



March 11, 2018

Fourth Sunday of Lent (B)

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23

Eph 2:4-10

Jn 3:14-21

Healed Through His Wounds

Jesus refers to the story that Michelangelo painted into a corner of the Sistine Chapel. It is about the time the Chosen People were attacked by serpents and many were dying. God instructed Moses to place two serpents on a staff and lift it up over the people. All they had to do was look at the serpents to be miraculously healed of their bite wounds.

We have all been bitten by sin. This can be our own self-destructive choices and attitudes, or we can be victims of other's sins. Yet sin and suffering doesn't need to have the last word. We can overcome if we choose to look at Christ crucified and learn his lesson of love. Jesus teaches us to not be defined by our ugly choices or the wounds we suffer. Our wounds and weaknesses can become the place of our healing. Jesus wants to heal us. That is why he let himself be lifted up!

To embrace this healing is simple yet challenging. First it requires simple faith to believe you are loved by the Father, no matter what. Second we need a constant, often-denied effort on our part to sincerely repent and work with

God's grace to transform self-limiting attitudes and habits into virtues.

Even if you feel dead in your transgressions now, Jesus has already secured your path to life. Grace awaits you. The first step is to accept the love from he who is lifted up with arms outstretched to receive you.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

Do I have any unspoken beliefs that, in some way, I am unlovable?

Do I need to repent from whatever attitudes or actions distance me from that love?



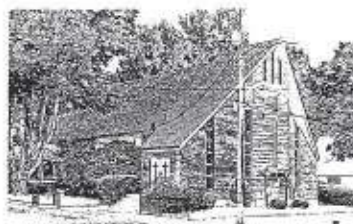
Piece: *The Brazen Serpent*, 1508-1512

Artist: Michelangelo

Location: Sistine Chapel

[Jesus said,] "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up."

John 3:14



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 - 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 March 12, 2018

Offered For

Monday

† No Mass

Tuesday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 12:15pm

† Loretta Flaherty

Wednesday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† Joe, Doris & Joe Jr. Stefko

Thursday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 9:00am

† Elsie Meyer

Friday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† Ruth Martin

St. Patrick, Arlington - 5:45pm

† Dec. Members Crowe Family

** Divine Mercy Prayers - Fridays at 3PM (St. Thomas More Adoration Room)

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions

Weekend of March 17-18, 2018

Saturday Vigil:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 4:00 PM

† Leroy Padgett

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† Dato & Marian Olivero

Sunday:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30 AM

† For The Parishioners

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM

† Dec. Members Fleming/Kapraun

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† Natalie Ceresa

Ministry Schedule
For Next Weekend

Holy Trinity

LECTOR

Saturday - 4:00PM - Kathy Pullam

Sunday - 8:30AM - Mary Jane Marincic

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday - 4:00PM - Sheila Campbell

Sunday - 8:30AM - Mary Jo Brust

SERVERS

Saturday - 4:00PM -

Katelyn Pullam & Emily Robbins

Sunday - 8:30AM -

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St. Patrick

LECTOR

Sunday - 10:30AM - Bruce Galloway

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sunday - 10:30AM - Ann Kapraun

SERVERS

Sunday - 10:30AM -

Luke Lovgren & Dylan Tornow

St. Thomas More

ROSARY

Sat 5:30PM - Cheryl Stowe

LECTOR

Sat 5:30PM - Frank Magana

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sat 5:30PM - Cheryl Stowe

SERVERS

Sat 5:30PM - ?

UPCOMING

CHURCH EVENTS

March 9 - St. Thomas More Lent Fish Fry -
5-7:30pm - STM Hall

March 14 - Rosary Against Evil - St.
Patrick's - 5:30pm

March 18 - St. Patrick Sausage/Pancake
Breakfast - 8am to 1pm - Bp. Franz Hall

March 19 - Rosary/Mass for Reparation
Sins - St. Patrick's - 5:30pm (No Wed Rosary)

March 23 - St. Thomas More Lent Fish Fry
- 5-7:30pm - STM Hall

Last Sunday's Offering

Holy Trinity - \$1583.00

Needed Weekly - \$1700 (-\$3198.00)

St. Patrick - \$541.00

Needed Weekly - \$700 (-\$1102.00)

St. Thomas More - \$1105.00

Needed Weekly - \$900 (\$1760.00)

**(Parentheses) = Overage/Deficit of
Collection

St. Patrick's Pancake &
Sausage Breakfast

On March 3rd, St. Patrick's made a bunch, a bunch of sausage. There is some left to be sold. So it isn't too late to buy some! Just ask Lynne or Lauren.

