

God's Greatest Commandments

Today's first reading recalls the most sacred text in Judaism, the Shema Israel: "Hear, [O] Israel." These words are so sacred for Jews, they are prayed in the most important moments of peril or supreme holiness. Jews don't take these words lightly because they express the essence of their religion and relationship to God.

As Catholics, we fully agree with our Jewish brothers and sisters on this matter. Jesus himself answered the question of what was the first, greatest commandment—it was the Shema Israel. Why is it so important? Because it declares the unity of God: "The LORD is our God, the LORD alone!" (Deuteronomy 6:4). He is one supreme God, not a multitude of divinities as in the Greek and Roman polytheistic religions, or even today in Hinduism and Buddhism.

This belief in one God makes the monotheistic religions of Judaism and Christianity unique. Second, this supreme God deserves our love and obedience. "You shall love the Lord your God..." Our role as creatures called and saved by him is to offer loving obedience.

The Second Commandment flows from the first: If we love God above all, then we need to love our brothers, sisters, and ourselves.

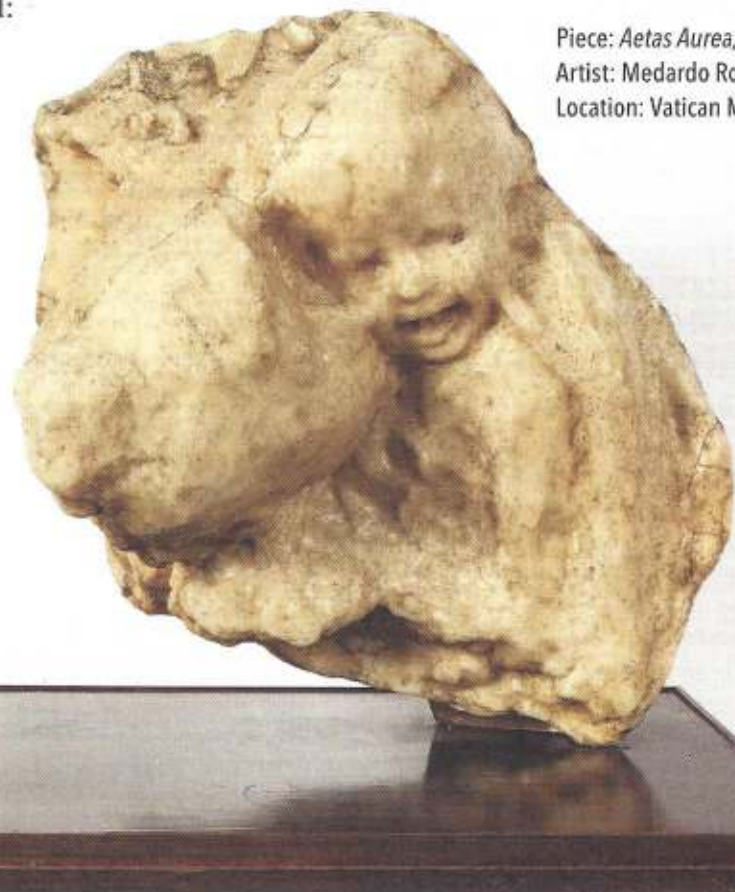
What better icon is there of this love for God and neighbor than the love of a mother for her child, as shown in this wax sculpture? As the piece shows, our love should be reverent, tender, compassionate, and unique. Only you can give him your kind of love. There should be a constant flow of affection and union between us—no separation between him and us.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

How can I express greater reverence for God?

How can I express greater tenderness toward my loving Father?



Piece: *Aetas Aurea*, 1886-1887

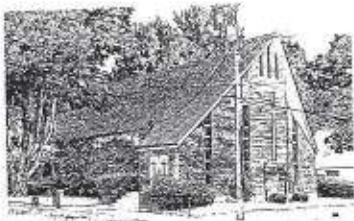
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*Hear then, Israel, and be careful to observe [the commandments],
that it may go well with you and that you may increase greatly.*

Deuteronomy 6:3



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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 November 5, 2018

Offered For

<u>Monday</u>	Holy Trinity, Cherry - 5:30pm	† No Mass
<u>Tuesday</u>	Holy Trinity, Cherry - 12:15pm	† No Mass
<u>Wednesday</u>	St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am	† No Mass
<u>Thursday</u>	Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30am	† No Mass
<u>Friday</u>	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 November 10-11, 2018

<u>Saturday Vigil:</u>	Holy Trinity, Cherry - 4:00 PM	† Ron & Lynn Raef
	St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM	† For The Parishioners
<u>Sunday:</u>	Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30 AM	† Kathleen Waite Schmitt
	St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM	† Frank Flanagan
	St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM	† Dec. Memb. Passini Family

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Ministry Schedule
For Next Weekend

Holy Trinity

LECTOR

Saturday - 4:00PM - Heather Linnig

Sunday - 8:30AM - Jeff Pinter

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday - 4:00PM - Tina Dominy

Sunday - 8:30AM - Kathy Bonucchi

SERVERS

Saturday - 4:00PM -

Payton & Berkle Linnig

Sunday - 8:30AM -

?

