

Be Perfect

Wow, that's a tall order! But what does *perfect* mean? The Greek word means "full" or "complete." In the first reading, Leviticus calls us to be *holy*, a word with cultic allusions—to be set apart to be used for God. Though not possessing exactly the same sense, there is a connection between *perfect* and *holy*, for to be set apart to be used for God will certainly make us perfect, fulfilled, and complete. So what does Jesus mean when he tells us to be perfect, as God is perfect?

Continuing our reflection on the Sermon on the Mount, we find Jesus telling us how we are to be perfect as God is perfect. He offers two examples of extraordinary behavior. The Mesopotamian code of Hammurabi states "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." The punishment may not exceed the crime.

This was a step forward in ancient justice.

Jesus said that this is not enough. There is to be no vindictiveness, no revenge, regardless of how equivalent it might appear. The reason for this is that God loves and cares for all, even those who do us injustice. God makes the "sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust" (Matthew 5:46). In this way, we must be like God; we must love all, no exceptions. This is what it means to be perfect. It is indeed a tall order. But it is the way to be fulfilled, to be complete.

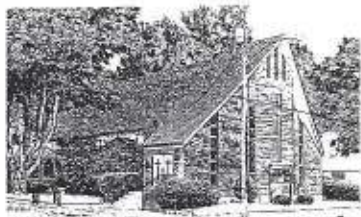
—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ★ Where in your life are you being called to consecrate yourself to God and God's work?
- ★ Where in your life are you being challenged to love more unselfishly?

[Jesus said,] "Love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you....Be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect."
MATTHEW 5:44, 48





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 24, 2020

Offered For

Monday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30pm

† No Mass

Tuesday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 12:15pm

† Purgatorial Society

Ash Wednesday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:30am**

† Purgatorial Society

St. Patrick, Arlington - 12:00pm

† Purgatorial Society

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 6:00pm

† Purgatorial Society

Thursday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30am

† Dorothy Flaherty

Friday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† Ray & Tom Pigati Families

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions

Weekend of February 29-March 1, 2020

Offered For

Saturday Vigil:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 4:00 PM

† Corrine Manning

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† For The Parishioners

Sunday:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30 AM

† Joseph & Della Shevokas

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM

† Michael Bickett

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† James Lusietto

Ministry Schedule
For Next Weekend

Holy Trinity

LECTOR

Saturday - 4:00PM - Tina Dominy

Sunday - 8:30AM - Jeff Pinter

SERVERS

Saturday - 4:00PM -

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Sunday - 8:30AM - ?

COUNTERS

Sunday - 8:30AM -

Nancy Lowry & Sheila Pinter

St. Patrick

LECTOR

Sunday - 10:30AM - Linda Beattie

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**

March 4 - Rosary Against Evil - Holy Trinity (Cherry) - 6PM

March 5 - Thursday Evening Lent Mass/ Stations - Holy Trinity (Cherry) - 6pm

March 6 - St. Thomas More Lent Fish Fry - STM Hall - 4:30PM-7:30PM

March 7 - St. Patrick's Sausage Making - Bp. Franz Hall

March 11 - Rosary Against Evil - Holy Trinity (Cherry) - 6PM

Last Sunday's Offering

Holy Trinity - \$0.00

St. Patrick - \$0.00

St. Thomas More - \$0.00

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

Coming up this Monday, March 16th 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. 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!

The Rosary Against Evil

The rosary that we continue to pray on Wednesday nights at 6PM will be prayed at Holy Trinity Church during the month of March in Cherry. 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!

Needed St. Margarets Volunteers

Volunteers are needed for Red Coats, Gift Shop, Surgical Waiting Room and Hospice. Besides the blessing of helping people, a free meal is given for each shift completed. Call Cindy at (815) 878-1409 for more information.

Holy Cross Catholic Church

St. Mary's Altar Society

Spring Luncheon & Fashion Show

The event takes place Saturday, March 7th at noon. The luncheon and the fashion show will be taking place in the Holy Cross Gym in Mendota and the doors will open at 11:15AM. Tickets are \$20.00.

Special Event In Area

None

For The Week

In the Gospel, Jesus reminds us to not give in to evil when evil is done to us. And we are fast approaching the time in the world where will see more persecutions for our faith. Sadly, maybe even here in the United States. This is really a tough Gospel to heed because our natural reaction is to do something to someone who does something mean or evil to us. This is where we need to remember love conquers evil!

The Book of Leviticus is tremendous in giving us a much more refined explanation of the Ten Commandments. It gives a great explanation of how God's laws and Jesus' explanations of God's laws should be lived out and why we should adhere to the Church's moral teaching. God, and often through His Son Jesus, gives us every opportunity to change our lives to follow Christ into Heaven. Whether we want to be there is up to each of us! 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 Protestant friend says all the Catholic rituals aren't necessary to get to heaven. What can I say to convince her?

Your friend is correct about heaven: God wishes the salvation of everyone—not just Catholics (Dogmatic Constitution on the Church [*Lumen Gentium*], 13). Even so, Catholics believe—and Christ taught us—that certain rituals *are* necessary to enter heaven. Baptism is one example.

But being Catholic isn't just about getting to heaven. Earthly benefits abound!

Take the Mass: holy Communion gives us Jesus Christ's very Body and Blood. The sacrament of reconciliation absolves our sins, bringing us peace, comfort, and a closer relationship to God. Our saints and the Blessed Mother inspire us and intercede on our behalf. Our Church leaders—ordained and religious—bring Christ to our lives. Our Catholic hymns and prayer traditions help us offer praise and thanks in a unique way. Your priest and the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* can explain in detail the

spiritual and temporal benefits of our rituals and rich traditions.

Once we get to heaven, the need for distinctions among those of different Christian faiths dissolves. But until then, we shouldn't follow the beliefs and practices of the Catholic Church simply because it's the religion of our parents or spouse; we should follow them because we believe they show us how to deepen our relationship with God by living as Jesus wanted us to.

So while "all the Catholic rituals" do prepare us for heaven, they also enrich and inform our earthly lives in ways we can't find anywhere else. I thank God for my Catholicism every day—and you should, too.

—Fr. Scott Katzenberger, CSSR
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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

One of the essential characteristics of this vocation to perfection is the love of our enemies, which protects us from the temptation to seek revenge and from the spiral of endless retaliation....Those who evangelize must therefore be first and foremost practitioners of forgiveness, specialists in reconciliation, experts in mercy.

—HOMILY IN THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC,
NOVEMBER 29, 2015



Calendar

Monday

FEBRUARY 24

Weekday

Jas 3:13–18

Mk 9:14–29

Tuesday

FEBRUARY 25

Weekday

Jas 4:1–10

Mk 9:30–37

Wednesday

FEBRUARY 26

Ash Wednesday

Jl 2:12–18

2 Cor 5:20–6:2

Thursday

FEBRUARY 27

Thursday after

Ash Wednesday

Dt 30:15–20

Lk 9:22–25

Friday

FEBRUARY 28

Friday after

Ash Wednesday

Is 58:1–9a

Mt 9:14–15

Saturday

FEBRUARY 29

Saturday after

Ash Wednesday

Is 58:9b–14

Lk 5:27–32

Sunday

MARCH 1

First Sunday of Lent

Gn 2:7–9; 3:1–7

Rom 5:12–19 or 5:12,

17–19

Mt 4:1–11