

This Week's Readings

First Reading: Exodus 34: 4-6, 8-9.

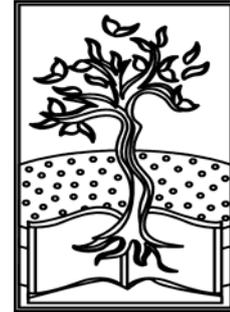
Moses meets a loving God and asks him to adopt his people.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13: 11-13.

Paul describes the true Christian.

Gospel: John 3: 16-18.

God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son.



Points for Reflection

The main truth concerning the Most Holy Trinity that the Scripture Readings want to convey to us is that **God is love and, as a result of this, Christ's disciples are a community of love: a community born of this love and living witness to this love.**

1. When Moses tries to describe his God (**First Reading**), only the language of love will serve at all. He makes God call himself *"a God of tenderness and compassion"*. At once, the apparently unbridgeable distance between an unapproachable God and man evaporates. A bond of loving care is established on God's part, and on man's part one uses the language of love.
2. Today's **Gospel** reveals to us that God loves all men so much that he gives his only Son to the world. God had already given himself, but, as Moses predicted, men were bad at responding to God's merciful love. The whole purpose of Jesus' life was to translate his Father's love and compassion into human visible terms. He endeavoured to create communion between men and men, men and the Father, and men and the Father's creation. Communion, therefore, is Christ's gift to mankind: a gift for his disciples to treasure, share and spread.
3. When Jesus died, the Father began sending the Holy Spirit into the hearts of men. The Holy Spirit, the third Person of the Most Holy Trinity, is but the tenderness, compassion and love of the Father, which Jesus had made visible in his life and death, and victorious by his resurrection.
4. Since Jesus' resurrection, these beautiful divine qualities, shown by Jesus during his earthly life, are being expressed through his disciples, that is, through us in our lives: in our love for one another, through the help we give and the peace we bring each other and, in a very unique Christian way, through the Eucharist of love we celebrate every Sunday.

"Father, united to you through your Son, and the love of the Holy Spirit, we thank you for that communion of love you have created between yourself and us, and among us your children. May your presence in us turn us into living witnesses to your infinite love, tenderness, and compassion. Amen".

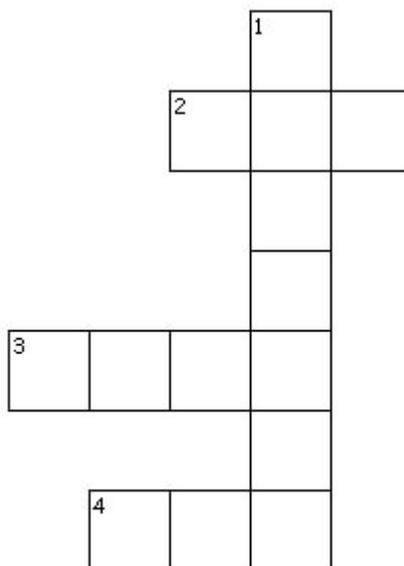
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Kids' Corner

Complete the crossword puzzle below.



Across

2. Jesus is the son of ____.
3. God gave His son so that those who believe in Him might have eternal ____.
4. God loved the world so much that He gave his only ____.

Down

1. God did not send His son Jesus into the world to _____ the world.

For answers, see http://www.catholicmom.com/2008_crossword/05.18.08cw.htm