



Immaculate Conception  
Church

## Homily for the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity

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And the question read: Who is God? The answer... "God is the Supreme Being, infinitely perfect, who made all things and keeps them in existence." And so the Baltimore Catechism, from which many of us learned the tenets of our faith, taught us who God is and how God acts. The goal was to memorize the book and thus learn about our faith...our religion.

Now this old catechism doesn't end with this brief description of God. It goes on to speak about the attributes of God and define for us what the Trinity is all about...three persons in one God.

But no matter how you look at it, it doesn't take long to realize that this question-and-answer approach to God overlooks what God is really about and who God is in our lives.

Thankfully, the readings today do a much better job of teaching us about God. The readings instruct us that God is tenderness and compassion. God is rich in kindness and faithfulness. God is love and peace and we must imitate God by helping each other grow in that same mutual love. And finally God loved us so much that He gave us His Son not to condemn us but to save us.

These are challenging lessons to learn. It is challenging to learn to love rather than hate; to forgive rather than carry a grudge; to be tender rather than harsh. And while we learn from each other the meaning of love that is strong, and mercy that is tender, it is our parents, and most especially our fathers, who influence us more than anyone else. For a good father makes all the difference in a child's life. A father is a pillar of strength and support and discipline. It is our fathers who carry us when we are weak and lead us when we are confused. Our fathers are a gift to us from God. The message is simple...never take God for granted...and never take our fathers for granted.

All that we celebrate this weekend is meant to remind us of the power and majesty of God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit....and of the giftedness of our fathers who teach us by all that they say and do, how to live a life that is a reflection of the mystery of God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.