

You Are Really Something!

The description of the disciples found in today's Gospel is an impressive compliment—and an even greater challenge. Jesus tells them they are “salt of the earth” (Matthew 5:13), bringing out the good taste of living. In other words, life would be bland and uninteresting without them. They are also the “light of the world” (Matthew 5:14), helping people find their way. Without them, others would stumble and fall. Jesus is telling them how important they are in the lives of others. They could each and all say: I am really something!

Such compliments are also a challenge. What must one do to be salt and light in the lives of others? The Isaian passage provides some suggestions: Share your bread with the hungry; shelter the oppressed and the homeless; clothe the naked; don't turn your back on your own; remove from your midst oppression, false accusation, and malicious speech. In other words, to be salt or light is to meet the needs of the needy. This teaching of Jesus is not as easy as it might at first look.

Jesus is speaking to his disciples, his followers. They are not those who are simply curious about this itinerant preacher or remarkable healer. They have chosen to follow him, not merely from place to place, but to model their lives after his. Isn't that what we also claim to be—his followers? Haven't we promised to model our lives after his? If so, as both compliment and challenge he says to us as well, “You are really something!”

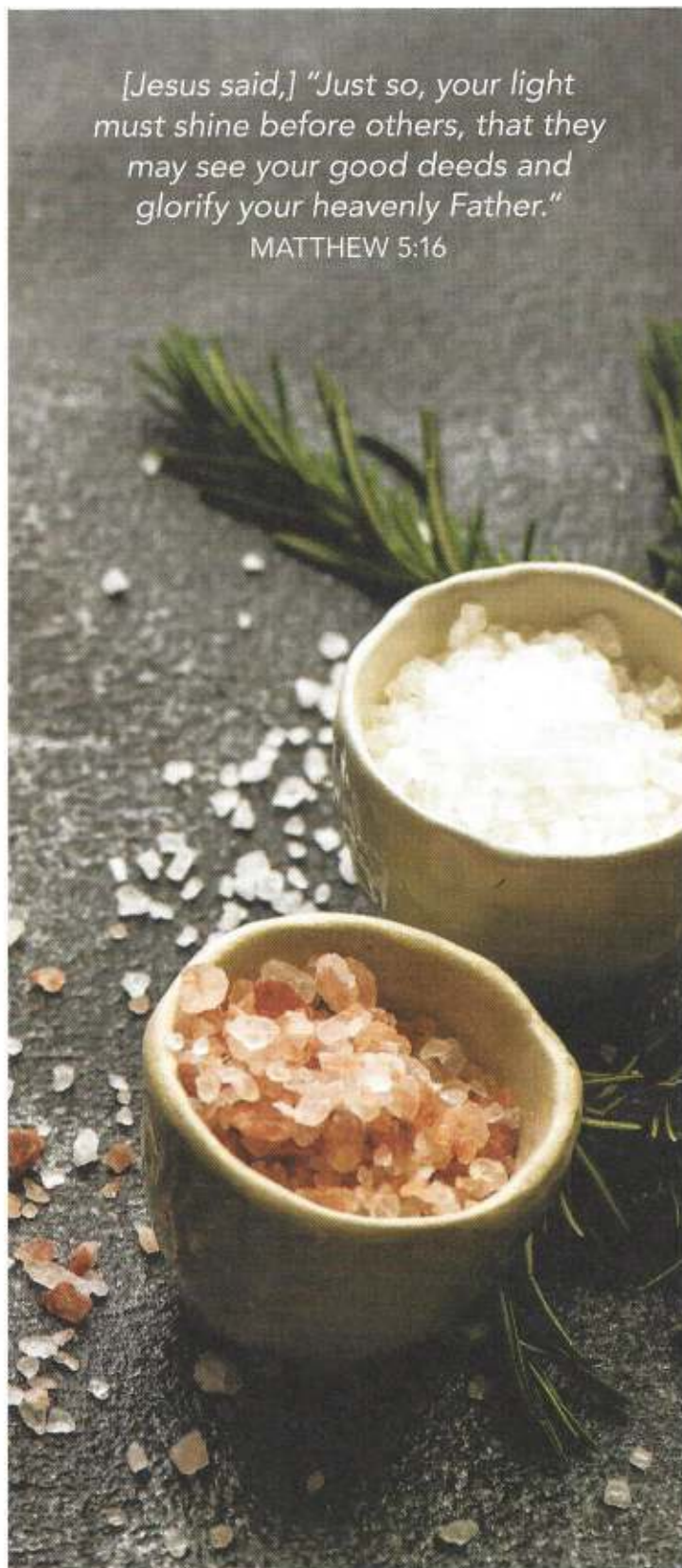
—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

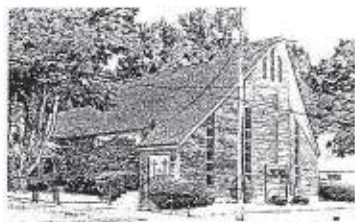
- ★ In what ways do you already enrich or enlighten the lives of others?
- ★ In what ways is this compliment a challenge for you?

