

# IN THE SCHOOL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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# THIS WEEK

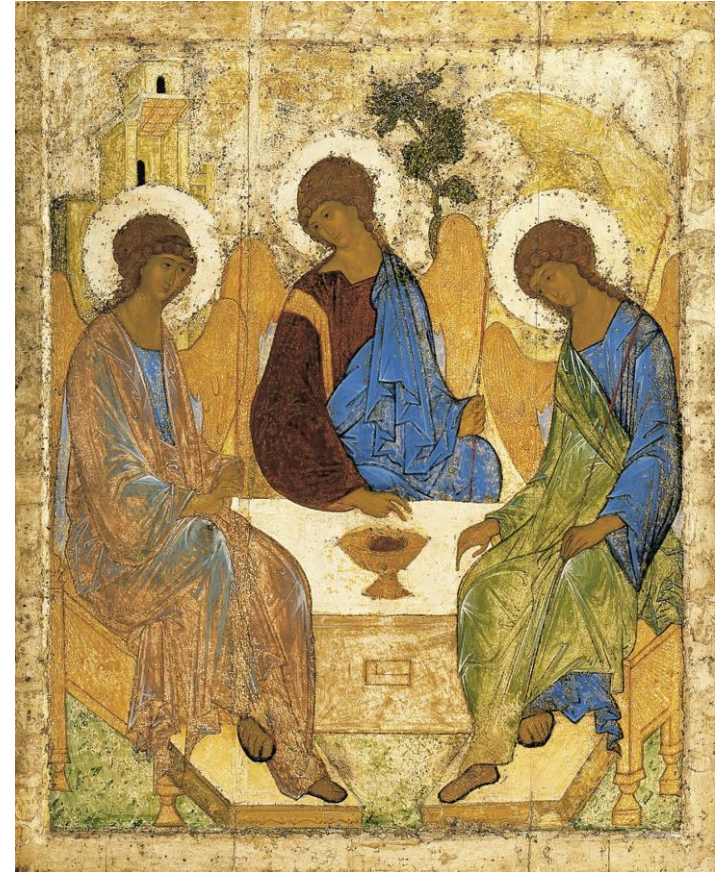
- Who is the Holy Spirit?
- Why does it matter that we understand the three Persons of the Trinity?
- The Holy Spirit as the misunderstood Person of the Trinity
- My personal journey in understanding and developing a relationship with the Holy Spirit

