

The Lord Is My Shepherd

The prominent image for God in today's readings is the shepherd. This might be an unfamiliar image for city dwellers, but it is a very rich religious image. The Bible tells us that early Israelites were herders, so they know a lot about shepherds. They knew that shepherds follow the wandering of their sheep and attended to their needs—not the other way around. They knew that shepherds lived with their sheep in the hills for long periods, away from family, friends, and the comforts of life. They knew that shepherds helped birthing and dying. They knew that all of this is a messy, smelly business, and no job for the fastidious.

Many nations of the ancient world, Israel included, thought of their kings as shepherds of the people—leaders who should be willing to do for their people what the shepherd does for the sheep. This explains why, on the feast of Christ the King, we represent our king as a shepherd rather than a victorious military commander, as many kings are. But more than this, throughout his life—at his passion and death, and now in his risen glory—Christ cares for us and leads us as a shepherd does. He embraces the messy, smelly reality of life. He is a shepherd-king, intent on our needs, searching for us when we seem to be lost. How comforting it is to know he carries us on his shoulders.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ★ Recite today's responsorial psalm slowly and thoughtfully.
- ★ Which images of Psalm 23 touch you the most? Why?

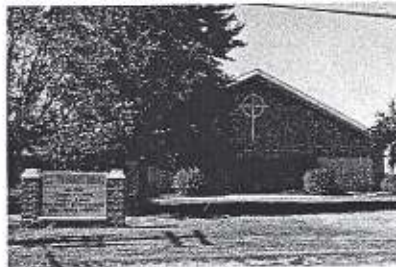


*The lost I will search out,
the strays I will bring back,
the injured I will bind up,
and the sick I will heal.*

EZEKIEL 34:16



Holy Trinity Catholic Church



St. Thomas More Catholic Church



St. Patrick Catholic Church

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Mass Schedule

Weekdays - Tuesday 12:15pm and

Thursday - 8:30am

Saturday Confessions - 3:15-3:45 PM

or by appointment

Saturday Vigil Mass - 4:00 PM

Sunday Mass - 8:30 AM

***Pastor of the Three Churches**

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****Upcoming Events At Church****

All Events On Hold

****Emergency Phone****

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Mass Schedule

Weekday Mass -

Wednesday & Friday - 8:00AM

Saturday Vigil Mass - 5:30 PM

Sunday (Last Chance) Mass-

5:30 PM

Adoration Room

Open Monday-Saturday 9AM-8PM

Sunday - 9AM - 6PM

Divine Mercy Prayers

Every Friday 3:00PM

****Upcoming Events At Church****

**Dec. 5 & 12 - Chicken Dinner
(Will Call and Limited Delivery)**

St. Patrick Church

(Office at Holy Trinity Church)

106 Church St.

Arlington, IL 61312

Phone: (815) 894-2006

Mass Schedule

Sunday Mass - 10:30 AM

***3 Churches Pastoral Assistant**

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****Office Hours****

Holy Trinity - Tues, Thurs, & Fri.

- 9AM-12PM

St. Thomas More -

Wed - 9AM - 12PM

****Facebook:** Use Link on Home

Page - www.bureaucatholic.org

****Upcoming Events At Church****

**Dec. 12 - Sausage Making
(Order Forms Back Of Church)**

Daily Mass Intentions for

Masses the Week of November 23, 2020

Monday

****Facebook Link - 4:00PM**STM**

Tuesday

****Facebook Link - 9:00AM**STM**

Wednesday

****www.bureaucatholic.org/Facebook Link - 4:00PM**HT**

Thursday

****www.bureaucatholic.org/Facebook Link - 9:00AM**HT**

Friday

****Facebook Link - 9:00AM **STM**

Offered For

† Fred Buck Sr.

† Richard Guerrini

† Kathleen Waite Schmidt

† Purgatorial Society

† No Mass

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions

Weekend of November 28-29, 2020

Saturday:

****Facebook Link - 4:00PM **STM**

Sunday:

****www.bureaucatholic.org/Facebook Link - 9:00 AM**HT**

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM (No Streaming)

****St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 6:00 PM (Last Chance Communion) † No Mass (Only Holy Communion)**

(Recommendation Watch Our Mass Online Or EWTN Mass Before Receiving Communion)**

Offered For

† Dennis & Lori Domkuski

† For The Parishioners

† Special Intention

Latest Offering's

Holy Trinity - \$0.00
St. Patrick - \$0.00
St. Thomas More - \$0.00

Visit Venerable Fulton Sheen At Cathedral in Peoria

Monday - Friday 12pm - 2pm
Saturday 3pm - 5pm
(Re-Opened Again)

Ministry Schedule For Next Weekend

Holy Trinity

LECTOR

Saturday - 4:00PM - ?

Sunday - 8:30AM - ?

SERVERS

Saturday - 4:00PM -

?

Sunday - 8:30AM - ?

COUNTERS

Sunday - 8:30AM -

? & ?

Mass Intentions

We are in need of Mass Intentions for weekday Masses. The Masses on the web are a great occasion for family members not living in this area to pray with us for family members who have died. Please consider having a weekday Mass for a deceased member of your family and thank you. Mass intentions can be paid through our online giving program, mail or dropping by our office.

