

# The Mystery of the Most Blessed Trinity

## Three Persons in One God

### Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

The central mystery of our faith. The Revelation of the Blessed Trinity

Private: Luke 1:26-38

Public: Luke 3:21-22

The Word became flesh: John 1:1-18

The Father and Jesus are one: John 14

God is Love: 1 John 4:7-21

Every human person has human nature—that is his or her way of existing. We are all united in our human nature.

What makes us individual persons?

Bodies

Personalities/Character

Memories

Will

Intellect

Time period

Relationships

What makes the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit individual persons?

Bodies-No

Personalities-No  
Memories-No  
Will-No  
Intellect-No  
Time Period-No  
Relationships-Yes

There are over 7 billion people alive today. There is an estimate that says that over 107 billion people have lived on the earth.

Each of them is fully human. There are at least 107 billion ways of being human.

No one of them has the fullness of human nature. If one person has the fullness of human nature then there would be no other way of being human. That person would be the only Human being to ever exist.

Are the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit each fully Divine?

Yes, just like human persons many individuals can have the same nature

Do the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit each have the fullness of the one and indivisible Divine Nature?

Yes, even though this *should* mean that there can't be more than one Divine Person

Each of them has the fullness of Divine Nature even though there are three Persons

We cannot understand how this can be  
But, it must be

If not, there is no God-no Divine Person with the fullness of the Divine Nature

For the Trinity to be a relationship of love, fully God has to love fully God

### Some Points about the Most Blessed Trinity

- The Trinity must be revealed to us. We cannot come to an understanding of the Trinity by unaided, human intellect.
  - While we can come to a knowledge of God as creator from looking at creation, there is nothing in creation that would tell us that it comes from three persons.
  - Creation comes from the Father through the Son, but in looking at creation we cannot tell that there was more than one person involved in creation.
- We cannot believe in the Blessed Trinity without grace.
- The Son is eternally begotten by the Father; there was no point “before” the Father begot the Son.
- The Holy Spirit eternally proceeds from the Father and the Son; there was no point “before” the Holy Spirit proceeded from the Father and the Son.