

Appreciating God's Patience

God is very patient, but his patience doesn't last forever.

In the Old Testament, after God spoke to Abraham and Lot's subsequent rebellion, some 500 years passed before God revealed himself again—this time to Moses. God takes the first step toward Abraham and, when his descendants turned away, he steps back. He reached out again to Moses and revealed his name so that Moses could enter into a personal relationship with him and explain his name to others. God wants to be known by his people and by you!

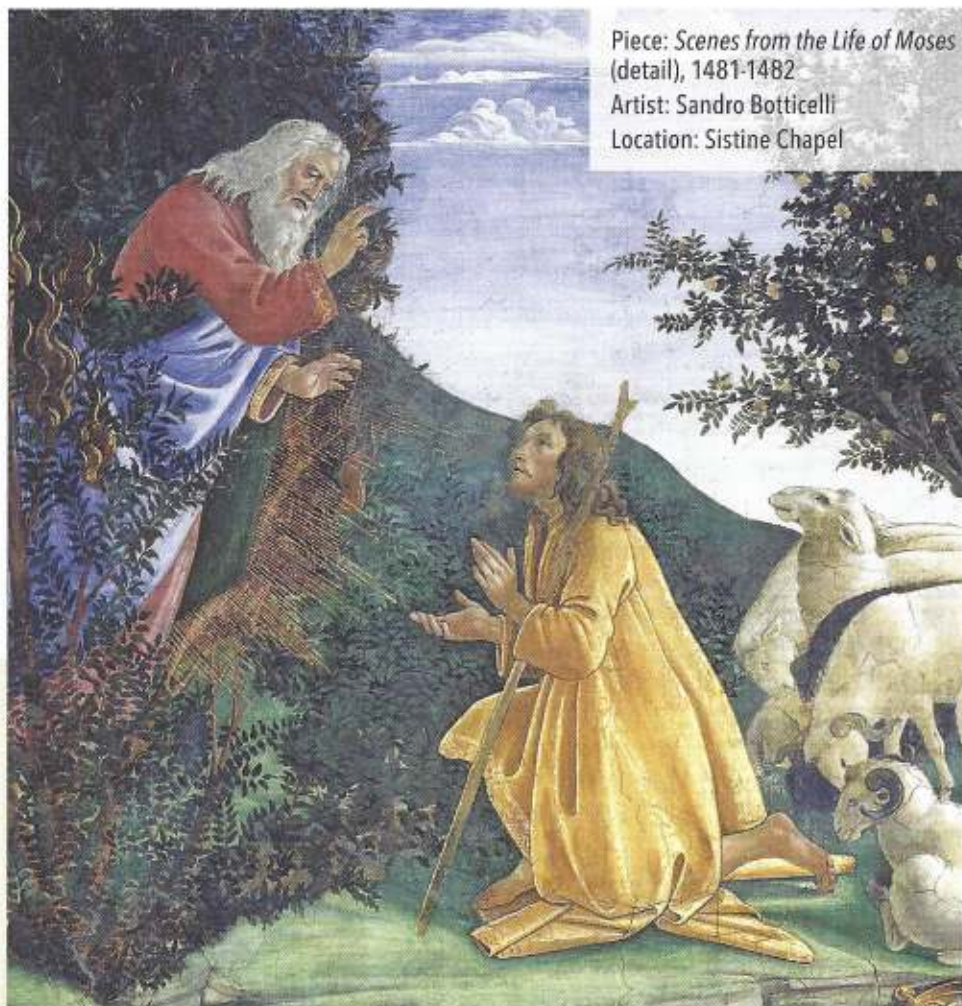
So here we learn that with this revelation of God comes a responsibility. He unveils his mysterious face but he also desires a loving response and for us to witness about him to others.

Saint Paul makes it clear that God eventually ran out of patience with the Chosen People in the desert. After freeing the Israelites from Egypt with signs and wonders, giving them his law, and feeding them in the desert, they complained against him.

Like the fig tree in the gospel, he gave them ample time and multiple encores of his love and mercy. Yet eventually, his love took the form of tough love—forty years of desert wanderings.

Lent is another expression of God's patience toward us. He is once again sowing the seeds of conversion, hoping for the fruits of our change of heart—fruits of love, forgiveness, repentance, and renewal.

He gives time for his cultivating efforts to take effect and for fruit to appear, but our life on earth is finite, so that time isn't unlimited. —Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



Piece: *Scenes from the Life of Moses* (detail), 1481-1482

Artist: Sandro Botticelli

Location: Sistine Chapel

For Reflection

Is there a particular way I “desire evil things,” as St. Paul says in the second reading?

God shows me patience and mercy yet again this year. How shall I respond?

“So, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future.”

Luke 13:8



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 - 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 ****Wednesday - 4-5PM**

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 25, 2019

Offered For

Monday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30pm (followed by rosary) † No Mass

Tuesday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 12:15pm

† Connie Lauer

Wednesday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† Special Intention

Thursday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30am

† Purgatorial Society

Friday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† Fred Buck, Sr.

