

Pursuing a Higher Moral Standard

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus offers a rather radical call to holiness. Many of us have a hard time accepting that we are all called to such levels of morality. Yet, read to whom Jesus is speaking here. The Gospel says his audience is everyone: his apostles, his disciples, and a large number of other people from around the region. The Second Vatican Council offers a reminder when it says, “Fortified by so many and such powerful means of salvation, all the faithful, whatever their condition or state, are called by the Lord, each in his own way, to that perfect holiness whereby the Father himself is perfect” (Dogmatic Constitution on the Church [*Lumen Gentium*], 11).

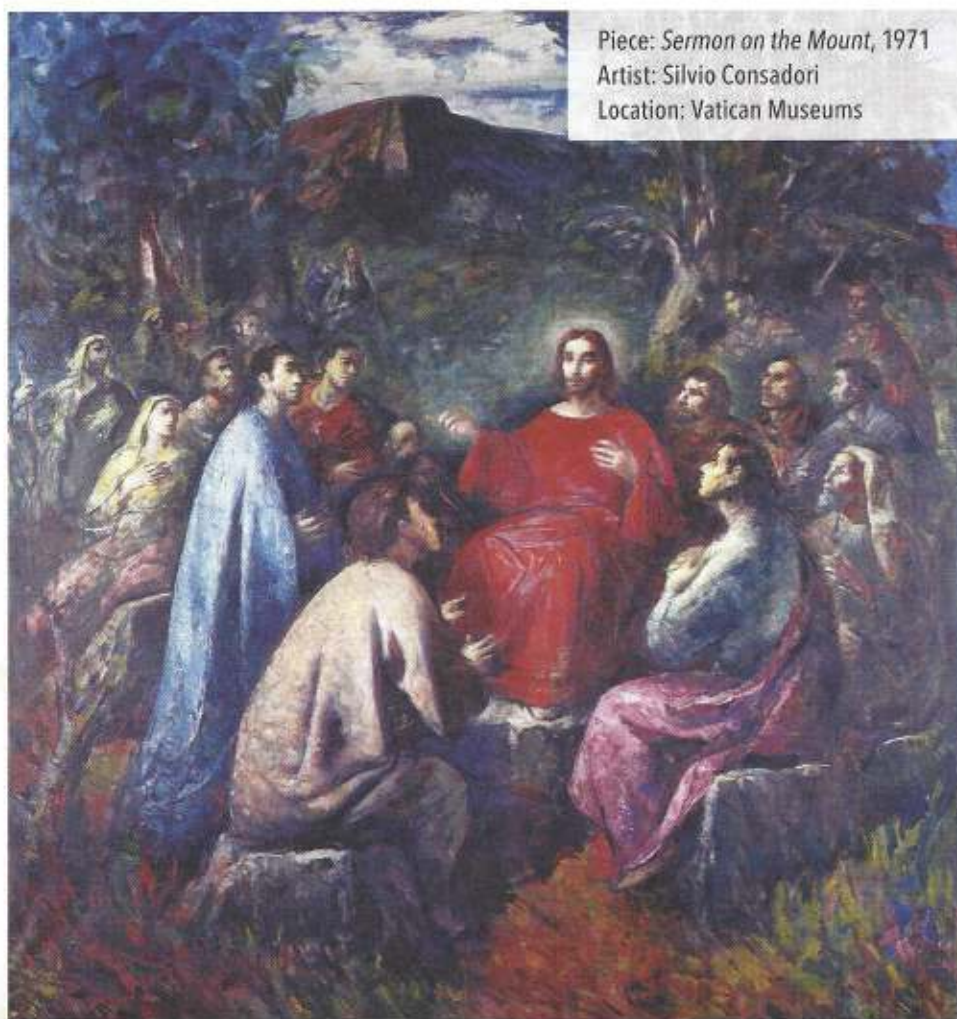
A key to progress in any personal area is keeping hungry, never being fully satisfied. The same goes for our faith and relationship with our Lord. If our goal is to be comfortable, to follow the path of least resistance, then mediocrity is our goal. Jesus is

anything but mediocre. He proposes to us a high moral standard that isn’t reached by coasting.

Our souls are hungry by design. They are never fully satisfied in this life because we desire the Infinite—we desire God.

Luckily, our Lord not only proposes a high moral ideal of holiness, but he also gives us his very Spirit so we can reach the heights he proposes. And so we can pray with St. Augustine, “Give me what you command, and command what you will.”

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



Piece: *Sermon on the Mount*, 1971
Artist: Silvio Consadori
Location: Vatican Museums

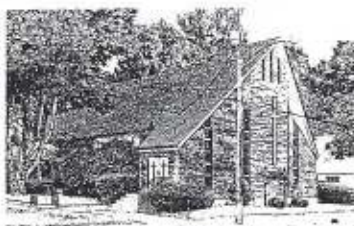
For Reflection

Do I consider myself a Catholic who is tending and working toward holiness?

Would Jesus consider me a Catholic who is tending and working toward holiness?

*And raising his eyes toward his disciples [Jesus] said:
“Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours.”*

Luke 6:20



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 February 18, 2019

Offered For

Monday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 5:30pm (followed by rosary)

† Purgatorial Society

Tuesday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 12:15pm

† Wayne Jaraczewski

Wednesday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† Dean & Dolly Abney

Thursday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30am

† August & Frances Bernardoni

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 February 23-24, 2019

Saturday Vigil:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 4:00 PM

† Alan Hahn

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† Mary Nave

Sunday:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30 AM

† Dec Memb Shevokas/Yucas Fam

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM

† Carmella Kapraun

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† For The Parishioners

Ministry Schedule
For Next Weekend

Holy Trinity

LECTOR

Saturday - 4:00PM - Carol Lauer

Sunday - 8:30AM - Gerald Schlenz

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday - 4:00PM - Bill Lauer

Sunday - 8:30AM - Mary Jo Brust

Saturday - 4:00PM -

Antonia Cattani

Sunday - 8:30AM -

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St. Patrick

LECTOR

Sunday - 10:30AM - Linda Beattie

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sunday - 10:30AM - ?

