

The Courage to Heal

Leprosy was a highly contagious skin disease that led to certain death for anyone who caught it in Jesus' time. For good reason the Jewish law demanded that a leper live set apart and scream out as he walked along to keep everyone at a safe distance. Imagine the pitiful scene of everyone discreetly but purposefully moving away at the sound of someone screaming, "Unclean, unclean!"

Yet the leper doesn't scream to keep Jesus away. He walks right up to our Lord and confesses his faith in Jesus' power to heal him of this incurable bacteria. He humbly admits his contagious illness and places himself before Jesus. And unlike anyone else might do, Jesus doesn't run away, he walks toward him. He does the unthinkable. He touches him!

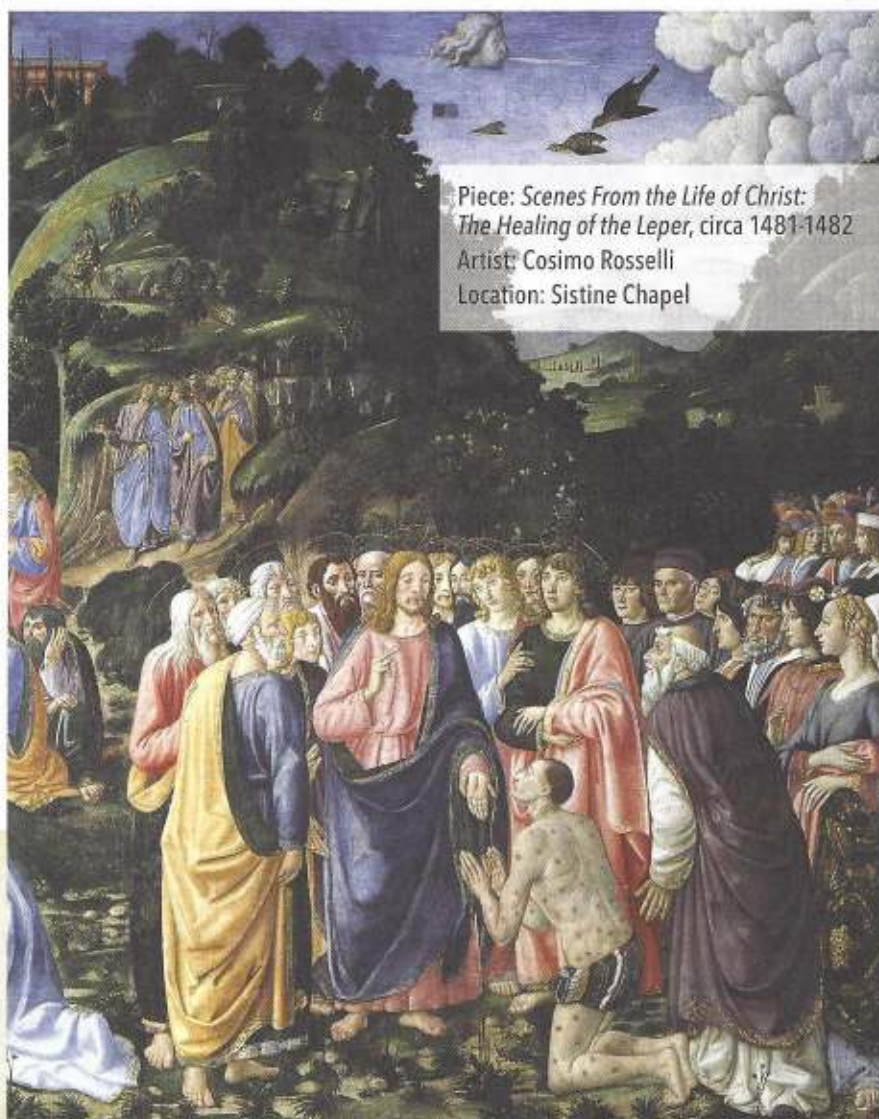
We need not be ashamed of our deadly sin that eats away at our heart and cripples our ability to love. Go to Jesus, expose it to him, and let his loving touch transform you.

The terrible disease of leprosy was still a major problem well into the nineteenth century when St. Damian, a Belgian missionary, went to the Hawaiian Island of Molokai to serve as parish priest to all

the lepers quarantined on that island. Not fearing to touch them, he cared for them for many years until, as expected, he contracted the disease and died of it.

This is what it means to be a Christian! Be like Jesus. Be not afraid of your wounds or those of others, no matter how repellent, and give of yourself to care for them.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



Piece: *Scenes From the Life of Christ: The Healing of the Leper*, circa 1481-1482
Artist: Cosimo Rosselli
Location: Sistine Chapel

For Reflection

How at peace am I with my own wounds, sins, and imperfections?

Am I mature and free enough to ask for help and also reach out and help others in their moral or physical suffering?

*"If you wish, you can make me clean."
...[Jesus] said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean."
(Mark 1:40-41)*



Holy Trinity - Cherry

St. Patrick - Arlington

St. Thomas More - Dalzell

3 Church Website: www.bureaucatholic.org

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St. Patrick Catholic Church Is Located At:

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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 - 9:00 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 February 12, 2018

Monday - No Mass

Offered For

Tuesday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 12:15pm

† Frances & Susan Flaherty

Ash Wednesday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† Purgatorial Society

St. Patrick, Arlington - 12:15pm

† Corrine Manning

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 6:00pm

† Joseph Soldati

Thursday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 9:00am

† Ricco & Margaret Fonderoli

Friday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† For The Sick

**** Divine Mercy Prayers - Fridays at 3PM**

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions

Weekend of February 17-18 2018

Saturday Vigil:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 4:00 PM

† Dec. Members Wiltse Family

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† B&J Ratkiewicz/A&V Pozzi

Sunday:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30 AM

† Nellie Cattani

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM

† Doris Schwamberger

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 - Jeff Pinter

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday - 4:00PM - Tina Dominy

Sunday - 8:30AM - Terry Templeton

SERVERS

Saturday - 4:00PM -

Katelyn Pullam & Emily Robbins

Sunday - 8:30AM -

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St. Patrick

LECTOR

Sunday - 10:30AM - Bruce Galloway

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sunday - 10:30AM - ?

