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Most Holy Trinity Sunday

Proverbs 8: 22 – 31

Romans 5: 1 – 5

John 16: 12 – 15

The Epistle from Romans 5: 1 – 5 is about the concept of being saved. To be saved means that we are “justified by faith” before God. This means that God declares the sinner innocent of their sins because of the shed blood of Christ even though the sin remains. This grace is received in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

For Catholics, the issue is whether we are save by faith alone or by faith and something else. In fact, the rallying cry of the Protestant Reformation was “only by faith – only by Scripture” (sola fida – sola scriptura). It was not about the “something else”.

Countless scripture references point to salvation and justification is by faith alone. Yet, Catholics have always looked at a world sorely in need of good works. This is in our Catholic DNA. In James 2: 24 - “You see that a man is justified by works, and not by faith alone.”

On this Most Holy Trinity Sunday; God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit cries out to you. Open your hearts by doing what you can today and leave God’s Creation a better place than it was this morning. This is about faith and something else!

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