Next weekend, on Sunday March 18, they will have their "All You Can Eat" Pancake & Sausage Feast. The eggs, pancakes and sausage will be available from 8am until 1pm. Come and enjoy!

St. Thomas More Fish Fry

On Friday March 23rd, St. Thomas More will be having their last Lenten Fish Fry. The dinner will begin at 5pm and end at 7:30pm. Holy Mass followed by the Stations of the Cross will precede the dinner starting at 4:30pm.

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. 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) or bureaucatholic.org website 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. Patrick Church during the month of March in Arlington. The weeks where Mass and Rosary is celebrated there is no Wednesday rosary. 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

Through time, people on earth have gone through periods where God has been forgotten or snubbed by society. Those times brought about much death until people realized that they needed God in order for the bloodshed to stop. We are in one of those periods now where God, Jesus Christ is being snubbed by society and countries around the world, even ours.

People aren't living their lives for God anymore but for themselves. With this, people need to realize every day is a gift from God. As our lives are faced with extinction, while the earth renews itself, we need to thank God by living a holy life every day and not just Sundays. This is why Jesus came! May God be with us and always bless us with His Real Presence during this Lent!

ADA Goals 2017-18

Holy Trinity - \$16,569.00

Pledges To Date \$13,120.00 (79%)

St. Patrick - \$10,065.00

Pledges To Date \$10,065.00 (100%)

St. Thomas More - \$9,493.00

Pledges To Date \$9,493.00 (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 12

Lenten Weekday

Is 65:17-21

Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday

March 13

Lenten Weekday

Ez 47:1-9, 12

Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday

March 14

Lenten Weekday

Is 49:8-15

Jn 5:17-30

Thursday

March 15

Lenten Weekday

Ex 32:7-14

Jn 5:31-47

Friday

March 16

Lenten Weekday

Wis 2:1a, 12-22

Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday

March 17

Lenten Weekday

Jer 11:18-20

Jn 7:40-53

Sunday

March 18

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Jer 31:31-34

Heb 5:7-9

Jn 12:20-33

Dear Padre,

A friend said he was looking forward to celebrating the Triduum. Can you explain that word to me?

The word *triduum* is Latin meaning "three days." In the early part of the 1900s, most major feasts of the Church were preceded by three days of prayer and pious exercises in preparation for the feast at hand. Today we use the word to refer to the paschal Triduum. These three days celebrate Christianity's most sacred events—the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

The official beginning of the paschal Triduum takes place the evening of Holy Thursday, when we celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper. This day is also referred to as Maundy Thursday, because Jesus gives a command

(*mandatum*) to his followers to be an example of love and service to others. The Mass of the Lord's Supper ends in somber stillness, as the tabernacle is emptied and the altar is stripped bare. The priests, ministers, and congregation then exit in silence.

Good Friday is a day of somber quiet, as we relive the passion and death of Jesus. The service centers on the solemn veneration of the cross. Holy Saturday is characterized by the spirit of waiting and quiet anticipation until the festive Easter Vigil, celebrated in the evening, when the Church comes alive with the new light of Christ and catechumens are joyfully received into the eucharistic community. The Triduum ends with Evening Prayer on Easter Sunday.



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A Word From Pope Francis

Jesus shows a particular predilection for those who are wounded in body and in spirit: the poor, the sinners, the possessed, the sick, the marginalized. Thus, he reveals himself as a doctor both of souls and of bodies, the Good Samaritan of man. He is the true Savior: Jesus saves, Jesus cures, Jesus heals.

—Angelus, February 8, 2015