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

February 18 - Mass Reparation Sins/
Rosary - Holy Trinity (Cherry) - 5:30pm
(No Rosary Wednesday)

February 27 - Rosary Against Evil - Holy
Trinity (Cherry) - 6PM

March 2 - St. Patrick Sausage Making

March 15 - St. Thomas More Lent Fish
Fry - STM Hall - 4:30-7:30PM

March 17 - St. Pats Annual Pancake/
Sausage Breakfast

Last Sunday's Offering

Holy Trinity - \$1323.00

Needed Weekly - \$1700 (-\$19525.00)

St. Patrick - \$506.00

Needed Weekly - \$700 (-\$4678.00)

St. Thomas More - \$777.00

Needed Weekly - \$900 (\$5127.00)

** (Parentheses) = Overage/Deficit of
Collection

Holy Trinity
Trivia Night

On Saturday, March 30th, we will be having a Trivia Night at Holy Trinity Hall. If you have a team, please reserve a table by calling the Holy Trinity office and leave your info with Julie. The cost is \$10 per person. More info to come.

Mass for Reparation of Sins
Every Third Monday

Coming this Monday, February 18th at 5:30PM at Holy Trinity in Cherry, there will be the celebration of Holy Mass followed by 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!

St. Thomas More
Ravs/Meals Phone Line

After much consideration, we have purchased a phone line to receive orders for Ravens, other items sold, and for meals made in the St. Thomas More Hall through the year. It has voice mail to leave your name and phone number and your order for when it is unattended. The phone number is 815-252-2215. Thank you and we hope this helps everybody!

Weather Warning Notice

With the winter's unpredictable snowfall, which is hard to plan on or prepare for, please be cautious. Please stay home if you have health or physical difficulties dealing with the extreme weather. If the roads are too icy or not plowed because of fresh snow, the immediate Mass to be celebrated will be cancelled and my parishioners will be dispensed. But please us by putting into the collection the following week what you would have put in for the cancelled Mass. Unfortunately, the bills still keep coming in! A good rule is if the weather is good enough to go the store, sports event, or otherwise, you should go to Mass. Check with WLPO (1220AM) for cancellations.

Special Event In Area

None

For The Week

This week we hear St. Luke's version of the Beatitudes in the Gospel. Every time there is a new message from either Jesus Christ or our Blessed Mother, they always say something to plead with us to be sure to live our faith. This is only because if don't, or we aren't, Heaven will not be our destination when our time on earth concludes.

As we all should see, we live in a world corrupted by the devil! The idea of sacrifice of worldly things to live more for Christ is foreign to most people. Jesus always is reminding us to follow His Laws, live His Sacraments, and participate in Works of Mercy. Our time is running out, we just have to do and live what is right! Have a Blessed and Wonderful Week!

ADA Goals 2018-19

Holy Trinity - \$16,421.00

Pledges To Date \$16421 (100%)

St. Patrick - \$11,340.00

Pledges To Date \$11340 (100%)

St. Thomas More - \$10,917.00

Pledges To Date \$10917 (100%)

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 18

Weekday

Gn 4:1–15, 25

Mk 8:11–13

Tuesday

FEBRUARY 19

Weekday

Gn 6:5–8; 7:1–5, 10

Mk 8:14–21

Wednesday

FEBRUARY 20

Weekday

Gn 8:6–13, 20–22

Mk 8:22–26

Thursday

FEBRUARY 21

Weekday

Gn 9:1–13

Mk 8:27–33

Friday

FEBRUARY 22

Chair of St. Peter,

Apostle

1 Pt 5:1–4

Mt 16:13–19

Saturday

FEBRUARY 23

St. Polycarp,

Bishop and Martyr

Heb 11:1–7

Mk 9:2–13

Sunday

FEBRUARY 24

Seventh Sunday in

Ordinary Time

1 Sm 26:2, 7–9,

12–13, 22–23

1 Cor 15:45–49

Lk 6:27–38

Dear Padre,

Why does the Church rightfully celebrate marriage, family, and religious life but neglect the equally important celibate single life? Perhaps if this vocation got the respect and attention it deserves, we'd have fewer people rushing into bad relationships and weak marriages.

Our vocation in life is a gift from God to become a living response to God's love. God invites people to holiness and service through marriage, the single life, the priesthood, the diaconate or the religious life. Lest the single life be overlooked, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states, "We must also remember the great number of *single persons* who...are especially close to Jesus' heart and therefore deserve the special affection and active solicitude of the Church, especially of pastors" (CCC 1658). It adds that the doors of homes "and of the great family which is the Church must be open to all of them."

Like the gift of one's vocation, celibacy also is a gift from God that's offered back to the Church. Jesus himself chose celibacy, not because he disapproved of marriage or family life, but for the sake of the kingdom. He was wedded to his mission in bringing about a universal family that follows God's will. To be celibate, then—whether as a single person or in consecrated life—isn't upheld in and of itself, but for the reign of God.

Whatever the vocation and however it's lived out, "all cooperate in the building up of the Body of Christ" in a spirit of equality and dignity according "to each one's own condition and function" (Canon 208).

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR

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one another?"

A Word from Pope Francis

No vocation is born of itself or lives for itself. A vocation flows from the heart of God and blossoms in the good soil of faithful people, in the experience of fraternal love. Did not Jesus say: "By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for

—Day of prayer for vocations, May 11, 2014