

Offering the Gospel to All

If you asked Jesus what he did while on earth, I believe he would say, “preached and healed.” Those were his missions. He had good news to share and a longing to convince his listeners of the truth of this gospel of love and freedom. He was moved because he saw them like sheep without a shepherd. The gospels are nothing other than documentation of Jesus’ efforts to preach the gospel!

Paul shared Christ’s ardor. He was entrusted with preaching to the Gentiles the truth of the Gospel, and he did all he could to convince them of his message. He says he became all things to all, to save at least some. He worked hard during the day so he could pay his own way and offer his message for free. He adapted himself to his audience—their customs and ways of thinking—so they wouldn’t take offense at him, closing their hearts to his message.

How many missionaries have used this same approach? Just think of the French Jesuits Sts. Jean de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues of the Great Lakes region, St. Junípero Serra in the West, or Mother Cabrini serving European

immigrants on the East Coast. They learned new languages, ate new foods, and adopted new traditions to insert themselves into these cultures and share the gospel. They took a page out of Paul’s book, becoming all things to all to save at least some.

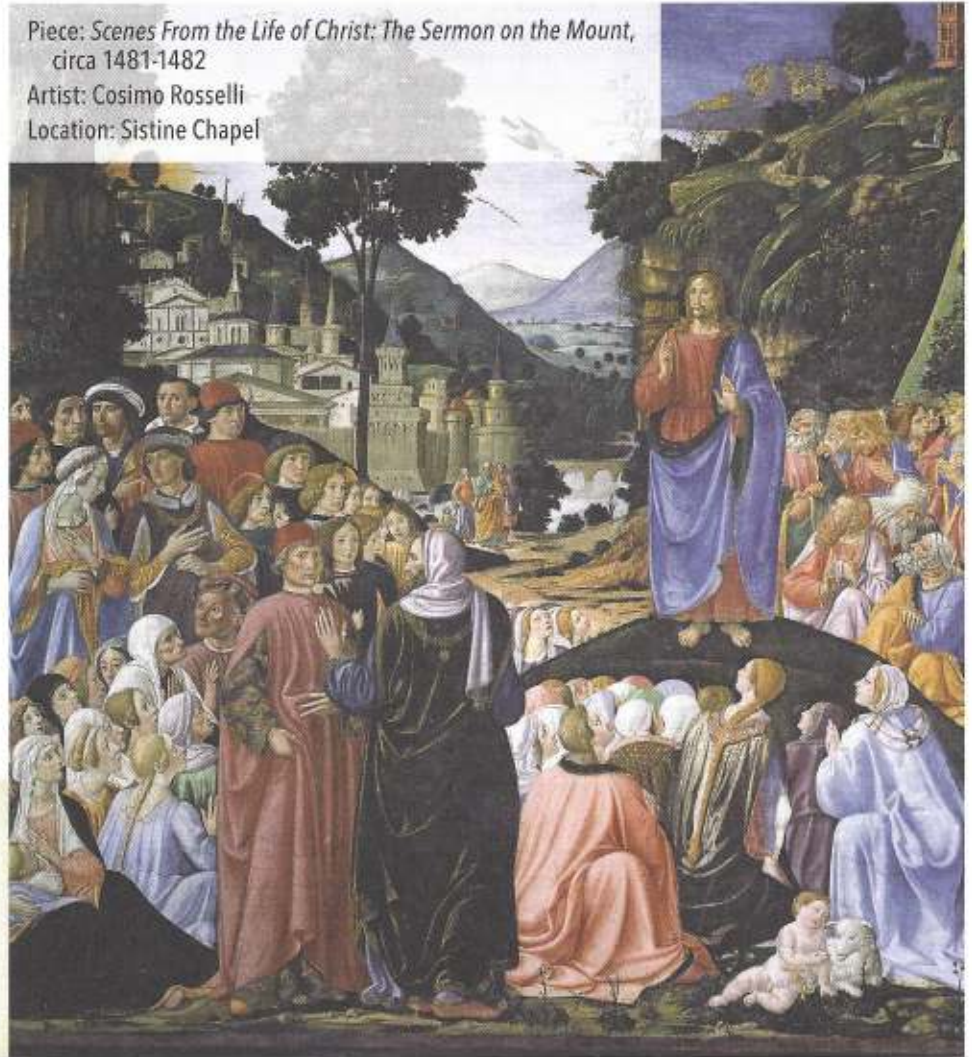
We are modern-day apostles and missionaries. Let’s take a page out of Paul’s book, and offer this gospel of hope and love to so many souls in need.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Piece: *Scenes From the Life of Christ: The Sermon on the Mount*, circa 1481-1482

Artist: Cosimo Rosselli

Location: Sistine Chapel

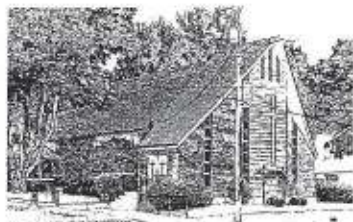


For Reflection

When you look around, what needs for the gospel of love do you see? Which of these needs can you fill as Jesus’ apostle?

