

Father Paul's Ponderings

The feast of the Holy Trinity. Beyond our intellectual understanding. And yet we as Catholics sign ourselves in the name of the Trinity: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Last Sunday we celebrated the feast of Pentecost. The coming of the Holy Spirit. It is the Holy Spirit who gives us the awareness and the power to know God as Father, Abba; to know Jesus as Lord; to believe that Jesus our Lord and Christ takes us in the power of the Spirit to our loving Father. It is the power of the Spirit who opens our hearts and minds to believe that we, the human race, are created both as individuals in the image of God, and as a community in the image of the Divine Community: Father, Son, and Spirit.

And we have moments of experiencing this: those incredible memories of our families enjoying each other's love and mutual support; those moments when hurts have been healed and peace and joy returns to our relationships; times when people come together to experience communion across generational, race, cultural boundaries. Times when the Communion we receive is experienced in our working together, in our joy as we gather for food, fun and fellowship.

Today we of St Benedict parish bless the Cross on our land! And bless the cross in our hands! Together we commit ourselves in the Holy Spirit to build the Body of Christ, to encourage each other in living the Our Father "your kingdom come on earth as it is in Heaven!"

Without the cross of Christ we could not know either our Father, nor His Son and the Holy Spirit!

As I watch you all work together to build St. Benedict parish community, I see such dedication to bring into being this parish that will serve so many many in the years ahead. Your sacrifice joined to Christ is the foundation of the future for hundreds of years to come!

This is the Hope described by Pope Benedict XVI! It is the Joy so present as you continue to work and pray, to pray and work in the building up of Christ's Body and Blood, His living presence in the Falcon area!

God has given us our dream! God, through the generosity of developers, has given us our land. God has given us each other, and together we can work to realize our dream.

We need every family to pray for, and to sacrifice for this dream. We need a few more dollars from each family to make our community of St. Benedict viable.

May the Father, Son and Holy Spirit continue to form us into a community of mutual support as we pray and work to realize our dream!

Father Paul