



March 25, 2018

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion (B)

Mk 11:1–10 or Jn 12:12–16

Is 50:4–7; Phil 2:6–11

Mk 14:1–15:47 or 15:1–39

Acceptance of the Passion

There is a sharp contrast between Jesus' and Peter's acceptance of Christ's passion. Both are afraid, but while Jesus faces and embraces, Peter hides and denies.

We understand Peter's gloomy darkness, and identify with the confusion and weakness leading to his failure. Like us, he tries to follow Jesus, but at a safe distance. He wants to be close, but not too close. He wants to feel he hasn't abandoned him, to be there—but remains on the fringe.

But following Jesus always leads to moments of truth. Jesus and life have a way of bringing us full circle to face our true selves. Are we in or out? How deep is our love? This time, Peter's love for Jesus fails. But like us, Jesus looks at him with understanding and gives him a chance to be honest, repent, and follow him once again.

Jesus' acceptance of his passion is our example. First, he suffers freely. He's not being forced into a fate he cannot escape. As a result, he is calm, self-possessed, in control of his heart, and patient. Second, he suffers peacefully without resentment. He isn't constantly recriminating against Judas, Peter, or John during his trial or flagellation. He doesn't seek blame or payback.

Not only is he not bitter or resentful, but he is full of compassion and focused on others: on the elderly women, his Mother, John the Apostle, forgiving his tormenters, and leading the good thief to heaven. Let's enter this holiest week following our Redeemer and imitating his example.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



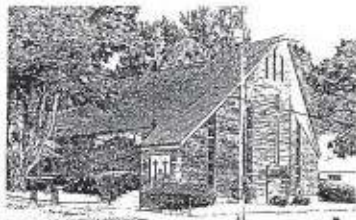
Piece: *The Denial of St. Peter*, circa 1620
Artist: Pensionante del Saraceni
Location: National Gallery, London

For Reflection

Do I value the infinite mercy of Jesus, who forgives me whenever I turn to him sincerely?

What do I need to accept or embrace in order to love with greater peace?

Rather, he emptied himself...becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross.
Philippians 2:7–8



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 - 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 26, 2018

Offered For

Monday

† No Mass

Tuesday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 12:15pm

† No Mass - Chrism Mass Peoria

Spy Wednesday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† Dean & Dolly Abney

Holy Thursday

St. Patrick, Arlington - 7:00pm

† Msgr. Greg Ketchum

Good Friday

St. Patrick, Arlington - 3:00pm

† No Intention

** Divine Mercy Novena - This Friday & Everyday at 6PM Through Next Week (St. Thomas More Church)

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions

Weekend of March 31- April 1, 2018

Easter Saturday Vigil: St. Patrick, Arlington - 7:45 PM

† For The Parishioners

Easter Sunday:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30 AM

† For The Parishioners

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 10:30 AM

† Zita & Dante Guerrini

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† No Mass This Week

Ministry Schedule For Next Weekend

Holy Trinity

LECTOR

Sunday - 8:30AM - ?

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sunday - 8:30AM - ?

SERVERS

Sunday - 8:30AM -

?

St. Patrick

LECTOR

Saturday - 7:45PM - Need 2

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Saturday - 7:45PM - ?

SERVERS

Saturday - 7:45PM -

Need Servers 4-5

St. Thomas More

ROSARY

Sunday 10:30AM - ?

LECTOR

Sunday 10:30AM - ?

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sunday 10:30AM - ?

SERVERS

Sunday 10:30AM - ?

UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

March 27 - Chrism Mass - Cathedral in Peoria - IPM

March 28 - No Rosary Against Evil - St. Patrick's (Pray at Home)

March 28 - Confessions - St. Thomas More - 5:30-6:30PM

March 30 - Confessions after Good Friday Service - St. Patrick's

April 16 - Rosary/Mass for Reparation Sins - St. Thomas More - 5:30pm (No Wed Rosary)

Last Sunday's Offering

Holy Trinity - \$2258.00

Needed Weekly - \$1700 (-\$4340.00)

St. Patrick - \$1225.00

Needed Weekly - \$700 (-\$1277.00)

St. Thomas More - \$1690.00

Needed Weekly - \$900 (\$1650.00)

** (Parentheses) = Overage/Deficit of Collection

St. Patrick's Sausage Sale

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.

Thank you to everyone who helped make the breakfast a successful event from those putting it on to those who came to enjoy breakfast!

St. Thomas More Fish Fry

Thank you for the great turnout for the first fish fry! And special thanks to everyone who helped get the hall ready and prepare the wonderful meal!

Now we can look forward to a fried chicken dinner! More to come!

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. Thomas More Church during the month of April in Dalzell. 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

As we hear the Passion Story this weekend, it should have special significance for our lives. Why? As Jesus was walking on the path to His Crucifixion, He knew it was because of us He would die. But the great love He has for us helped Him to do it.

Whether or not we want to think about it, Jesus is telling us at any instant our lives will be up! It is just a matter of when! We live everyday like there is tomorrow but what if tomorrow never comes. What if we stand before Jesus and He asks for an accounting of our faith and sinfulness? Will we have faith or only just sins? Jesus wants a relationship with each of us. If some of us don't, it would be a good time to begin one by living our faith!! May God be with us and always bless us with His Real Presence as we conclude 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 26

Holy Weekday

Is 42:1-7 / Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday

March 27

Holy Weekday

Is 49:1-6

Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday

March 28

Holy Weekday

Is 50:4-9a / Mt 26:14-25

Thursday

March 29

Holy Thursday

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14

1 Cor 11:23-26

Jn 13:1-15

Friday

March 30

Good Friday

Is 52:13-53:12

Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9

Jn 18:1-19:42

Saturday

March 31

Holy Saturday

Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a

Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a,

10-13, 15-18

Ex 14:15-15:1

Is 54:5-14

Is 55:1-11

Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4

Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28

Rom 6:3-11

Mk 16:1-7

Sunday

April 1

Easter

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8

Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7

Dear Padre,

Was the Mother of Jesus at the foot of the cross?

In John's Gospel the Mother of Jesus, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene stood "by the cross" (19:25). Moreover, Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing by and spoke to them (19:26-27).

In Mark's Gospel, among "the many other women" watching the crucifixion from a distance were "Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome" (15:40).

Luke simply records that "all his acquaintances stood at a distance, including

the women who had followed him from Galilee and saw these events" (23:49). But he mentions three women by name who visited the tomb: Mary Magdalene, Joanna, and Mary the mother of James (24:10).

Matthew also has "many women" looking on from a distance. Among them are "Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of Zebedee's sons" (27:56).

Only John records the presence of Jesus' mother and "Mary the wife of Clopas," who is believed to differ from Mary, the mother of James the

younger and Joses, and Mary, the mother of James and Joseph. Mary Magdalene is cited in all four Gospels.

"By the cross" or "at a distance" may indicate the location allowed for spectators at a crucifixion. However, it is possible that at some point they were permitted to approach the foot of the cross, as depicted sometimes in artworks.

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A Word From Pope Francis

Jerusalem, of course, means "city of peace." This is what God wills it to be....Yet sadly Jerusalem remains deeply troubled as a result of longstanding conflicts....May efforts and energies be increasingly directed to the pursuit of a just and lasting solution to the conflicts which have caused so much suffering.

—Welcoming ceremony, Tel Aviv, May 25, 2014