[Jesus said,] “Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.”

MATTHEW 5:16



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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 9, 2020

Offered For

Monday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30pm

† No Mass

Tuesday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 12:15pm

† Purgatorial Society

Wednesday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† Father Rookey

Thursday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30am

† Dorothy Flaherty

Friday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† Purgatorial Society

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions

Weekend of February 15-16, 2019

Offered For

Saturday Vigil:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 4:00 PM

† Norma Templeton

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† Ann Maggio

Sunday:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30 AM

† Lucille Pinter

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM

† Catherine Hunter

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† For The Parishioners

Ministry Schedule For Next Weekend

Holy Trinity

LECTOR

Saturday - 4:00PM - Tina Dominy

Sunday - 8:30AM - Mary Jane Marincic

SERVERS

Saturday - 4:00PM -

?

Sunday - 8:30AM - ?

COUNTERS

Sunday - 8:30AM -

Sheila Pinter & Scott Shilkuski

St. Patrick

LECTOR

Sunday - 10:30AM - Bernice Keutzer

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

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

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

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

Last Sunday's Offering

Holy Trinity - \$1324.00

St. Patrick - \$864.00

St. Thomas More - \$502.00

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

None

For The Week

Father Pat is in the process of changing the source for our web giving. And make sure it is available for more than Holy Trinity but all three churches. The web giving can also be for our cemeteries and any special needs we set up. So it should be much better, and more useful, and it is secure and encrypted for all entries for our transactions. If this is something you are interested in, we will have info available for you to think about it or if you would like us to help you with it, we can do that too!

This Gospel was mentioned last weekend in part. But in this weekends Gospel, it is expanded to the subject of salt and light. The Gospel is so important for us today as we have many influences to keep us from adhering to our faith and live it completely. Too often we use our faith when it fits our need instead of letting it direct our everyday actions. So today Jesus reminds us to live our faith and don't hide it. 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,

My church spends too much on flower arrangements. Are they really needed?

Flowers and plants in homes and other buildings create a sense of beauty and welcome. They also help lift the spirits of the infirm in hospitals and the pall of sadness from those who mourn a loved one. Similarly, flowers in churches awaken our senses, embody hospitality, and enliven our spirits. Moreover, living flowers and plants serve “as a reminder of the gift of life God has given to the human community” (“Built of Living Stones,” 129, USCCB, 2000).

Along with other church adornments—both fixed and movable—flowers enkindle in the worshiper a feeling of what St. Peter said at the transfiguration, “Lord, it is good that we are here” (Matthew 17:4, Luke 9:33). They add dignity to the sacred space and visually express the holiness of the mysteries celebrated there. “Sacred buildings and requisites for divine worship should be truly worthy and beautiful and be signs and symbols of heavenly realities” (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 288).

Nevertheless, “floral decoration should always show moderation and be arranged around the altar rather than on the altar table” (*GIRM* 305). Restraint in floral decoration is the norm during Advent. It’s forbidden during Lent, except on Laetare Sunday and feasts, although simple compositions other than flowers are permissible.

To control costs, some parishes rely on volunteers with flower-arranging skills. Arrangements left behind at funerals and funeral homes and from church weddings are also offered for the benefit of the faithful.

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

Christian life has to be a life that must blossom in works of charity, in doing what is good. But if you have no roots, you cannot blossom, and who is the root? Jesus! ... “What blossoms a tree bears come from what lies underneath it.” Never cut off Jesus’ roots.

—GENERAL AUDIENCE, MARCH 21, 2018



Calendar

Monday

FEBRUARY 10
Saint Scholastica,
Virgin
1 Kgs 8:1–7, 9–13
Mk 6:53–56

Tuesday

FEBRUARY 11
Weekday
1 Kgs 8:22–23, 27–30
Mk 7:1–13

Wednesday

FEBRUARY 12
Weekday
1 Kgs 10:1–10
Mk 7:14–23

Thursday

FEBRUARY 13
Weekday
1 Kgs 11:4–13
Mk 7:24–30

Friday

FEBRUARY 14
Sts. Cyril, Monk, and
Methodius, Bishop
1 Kgs 11:29–32;
12:19
Mk 7:31–37

Saturday

FEBRUARY 15
Weekday
1 Kgs 12:26–32;
13:33–34
Mk 8:1–10

Sunday

FEBRUARY 16
Sixth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Sir 15:15–20
1 Cor 2:6–10
Mt 5:17–37 or
Mt 5:20–22a, 27–28,
33–34a, 37