

The Beautiful Beatitudes

To follow Christ is to seek lowliness, humility, mercy, and righteousness. The Ten Commandments summarize God's teaching to his people. Jesus gives us a new law that builds on the old. Before it was "You shall not..."; now it is, "Blessed are you when..." He calls us to greater happiness, greater blessing, but it comes with a challenge. Saint Augustine says that Jesus went up the mountain to preach the Beatitudes because he was preaching a higher moral doctrine: "greater precepts of righteousness."

The new law contradicts what our wounded human nature tends to think and feel. We are challenged to believe blessings can come from tears, meekness, and poverty; that living meekly leads

to strength and security. Appreciating these truths requires transforming our minds and hearts. Faith is required. Deeply desiring and living in the right does bring satisfaction. There is consolation in mourning the things that sadden Christ's heart.

If we live by the beatitudes, many will treat us more generously. We know people who are merciful, and we are quick to show them mercy. When our hearts are clean, we can see God more clearly. Those who seek and create peace are considered by all to be children of God. They are not without trials and suffering, but they are blessed and happy.

Christ calls us to store up treasures in heaven, spiritual blessings that cannot be taken away. Even if we experience difficulty, we will still receive the highest and greatest gift: the kingdom of heaven.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

Am I renewing my heart and mind in Christ? How do I live out the beatitudes?

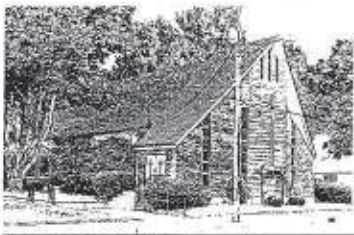
Piece: *The Sermon on the Mount*, circa 1482

Artist: Cosimo Rosselli

Location: Sistine Chapel



*"Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness"
(Matthew 5:10).*



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 & Thursday - 12:15 PM

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

****First Saturday Mass - 8:30AM (Devotions Following)**

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 30, 2017

Offered For

<u>Monday</u>		† No Mass
<u>Tuesday</u>	Holy Trinity, Cherry - 12:15pm	† Margaret Fonderoli
<u>Wednesday</u>	St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am	† For Peace And Justice
<u>Thursday</u>	Holy Trinity, Cherry - 12:15pm	† Mary Kelly Connolly
<u>Friday</u>	St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am	† Purgatorial Society
<u>First Saturday</u>	St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:30am	For Vocations

***** Divine Mercy Chaplet every Friday at 3PM in Divine Mercy Chapel at St. Thomas More**

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions
Weekend of February 4-5, 2017

<u>Saturday Vigil:</u>	Holy Trinity, Cherry - 4:00 PM	† Lori Eiten Brophy
	St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM	† Bruna Wiltse & Carol Bodnum
<u>Sunday:</u>	Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30 AM	† Leroy & Lucille Pinter
	St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM	† Barb Oleson
	St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM	† For The Sick

Ministry Schedule
For Next Weekend

Holy Trinity

LECTOR

Saturday - 4:00PM - Tina Dominy
Sunday - 8:30AM - Mary Jane Marincic

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday - 4:00PM - Sheila Campbell
Sunday - 8:30AM - ?

SERVERS

Saturday - 4:00PM -
Tanner Dominy & RJ Talbot
Sunday - 8:30AM -
Kerri Herrmann

St. Patrick

LECTOR

Sunday - 10:30AM - Ernie Bartoli

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sunday - 10:30AM - John Kapraun

SERVERS

Sunday - 10:30AM -
Ella Cherry & Brooke Lovgren

St. Thomas More

ROSARY

Sat 5:30PM - Mary Jean Goodrick

LECTOR

Sat 5:30PM - Mary Ann Schoening

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sat 5:30PM - Cheryl Stowe

SERVERS

Sat 5:30PM - ?

UPCOMING
CHURCH EVENTS

March 1 - Ash Wednesday

St. Thomas More Fish Fry's

March 3 - 5-7:30PM - STM Hall

March 31 - 5-7:30PM - STM Hall

Adults - \$10 and Children (7 & Under) - \$5

Fish, Fries, Salad, Dessert & Drink

****St. Joseph's Table Also In March**

Last Sunday's Offering

Holy Trinity - \$1151.00

Needed Weekly - \$1700

St. Patrick - \$710.00

Needed Weekly - \$700

St. Thomas More - \$1375.00

Needed Weekly - \$700

St. Margaret's Hospital
Volunteers Needed

St. Margaret's Hospital Volunteer program is looking for volunteers for the Red Coat Service, Gift Shop and Surgical Waiting Room. Shifts are flexible and a free meal is offered with each shift. If interested, please contact Cindy at (815) 664-1130 for more information.

