



## The Meaning of the Gardens of Scripture

Focus on this painting and you will be drawn across the space between the gaze of Jesus and the chalice the angel offers. Sebastiano understands the essence of the agony in the Garden—the loneliness of Jesus before the bitter cup the Father extends to him via the hands of an angel.

Jesus' attitude in receiving this passion is evident in his open arms. Like the posture he will assume when nailed to the cross, he shows his humble acceptance and abandonment.

Gardens don't appear often in Scripture, but they are important. There is the Garden of Eden, the place of God's

creative love and man's original sin. There is the garden in the Song of Songs—a garden of passion, possession, and life-giving union. Where is Jesus' tomb, and where does Mary Magdalene, the transformed lover, find Jesus on Easter morning? In the Scriptures, gardens are a place of new life, sin, and redemption. It's where lovers go; where love is declared and tested.

This is important in understanding the drama of our Lord's agony in the Garden. It is the drama inside of love. It is the drama of acceptance and abandonment, trust and generosity, life and death.

Jesus knows this and goes into the Garden to do what Adam failed to do in the first Garden. He goes to pay the price of love. He engenders new life by giving his own. He looks at the chalice, the price of our salvation, and with a heart full of generous, uncomplicated love, accepts the Father's invitation. "Not my will but yours be done."

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



Piece: *Christ in the Garden of Gethsemane*, 1746  
Artist: Sebastiano Conca  
Location: Pinacoteca, Vatican Museums

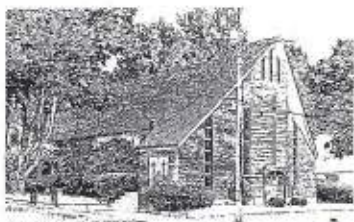
### *For Reflection*

*How can I receive Jesus' self-giving love for me more deeply?*

*How should I imitate Jesus' self-giving love in my relationships?*

*[Christ Jesus] offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears.  
Hebrews 5:7*





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 19, 2018

Offered For

Monday

St. Patrick, Arlington - 5:30pm (Rosary/Mass)

† Barb Oleson

Tuesday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 12:15pm

† Edmund & Kathryn Flaherty

Wednesday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† Charles & Jean Olivero

Thursday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 9:00am

† Elsie Meyer

Friday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† Madonna Mini

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 4:30pm (Stations Following) † Ruth Martin

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

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions

Weekend of March 24-25, 2018

Saturday Vigil:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 4:00 PM

† Rita Kunkel

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† For The Parishioners

Sunday:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30 AM

† Mary Scott

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM

† Lilley "Bonnie" Meyer

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† Eugene Weberski



## Ministry Schedule For Next Weekend

### Holy Trinity

#### LECTOR

Saturday - 4:00PM - T Dominy/K Pullam

Sunday - 8:30AM - G Schlenz/MJ Marincic

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday - 4:00PM - Bill Lauer

Sunday - 8:30AM - Terry Templeton

#### SERVERS

Saturday - 4:00PM -

Tanner Dominy

Sunday - 8:30AM -

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### St. Patrick

#### LECTOR

Sunday - 10:30AM - Bartoli/Sondgeroth

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sunday - 10:30AM - John Kapraun

#### SERVERS

Sunday - 10:30AM -

Ella Cherry & Brooke Lovgren

### St. Thomas More

#### ROSARY

Sat 5:30PM - Mary Ann Schoening

#### LECTOR

Sat 5:30PM - Mary Ann Schoening

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sat 5:30PM - Judy Szymowicz

#### SERVERS

Sat 5:30PM - ?

## UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

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

March 28 - Rosary Against Evil - St.

Patrick's - 5:30pm

### Last Sunday's Offering

Holy Trinity - \$0.00

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

St. Patrick - \$0.00

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

St. Thomas More - \$0.00

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! Bags are 2-1/2 lb for \$9. 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.

## Holy Trinity & St. Patrick Cemetery News

Now that Spring is showing signs of coming! It is time to think about checking our family graves in Arlington and Cherry to see if grave decorations are weathered and need to be replaced, that the weather didn't shift them off graves, and that they are in a position to not interfere with grass cutting when it begins. Thanks for checking the graves out so we can keep our cemeteries beautiful!

### 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

Our own death can be very challenging for us to think about. We prefer to think about life. But if we have a great relationship with Christ that we have developed and we maintain, our life will not end but continue into Heaven.

When we live and receive the sacraments, and live them out in our lives daily (hopefully), Jesus sees how much we value our life with Him! As we pray for our confirmands and one person coming into the Church, to walk away and not live our faith daily puts our very souls at huge risk. God gave us a relationship with Him to be our sustenance in this life towards Heaven, we just need to use it! 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

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St. Thomas More - \$9,493.00

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## 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 19

*St. Joseph, spouse of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary*

2 Sm 7:4–5a, 12–14a, 16

Rom 4:13, 16–18, 22

Mt 1:16, 18–21, 24a or

Lk 2:41–51a

### Tuesday

March 20

*Lenten Weekday*

Nm 21:4–9

Jn 8:21–30

### Wednesday

March 21

*Lenten Weekday*

Dn 3:14–20, 91–92, 95

Jn 8:31–42

### Thursday

March 22

*Lenten Weekday*

Gn 17:3–9

Jn 8:51–59

### Friday

March 23

*Lenten Weekday*

Jer 20:10–13

Jn 10:31–42

### Saturday

March 24

*Lenten Weekday*

Ez 37:21–28

Jn 11:45–56

### Sunday

March 25

*Palm Sunday of  
the Lord's Passion*

Mk 11:1–10 or

Jn 12:12–16

Is 50:4–7

Phil 2:6–11

Mk 14:1–15:47 or

Mk 15:1–39

# Dear Padre,

**I feel self-conscious striking my breast at Mass.  
Isn't this gesture rather exaggerated?**

**T**he Roman Missal proscribes that the assembly strike their breasts at “through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault” during the Confiteor. It doesn't specify striking three times. Later in Eucharistic Prayer I, the priest strikes his breast with his right hand, saying, “To us, also, your servants, who, though sinners....”

Clasping our hands in front of our breast is a recognized gesture of prayer; striking the heart or breast is an ancient penitential expression. It calls to mind Jesus' parable of two men who prayed in the Temple, a prideful Pharisee and a humble tax collector who “beat his breast and prayed, ‘O God, be merciful to me a sinner’” (Luke 18:13).

“Gestures, language, and actions are the physical, visible, and public expressions by which human beings understand and manifest their inner life” (*Built of Living Stones*, NCCB/USCC, 2000). The liturgy has a rich tradition of

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movements that can foster or distract from prayer. “When the gestures are done in common, they contribute to the unity of the worshipping assembly. Gestures which are broad and full in both a visual and tactile sense support the entire symbolic ritual” (*Environment and Art in Catholic Worship*, 56).

Thus, at Mass we bow our heads, bend our knees, and beat our breasts out of humility and reverence for God, “for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted” (Luke 18:14).

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR

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## A Word From Pope Francis

*If God could weep, then I too can weep, in the knowledge that he understands me. The tears of Jesus serve as an antidote to my indifference before the suffering of my brothers and sisters. His tears teach me to make my own the pain of others.*

—Prayer Vigil to “Dry the Tears,” May 5, 2016