

Evil Exchanged for Good

There is a detail in today's first reading that you shouldn't miss. After hearing Moses and his people complain, God stands in front of Moses on the rock and asks Moses to strike toward him. God knows the Israelites' anger directed at Moses is really meant for God himself. God takes the blow and responds with flowing water. He accepts violent rejection and grants us life in return. He exchanges evil for good.

God had already guaranteed the Promised Land, but the Israelites feared to enter it. God had done many miracles for them already, yet they still didn't trust him. In spite of it all, God understands they strike out of their own dissatisfaction, fear, and interior slavery. In the same way, Jesus knows we will strike out at him, yet he responds with love. Nowhere is this truer than on the cross. Christ allows the soldiers to strike, crown, and kill him, saying,

"Father, forgive them..." He is whipped and made to carry a cross, yet he consoles the women of Jerusalem. When his side is pierced, living water flows.

When we complain against God, he offers us mercy and salvation. Rather than blame, assault, or reject, let us do as the penitential act calls—strike our own breast and cry, "I have greatly sinned...Have mercy..." God will respond as he always does, by pouring forth the water of his Spirit which never runs dry into our hearts.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Piece: *Scenes From the Life of Moses:*
The Miracle of the Water Struck From the Rock, 1519
Artist: Raphael Sanzio
Location: Loggia, Apostolic Palace, Vatican City



For Reflection

What are my usual complaints against God?
What responses of mercy does God show me?

"The water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life" (John 4:14).



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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 & Thursday - 12:15 PM

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*

****First Saturday Mass - 8:30AM (Devotions Following)**

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 20, 2017

Offered For

Monday

No Mass

Tuesday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 12:15pm

† Wayne Jaraczewski

Wednesday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† Charles & Jean Olivero

Thursday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 12:15pm

† Marty Klein

Friday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† Madonna Mini

St. Patrick, Arlington - 5:45pm (Stations After)

† Corrine Manning

***** Divine Mercy Chaplet every Friday at 3PM in Divine Mercy Chapel at St. Thomas More**

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions

Weekend of March 25-26, 2017

Saturday Vigil:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 4:00 PM

† Joseph & Della Shevokas

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† Stan Reynolds

Sunday:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30 AM

† For Parishioners

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM

† Dec Members Ira Ritchie Family

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† Eugene Weberski

Ministry Schedule
For Next Weekend

Holy Trinity

LECTOR

Saturday - 4:00PM - Carol Lauer

Sunday - 8:30AM - Jeff Pinter

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday - 4:00PM - Tina Dominy

Sunday - 8:30AM - Terry Templeton

SERVERS

Saturday - 4:00PM -

RJ Talbot & Antonia Cattani

Sunday - 8:30AM -

Corey Pinter

St. Patrick

LECTOR

Sunday - 10:30AM - Steve Sondgeroth

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sunday - 10:30AM - John Kapraun

SERVERS

Sunday - 10:30AM -

Ella Cherry & Brooke Lovgren

St. Thomas More

ROSARY

Sat 5:30PM - Cheryl Stowe

LECTOR

Sat 5:30PM - Mary Ann Schoening

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sat 5:30PM - Judy Szymovicz

SERVERS

Sat 5:30PM - ?

UPCOMING
CHURCH EVENTS

March 19 - St. Joseph's Table - St. Thomas More Hall (after 5:30PM Mass)

March 22 - Rosary - 6PM -
St. Thomas More

March 31 - St. Thomas More Fish Fry - 5-7:30PM - STM Hall

Last Sunday's Offering

Holy Trinity - \$0.00

Needed Weekly - \$1700

St. Patrick - \$0.00

Needed Weekly - \$700

St. Thomas More - \$0.00

Needed Weekly - \$700

St. Patrick Sausage
& Pancake Breakfast
Thanks

A special thank you to all of the great help for the breakfast! And thank you to everyone who came to enjoy the meal!

St. Thomas More
St. Joseph's Table Dinner

On the Feast of St. Joseph on March 19th, we will be having our second St. Joseph's Table meal. We will be providing BBQ sandwiches and spaghetti, and drinks. But what we need help with are different soups, breads, and desserts. There is a signup sheet in the back of the church. There will be no cost for the meal except a goodwill offering. Please join us!

The Rosary Against Evil

The rosary we are beginning on Wednesday nights at 6PM begins at St. Thomas More and then will be rotated monthly between the other two churches. A recent message from Heaven spoke of the need to pray more fervently against the evil which is being released on humanity in the days ahead. The rosary is and always has been our greatest weapon **a g a i n s t e v i l !**

St. Thomas More
Lent Fish Fry

On March 31st, our second Lent Fish Fry will be taking place at St. Thomas More Hall from 5-7:30PM. The meal consists of fried fish, fries, salad, dessert and a drink. The cost for the meal is \$10 for adults and children (7 & under) for \$5. Carryout's are available too!

Upcoming Area Events

For The Week

The story of the woman at the well is one of the great stories of the New Testament. And it is very challenging to all of us, especially during Lent. It is one of the great stories of conversion in the Bible too. It is a story which is not too different from what we might face today. Just as the situation in the story with the Samaritan woman, a sinner struggling with life, meeting Jesus at the well, we come to Mass as sinners too. Often we have our mind made up about what things we might hear and if we will accept it.

God, Jesus, asks us to leave our predispositions at home and come to Mass with an open heart and mind to receive Jesus into our lives in new ways. So today we ask Jesus for that help!

May God always bless us and keep us safe!

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 20

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

Tuesday

March 21

Lenten Weekday

Dn 3:25, 34-43

Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday

March 22

Lenten Weekday

Dt 4:1, 5-9

Mt 5:17-19

Thursday

March 23

Lenten Weekday

Jer 7:23-28

Lk 11:14-23

Friday

March 24

Lenten Weekday

Hos 14:2-10

Mk 12:28-34

Saturday

March 25

Annunciation
of the Lord

Is 7:10-14; 8:10

Heb 10:4-10

Lk 1:26-38

Sunday

March 26

Fourth Sunday
of Lent

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

Eph 5:8-14

Jn 9:1-41

Dear Padre,

Sometimes a priest at Mass skips (or forgets) the blessing after the *Confiteor*: "May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life." I learned this prayer is important because it prepares us to receive the Eucharist. Is that correct?

The penitential act at Mass concludes with the priest's absolution, but it "lacks the efficacy of the Sacrament of Penance" (*GIRM* 51). In *The Tridentine Missal*, the *Confiteor* was followed by a version of the formula in use today and a second formula: "May the almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, absolution, and remission of all our sins." This second, quasi-absolution is omitted in the current rite, along with the sign of the cross that accompanied it.

Jesus told Simon and his companions to lower their nets after they had caught nothing. When their boats began to sink with so many fish, Simon fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man" (Luke 5:8). Often, when entering God's presence, we are so filled with awe that we become aware of our own sinfulness. Yet our primary purpose in gathering for worship is not to acknowledge our sins but to acknowledge God's mercy.

Thus, the penitential act exists to unite the faithful as a community and to prepare them to listen to God's word and to celebrate the Eucharist (*GIRM* 46).

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A Word From Pope Francis

"To stick to the way of evil will only leave one deluded and sad. True life is something entirely different....[God] is always ready to listen....All one needs to do is accept the invitation to conversion and submit oneself to justice."

—*Misericordiae Vultus*