

Developing the Strength of a Prophet

The consoling words from the prophet Jeremiah give comfort to all of us. God told him that he, like each of us, was known even in his mother's womb. It was this knowledge of being known and loved that gave Jeremiah the strength to stand before his people and prophesy some very strong and harsh words. He was set as a strong pillar, a wall of brass, a fortified city. He was rooted in love, because he needed to be so as not to be crushed by the anger and resentment stirred up by his prophetic words.

Jesus faces the same ire when visiting his hometown. At first the Nazarenes praise him, but soon, as if they had some entitlement, they presumptuously demand that he perform miracles to satisfy their vanity—not to change their hearts. When Jesus challenges them, their response is to want to throw him off a cliff!

As Christians, we all have a prophetic mission. We're called to preach the truths of the gospel, and at times this isn't popular. In the public square, the Church and Christians are often praised for their charitable work but asked to silence their religious voice when morality is discussed. We need the strength and conviction of prophets as well as the love that drives them.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Piece: *Jeremiah*, 1510-1512

Artist: Michelangelo

Location: Sistine Chapel ceiling



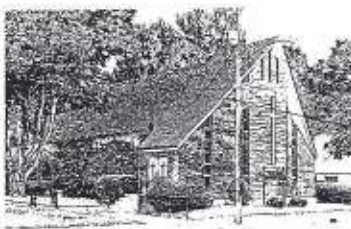
For Reflection

Do I have the serenity and moral courage to share the gospel truth in love?

Do I always show my faith in charitable thoughts and actions, and then in words when appropriate?

*Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born
I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you.*

Jeremiah 1:5



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 4, 2019

Offered For

Monday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 5:30pm (followed by rosary) † No Mass

Tuesday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 12:15pm

† Nellie Cattani

Wednesday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† For The Sick

Thursday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30am

† Bernice Schneider

Friday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† Purgatorial Society

**** Divine Mercy - Every Friday at 3PM (St. Thomas More Adoration Chapel)**

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions

Weekend of February 9-10, 2019

Saturday Vigil:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 4:00 PM

† Carol Bodnum & Bruna Wiltse

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† Dennis & Lori Domkuski

Sunday:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30 AM

† Jack McCallum

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM

† Purgatorial Society

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† For The Parishioner

Ministry Schedule For Next Weekend

Holy Trinity

LECTOR

Saturday - 4:00PM - Heather Linnig

Sunday - 8:30AM - Mary Jane Marincic

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday - 4:00PM - Bill Lauer

Sunday - 8:30AM - Kathy Bonucchi

Saturday - 4:00PM -

Payton & Berkleee Linnig

Sunday - 8:30AM -

?

St. Patrick

LECTOR

Sunday - 10:30AM - Ernie Bartoli

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sunday - 10:30AM - ?

SERVERS

Sunday - 10:30AM -

J VanderMeersch & T Schroeder

St. Thomas More

ROSARY

Sat 5:30PM - TBD

LECTOR

Sat 5:30PM - ?

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sat 5:30PM - Mary Ann Schoening

SERVERS

Sat 5:30PM - ?

UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

February 6 - Rosary Against Evil - Holy Trinity (Cherry) - Pray At Home

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

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

March 30 - Holy Trinity Trivia Night

Last Sunday's Offering

Holy Trinity - \$1894.00

Needed Weekly - \$1700 (-\$19368.00)

St. Patrick - \$1069.00

Needed Weekly - \$700 (-\$4826.00)

St. Thomas More - \$1442.00

Needed Weekly - \$900 (\$5128.00)

** (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. More info to come.

Mass for Reparation of Sins Every Third Monday

Coming this Monday, January 21st 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. 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!

Three Church BCR Alert System

As Father mentioned last week, we are implementing an alert system for Mass cancellations or Church Event changes. It can either be by phone text or email alert. Go to bcrnews.com and click on bcrbriefs. Then sign up and scroll to Community Cancellations/Notices and click on HTSPSTM Parishes. And if you need help please let us know. Thank you!

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

Pie & Coffee Tuesday Feb. 5th

For The Week

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you", the words from God and relayed to us by Jeremiah. In the past month, it would seem that the devil has had tremendous success in promoting the use of abortion. Even to the point of those about to be born. People want to rationalize their thinking into believing humans created life so they can be the ones to destroy it. Yet, as we have just heard God say, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you", has a certain population grown arrogant in wanting to be God? The answer is yes and it is the biggest reason why God is beginning to let our lives be eliminated from earth as a reminder of His omnipotence over our lives. 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 4

Weekday

Heb 11:32-40

Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday

FEBRUARY 5

St. Agatha,

Virgin and Martyr

Heb 12:1-4

Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday

FEBRUARY 6

St. Paul Miki and

Companions, Martyrs

Heb 12:4-7, 11-15

Mk 6:1-6

Thursday

FEBRUARY 7

Weekday

Heb 12:18-19, 21-24

Mk 6:7-13

Friday

FEBRUARY 8

Weekday

Heb 13:1-8

Mk 6:14-29

Saturday

FEBRUARY 9

Weekday

Heb 13:15-17, 20-21

Mk 6:30-34

Sunday

FEBRUARY 10

Fifth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Is 6:1-2a, 3-8

1 Cor 15:1-11 or

1 Cor 15:3-8, 11

Lk 5:1-11

Dear Padre,

My son and his wife attend a Christian church because they like the minister and the upbeat service. My son was raised Catholic and still claims he is Catholic, even though he doesn't go to a Catholic church. I feel frustrated by the whole affair!

Your frustration is certainly shared by many parents and grandparents today. They raised their children Catholic, even sent them to Catholic schools, but their adult children are less disciplined about their faith practices. Recent surveys on religion showed that 80 percent of Americans say they believe in God, and 75 percent consider spirituality important in their lives. But this doesn't mean they commit to religious practices. About 60 percent of Catholics questioned attend religious services only once or twice a month, or never. Many are interested in exploring different teachings and attending different churches. The loyalty to the Church and its disciplines that was evident in our own lives, or in our parents' and grandparents' lives, is often lacking in today's under-fifty-five crowd.

What can one do about this? The traditional method is to pray for your children while continuing to set an example through your own loyalty to the Catholic Church—including attendance at Sunday Mass and observance of other Church disciplines. It would be good to invite your son and his wife to attend church with you when they are visiting. As we age, we often become more religious and traditional. We may become more interested in our family's history, photos, and traditions. The religion of our childhood may begin to appear very attractive again. Be patient and continue to pray that your children will return to the Church of their roots.

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A Word from Pope Francis

No matter how many Sunday Masses, if your heart does not reach out to others, if you do not know what is happening to your people, your faith is weak, unhealthy, or dead. It is a faith without Christ; faith without solidarity is faith without Christ, it is faith without God, faith without brothers and sisters.

—Visit to Paraguay, July 12, 2015



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