

Navigating the Desert

Like Noah being prepared to navigate the Flood, so the Spirit sent Jesus into the desert. Why was he sent there? Did he need to learn something he didn't know? Did he lack something he needed? Jesus as God didn't lack anything, of course, but he needed time to pray, reflect, and prepare for his mission. He also wanted to set an example to follow. Another Scripture says he went into the desert to be tempted by the devil. That time of spiritual combat was helpful for him.

We also need to go through trials and crises to grow both in our spiritual lives and human maturity. We each have had our desert where we are challenged to our core and stretched beyond our limits. Perhaps it was a crisis such as a health, employment, or relational issue. But it doesn't always have to be such a dramatic event. It can be as simple and constant as the

prolonged embracing of daily challenges in a manner that leads to life. We probably look back and see these as some of our best times—if we truly encountered ourselves and our Lord.

The key is in peaceful acceptance, looking for what good can be learned from these inconveniences. In every cross there is a resurrection; in every storm a rainbow assures us of God's presence and victory. It tells us that clouds and storms will not lead to total death, but rather to a purified rebirth, growth, and newfound life and strength. He has promised us this.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

What important lessons have I learned from a challenge in my life? Maybe I can share that lesson with a friend or family member.



Piece: *Noah and the Flood*, 1508

Artist: Michelangelo

Location: Sistine Chapel

[God said,] "I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth."

(Genesis 9:13)



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 - 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 19, 2018

Offered For

<u>Monday</u>	Holy Trinity, Cherry - 5:30pm (Starts with Rosary)	† Leo & Darlene Greskwicz
<u>Tuesday</u>	Holy Trinity, Cherry - 12:15pm	† Bernice Schneider
<u>Wednesday</u>	St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am	† Dean & Dolly Abney
<u>Thursday</u>	Holy Trinity, Cherry - 9:00am	† Purgatorial Society
<u>Friday</u>	St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am	† William Adrian

**** Divine Mercy Prayers - Fridays at 3PM (St. Thomas More Adoration Room)**

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions

Weekend of February 24-25, 2018

<u>Saturday Vigil:</u>	Holy Trinity, Cherry - 4:00 PM	† Loretta Cassidy
	St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM	† Madonna Mini
<u>Sunday:</u>	Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30 AM	† For The Parishioners
	St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM	† Carmella Kapraun
	St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM	† Joann Bastian

Ministry Schedule
For Next Weekend

Holy Trinity

LECTOR

Saturday - 4:00PM - Heather Linnig

Sunday - 8:30AM - Gerald Schlenz

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday - 4:00PM - Sheila Campbell

Sunday - 8:30AM - Mary Jo Brust

SERVERS

Saturday - 4:00PM -

Payton & Berkleee Linnig

Sunday - 8:30AM -

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St. Patrick

LECTOR

Sunday - 10:30AM - Ernie Bartoli

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sunday - 10:30AM - ?

SERVERS

Sunday - 10:30AM -

T Schroeder & J Vander Meersch

St. Thomas More

ROSARY

Sat 5:30PM - Mary Ann Schoening

LECTOR

Sat 5:30PM - Mary Ann Schoening

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sat 5:30PM - Judy Szymovicz

SERVERS

Sat 5:30PM - ?

UPCOMING
CHURCH EVENTS

February 19 - Reparation Rosary/Mass

Holy Trinity - 5:30pm Rosary/6pm Mass

February 23 - Mercy Prayers - St. Thomas

More Chapel - 3pm

February 28 - Rosary Against Evil - Holy

Trinity - 5:30pm

March 3 - St. Patrick Sausage Making

March 9 - St. Thomas More Lent Fish Fry

Last Sunday's Offering

Holy Trinity - \$859.00

Needed Weekly - \$1700 (-\$2031.00)

St. Patrick - \$281.00

Needed Weekly - \$700 (-\$803.00)

St. Thomas More - \$845.00

Needed Weekly - \$700 (\$1273.00)

** (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

We hear about the covenant that God formed in the Old Testament and was renewed by Christ in the New Testament. The people towards the end of the time reflected in the Old Testament had lost the sense of God in their lives. So Jesus was born. Now a little over two thousand years, we have done the same thing.

So it is for us to realize that we are still living in the Kingdom of God. This is why and where we need to be focused on Christ for these next forty days and not the world, sports and other forms of entertainment that keep us from living for a life with Christ. If you have become focused on things other than Christ, "Repent and believe in the Gospel!" Jesus' return is not far off but will you be ready! May God be with us and always bless us with His Real Presence!

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 19

Lenten Weekday

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18

Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday

February 20

Lenten Weekday

Is 55:10-11

Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday

February 21

Lenten Weekday

Jon 3:1-10

Lk 11:29-32

Thursday

February 22

Chair of St. Peter,
Apostle

1 Pt 5:1-4

Mt 16:13-19

Friday

February 23

Lenten Weekday

Ez 18:21-28

Mt 5:20-26

Saturday

February 24

Lenten Weekday

Dt 26:16-19

Mt 5:43-48

Sunday

February 25

Second Sunday
of Lent

Gn 22:1-2, 9a,
10-13, 15-18

Rom 8:31b-34

Mk 9:2-10

Dear Padre,

Why won't the priest hear my confession right before Mass?

Theoretically, any time is a good time for penitents to reconcile and renew their relationship with the Lord! In practice, the priest's refusal to hear your confession immediately before presiding at Mass may be as much for your benefit as his. In his preoccupation with last-minute details of leading the assembly, he may think: "How can I be more attentive to this individual and

to a worthy celebration of the sacrament of penance without delaying Mass?" He might also be reacting to a penitent's mechanical understanding of the sacrament that fosters a scrupulous practice of devotional confessions—that is, confessing only minor sins in preparation for Communion.

Anyone who is conscious of serious sin is not to "receive the body of the Lord without previous sacramental confession unless there is a grave reason and there is no opportunity to confess" (*Code of Canon Law*, 916). In this case, the person makes a sincere act of contrition, including a resolution to confess as soon as possible. "The Eucharist is not ordered to the

forgiveness of mortal sins—that is proper to the sacrament of Reconciliation" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1395). Nevertheless, "the Eucharist strengthens our charity...and this living charity wipes away venial sins [and] the Eucharist preserves us from future mortal sins" (CCC 1394-95).

Catholics in a state of grace show respect for the dignity of the Eucharist, but trying to confess grave sins to a priest right before Mass may lessen the dignity given to one sacrament over another if the celebration of the sacrament of penance is rushed or the celebration of Mass begins late.

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A Word From Pope Francis

In the face of tragedies which take the lives of so many migrants and refugees...expressions of empathy and compassion cannot help but spontaneously well up. "Where is your brother?" (Gen 4:9). This is not a question directed to others; it is a question directed to me, to you, to each of us.

—Forum on Migration and Peace, February 21, 2017