## NEXT 3 WEEKS

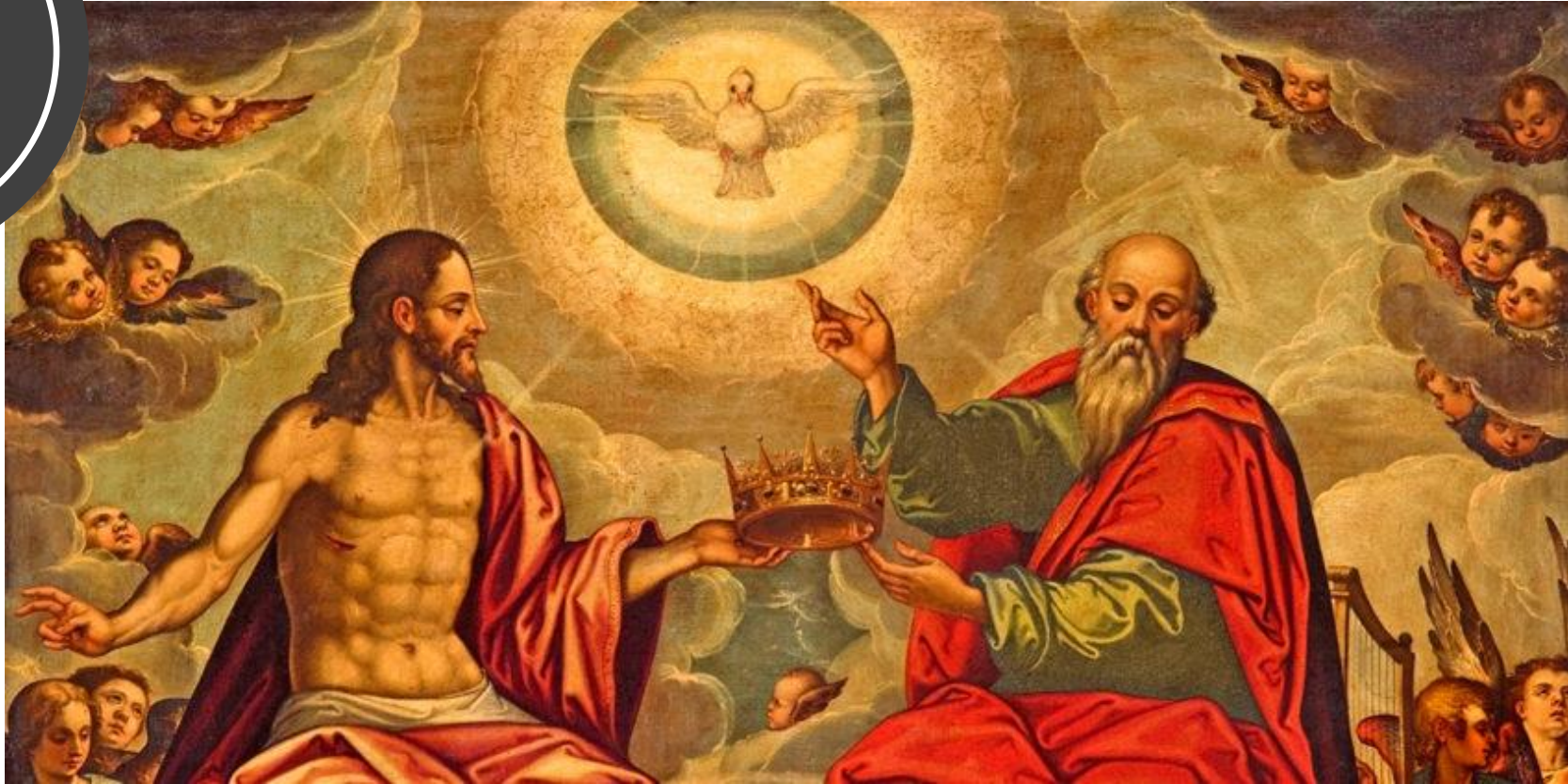
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# THE 3 PERSONS OF THE TRINITY

- 234. "The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of Christian faith and life. It is the mystery of God in himself. It is therefore the source of all the other mysteries of faith, the light that enlightens them. It is the most fundamental and essential teaching in the 'hierarchy of the truths of faith'. [GCD 43.] The whole history of salvation is identical with the history of the way and the means by which the one true God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, reveals himself to men 'and reconciles and unites with himself those who turn away from sin'.



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## WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

- The Holy Spirit is a Person. A divine Person. Equal in dignity and majesty with the Father and the Son. The Holy Spirit is one member of the Holy Trinity. As a Person, the Holy Spirit is one we can be in relation with. We can know and love the Holy Spirit just as we know and love the Father and the Son. And the Spirit loves us just as He loves the Father and the Son. Personhood means there is potential for love and union. The Holy Spirit has an intellect and will and with those characteristics freely knows and loves as God.

# WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT

- It is the role of the Holy Spirit to enkindle within us the grace we need in order to know Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior and to know the Father as our Father. The Holy Spirit makes us who we are as Christians.
- The Holy Spirit also has the unique role of animating the Church in our day and age. The “Church” here means everyone who is alive in Christ. Everyone who has grace in their lives. Everyone following the will of the Father and living out their Christian dignity as sons and daughters of God. The Holy Spirit makes this happen in a perfect and orchestrated way.

## WHY IS THE HOLY SPIRIT MISUNDERSTOOD?

- Because we can't "see" the Holy Spirit we have a harder time understanding what it means to have a relationship with the Holy Spirit.
- That is what I hope we will break open over the next few weeks.



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