



[Simeon said,] "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation."

LUKE 2:29-30

We Belong to God

Everyone wants to belong to someone or something. In fact, we do not merely want to belong; we need to belong. However, sometimes we forget to whom we really belong. This feast reminds us to whom Jesus belonged. The reading from Hebrews underscores the fact that Jesus was one of us. He also was a descendant of Abraham, thus we are his brothers and sisters. But he really belonged to God.

The ritual of presentation, a ritual that was and continues to be common in religious Israel, was meant to remind everyone to whom we belong. True, only male infants were so presented. This reflects the custom of tracing lineage in the family, tribe, or clan through the male line, with women participating through the agency of men. This cultural gender bias need not prevent us from understanding the profound

meaning of the presentation. Though one of us, Jesus belonged to God.

The Gospel story tells of a man and a woman who recognized that this child would be the one through whom God saves all people. It describes two important religious insights: First, it acknowledges that the child we cherish as one of us really belongs to God. Second, it illustrates how each child has a mission to the world to somehow make it a better place. So even with its gender and cultural bias, this feast is about us as well as Jesus. We all belong to God; and we all have a mission to the world.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ Do we really cherish every child as belonging to God?
- ★ How have you made your world better?



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 - See Schedule)

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 By Appointment

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 3, 2020

Offered For

<u>Monday</u>	Holy Trinity, Cherry - 5:30pm	† No Mass
<u>Tuesday</u>	Holy Trinity, Cherry - 12:15pm	† Doris Schwamberger
<u>Wednesday</u>	St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am	† For The Sick
<u>Thursday</u>	Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30am	† Bernard Schwamberger
<u>Friday</u>	St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am	† Fr. Ronald Dodd

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions

Weekend of February 8-9, 2019

Offered For

<u>Saturday Vigil:</u>	Holy Trinity, Cherry - 4:00 PM	† Stanley & Theresa Flaherty
	St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM	† Purgatorial Society
<u>Sunday:</u>	Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30 AM	† For The Parishioners
	St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM	† Barb Oleson
	St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM	† Richard Guerrini

**Ministry Schedule
For Next Weekend**

Holy Trinity

LECTOR

Saturday - 4:00PM - Carol Lauer

Sunday - 8:30AM - Jeff Pinter

SERVERS

Saturday - 4:00PM - ?

Sunday - 8:30AM - ?

COUNTERS

Sunday - 8:30AM -

Kathy Bonucchi & Linda Black

St. Patrick

LECTOR

Sunday - 10:30AM - ?

SERVERS

Sunday - 10:30AM -

? & ?

St. Thomas More

ROSARY

Sat 5:30PM - TBD

LECTOR

Sat 5:30PM - TBD

SERVERS

Sat 5:30PM - ?

**Visit Venerable Fulton Sheen
At Cathedral in Peoria**

Monday - Friday 12pm - 2pm

Saturday 3pm - 6pm

Sunday 9am - 2pm

**UPCOMING
CHURCH EVENTS**

February 1 & 2 - Blessing of Candles at beginning of Mass - Each Church

February 5 - Rosary Against Evil - St. Thomas More (Dalzell) - 6PM

February 17 - Mass for Reparation of Sins - St. Thomas More (Dalzell) - 5:30PM

Last Sunday's Offering

Holy Trinity - \$1885.00

St. Patrick - \$445.00

St. Thomas More - \$950.00

The Rosary Against Evil

The rosary that we continue to pray on Wednesday nights at 6PM will be prayed at St. Thomas More Church during the month of February in Dalzell. **The weeks where Mass and Rosary is prayed together on Monday there is no Wednesday rosary.** It is our time to show God, Jesus, Mary how much we need their help to fight the evil around us. Praying as a community has great strength to get God's attention for our needs and His help. And the rosary is and always has been our greatest weapon against evil! So please come and join us!

**Mass for Reparation of Sins
Every Third Monday**

Coming up on February 17th at 5:30PM at St. Thomas More in Dalzell, there will be the celebration of Holy Mass followed by the recitation of the Creed and praying of the Holy Rosary. With the rosary prayed on Monday we will not meet that week on Wednesday for rosary. It repeats 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!

