

The Many-Threaded Tapestry That Is Marriage

The weaver works from the back side of the tapestry while looking into a mirror in front to see the reflection of his work. Next to the mirror sits a painting of what he is weaving. The back of the tapestry is full of knots and dull colors. In front it is beautiful and ornate. The way a tapestry is made is a great allegory for marriage. Spouses look at the ideal they are trying to reproduce: God's love for humanity, Jesus' love for his Church. It is a sacrificial, lay-down-your-life kind of love. While viewing the ideal, the spouses have their hands on the threads, weaving the right color at the right time to reproduce that ideal.

Those strings can represent the different virtues or

acts of love required by the specific situation of the relationship. Sometimes a spouse has to stop, tie off a string, pull it out, and start over. From the back, it can look chaotic, but slowly the ideal takes shape and the beauty of the tapestry of marriage comes into view.

God will marry us, says the prophet. He will take us as his own, giving us the gifts of his Spirit to enrich us. Together, we will bear fruit of new life in ourselves and others. Trying to weave that loving union with God and others may be chaotic and knotty; thus, the need to repent and try again. But with his grace, the final product, which comes into full view only at the end, will be unique and beautiful.

— Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



Piece: Tapestry With
the Wedding of Emperor
Louis XIV,
1725-1728

Artist: Gobelins,
after a design
by Charles Le Brun

Location: Vatican Museums

For Reflection

Is God's love the ideal I am trying to emulate in my relationships, especially marriage?

God is the main protagonist in my relationships. Do I try to listen to his inspirations?

[Jesus said,] "Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now."

John 2:10



Holy Trinity - Cherry

St. Patrick - Arlington

St. Thomas More - Dalzell

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Mass & Confession Schedule

Holy Trinity Catholic Parish

Weekend Masses

Sunday Vigil (Saturday) - 4:00 PM

Sunday Mass - 8:30 AM

Daily Mass (Weekdays) & Holy Days

Tuesday - 12:15 PM & Thursday - 8:30 AM

Confessions

Saturday - 3:15 - 3:45PM or By Appointment

Mass Schedule

St. Patrick Catholic Parish

106 Church St.

Arlington, IL

Sunday Mass - 10:30 AM

Holy Days of Obligation Refer To Schedule

Mass Schedule

St. Thomas More Church - Dalzell, IL

Vigil Mass (Saturday) 5:30 PM

Weekday Mass (Wednesday & Friday) - 8:00 AM*

Sunday Last Chance Mass 5:30 PM

Confessions Every 2nd & 4th Sunday - 4:45-5:15pm

Holy Day of Obligation Refer To Schedule

Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel - Open 8am - 8pm (M-Sat)

Sunday - Open 8am until conclusion 5:30pm Mass

**Divine Mercy Chaplet - Every Friday at 3 PM

Daily Mass Intentions for

Masses the Week of January 21, 2019

Offered For

Monday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30pm (followed by rosary)

† Alan Ring

Tuesday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 12:15pm

† Nellie Cattani

Wednesday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† Sr. Ursula Tisdall

Thursday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30am

† Ann Doyle

Friday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† No Mass

** Divine Mercy - Every Friday at 3PM (St. Thomas More Adoration Chapel)

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions

Weekend of January 26-27, 2019

Saturday Vigil:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 4:00 PM

† Corrine Manning

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† Kevin Guerrini

Sunday:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30 AM

† Alan Hahn

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM

† Barb Hild

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† For The Parishioners

(See Next Page For New Mass Intention Policy)

**Ministry Schedule
For Next Weekend**

Holy Trinity

LECTOR

Saturday - 4:00PM - Heather Linnig

Sunday - 8:30AM - Gerald Schlenz

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday - 4:00PM - Tina Dominy

Sunday - 8:30AM - Kathy Bonucchi

Saturday - 4:00PM -

Payton & Berkleee Linnig

Sunday - 8:30AM -

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St. Patrick

LECTOR

Sunday - 10:30AM - Bernice Keutzer

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sunday - 10:30AM - ?

SERVERS

Sunday - 10:30AM -

J. VanderMeersch & T. Schroeder

St. Thomas More

ROSARY

Sat 5:30PM - TBD

LECTOR

Sat 5:30PM - TBD

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sat 5:30PM - Mary Ann Schoening

SERVERS

Sat 5:30PM - ?

**UPCOMING
CHURCH EVENTS**

January 21 - Mass Reparation Sins/
Rosary - St. Thomas More (Dalzell) -
5:30pm (No Rosary Wednesday)

January 30 - Rosary Against Evil - St.
Thomas More (Dalzell) - 6PM

(St. Patrick's made over 10,000 lbs. of
sausage this last year!) Outstanding!

(St. Thomas More Ravens Group made
2932 lbs. of Ravens in 2018, and 379 lbs. of
Tortlasch.) Outstanding!

Last Sunday's Offering

Holy Trinity - \$929.00

Needed Weekly - \$1700 (-\$17862.00)

St. Patrick - \$432.00

Needed Weekly - \$700 (-\$4495.00)

St. Thomas More - \$783.00

Needed Weekly - \$900 (\$5486.00)

** (Parentheses) - Overage/Deficit of
Collection

**Mass for Reparation of Sins
Every Third Monday**

Coming this Monday, January
21st at 5:30PM at St. Thomas More in
Dalzell, there will be the celebration of
Holy Mass followed by the recitation
of the Creed and praying of the Holy
Rosary. It will repeat every third
Monday at whatever church we are
praying the rosary for that month. Our
Blessed Mother wants this from us so
people 9 months out of the year can
receive the following gifts; we will
receive peace, consolation from pain,
stopping of hiding sins, not being
arrogant, more humility, and the blessing
of our homes. Please come!

