

for our Parish **Grade 4** children (& their families) as they prepare to receive the

Sacrament of Eucharist next Sunday, May 29 As part of their preparations, they will join us again at Mass TODAY



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## Today is TRINIT SUNDAY

## **POPE FRANCIS:**

"By thinking that everything is black and white, we sometimes close off the way of grace and of growth."

## THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him.

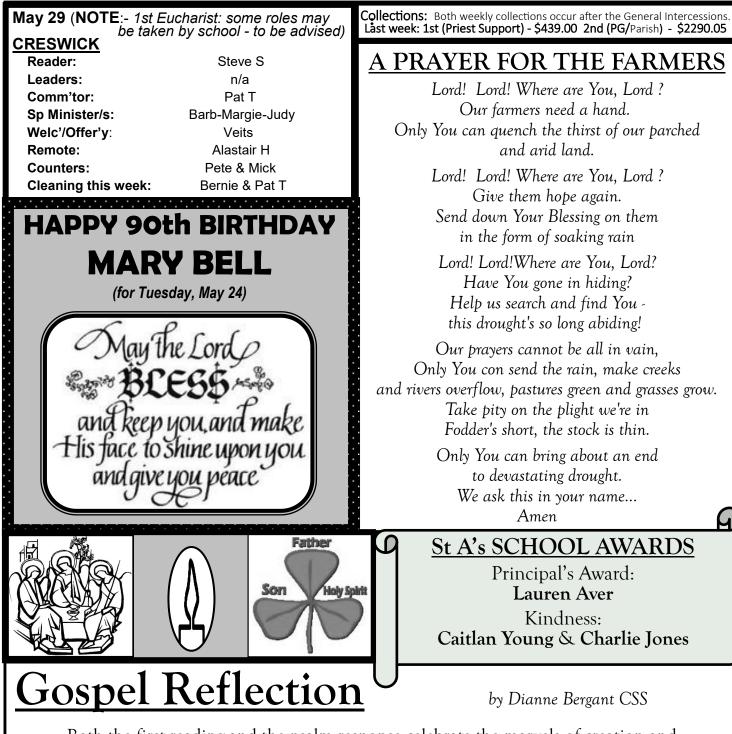
Show us your face and we will be saved. You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy:

let the Church be your visible face in the world.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor.

We ask this of you, Lord Jesus, through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy; you who live and reign

with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen. (from the Jubilee Prayer of Pope Francis)



Both the first reading and the psalm response celebrate the marvels of creation and the marvelous creator who brought them into being. Proverbs states that God created all of these things through Wisdom. While later theology will identify Wisdom with both the Word of God, the second person of the Trinity, and the Holy Spirit, the third person, the reading itself does not suggest this.

Paul credits God with our justification through faith. Justification or salvation is accomplished by God through our Lord Jesus Christ. The love of God is poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. Paul does not clearly state that the love of God that we receive through the Holy Spirit sanctifies us, but one could certainly understand it in this way.

John's theology resembles very closely that of Paul. In it, Jesus reveals the intimate connection between himself and the Father as well as himself and the Spirit. The Spirit continues the mission of Jesus, neither adding anything to his teaching nor omitting anything from it.

While this is a feast that glorifies the central mystery of our faith, a mystery that is based on the way the three divine persons relate to each other, the readings all address ways that God relates to us. If we concentrate, as the texts for today suggest that we do, on all of the ways that our Triune God has blessed us, we may be more inclined to cry out with the psalmist: 'O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!'