St. Patrick

LECTOR

Sunday - 10:30AM - Linda Beattie

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sunday - 10:30AM - Richard Pommier

SERVERS

Sunday - 10:30AM -

Dylan Hunter & Thomas 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

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

November 7 - Rosary Against Evil - Holy
Trinity (Cherry) - 6pm

November 14 - Rosary Against Evil -
Holy Trinity (Cherry) - 6pm

November 19 - Mass/Rosary Reparation
Of Sins-Holy Trinity (Cherry) - 5:30pm

(St. Thomas More Ravs made in
October were 643 lbs., Outstanding!)

Last Sunday's Offering

Holy Trinity - \$991.00

Needed Weekly - \$1700 (-\$15812.00)

St. Patrick - \$433.00

Needed Weekly - \$700 (-\$4079.00)

St. Thomas More - \$1215.00

Needed Weekly - \$900 (\$5005.00)

** (Parentheses) = Overage/Deficit of
Collection

St. Patrick's Smorgasbord

Back this Sunday is the
Smorgasbord dinner being held on
November 4th from 11am to 1pm in
the Bishop Franz Hall. As usual,
turkey and ham will be served with
all of the great salads, desserts and a
drink. It always is a great dinner.
Thank you for your support!

****New Mass Intention Policy**
For 2019**

One of the big problems is
fitting in Saturday evening and
Sunday Mass intentions for
everybody. Also per Canon Law,
Father has to offer one Mass a
weekend for "The People", also
known as a "Pro Populo" Mass, which
we rotate between Holy Trinity and
St. Thomas More. Starting January
1st, 2019, for all Masses scheduled
after that date, we can only accept
three (3) Masses per family for
Sundays. All other Masses will have
to be for weekday Masses.

Cherry Mining Disaster
Pancake & Sausage Breakfast
Bake Sale

The Holy Trinity Altar &
Rosary Society is going to be selling
baked goods at the breakfast
November 11th to raise money for new
flooring in church. Donations for new
flooring are also accepted.

RCIA - New Catholic Studies

We are at the time of the year
when anyone you may know who
would like to become a Catholic can
begin studying about the Catholic
Faith in anticipation of the Easter
Vigil. Please let Fr. Pat know of
anyone who might be interested.

New Bereavement
Group Starting November

Beginning Thursday, November
29th, (time to be determined) for
anyone who has lost someone close and
is interested in support from our
Catholic community.

Special Event In Area

Monday, November 5th - Holy Trinity
Hall - Dessert & Coffee Group - 1pm

For The Week

It might seem very easy for
us to think we are smarter than
God. It might be easy for us to say
we love God. But the truth be told,
God who created everything in
existence is much smarter than any
of us could ever hope to be! And if
we love God, and when we stand
before Him, how will we answer if
we are asked if we love Him?

Going to Church without
fail is one way we show our love of
God. Respecting and living His
teachings is another! And if He
should ask us if we love Him, and if
we haven't been to every Sunday
and Holy Day Mass, how would we
answer if He says rightly that if you
can't be with me for an hour each
weekend and Holy Day, why should
you be with me for an eternity?
Then, we have to pray hard and fast
that He will be merciful with us.
Have a prayerful week!

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

NOVEMBER 5

Weekday

Phil 2:1-4

Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday

NOVEMBER 6

Weekday

Phil 2:5-11

Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday

NOVEMBER 7

Weekday

Phil 2:12-18

Lk 14:25-33

Thursday

NOVEMBER 8

Weekday

Phil 3:3-8a

Lk 15:1-10

Friday

NOVEMBER 9

*Dedication of the Lateran
Basilica (Rome)*

Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12

1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17

Jn 2:13-22

Saturday

NOVEMBER 10

*Pope Leo the Great, Pope
and Doctor of the Church*

Phil 4:10-19

Lk 16:9-15

Sunday

NOVEMBER 11

*Thirty-second Sunday in
Ordinary Time*

1 Kgs 17:10-16

Heb 9:24-28

Mk 12:38-44

Dear Padre,

Can you clarify the role of nuns and women in the Church? When I was growing up, they seemed much more involved, but nowadays our church never seems to discuss their role or support their work.

Women's role in the Church is essential in many areas, including teaching, passing on the faith to their families, and witnessing to their faith in the community. Religious sisters are essential to the Church's pastoral care, as Vatican II states: "From the outset of the work of evangelization, the missionary 'planting' and expansion of the Church require the presence of the religious life in all its forms" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 927).

Religious sisters, and their religious brothers, share a universal call to be "devoted to the welfare of the whole Church...working to implant and strengthen the Kingdom of Christ" in a new generation of Catholics (*Dogmatic Constitution on the Church [Lumen Gentium]*, 44).

Today, sisters have declined in number, but they are present and essential to Church ministry through religious education, pastoral care in hospitals, faith-based social outreach, and parish and diocesan administration. They continue Christ's presence, as did the women first to encounter the risen Christ and bring this Good News to others.

We need religious sisters; parents and parishes need to speak about vocations. God gives the gift, and we have the responsibility to nurture those women "called to signify the very charity of God in the language of our time" (CCC 926).

—Fr. John K. Schmidt, CSsR | Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



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A Word From Pope Francis

A Church without women is like the college of the Apostles without Mary. The role of women in the Church is not simply that of maternity, being mothers, but much greater: it is precisely to be the icon of the Virgin, of Our Lady; what helps make the Church grow!

—Press conference, July 28, 2013



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