SERVERS

Sunday - 10:30AM -

Jerrick Kapraun & Dylan Tornow

St. Thomas More

ROSARY

Sat 5:30PM - Cheryl Stowe

LECTOR

Sat 5:30PM - Frank Magana

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sat 5:30PM - Cheryl Stowe

SERVERS

Sat 5:30PM - ?

**UPCOMING
CHURCH EVENTS**

February 13 - Mardi Gras - St. Thomas More Hall

February 14 - Ash Wednesday (See Sched)

February 16 - Mercy Prayers - St. Thomas More Chapel - 3pm

February 19 - Reparation Rosary/Mass
Holy Trinity - 5:30pm Rosary/6pm Mass

February 21 - Rosary Against Evil - Holy Trinity - 5:30pm

March 3 - St. Patrick Sausage Making

Last Sunday's Offering

Holy Trinity - \$1973.00

Needed Weekly - \$1700 (-\$1190.00)

St. Patrick - \$652.00

Needed Weekly - \$700 (-\$384.00)

St. Thomas More - \$1288.00

Needed Weekly - \$700 (\$1128.00)

** (Parentheses) = Overage/Deficit of Collection

**Starting February 19th
Mass For Reparation**

On Monday, February 19th at 5:30PM at Holy Trinity at Cherry, there will be the rosary, recitation of the Creed, followed by Holy Mass. 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. By living this, we will receive peace, consolation from pain, stop hiding sins, not be arrogant, be humble, and bless our homes. Please come!

Upcoming Events

On March 3rd, St. Patrick's will once again be making sausage and order forms will be in the back of churches next weekend. Two weeks later, March 18, they will have their Pancake & Sausage Breakfast.

On Friday's March 9th and 23rd, St. Thomas More will be having their Lenten Fish Fry's. More to come!

Weather Warning Notice

With the winter's unpredictable snowfall, it can be hard to plan or prepare for them. So be cautious! Please stay home if you have health or physical difficulties dealing with the extreme weather. A good rule is if the weather is good enough to go the store, sports event, or otherwise, you should go to Mass. And please check with WLPO (1220AM) or bureaucatholic.org website for more about cancellations.

The Rosary Against Evil

The rosary that we continue to pray on Wednesday nights at 5:30PM will be prayed at Holy Trinity Church during the month of February in Cherry. 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!

Upcoming Area Events

For The Week

Being sick, as with leprosy, was often a sign of sinfulness back 2000 plus years ago. We hear in the readings how leprosy was dealt with and how Jesus healed those sick with leprosy. Today, it is a rare disease but we still can get sick. And how often do we pray to Jesus for help in dealing with being sick?

This week we begin the holy period of Lent. Fasting and abstinence are ways for us to ask forgiveness. Anyone over the age of 14 is to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday. On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. To help us this Lent, just think we are now on the road to Calvary as Jesus was. May God be with us and always bless us!

ADA Goals 2017-18

Holy Trinity - \$16,569.00

Pledges To Date \$6,120.00 (36%)

St. Patrick - \$10,065.00

Pledges To Date \$7,476.00 (74%)

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

February 12

Weekday

Jas 1:1-11

Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday

February 13

Weekday

Jas 1:12-18

Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday

February 14

Ash Wednesday

Jl 2:12-18

2 Cor 5:20-6:2

Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday

February 15

Thursday after

Ash Wednesday

Dt 30:15-20

Lk 9:22-25

Friday

February 16

Friday after

Ash Wednesday

Is 58:1-9a

Mt 9:14-15

Saturday

February 17

Saturday after

Ash Wednesday

Is 58:9b-14

Lk 5:27-32

Sunday

February 18

First Sunday
of Lent

Gn 9:8-15

1 Pt 3:18-22

Mk 1:12-15

Dear Padre,

Why is church often packed on Ash Wednesday, even though it is not a holy day of obligation?

Indeed, pastoral experience corroborates your observation. Holy days of obligation draw well—but it's standing-room only on Ash Wednesday. There's something undeniably elemental about the ugly smudge of ashes on the forehead. People wear it without embarrassment or shame. It is as if to say, "I'm Catholic and proud of it."

Ash Wednesday is unique because it signals the beginning of Lent, the Church's special time of confession and renewal in preparation for Easter. It is what Christians are all about—people who have died with Christ in the waters of baptism in order to rise with him to a new life. We renew our

baptismal commitment to be his people in the world. As we recall and celebrate Christ's passage through death to life, we renew our own death to old sinful ways to rise and live with recaptured vigor.

The symbols of Ash Wednesday touch us powerfully. When we hear, "Remember, you are dust and to dust you shall return," we are reminded of our vulnerability and dependence on God. Despite our mechanisms of power, ultimately, like dust in the wind, we can be whisked away in an instant and brought to our knees.

At the same time, we are called to scale the spiritual heights to turn away from sin and be faithful to the gospel, affirming that



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we are a people with an enduring destiny and a sacred mission in the world. Together we get our ashes and turn back to the Lord.

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A Word From Pope Francis

[Jesus says] he is the real instrument of the Father's mercy, who goes to encounter everyone, bringing consolation and salvation, and, in doing so, he manifests God's justice. The blind, the lame, the lepers, the deaf regain their dignity and are no longer excluded because of their disease.

—General Audience, September 7, 2016