



April 1, 2018

Easter (B)

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

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

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

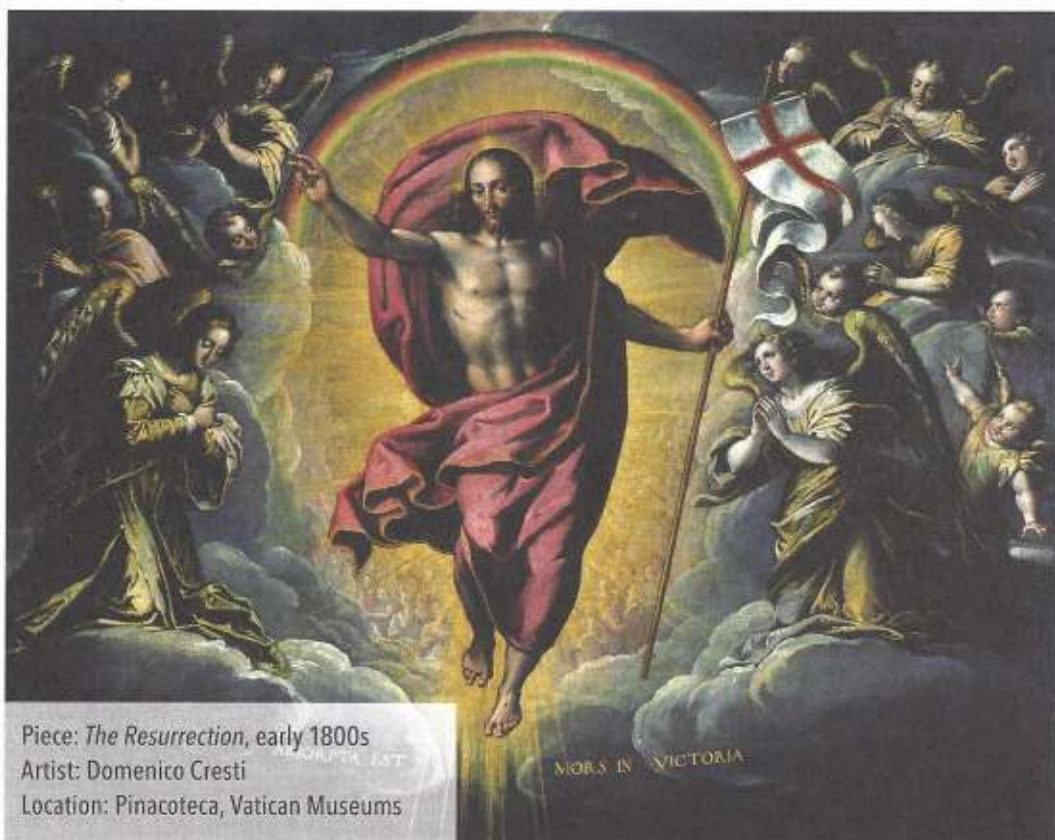
Victory!

Fr. Lorenzo Ricci, SJ, placed this painting in the chapel commemorating the spot outside Rome where Ignatius had a vision confirming his desire to ask the pope to found the Jesuit order. It's significant because Fr. Lorenzo enthroned this painting as a symbolic act just before the order was suppressed throughout the Portuguese and Spanish Empires. It was one of their darkest hours.

We all have dark moments in our histories. It seems death will swallow us; that God has abandoned us, and there is no solution. The darkness in the painting suggests just that—the world of darkness and despair without the light of Christ. The soldiers sleep, the cold world waits below, and a once-strong trunk is dry and sapped of vigor.

Above, the beautiful Christ figure is surrounded in light, while he hoists the victory standard: the blood-red cross of martyrdom set upon the pure white of resurrection. He, like a new Moses, is leading them into the promised land of eternal life.

These contrasting scenes of darkness and light are the message of the painting and of the resurrection itself. Peter, John, and Mary Magdalene had locked themselves at home, engulfed in darkness, fear, and sadness. The next morning they arrive to the tomb only to find it open and the body of their beloved



Piece: *The Resurrection*, early 1800s
Artist: Domenico Cresti
Location: Pinacoteca, Vatican Museums

Savior gone. Victory was being won even as they slept.

Entrust your ways to the Lord and he will act. God is at work winning your salvation! Do not let hope be vanquished! Hold on. Trust in him. Victory is right around the corner!

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

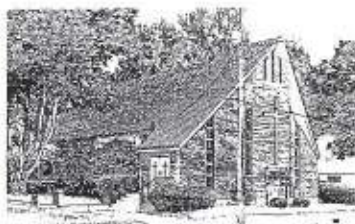
For Reflection

Do I trust in Christ's power, which I cannot see, more than the problems that I can see?

Do I believe God is a good Father and only permits that which leads to greater glory for both of us?

Think of what is above, not what is on earth.

