of the Most Holy Trinity ... and let us ask for a greater share in the Divine Life ... so that we may become the individuals we were created to be ... beloved children of God the Father ... redeemed in Jesus Christ, His Son ... and made Holy through the Holy Spirit.