Weather Warning Notice

With the winter's unpredictable snowfall, it is always hard to plan or prepare for, so just 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 could be cancelled and my parishioners will be dispensed. But please put 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), WZOE (1490AM) and BCR Alerts for cancellations. If you aren't signed up for BCR alerts, check with Julie in the office.

Special Event In Area

February 4th - Cherry Pie & Coffee - HT Hall - 1-3PM (weather permitting)

For The Week

Today we celebrate Jesus Christ who is the Light of the World. In the New Testament, Jesus is brought into the temple and Simeon, in his old age, recognizes the importance of the child Jesus. And he says these memorable words, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted -- and you yourself a sword will pierce -- so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."

What is light for all of us today? We need light to read, to see things small or things defined by certain features that can only be determined by light. Jesus does the same thing as He enables us to see what we need for our lives by His Word as it is shared with us. Yet, He says all the time that we are living in darkness because we ignore Him and, especially, don't live for Him. If we aren't, we shouldn't get mad, but just change, and do and live as He asks. Then we will also find true happiness. May God always bless us with His Real Presence!

ADA Goals 2019-20

Holy Trinity - \$17589.00

Pledges To Date \$9210.00 (52%)

St. Patrick - \$9902.00

Pledges To Date \$9989.00 (100%)

St. Thomas More - \$12554.00

Pledges To Date \$9265.00 (74%)

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.

Dear Padre,

A guided meditation on the rosary's fourth Joyful Mystery (The Presentation of Our Lord) mentions "our Blessed Mother's purification." What does that mean?

According to Jewish law, a mother was considered ritually impure for forty days after giving birth to a son, and eighty days after the birth of a daughter (see Leviticus 12:1-8). After the prescribed period of purification, she made an offering to God in the Temple for her atonement and another offering to support the priests. Her purification offering was a pigeon or

turtledove; the burnt offering for the priests was a yearling lamb. However, if a woman couldn't afford the lamb, she could instead substitute two turtledoves or pigeons. Mary's offering of two birds indicated her poverty (see Luke 2:24).

Moreover, the Law stipulated that every firstborn male be presented to God in the Temple. "The LORD spoke to Moses and said, 'Consecrate to me every firstborn; whatever opens the womb...whether of human being or beast, belongs to me'" (Exodus 13:1-2). As a devout, law-abiding Jewish couple, Mary and Joseph traveled eighty miles from Nazareth to

Jerusalem to present their son to God. Mary couldn't afford a lamb as a burnt offering; rather she offered Jesus as the true Lamb of God in the name of the human race. Saint Alphonsus Liguori wrote, "O my God, I on my part unite my sacrifice to that of Mary. I offer to you your own divine Son, and by his merits I ask you to grant me all the graces I need for salvation."

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR
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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

In the Temple...Mary and Joseph find the roots of their faith, for faith is not something learned from a book, but the art of living with God, learned from the experience of those who have gone before us. The two young people, in meeting two older people [Simeon and Anna], thus find themselves.

—FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD,
FEBRUARY 2, 2018

Calendar

Monday

FEBRUARY 3

Weekday

2 Sm 15:13-14, 30;

16:5-13

Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday

FEBRUARY 4

Weekday

2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b,

24-25a, 30-19:3

Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday

FEBRUARY 5

St. Agatha,
Virgin and Martyr

2 Sm 24:2, 9-17

Mk 6:1-6

Thursday

FEBRUARY 6

St. Paul Miki and
Companions, Martyrs

1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12

Mk 6:7-13

Friday

FEBRUARY 7

Weekday

Sir 47:2-11

Mk 6:14-29

Saturday

FEBRUARY 8

Weekday

1 Kgs 3:4-13

Mk 6:30-34

Sunday

FEBRUARY 9

Fifth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Is 58:7-10

1 Cor 2:1-5

Mt 5:13-16