Weather Warning Notice

With the winter's unpredictable snowfall, it has been hard to plan or prepare for so 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 put 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.

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.

Upcoming Area Events

For The Week

More on the website, www.bureaucatholic.org, the ministry schedules are on the website for the next two months. After we are done in January the March schedule will be up. I want to put up some pictures of church events or of the church in past years so if you can email a copy to me (holytsp@gmail.com or frpat.fixsen@gmail.com) I can put them up.

In the Gospel, we hear the Beatitudes which lay out our path to holiness. And the basis for all of them is our humility. Putting others first puts God first in our lives.

May God, through Jesus Christ, help us to be His best of witnesses to our faith! May everyone have a very Blessed and a Happy New Year in 2017!

ADA Goals 2016-17

Holy Trinity - \$17,472.00

Pledges To Date \$10,965.00 (63%)

St. Patrick - \$11,841.00

Pledges To Date \$11,841.00 (100%)

St. Thomas More - \$9,262.00

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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 30

Weekday

Heb 11:32–40

Mk 5:1–20

Tuesday

January 31

St. John Bosco,

Priest

Heb 12:1–4

Mk 5:21–43

Wednesday

February 1

Weekday

Heb 12:4–7, 11–15

Mk 6:1–6

Thursday

February 2

The Presentation of
the Lord

Mal 3:1–4

Heb 2:14–18

Lk 2:22–40 or 2:22–32

Friday

February 3

Weekday

Heb 13:1–8

Mk 6:14–29

Saturday

February 4

Weekday

Heb 13:15–17, 20–21

Mk 6:30–34

Sunday

February 5

Fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Is 58:7–10

1 Cor 2:1–5

Mt 5:13–16

Dear Padre,

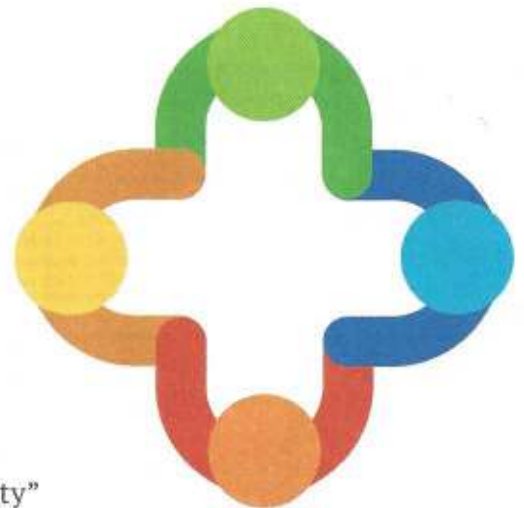
I am struggling with our new pastor. He has been in our parish for less than six months, and nothing seems to please him. Everything has to change, and the parishioners have no input. I thought the days of “pray, pay, and obey” were over.

The Code of Canon Law identifies the pastor as the shepherd of the parish. His duties require him to teach, sanctify, and govern the people entrusted to his care. However, canon law also envisions that he engage in pastoral care “with the assistance of lay members of the Christian faithful” (519). It would be fair to assert that the intention of the law is to encourage the building up of a community using the “knowledge, prudence, and integrity” of every member (228).

Many issues, feelings, and even theologies make up the personalities of a parish. The one constant that needs to be present is the presumption of good will (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2478). If that is missing, then conflict, hard feelings, and many misunderstandings will result.

Without taking sides, I suggest that everyone takes a deep breath. Then each of you—the pastor included—ask yourself, “Have I attempted to interpret this person or situation favorably? Have I made any rash judgments?” If honest and prayerful reflection reveal less-than-good intentions, now is the time to change your attitude and acknowledge that a new start is needed.

Fr. Tom Santa, CSSR
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A Word From Pope Francis

“[Jesus] shows us the way to life, the way that he himself has taken. Jesus himself is the way, and he proposes this way as the path to true happiness.”

—Twenty-ninth World Youth Day message, January 21, 2014