

The Wisdom of the Cross

The Book of Wisdom is attributed to King Solomon, son of David. Solomon asked God for the gift of wisdom rather than longevity or power. To be a good ruler, he desired to know the truth, to have depth and understanding. He knew this was the strongest foundation a ruler could have. Even if he were a king appointed by God, he would one day have to render an account at his own judgment.

The Roman Emperor Constantine also learned this truth. The fresco here is dedicated to the moment of his vision of the cross. The historians Eusebius of Caesarea and Lactantius tell us of how—

ahead of the Battle of the Milvian Bridge in which Constantine would attack Maxentius to reunite the empire under himself—he had a vision of a cross in the

heavens and heard these words: “In this sign, you will conquer.”

Constantine was not a Christian, yet he had this sign emblazoned on the breastplates and shields of his soldiers. They won that battle against great odds. Archeologists have uncovered shields, helmets, breastplates, and coins with this symbol, attesting to the truth of his vision.

Eventually Constantine, the most powerful figure in the world, was baptized a Catholic and built several large churches in Rome, including St. Peter’s Basilica. This was not to his political advantage, and the risk he took in promoting the faith showed the sincerity of his conversion. He understood the wisdom of

the cross, and it was worth selling all to follow Jesus and receive the treasure of eternal life.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

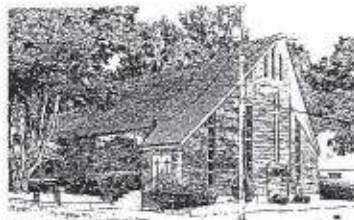
Do I give more credence to fads or feel-good philosophies than to the truth revealed by Jesus?



Piece: *The Vision of the Cross*, 1520-1524
Artist: Giuliano Romano
Location: Apostolic Palace, Vatican City

[Jesus said,] “Go, sell what you have, and give to [the] poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.”

Mark 10:21



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 October 15, 2018

Offered For

Monday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30pm

† Pat Pirch

Tuesday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 12:15pm

† Alan Ring

Wednesday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† Sylvester Pyszka

Thursday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30am

† Dec Mem Shevokas & Yucas'

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 October 22-23, 2018

Saturday Vigil:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 4:00 PM

† Bernice Schneider

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† Dennis & Lori Domkuski

Sunday:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30 AM

† Jimmy DeAngelo

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM

† Dec Memb Mercogliano's

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† For The Parishioners

**Ministry Schedule
For Next Weekend**

Holy Trinity

LECTOR

Saturday - 4:00PM - Kathy Pullam
Sunday - 8:30AM - Gerald Schlenz

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday - 4:00PM - Sheila Campbell
Sunday - 8:30AM - Mary Jo Brust

SERVERS

Saturday - 4:00PM -
Katelyn Pullam & Emily Robbins
Sunday - 8:30AM -
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St. Patrick

LECTOR

Sunday - 10:30AM - Bernice Keutzer

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sunday - 10:30AM - John Kapraun

SERVERS

Sunday - 10:30AM -
Brandon & Dylan Tornow

St. Thomas More

ROSARY

Sat 5:30PM - TBD

LECTOR

Sat 5:30PM - Mary Ann Schoening

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sat 5:30PM - Cheryl Stowe

SERVERS

Sat 5:30PM - ?

**UPCOMING
CHURCH EVENTS**

October 13 & 14 - Blest Arts After Mass

October 14 - St. Thomas More Chicken
Dinner - STM Hall - 11am - 2pm - \$10

October 15 - Mass/Rosary Reparation Of
Sins-St. Thomas More (Dalzell) - 5:30pm

October 24 - Rosary Against Evil - St.
Thomas More (Dalzell) - 6pm

November 4 - St. Patrick's Smorgasbord
Dinner - 11am - 1pm - Bishop Franz Hall

Last Sunday's Offering

Holy Trinity - \$1070.00
Needed Weekly - \$1700 (-\$14967.00)
St. Patrick - \$857.00
Needed Weekly - \$700 (-\$3694.00)
St. Thomas More - \$1011.00
Needed Weekly - \$900 (\$4657.00)
**(Parentheses) = Overage/Deficit of
Collection

Upcoming Chicken Dinner

St. Thomas More will have their chicken dinner on Sunday, October 14th from 11am - 2pm in the hall. Besides the great fried chicken, a limited supply of baked chicken will be available. The dinner also comes with spaghetti, salad, bread and butter, dessert and a drink. All of this great food is only \$10. Kids 6-10 years old are \$5 and kids 5 and under are free.

