

Homily for Trinity Sunday

It is a strange coincidence when we have a national holiday that somewhat collides with a special liturgical celebration. It doesn't happen often but it certainly is happening this weekend.

To begin with, it is Memorial Day weekend. Memorial Day is a mixture of sadness and pride. As we recall with grief and profound appreciation those men and women who in service to our country gave the last full measure of devotion, we are once again filled with pride that these brave individuals were willing to offer their lives in order that we might have life...a life of freedom.

These men and women were heroes in the best sense of the word. When much was asked of them, even more was given. Their love was made evident by the actions of their lives. We treasure these people who in war and even in peace made the ultimate sacrifice that we too often take for granted.

And if Memorial Day celebrates the sacrifice and the love of those who served our country in the military, Trinity Sunday reminds us of love - not human but divine - that infuses every moment of our lives. For Trinity Sunday teaches us that the ultimate mystery of our faith...the

mystery of God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit...loves us with such profound love. And God's love is unconditional.

Here is the ultimate mystery...God indeed does love us...each and every one of us. The second reading today spells out God's goodness and love for every one of us. And God loves us for who we are – not for who we should be. God loves us all without distinction. It is for that reason that God sent His Son who died to show the full extent of God's love and sent God's Spirit so that we would never be alone in life's journey.

This weekend we celebrate love. We celebrate the love of country manifested in the gift of one's life. But we also celebrate Trinity Sunday where love is taken to a level so profound that there is no way of describing it with any accuracy. For here we celebrate a divine love that transcends everything and pours itself into each one of our lives and infuses us with God's Spirit so that we might live our lives in such a way that at our death God will rejoice that we have given to others the love that God first poured into our own hearts.