[Jesus said,] “Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.”

(Mark 1:38)



Holy Trinity - Cherry

St. Patrick - Arlington

St. Thomas More - Dalzell

3 Church Website: www.bureaucatholic.org

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St. Patrick Catholic Church Is Located At:

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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 5, 2018

Offered For

Monday

† No Mass

Tuesday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 12:15pm

† Carol Bodnum & Bruna Wiltse

Wednesday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† Fr. Peter Mary Rookey

Thursday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 9:00am

† Loretta Flaherty

Friday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† Fr. Norbert Rigali

** Divine Mercy Chaplet - Fridays at 3PM

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions
Weekend of February 10-11 2018

Saturday Vigil:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 4:00 PM

† For The Parishioners

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† Ann Maggio

Sunday:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30 AM

† Ann Doyle

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM

† Lois Anderson

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† Pat Pirtch

**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 - Kathy Bonucchi

SERVERS

Saturday - 4:00PM -

Antonia Cattani & RJ Talbot

Sunday - 8:30AM -

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St. Patrick

LECTOR

Sunday - 10:30AM - Bernice Keutzer

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sunday - 10:30AM - ?

SERVERS

Sunday - 10:30AM -

Carter & Casen Cherry

St. Thomas More

ROSARY

Sat 5:30PM - Joelle Crockett

LECTOR

Sat 5:30PM - Joelle Crockett

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sat 5:30PM - Jyll Pozzi

SERVERS

Sat 5:30PM - ?

**UPCOMING
CHURCH EVENTS**

February 7 - Rosary Against Evil - Holy Trinity - 5:30pm

February 9 - Mercy Prayers - St. Thomas More Chapel - 3pm

February 13 - Mardi Gras - St. Thomas More Hall

February 19 - Reparation Rosary/Mass Holy Trinity - 5:30pm Rosary/6pm Mass

March 3 - St. Patrick Sausage Making

Last Sunday's Offering

Holy Trinity - \$1858.00

Needed Weekly - \$1700 (-\$1463.00)

St. Patrick - \$610.00

Needed Weekly - \$700 (-\$336.00)

St. Thomas More - \$840.00

Needed Weekly - \$700 (\$540.00)

**** (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!

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. If the roads are too icy or not cleared because of high snowfall, the immediate Mass in Dalzell will be celebrated but at Cherry and Arlington they will 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. And please check with WLPO (1220AM) 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 St. Thomas More Church during the month of January in Dalzell. 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

Jesus' mission was to always heal the sick and preach about the Kingdom of God. And we still need His help to heal the sick today, if it His will! The Gospel is set about 30 yards in from the shore of the Sea of Galilee, as Jesus heals Simon's mother-in-law. Also, the synagogue where Jesus gave the "Bread of Life" discourse was right behind Simon's house.

Jesus could use His own power to heal people. But He could also heal a greater number of people through teaching the love of God. Our faith can also heal us because of our belief in Jesus Christ, if we have a true faith. All we need to do, is the not so easy thing, and live every facet of our life for Jesus. May God be with us and always bless us!

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 5

St. Agatha,
Virgin and Martyr

1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13

Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday

February 6

St. Paul Miki and
Companions, Martyrs

1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30

Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday

February 7

Weekday

1 Kgs 10:1-10

Mk 7:14-23

Thursday

February 8

Weekday

1 Kgs 11:4-13

Mk 7:24-30

Friday

February 9

Weekday

1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19

Mk 7:31-37

Saturday

February 10

St. Scholastica,
Virgin

1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34

Mk 8:1-10

Sunday

February 11

Sixth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46

1 Cor 10:31-11:1

Mk 1:40-45

Dear Padre,

How can I ask my priest for better homilies?

First, let me commend you for not just accepting bad preaching as a necessary evil. Priests are just like anyone else: Each has his gifts, and not everyone is a gifted preacher.

One of the best things parishioners can do for their priest is to give him



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some honest, specific, helpful feedback instead of the generic, "Nice homily, Father." Many people say that so automatically that it's been said to me even when I wasn't the priest who delivered the homily!

Most priests don't get a lot of quality feedback on their preaching.

Some may find it hard to hear a critique, but most would welcome sincere, constructive criticism as long as it comes from the heart and the goal is to make them better preachers. You can even do this in a letter. Just be sure to sign it so he will take it seriously and be able to contact you for further feedback.

Keep in mind that a homily is not the same as a sermon. Whereas a sermon often includes a lot of moralizing, a homily must artfully draw the listener into questions of the human heart and bring that day's Scripture reading to bear on those questions. In that homily we hear in faith how hope, love, sacrifice, and belief in God guide us on our life journey.

Fr. Rick Potts, CSsR
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A Word From Pope Francis

Jesus sends his disciples out to all nations....We too were part of all those people of two thousand years ago. Jesus did not provide a short list of who is, or is not, worthy of receiving his message and his presence. Instead, he always embraced life as he saw it.

—Canonization of Fr. Junípero Serra, September 23, 2015