

The 4 Eternal Relations in God

Christians believe and know very well that the Holy Trinity is made up of 3 Persons in 1 God: The 3 Persons are God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. Many Christians also believe that God the Son, Jesus Christ, was begotten from God the Father. Roman Catholics believe that God the Holy Spirit proceeds from God the Father and God the Son. We profess these beliefs in the Creed every Sunday at Mass.



However, the more complete understanding of the Holy Trinity is that in addition to 1 God and 3 Persons, it is about 1 God, 2 processions, 3 persons and 4 relations.

What are the 2 processions? The first procession is the eternal procession of the Son from the Father, and the second procession is the eternal procession of the Holy Spirit from the Father and the Son. With regards to the first procession, few know that the Father actively and eternally begets the Son. This article of faith is

known as “eternal generation,” which means that the begetting of the Son was not an event that happened at one point in the past. Unlike the creation of the universe, the “eternal generation” of the Son is an “eternal present” – an ongoing reality outside of time. There was never a time when the Son did not exist. The Son has always been with the Father, and the Father has always been with the Son. Similarly, with regards to the second procession, the Holy Spirit eternally proceeds from the Father and the Son. The eternal procession of the Holy Spirit from the Father and the Son is an “eternal present” – an ongoing reality outside of time.

What are the 4 relations? These are the four eternal relations within God:

1. The relation of the Father to the Son is called “Paternity.” This constitutes the Person of the Father. The Father actively and eternally generates the Son by communicating the full, indivisible divine essence to Him outside of time.
2. The relation of the Son to the Father is called “Filiation.” This constitutes the person of the Son. The Son is passively generated of the Father, which is called “passive generation” – the Son eternally receives the fullness of the divine nature from the Father.
3. The relation of the Father and the Son to the Holy Spirit is called “Active Spiration.” This is the eternal action of the Father and the Son which constitutes the bond of love and the eternal unity of the Father and the Son.
4. The relation of the Holy Spirit to the Father and the Son is called “Passive Spiration.” The Holy Spirit is passively spirated of the Father and the Son, which constitutes the Person of the Holy Spirit.

What is the most important thing that an average Christian should know about the Holy Trinity? 1John 4:8 tells us that GOD is LOVE. Christian theology tells us that God is a community of 3 Persons with 4 loving relationships. Believers are invited into this loving relationship through faith, prayer, reception of the Sacraments and living out the Gospel in our daily lives.

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our church is planning to host a summer camp this summer at Unicoi State Park and Lodge in Helen, Georgia, from July 31st to August 2nd. The theme is "God Calls Us in the Breeze." Let's listen to God's voice together amidst the beautiful scenery, live together, and enjoy activities together. Last day to sign up is June 21. For more information, please contact Anhsing Shen or Huiyen Chang. Please register with Daisy.

The Archdiocese of Atlanta has launched its "Rooted in Christ – Growing in Faith" campaign to raise funds for the programs and activities of the Archdiocese. Each parish and mission church in the Archdiocese is expected to participate with their individual goals. The Archdiocese has designated our parish goal of \$60,000, and has scheduled our parish to begin with a preparation period from January to March 2027 and actual campaign period from April to September 30, 2027.

Holy Land Carvings is here today selling the olive wood carvings from Bethlehem and Jerusalem. The families in the Holy Land rely heavily on tourism and now they need us more than ever. Almost every family has been out of work since the war broke out between Israel and Hamas in 2023. The Christian population in the Holy Land is less than 2% and they are forced to leave their hometown seeking better lives and better jobs. Carving the olive wood is their life, hope and main source of income. Purchasing a piece of art from them will help them tremendously and the money will go directly to them, not to any organization. They have a large display in the social hall, and they accept credit cards. Please go after Mass and see the carvings!

Attention Chinese Cursillo members! We will have our monthly Ultreya meeting today.

Prayer List: Dawn Leach, Jasmine Ho, Michael Tan, Bian Meiyi, Chen Shupeng, Chen Jianxin, Liang Chenjing and Xu Taicheng.

Mass Schedule	Confessions	Bible Study
Sundays 10:30 AM (Chinese)	By Appointment	Wednesdays 10:00 AM (Chinese)
Sundays 2:00 PM (English)		
	Anointing of the Sick	Eucharistic Adoration
Mondays 12:00 PM (English)	First Sundays after 10:30 AM Mass	Sundays 9:00 to 10:00 AM
Tuesdays 12:00 PM (English)	First Fridays after 6:30 PM Mass	
Wednesdays 12:00 PM (Chinese)		
Fridays 12:00 PM (English)		
First Friday 6:30 PM (English)		