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A Reflection on the Trinity and Father’s Day
by Fr. James Doran, OMV

Last week we celebrated an event — Pentecost, the birthday of the Church. Jesus sent His Holy Spirit to give the Apostles the courage to carry out their mission; to forgive sins and to preach.

We have celebrated other events lately; Easter and the Ascension of Our Lord into heaven. But today we celebrate a truth, a Catholic doctrine, that God is three persons, one God. The Father, Son and Holy Spirit have one mind, one will and one power. When we baptize, or bless ourselves, we do not say in the names of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit but in the Name. The Name is singular because the three persons are one God, one power. They are distinct Persons but they are so intimately united that they are never separated. The Father eternally begot the Son. That means the Son has always existed with the Father. It is not as if the Father existed first then the Son came along later. No they are all eternal. And they have loved one another forever. We were created in the image of God. We are able to think, like God. We are able to remember, like God. We are able to love, like God. Today is Father’s day. All fatherhood comes from God the Father. I found something interesting on Father’s day:

From Alveda King’s blog (Her father is Rev. Alfred Daniel Williams King, son of Martin Luther King Sr.) :

“Daddy gave me my name. Al (after him) Veda (life) Celeste (to get me as close to Heaven as he could he said). The name King spans generations, from Africa and Ireland, and my mother’s father was part Native American. My Daddy gave me so much during his lifetime, that there isn’t room to tell all. I miss him so much.

My Daddy and Granddaddy saved me from abortion in 1950. My mother Naomi Barber King was a young woman starting her first year in college, and she was approached by the Birth Control League (which later became Planned Parenthood) with literature about “women’s rights.” They were saying that a baby in the womb was a “lump of flesh” and that women didn’t have to stay pregnant if they didn’t want to. Abortion was illegal in those days, so a procedure called DNC was recommended. Mother’s mother, Big Mama Bessie wasn’t buying this, so she took Mother to see my grandfather, Daddy King. Granddaddy told Mother, “Neenie, they are lying to you. This isn’t a lump of flesh, she’s my granddaughter.

My grandfather, Dr. Martin Luther King, Sr., twice said, “No one is going to kill a child of mine.” The first time Daddy King said this was to my mother, who was facing an “inconvenient pregnancy” with me. The next time, I was facing a pregnancy, and told him about it. In both instances, Daddy King said no, and saved his seed. Tragically, two of his grandchildren had already been aborted when he saved the life of his next great-grandson with this statement. His son, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, “The Negro cannot win as long as he is willing to sacrifice the lives of his children for comfort and safety. ‘How can the “Dream” survive if we murder our children? Every aborted baby is like a slave in the womb of his or her mother. In the hands of the mother is the fate of that child —whether the child lives or dies — a decision given to the mother by Roe v. Wade. That choice, the final choice of whether the child lives or dies, should be left to God, Who ultimately says “choose life!”

Today we don’t celebrate the event that made our dads biological fathers. We celebrate if they are fathers in truth. We celebrate them if they are truly fathers.

Mass Intentions This Week

**Sunday, June 16**
- 8:00 AM Fr. Antonio Nardoinni, OFM
- 9:15 AM + Philip & + Celia McDevitt
- 10:30 AM Veronica Salvaggio — Baptismal anniv.
- 11:45 AM Joseph Corrigan
- 1:15 PM (esp) + Arturo Gallego
- 4:00 PM Arman A.
- 5:30 PM Matthew Carroll

**Monday, June 17**
- 8:00 AM Poor Souls in Purgatory
- 12:05 PM + Ray White
- 4:45 PM Richard & Carol McCulloch

**Tuesday, June 18**
- 8:00 AM Carol Furtado
- 12:05 PM Pat Cunniffe
- 4:45 PM Arman A.

**Wednesday, June 19**
- 8:00 AM Raymonda Hickey — birthday
- 12:05 PM June S. Tryon — health, blessings, b-day
- 4:45 PM Stepanyk & Marrone Families

**Thursday, June 20**
- 8:00 AM Pat Cunniffe
- 12:05 PM Hiwet Haileselassie—thanksgiving
- 4:45 PM + Margaret Anne Tafoya — thanksgiving

**Friday, June 21**
- 8:00 AM Thanksgiving
- 12:05 PM Vivian McGann — birthday
- 4:45 PM + Joseph Timilty

**Saturday, June 22**
- 9:00 AM Arman A.
- 12:00 PM + Donna Coakley

- 4:00 PM John J. Molloy Jr.
- 5:30 PM + Andre Toth
- 7:00 PM (esp) + Limbania Vasquez

**Feast Days This Week**

- **June 16:** Most Holy Trinity
- **June 19:** St. Romuald - Abbott
- **June 21:** Aloysius Gonzaga - Religious
- **June 22:** St. Paulinus of Nola - Bishop
- Sts. John Fisher, Bishop and Thomas More - Martyrs
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"Mariam cogita, Mariam invoca" 
"Think of Mary, Call on Mary" 

is taken from a homily by St. Bernard.