



# Our Parish COMMUNITY

March 10, 2019

First Sunday of Lent (C)

Dt 26:4-10

Rom 10:8-13

Lk 4:1-13

## Learning from Jesus' Temptations

Every Lent, priests, nuns, monks, and many laypeople pray the following: "Be sober and vigilant. Your opponent the devil is prowling around like a roaring lion looking for [someone] to devour" (1 Peter 5:8). Jesus encountered this truth in his temptations in the desert, another place in his ministry where he experienced the struggle of humanity.

The temptations begin, "If you are the Son of God..." All our temptations begin by doubting and challenging Jesus to prove himself. Although Jesus is all-powerful and all-good, we struggle to make sense of suffering and tragedies.

The temptations continue as Jesus is invited to satisfy himself, impress others, and skip suffering. But Jesus responds repeatedly in humility. In the desert he doesn't turn stones into bread. Later, he does something far greater; he turns bread and wine into himself. When tempted, we cry out to him to soften

the hard realities of our lives. And Jesus does just that. He suffers in his passion, dies, and rises again to become life-giving bread for us. He becomes manna in our desert.

When we wish for power, Jesus promises we will reign with him if we also let him suffer for us and we with him. The devil would have us take matters into our own hands, doubt God, and make him prove himself by our measures. Yet if we listen to Jesus, look at his answers, and learn from his life, then true power will be ours.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

### *For Reflection*

*What makes me question God the most?*

*How can God's word and Jesus' passion, death, and resurrection respond to that doubt?*



Piece: *Temptations of Christ* (detail), 1482  
Artist: Sandro Botticelli  
Location: Sistine Chapel

*When the devil had finished every temptation, he departed from him for a time.*  
*Luke 4:13*





Holy Trinity - Cherry

St. Patrick - Arlington

St. Thomas More - Dalzell

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Mass & Confession Schedule

Holy Trinity Catholic Parish

Weekend Masses

<i>Sunday Vigil (Saturday) -</i>	4:00 PM
<i>Sunday Mass -</i>	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 March 11, 2019

Offered For

Monday

St. Patrick, Arlington - 5:30pm (followed by rosary) † No Mass

Tuesday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 12:15pm

† Purgatorial Society

Wednesday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† Ron & Lynn Raef

Thursday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30am

† Edmund & Kathryn Flaherty

Friday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† Dorothy, Dominic, Eldon, Harold

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 4:30pm (with Stations)

† Homer Mata

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

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions

Weekend of March 16-17, 2019

Saturday Vigil:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 4:00 PM

† Gerald Funfsinn

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† Dulcy, Grover & Henry Wiese

Sunday:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30 AM

† For The Parishioners

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM

† Dec Memb Fleming/Kapraun's

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† Mary Jane Gorski



## Ministry Schedule For Next Weekend

### Holy Trinity

#### LECTOR

Saturday - 4:00PM - Kathy Pullam

Sunday - 8:30AM - Gerald Schlenz

#### SERVERS

Saturday - 4:00PM -

Katelyn Pullam & Emily Robbins

Sunday - 8:30AM -

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### St. Patrick

#### LECTOR

Sunday - 10:30AM - Bruce Galloway

#### SERVERS

Sunday - 10:30AM -

Claire & Brooke Lovgren

### St. Thomas More

#### ROSARY

Sat 5:30PM - TBD

#### LECTOR

Sat 5:30PM - Mary Ann Schoening

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sat 5:30PM - Judy Szymowicz

#### SERVERS

Sat 5:30PM - ?

## UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

March 13 - Rosary Against Evil - St. Patrick (Arlington) - 6PM

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

March 17 - St. Pats Annual Pancake/Sausage Breakfast - SP Hall - 8am - 1pm

March 18 - Mass Reparation Sins/Rosary - St. Patrick (Arlington) - 5:30pm (No Rosary Wednesday)

March 30 - Holy Trinity Trivia Night - Doors Open 6pm - Trivia Starts 7pm

### Last Sunday's Offering

Holy Trinity - \$1191.00  
Needed Weekly - \$1700 (-\$20577.00)

St. Patrick - \$434.00  
Needed Weekly - \$700 (-\$5253.00)

St. Thomas More - \$746.00  
Needed Weekly - \$900 (\$4897.00)

\*\* (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. The cost is \$10 per person. Doors open 6pm and Trivia games start at 7pm. More info to come.

## Mass for Reparation of Sins Every Third Monday

Coming Monday, March 18th at 5:30PM at St. Patrick in Arlington, 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!

## St. Thomas More Ravs/Meals Phone Line

After much consideration, we have purchased a phone line to receive orders for Rav's, other items sold, and for meals made in the St. Thomas More Hall through the year. It has voice mail to leave your name and phone number and your order for when it is unattended. The phone number is 815-252-2215. Thank you and we hope this helps everybody!

## 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

None

## For The Week

Before Jesus began His public ministry as recorded in the Gospel, He spent 40 days in the desert. If we pray over it, it makes perfect sense that Jesus would need to be in complete unison with His Father to carry out His work on earth. If Jesus could handle the devil's temptations, He could handle any obstacles to His mission to bring people closer to God.

So for us we have that same mission to always be close to God. We may not spend 40 days in the desert. But for most of us we have enough temptations ourselves to work through. So this Lent we need to spend more time focusing on if God is with us or the world. Have a Blessed and Holy Lent!

## 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

MARCH 11

Lenten Weekday

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18

Mt 25:31-46

### Tuesday

MARCH 12

Lenten Weekday

Is 55:10-11

Mt 6:7-15

### Wednesday

MARCH 13

Lenten Weekday

Jon 3:1-10

Lk 11:29-32

### Thursday

MARCH 14

Lenten Weekday

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25

Mt 7:7-12

### Friday

MARCH 15

Lenten Weekday

Ez 18:21-28

Mt 5:20-26

### Saturday

MARCH 16

Lenten Weekday

Dt 26:16-19

Mt 5:43-48

### Sunday

MARCH 17

Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18

Phil 3:17-4:1

or Phil 3:20-4:1

Lk 9:28b-36

# Dear Padre,

**In some books and movies, the devil is depicted as an all-powerful, unconquerable force. Is this the true image of Satan? What should be the Christian response toward the devil?**

In years of priesthood, I have infrequently encountered situations in which the presence of evil was palpable. Typically, they involved the abuse of someone innocent and vulnerable. These incidents remind me of my need for a deeper trust in God, and the strength of someone spiritually wiser than I, if such evil is to be repelled.

However, the usual way Satan operates is by subtly seducing us into confusion, complacency, and self-will. Indeed, isn't that the case in today's Gospel of Jesus' temptations in the desert?

Jesus experienced not only a frontal assault by the devil, but also the hunger, fear, and isolation that make all of us vulnerable to false gods of greed, security, or power. When the devil addressed him in his privation and vulnerability, Jesus found ways to call upon God's word and power. Satan's attack was vanquished in the desert.

Likewise, our encounters with this real, fallen angel will persist. We will always be vulnerable, with the devil always watching for an opportune time. "One day at a time" can summarize our approach to evil.

We need to rely on God's power daily to lead us through a maze of choices. The next day we must again seek the same God-bestowed grace of wisdom and courage, calling on God to lead us in God's ways. In other words, God's grace is sufficient and available if we call upon it daily.

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## A Word from Pope Francis

*The devil wants you to quarrel among yourselves, because in this way he divides you, he defeats you, and he robs you of faith. Therefore, solidarity among brothers and sisters to defend the faith!....Go forward and don't let the devil divide you!*

—Visit to Bañado Norte, Paraguay, February 19, 2017