Recurring Special Church Events

Wednesday's - Rosary - 6PM

(On Website)

(After Wednesday HT Evening Mass)

Friday's - Divine Mercy Chaplet -

On Facebook- 3PM -

St. Thomas More Adoration Chapel

In This Month Of The All Souls

Food Events Coming Up

St. Thomas More will be having 2 Chicken & Spaghetti Dinners by calling in your order and will call and/or delivery for Dalzell people only. The Chicken will be fried and a limited number will be baked. Please call 815-252-4377 or 815-993-7043 to order from 4:30 to 7PM on December 5th & 12th.

Also St. Patrick's is making Nuco's sausage on December 12th from 8am until 4pm. Order sheets are in back of churches or bulletin boxes at Holy Trinity or St. Thomas More. Or just call in your order.

If we go back to the time of the Passover, Jews were told to put lambs blood on the door jambs to escape the angel of death. Today, we have been given Exorcised Water and Salt. All we need to do is pray the prayers for protection of homes along with using Exorcised Salt and Water in the prescribed prayers which are available in the back of the church or by the doors of the church. But the prayers need to be prayed from the heart and not just read. Our Heavenly Father wants to feel our sincere desire for our homes to be protected. And He will help us.

The Exorcised Water and Salt is available in two places: St. Patrick and St. Thomas More halls after Masses. For the water, a clean sprayer that can shoot a tight stream would be best to spray around doorways, windows or other openings (like vents) to outside the home. The salt is in little baggies which should be sufficient to use for the prayers. On the four corners of your land.

The Crucifixes are in and ready to be blessed at end of Masses this weekend. After they are blessed, they are ready to take home and put above your doors. Thanks and your orders have helped the Christians in the Holy Land too!

Confessions

The next confessions will be in the Holy Trinity Church parking lot on Saturday, November 28th from 11-11:45am. (Location may change.)

This Week's Update

As we close out the liturgical year this coming Friday, we will move into Year B for Sundays and Cycle I for Weekdays when we celebrate the 1st Week of Advent. As we prepare for the coming of Jesus at Christmas, we are also preparing for the Second Coming of Christ which is not far off. But we have always needed to be prepared, and even more so to stay prepared, for our Judgment Day before Christ. This is why Jesus will be giving us "The Warning" or "The Illumination of Conscience" to give us a progress report on how we have been living our lives. Please note once that happens there will be an increase in confessions in every church.

The Solemnity of Christ the King is very fitting because it is about Christ's Sacrifice for us and have we shown to Jesus lives worthy of being with Him in Heaven. It is getting scarier every day watching all of the confusion and evil penetrating our society. Jesus has said we are moving towards a civil war in this country. I can see it. Do you?

Everything we do, now and until we stand before Jesus Christ, is letting Jesus know how much we value our lives with Him. Now is not the time to be passive in showing our love of Jesus Christ. First and foremost, we are always to share the love of Christ to those around us. If we do, we are most likely living the Ten Commandments which is what Jesus expects from us. So now, more than ever, we need to be sure we are living our faith. Doing this will lead us to a great reward in heaven. So be holy, stay close to Christ, we need Him now more than ever!

Fr. Pat Fixsen

Dear Padre,

**Today we celebrate Christ the King.
Why isn't this changed to "Christ the Lord"?
The notion of "king" seems outdated.**

Christ the King is not the easiest concept to get close to and celebrate. Kings, queens, and monarchies aren't part of our cultural heritage. With the current penchant for cutting celebrities and politicians down to size, a king or queen wouldn't fare well. With the turmoil of England's royal family, we frequently witness the demythologizing of the world's monarchies.

Christ's kingship obviously cannot fall into any of these woeful categories. Christ came to establish a different kind of kingdom, the kingdom of God, and that in itself puts Jesus on a different plane than all other concepts of earthly monarchies. Jesus came to proclaim God's reign, God's rule, in the manner in which God the Creator and Maker of all wants things to be.

We, however, are fiercely independent and freedom-conscious people. We don't want anyone telling us what to do. We want to participate in all decisions. We resent being pushed around by anyone. And that's fine. But in

this case of God's kingdom, we have nothing to fear. God's power is to serve and give life, not to exploit or corrupt.

God's kingdom is the redemptive presence of God. Whenever people love one another, forgive one another, bear one another's burdens, and work to build a just and peaceful community, God's redemptive and liberating presence is being manifested. That is the kingdom and kinship we celebrate.

—Fr. Joseph Morin, CSSR
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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

The kingdoms of this world at times are sustained by arrogance, rivalries, and oppression; the reign of Christ is a "kingdom of justice, love and peace." For a Christian, speaking of power and strength means referring to the power of the cross, and the strength of Jesus' love: a love which remains steadfast and complete.

—ANGELUS, SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING,
NOVEMBER 22, 2015



Calendar

Monday

NOVEMBER 23

Weekday

Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5

Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday

NOVEMBER 24

St. Andrew Dūng-Lac,
Priest, and Companion,
Martyrs

Rv 14:14-19

Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday

NOVEMBER 25

Weekday

Rv 15:1-4

Lk 21:12-19

Thursday

NOVEMBER 26

Weekday

Rv 18:1-2, 21-23;

19:1-3, 9a

Lk 21:20-28

Friday

NOVEMBER 27

Weekday

Rv 20:1-4, 11-21:2

Lk 21:29-33

Saturday

NOVEMBER 28

Weekday

Rv 22:1-7

Lk 21:34-36

Sunday

NOVEMBER 29

First Sunday
of Advent

Is 63:16b-17, 19b;

64:2-7

1 Cor 1:3-9

Mk 13:33-37