Colossians 3:2



Holy Trinity - Cherry

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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 April 2, 2018

Offered For

Monday

† No Mass

Tuesday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 12:15pm

† No Mass

Wednesday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† No Mass

Thursday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 9:00am

† Charlie & Hazel Keutzer

Friday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† Natalie Ceresa

** Divine Mercy Novena - This Week Thru Saturday at 6PM (St. Thomas More Church)

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions

Weekend of April 7-8, 2018

Saturday Vigil:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 4:00 PM

† Carol Bodnum

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† For The Parishioners

Sunday:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30 AM

† Francee Wolf

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM

† Mary Jane Smith

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† Dean & Dolly Abney

Ministry Schedule For Next Weekend

Holy Trinity

LECTOR

Saturday - 4:00PM - Carol Lauer

Sunday - 8:30AM - Jeff Pinter

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday - 4:00PM - Bill Lauer

Sunday - 8:30AM - Kathy Bonucchi

SERVERS

Saturday - 4:00PM -

Antonia Cattani & RJ Talbot

Sunday - 8:30AM -

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St. Patrick

LECTOR

Sunday - 10:30AM - Steve Sondgeroth

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sunday - 10:30AM - John Kapraun

SERVERS

Sunday - 10:30AM -

Brandon & Dylan Tornow

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

April 2 & 4 - Confirmation Choir Practice @ 6PM - St. Patrick's Church

April 4 - Rosary Against Evil - St. Thomas More (Dalzell) - 5:30pm

April 5 - Confirmation Practice with Sponsors - 5:30pm at St. Patrick's Church

April 7 - Confirmation Retreat - 9am-12:30pm - St. Thomas More Hall

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

Last Sunday's Offering

Holy Trinity - \$1713.00

Needed Weekly - \$1700 (-\$4327.00)

St. Patrick - \$690.00

Needed Weekly - \$700 (-\$1287.00)

St. Thomas More - \$1330.00

Needed Weekly - \$900 (\$2080.00)

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Three Church Confirmation's

On April 10th, St. Patrick's is hosting the celebration of Confirmation Mass for around 25 young men and women at 6:30pm. We ask for your prayers for them as it will be a special day for them as they will be sealed by the Holy Spirit.

There will also be a reception following after in St. Patrick's Hall with cupcakes and drink.

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.

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

None At This Time

For The Week

Easter Sunday is perhaps the most glorious day of the year! It reaffirms our need to know that by living the sacraments and the teachings of the Catholic Church that we too can take part in Jesus' Resurrection.

Put yourself back in time in Jerusalem in the place of one of those who went to visit the tomb to find it empty! Would you think his body was taken or that Jesus had risen? Today how strong is your faith that if the world were to have earthquakes all over, ships would be lost at sea, airplanes would fall out of the sky, our electronics would not function, nuclear attacks on America and we wouldn't have electricity. Maybe even priests wouldn't be available! Today is that great reminder that our faith needs to be lived and not just talked about. Jesus wants us in Heaven with Him. However, it is up to each of us, today, right now, if Jesus will welcome us with open arms into His Kingdom! Please have a Blessed and Happy Easter and enjoy the time with your family!

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

April 2

Octave of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22-33

Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday

April 3

Octave of Easter

Acts 2:36-41

Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday

April 4

Octave of Easter

Acts 3:1-10

Lk 24:13-35

Thursday

April 5

Octave of Easter

Acts 3:11-26

Lk 24:35-48

Friday

April 6

Octave of Easter

Acts 4:1-12

Jn 21:1-14

Saturday

April 7

Octave of Easter

Acts 4:13-21

Mk 16:9-15

Sunday

April 8

Second Sunday of Easter

Sunday of Divine Mercy

Acts 4:32-35

1 Jn 5:1-6

Jn 20:19-31

Dear Padre,

I've just returned from a visit to the Holy Land. When we visited the tomb of Jesus, we saw a simple marble slab in a small chapel. Is our faith based on an empty tomb?

I am happy to answer your question on this highest truth of our faith—the resurrection of Jesus. Our faith in the resurrection is not based on an empty tomb or a little marble slab. There are many explanations for an empty tomb, most which would not contribute to the belief in Jesus' resurrection.

Our faith in the resurrection rests not only on the physical reality of the empty tomb but, more importantly, on the eyewitness accounts of those who saw Jesus, talked to him, and walked with him after his resurrection.

There are many reports in the Gospels and the Acts of the Apostles that chronicle the appearance of Jesus after the resurrection. Details vary, but one

constant is found in all the accounts: Those who saw the risen Lord had such a powerful experience that they couldn't keep it to themselves. They had to run and tell somebody.

Think of this as a Christian "big bang

theory." Jesus' followers had such a tremendous initial experience of the risen Lord that they could not hold it in. They told their friends, neighbors—anyone who would listen. Excitement spread to neighboring villages and hamlets, then to surrounding countries and cultures. Eventually, Christianity expanded, sometimes under great persecution, throughout the world. Could such endurance and dynamism result from only an empty tomb? No. Only an experience of the risen Jesus could bring this about.

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A Word From Pope Francis

We Christians are all called to communicate this message of resurrection to those we meet, especially to those who suffer, to those who are alone, to those who find themselves in precarious conditions, to the sick, to refugees, to the marginalized.

—Regina Caeli, April 10, 2016