

Trinity Offers Us the Gift of Relationship

This past Good Friday I was sitting in church after we had finished decorating for Easter, everybody had gone home and I was left with my thoughts (scary I know). I could not help from staring at the beautiful mural that is in the sanctuary, I noticed many depictions of people and events that are in the beautiful mural. I was drawn especially to the depiction of the Trinity – the Father, Son and Holy Spirit which is in the center of the mural. My mind started to race with many thoughts including the Solemnity we celebrate this weekend, and how this mural depicts our individual and parish life today.

The Trinity offers us a precious gift of relationship, a grounded connection with God, self, others and the world. This past Easter season invited us to be in relationship with Jesus; it awakened us to a way of living, loving and relating. We are invited to be like the Trinity-living in absolute relatedness.

As a parish and as a Parish of Families, I realize more and more that we are all together in a web of mutual interdependence. Fr. Ronald Rolheiser, OMI, in his book, *The Holy Longing*, states when we recognize this on a spiritual level, we call it love. We know it is through Love, we come to know God. As Christians we believe that God is revealed to us as a Trinity-three persons who are who they are because of how they love one another. It is in God's nature to love, to reach out to all.

While staring, praying, and reflecting on the mural I could not help from realizing that this is exactly who and what we strive to do and be at St. Stephen's.