



Trinity Sunday

Today's readings focus on family legacies. They say that entrance into a particular family involves obligations. They urge us to act upon the family name. Upholding the family name calls for a specific kind of family living.

In the first reading, Moses reviews Israel's history from creation to the Exodus to the Sinai covenant. He links Israel's election as God's family to a sense of honor. They are to obey God's commandments as a lifestyle worthy of the family name.

In the second reading, Paul defines Christians as ones who are led by the spirit. They are not slaves or natural children of God. They are adopted children: a status that stems from God's gratuitous love. Being heirs, they are called to act on behalf of the family. They are to suffer with Christ which will eventually lead to glorification with Christ.

In the Gospel, Christ commissions the eleven. This involves three stages: making disciples, baptizing, and teaching. In this, he assures them of his abiding presence. Following Jesus' mandate will demonstrate their loyalty to him. Upholding the family name calls for a specific kind of family living.