**Mass Ministry Help Is
Needed At All Churches**

We always have a need at all the
Masses for all the churches for
Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and
Servers. If you can help, please let Julie
know in the office.

**Three Church
BCR Alert System**

As Father mentioned last week,
we are implementing an alert system for
Mass cancellations or Church Event
changes. It can either be by phone text or
email alert. Go to bcrnews.com and click
on bcrbriefs. Then sign up and scroll to
Community Cancellations/Notices and
click on HTSPSTM Parishes. And if you
need help please let us know. Thank you!

Weather Warning Notice

With the winter's unpredictable
snowfall, which is hard to plan on or
prepare for, please be cautious. Please stay
home if you have health or physical
difficulties dealing with the extreme
weather. If the roads are too icy or not
plowed because of fresh snow, the
immediate Mass to be celebrated will be
cancelled and my parishioners will be
dispensed. But please us by putting into the
collection the following week what you
would have put in for the cancelled Mass.
Unfortunately, the bills still keep coming
in! A good rule is if the weather is good
enough to go the store, sports event, or
otherwise, you should go to Mass. Check
with WLPO (1220AM) for cancellations.

Special Event In Area

None Scheduled

For The Week

This week, Jesus is at the
wedding in Cana and is asked by
His mother to help the wedding
party to have more wine. And Jesus
said to her, "Woman, how does your
concern affect me? My hour has not
yet come."

As we all know, it was
Jesus' first miracle which let people
begin to see that Jesus was someone
very special. And as we begin this
period of Ordinary Time in the
Church, through many messages
from Heaven, the power of God is
expected to begin to be shown to us
again in the next six months. Today,
there is a great need for all of us to
pray. And for one reason only which
is to make the coming trials easier
for us to endure. God still loves us
but do we always show that love in
return. Have a Blessed and Happy
New Year!

ADA Goals 2018-19

Holy Trinity - \$16,421.00

Pledges To Date \$16421 (100%)

St. Patrick - \$11,340.00

Pledges To Date \$11340 (100%)

St. Thomas More - \$10,917.00

Pledges To Date \$10917 (100%)

Sacramental Preparation

Baptisms: Preparation is required
for the first child in the family.
Baptisms are scheduled on
Sundays at noon or by special
arrangement. Please contact
Father to setup an appointment.

Marriages: Preparations need to
be started one year before the
Wedding date. Please contact
Father for more information.

Rite of Christian Initiation: Per
Canon Law of the Catholic
Church, anyone over the age of
seven years old is to observe the
requirements of the RCIA, unless
there is a danger of death. If
anyone has not received all of the
sacraments; baptism, First
Communion or Confirmation,
please talk to Father.

Calendar

Monday

JANUARY 21

St. Agnes,
Virgin and Martyr

Heb 5:1-10

Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday

JANUARY 22

Day of Prayer
for the Legal Protection
of Unborn Children

Heb 6:10-20

Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday

JANUARY 23

Weekday

Heb 7:1-3, 15-17

Mk 3:1-6

Thursday

JANUARY 24

St. Francis de Sales,
Bishop and Doctor
of the Church

Heb 7:25-8:6

Mk 3:7-12

Friday

JANUARY 25

Conversion of St. Paul,
Apostle

Acts 22:3-16

or Acts 9:1-22

Mk 16:15-18

Saturday

JANUARY 26

Sts. Timothy and Titus,
Bishops

2 Tm 1:1-8

or Ti 1:1-5

Mk 3:20-21

Sunday

JANUARY 27

Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

1 Cor 12:12-30 or

1 Cor 12:12-14, 27

Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Dear Padre,

When I was young, I had an abortion and left the Church. I came back five years ago. Then, on the thirtieth anniversary of my abortion, my father died suddenly. Now everyone who loved my dad is being punished for my sin. Why wasn't my confession enough?

Sin is an unfortunate reality in our human lives. However, God's infinite mercy and love are also a reality. When we seek God's forgiveness, we are truly forgiven for and absolved of our sins. God neither holds our past transgressions against us nor seeks ways to punish us, and your father's death on the anniversary of your abortion truly was a coincidence. Please believe me when I tell you that your confession was more than enough.

Remember, though, our work does not end there. Once God forgives us, we must trust in his mercy and then begin the sometimes more difficult task of forgiving ourselves. Project Rachel—an excellent ministry that provides pastoral care, reconciliation, and counseling to women and men who have experienced the pain and trauma of abortion—can help you on your healing journey. To contact Project Rachel, call 888-456-4673 or visit HopeAfterAbortion.com.

Life is God's gift to us, and this Tuesday, January 22, is the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. Let's all make a point of praying for the unborn children in our world.



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—Fr. Scott Katzenberger, CSsR
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A Word From Pope Francis

The common home of all men and women must continue to rise on the foundations of a right understanding of universal fraternity and respect for the sacredness of every human life, of every man and every woman, the poor, the elderly, children, the infirm, the unborn, the unemployed, the abandoned....

—Address to the United Nations General Assembly, September 25, 2015



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