

We're the Supporting Cast

Life can make us think we are in control of our lives. We plan, think, execute, and succeed (or fail). Then along comes an illness, an accident, a job loss, or one of countless other things, and we realize we really aren't in control of much. This famous phrase sums it up: Man proposes, God disposes.

We can transfer this same false assumption into

our relationship with God and expect Mass, prayer, and liturgy to work for us, fill us, and entertain us. But liturgy and prayer are about giving God his glory above all else.

When we pray, and especially when we enter into communal liturgy, we are reminded once again that it is all about what God is doing. Isaiah says the Lord will provide for all people. God will provide! We might prepare, serve, or participate, but the director,

producer, and main actor is God. We are the supporting cast. That is why liturgy is not so much about our planning, participation, or entertainment but about entering into harmony with God's action and praising him as he asks.

The same point can be found in the Gospel. The king sends out invitations for his son's wedding and prepares the feast. He adjusts to the unexpected lack of interest and invites others. The ones who arrive are the ones the master has invited.

It would be foolish for one of the invited guests to vaunt their importance. Their role is to humbly enjoy and gracefully help the king and the newlyweds to shine on their night!

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Piece: *Still Life With Classical Elements*, 1600s-1700s

Artist: Pietro Navarra

Location: Vatican Museums



For Reflection

What attitudes do I regularly bring with me to Mass? Is Mass about my pleasure or God's glory? How often do I serve even when there's nothing in it for me? How can I commit to more unselfish service?

"I have the strength for everything through him who empowers me....My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:13, 19).



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) 8:30 AM (Summer)

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 16, 2017

Offered For

Monday

† No Mass

Tuesday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - **12:15pm

† Wayne Jaraczewski

Wednesday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† Dean Abney

Thursday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 12:15pm

† Msgr. Brian Rejsek

Friday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† Maribeth Ballerini

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

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions

Weekend of October 21 - October 22, 2017

Saturday Vigil:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 4:00 PM

† Tom & Ann Doyle

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† For The Parishioners

Sunday:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30 AM

† Lucille Pinter

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM

† Alfred Hewitt Family

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† Pat Pirtch

Ministry Schedule
For Next Weekend

Holy Trinity

LECTOR

Saturday - 4:00PM - Kathy Pullam

Sunday - 8:30AM - Mary Jane Marincic

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday - 4:00PM - Bill Lauer

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 - 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 - Frank Magana

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sat 5:30PM - Jyll Pozzi

SERVERS

Sat 5:30PM - ?

UPCOMING
CHURCH EVENTS

October 18 - Rosary Against Evil - St. Thomas More (Dalzell) - 5:30PM

November 5 - St. Patrick Annual Smorgasboard - 11AM - 2PM - Bishop Franz Hall

Last Sunday's Offering

Holy Trinity - \$1315.00

Needed Weekly - \$1700

St. Patrick - \$522.00

Needed Weekly - \$700

St. Thomas More - \$1089.00

Needed Weekly - \$700

Missalette Advertising

Both Holy Trinity and St. Patrick's Churches have had advertising on the back of the missalettes available to help defray the cost of the missalettes. And we need some help with that if possible. Also available is using the space for memorials for families or family members. The cost runs around \$220.00 per year. And if you are interested please let us know and we will have someone from the Sunday Missal company get in touch with you.

Also we can do the same at St. Thomas More Church if anyone is interested.

Ministry Thanks

Fr. Pat never thanks enough those that help with the different ministries at our churches! So thank you to everyone who helps at our Masses, with Religious Education, cleaning up around the churches, and being good examples of Christ in our communities. AND WE ALWAYS NEED MORE!

The Rosary Against Evil

The rosary we continue to pray on Wednesday nights at 5:30PM will be prayed at St. Thomas More Church during the month of October in Dalzell. It is our time to show God, Jesus, Mary how much we need them to fight the evil around us. As we pray through Our Lady of Fatima, the rosary is and always has been our greatest weapon against evil! So please come and join us, it will be the most important time you spend. With the evil in the world the church should be full, so where is everybody!

Upcoming Area Events

For The Week

Another week and another parable, this time it is a parable with two messages. The first is for longtime Jewish people to come to Christ but also Christians to live the sacraments that enable us to get into Heaven. Everything offered by the sacraments are to help us in the Catholic Church to make our way into Heaven. Yet many people don't live their faith including the banquet with Christ on Sundays to make it to where Christ lives.

Second, those who don't take advantage of God's and Christ's great gift will only find themselves in the "outer darkness". Many of us have received the great invitation but only a few live the total Catholic, Christian, life. May God always be with us and bless us!

ADA Goals 2017-18

Holy Trinity - \$16,569.00

Pledges To Date \$5,920.00 (36%)

St. Patrick - \$10,065.00

Pledges To Date \$4,815.00 (48%)

St. Thomas More - \$9,493.00

Pledges To Date \$5,100.00 (54%)

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 16

Weekday

Rom 1:1-7

Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday

October 17

*St. Ignatius of Antioch,
Bishop and Martyr*

Rom 1:16-25

Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday

October 18

*St. Luke,
Evangelist*

2 Tm 4:10-17b

Lk 10:1-9

Thursday

October 19

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

Rom 3:21-30

Lk 11:47-54

Friday

October 20

Weekday

Rom 4:1-8

Lk 12:1-7

Saturday

October 21

Weekday

Rom 4:13, 16-18

Lk 12:8-12

Sunday

October 22

*Twenty-Ninth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

Is 45:1, 4-6

1 Thes 1:1-5b

Mt 22:15-21

Dear Padre,

I try my best to live as God asks, but I make a lot of mistakes and I don't always feel God's presence. How can I know that God loves me?

Most people, at one time or another, find themselves asking this very question. There comes a time in any developing spirituality and awareness of God when it is necessary to ask the question and then come to a faith conviction that we are, indeed, loved.

When we ask ourselves the question, "Does God love me?" we are also

asking ourselves, "Do I love me?" It is very hard for the average person to answer that question, but for those who have a tendency to dwell on every mistake, even after receiving forgiveness through the sacrament of reconciliation or who hold themselves to a standard of perfection, it can be even more difficult. They may find themselves asking, "How can God love me when I have all of

these thoughts and these feelings? Surely my life is displeasing to God."

God loved you first. God's love started everything off. Because God first loved you, he gave you life. God does love you, no matter what you have done, and he offers forgiveness and mercy through reconciliation when you are truly sorry. There is nothing you can possibly do to make God stop loving you. When God loves, he loves for keeps. He will not change. He will always be faithful in his love for you. That is why the Bible tells us: "God is love."

Adapted from *Understanding Scrupulosity* by Fr. Thomas Santa, CSsR

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A Word From Pope Francis



"Man takes control of everything, he believes he is God, he believes he is king. And wars...they do not exactly help to sow the seed of life but to destroy. It is an industry of destruction. It is also a system, also of life, that when things cannot be fixed they are discarded: we discard children, we discard the old, we discard unemployed youth.

This devastation has created the culture of waste....May the Lord help us and give us the grace of this hope, but also the grace of courage to emerge from all this destruction...to walk in the hope of finding ourselves one day face-to-face with Him."

—Homily, Solemnity of All Saints, November 1, 2014