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

† Catherine Hunter

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

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions

Weekend of March 30-31, 2019

Saturday Vigil:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 4:00 PM

† For The Parishioners

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† Homer Mata

Sunday:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30 AM

† Lucille Pinter

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM

† Barb Hild

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† Bev Gualandri

**Ministry Schedule
For Next Weekend**

Holy Trinity

LECTOR

Saturday - 4:00PM - Tina Dominy
Sunday - 8:30AM - Gerald Schlenz

SERVERS

Saturday - 4:00PM -
Tanner Dominy
Sunday - 8:30AM - ?

COUNTERS

Sunday - 8:30AM -
K. Bonucchi & L Black

St. Patrick

LECTOR

Sunday - 10:30AM - Linda Beattie

SERVERS

Sunday - 10:30AM -
Dylan & Brandon Tornow

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

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

April 5 - St. Thomas More Lent Fish Fry - STM Hall - 4:30-7:30PM

April 15 - Mass Reparation Sins/Rosary - St. Thomas More (Dalzell) - 5:30pm (No Rosary Wednesday)

Last Sunday's Offering

Holy Trinity - \$1755.00
Needed Weekly - \$1700 (-\$21534.00)
St. Patrick - \$448.00
Needed Weekly - \$700 (-\$5855.00)
St. Thomas More - \$1221.00
Needed Weekly - \$900 (\$5386.00)
**(Parentheses) = Overage/Deficit of Collection

**St. Patrick Pancake
& Sausage Breakfast Thanks**

Thank you to everyone who helped make the breakfast a success despite the snow. And so if you missed the breakfast, we hope that you can join us next March!

**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.

**Our Three
Church Directory**

As we begin work on the church directory for the three churches, these are the days and the times for the pictures:

Thursday, May 9th - STM Hall
- 2-8:30PM
Friday, May 10th - HT Hall
- 2-8:30PM
Saturday, May 11th - HT Hall
- 10:30AM - 4PM

The internet is only available for appointments Monday through Friday. Appointments can be made before or after Masses on weekends.

**Mass for Reparation of Sins
Every Third Monday**

Coming Monday, April 15th 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. 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!

Special Event In Area

April 2 - Cherry Pie & Coffee - Holy Trinity Hall - 1:30-3:30PM

For The Week

In this Holy Season of Lent, we are all supposed to be growing closer to God, Jesus Christ, through what the Holy Spirit is telling us to do. Yet, the people of the world are telling us that God is unimportant as they stress that we should live for the present and not a future in Heaven.

We should see that things are scary in the world today with floods, tornadoes, extreme cold or heat, and next it is supposed to be earthquakes. So if God is not foremost in how we live our lives today, we are being very foolish. And Jesus is watching us closely to see what we do! So take advantage of the weekly Masses, the Stations, Rosary's as they are our way to show God that we need Him. 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 25

Annunciation of the Lord

Is 7:10–14; 8:10

Heb 10:4–10

Lk 1:26–38

Tuesday

MARCH 26

Lenten Weekday

Dn 3:25, 34–43

Mt 18:21–35

Wednesday

MARCH 27

Lenten Weekday

Dt 4:1, 5–9

Mt 5:17–19

Thursday

MARCH 28

Lenten Weekday

Jer 7:23–28

Lk 11:14–23

Friday

MARCH 29

Lenten Weekday

Hos 14:2–10

Mk 12:28–34

Saturday

MARCH 30

Lenten Weekday

Hos 6:1–6

Lk 18:9–14

Sunday

MARCH 31

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Jos 5:9a, 10–12

2 Cor 5:17–21

Lk 15:1–3, 11–32

Dear Padre,

Is the sprinkling rite at Mass necessary?

Occasionally on Sundays and Saturday evenings, especially in the Easter season and on feasts including Pentecost or the Baptism of the Lord, the blessing and sprinkling of water may take the place of the customary Penitential Act as a reminder of baptism. While the Penitential Act invites us to acknowledge our sins, the sprinkling rite not only reminds us of our failings but of our conversion through baptism.

Water is blessed before the sprinkling using these or similar words: “Grant, O Lord, in your mercy, that living waters may always spring up for our salvation, and so may we approach you with a pure heart and avoid all danger of body and soul” (*The Roman Missal*). If salt—a symbol of strength—is added to the water, it’s first blessed in a prayer to God “who commanded the prophet Elisha to cast salt into water, that impure water might be purified” (RM).

Also, the Church empties holy water fonts on the days of the Triduum to prepare for the blessing of water at the Easter Vigil, but removing holy water fonts during the season of Lent isn’t permitted. To do so “is contrary to a balanced understanding of the season of Lent, which though truly being a season of penance, is also a season rich in the symbolism of water and baptism, constantly evoked in liturgical texts” (Congregation for Divine Worship). After all, every Sunday, even during Lent, is a little Easter!

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A Word from Pope Francis

Gathered before Jesus crucified, we hear his words ring out also for us: “I thirst” (John 19:28)....What does the Lord thirst for? Certainly for water, that element essential for life. But above all for love....He thirsts to give us the living waters of his love, but also to receive our love.

—Visit to Assisi, September 20, 2016