

# **LOOKING TO SUNDAY®**

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This email, entitled Looking to Sunday®, focuses on the Gospel Reading for the coming Sunday. It prepares readers to hear God's Word at Mass and it offers a point of reflection to consider in the days leading to Sunday. Looking to Sunday is written by Father Tom Iwanowski.

## **THE SOCIAL NETWORK**

When *Facebook* stock went public, it opened at \$38 a share, rose to \$45, and then sank over the next few days to \$30. Some analysts predict it can fall even further. But no matter the price of the stock, *Facebook* remains a remarkable phenomenon with more than 900 million people as part of its social network.

People use *Facebook* and other forms of social media because they want to be connected. They want to be "friends" with others and they want people to invite them to be "friends" with them. People want to share their lives with others and to reconnect with those with whom they have lost touch.

This Sunday, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity. The liturgy focuses attention on our belief that the One God we worship is Three Divine Persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Three persons so "befriended" that they are one. We might say God is "*THE* Social Network."

God has revealed himself as the Father and Creator who brings all things into existence, as the Son and Redeemer who takes on our human condition and saves us from the darkness of sin and death, and as the Spirit and Sanctifier who opens our minds to the truth and inspires us to live so that we might be blessed with joy and peace.

How these Three Persons are One God is beyond our understanding, but God is God and we are not. Though our minds are incapable of grasping the God who made us, we have experienced being drawn into the network of God's love in moments of prayer, in gatherings of the Church, in the reception of Holy Communion, and in experiences of beauty and love that take us beyond ourselves.

In this Sunday's Gospel (Matthew 28: 16-20), the Risen Lord commissions his disciples to "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." The Lord sends out his Church to invite all people into a relationship with God, to be part of that "Divine Social Network" that is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. A network from which God never "un-friends" us, for as he promised "I am with you always, until the end of the age."

Each time we sign ourselves with the cross and say those familiar words, "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Spirit" we are reminded of our connection with God. In a sense, we sign ourselves into that "Divine Social Network" from which all life and goodness come!