Blest Arts Returning

Blest Arts is returning October 13 & 14 after all the Masses. The money they make is returned to the Holy Land to help the Christian communities. Their olive wood products or rosaries are great for gifts for First Communion, Confirmations, Weddings or birthdays and anniversaries. They also take checks and credit cards.

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

On this Monday, October 15th at 5:30PM at St. Thomas More in Dalzell, there will be the celebration of Holy Mass with 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!

Special Event In Area

None

For The Week

We hear in the Gospel this weekend about the man who wanted to know how he could get into Heaven. How often do we make our lives so complicated that we miss what is right in front of our eyes? We have churches all over. Yet, "the good life" that is seen is usually what we have in our house and the money we have at our disposal to live as we like. Yet as Jesus reminds us our possessions are left behind when we die. So hopefully our love of God will be enough and strong enough to get us into Heaven.

People today find many other things to do on Sunday mornings than to remember Jesus who will let us into Heaven. So, Jesus is often reminding us today that not too many will get into Heaven. Jesus wants us to love Him above all else but will we?

ADA Goals 2018-19

Holy Trinity - \$16,421.00
Pledges To Date \$5255 (32%)
St. Patrick - \$11,340.00
Pledges To Date \$5570 (49%)
St. Thomas More - \$10,917.00
Pledges To Date \$4520 (41%)

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

OCTOBER 15

St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin
and Doctor of the Church

Gal 4:22-24,
26-27, 31-5:1
Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday

OCTOBER 16

Weekday

Gal 5:1-6
Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday

OCTOBER 17

St. Ignatius of Antioch,
Bishop and Martyr

Gal 5:18-25
Lk 11:42-46

Thursday

OCTOBER 18

St. Luke, Evangelist

2 Tm 4:10-17b
Lk 10:1-9

Friday

OCTOBER 19

Sts. John de Brébeuf and
Isaac Jogues, Priests and
Companions, Martyrs

Eph 1:11-14
Lk 12:1-7

Saturday

OCTOBER 20

Weekday

Eph 1:15-23
Lk 12:8-12

Sunday

OCTOBER 21

Twenty-ninth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Is 53:10-11
Heb 4:14-16
Mk 10:35-45
or Mk 10:42-45

Dear Padre,

Does the Church consider homosexuality a sin?

Although Church teaching considers the homosexual orientation to be disordered because homosexual acts are closed to the gift of life and lack the “affective and sexual complementarity” necessary for marriage, the Church nonetheless clearly affirms the basic human dignity of homosexual persons and their ability to achieve graced and holy lives. Although the Church teaches that homosexual acts are immoral, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states unequivocally that homosexual persons “must be accepted with respect, compassion, and sensitivity. Every sign of unjust discrimination in their regard should be avoided” (CCC 2358).

Scientific evidence suggests that, in the vast majority of cases, sexual identity—homosexual, heterosexual, or somewhere in between—is not a matter of choice. It’s determined before we’re even aware of it, and we gradually grow into it as we mature. So even if there is an essential imperfection in homosexuality because of the lack of complementarity and inability to procreate, gay persons are in no way morally responsible for their orientation. They shouldn’t see it as an obstacle to a fulfilling and happy life.

It follows from this that a homosexual inclination is in no way incompatible with a Christian vocation or the pursuit of holiness. All of us have various inclinations to sin, and gay persons have the same hope of God’s friendship and grace as anybody else.

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A Word From Pope Francis

A person once asked me, in a provocative manner, if I approved of homosexuality. I replied with another question: “Tell me: when God looks at a gay person, does he endorse the existence of this person with love, or reject and condemn this person?”

We must always consider the person.

—Interview with *America* magazine, September 30, 2013