



April 16, 2017

Easter

Acts 10:34a, 37–43

Col 3:1–4 or 1 Cor 5:6b–8

Jn 20:1–9 or Mt 28:1–10

History's Greatest Event

Today we celebrate the most important mystery of our faith, the greatest event in the Bible and all of history. Nothing before the events of Easter morning contains their full meaning, and nothing after makes sense without them.

Jesus' conquering of death validated all of his preaching, teaching, and miracles. Now his doctrine of love, forgiveness, faith, and baptism is confirmed,

as is God's definitive revelation for man's salvation. In short, the resurrection proves that Jesus wasn't simply a good man, a wise teacher, or a revolutionary. He was all those things and more—he was the Son of God.

Without Jesus' rising from the dead, you cannot explain his appearing to the women, apostles, disciples, and crowds before his ascension. You cannot explain the transformation of the timid and baffled apostles into powerful preachers or the conversion of St. Paul from a murdering Pharisee

to a persecuted Christian. Without the truth of the resurrection, you cannot explain the courage of any of the martyrs. Indeed, the Romans and Jews took these martyrs seriously. And if either group could have produced a body of evidence or a convincing explanation to debunk the story, they would have.

So today, set aside your Lenten focus on the mocked, beaten, and buried Jesus. Celebrate the resurrection. Christ the Lord—and Christianity—is a reality and a force. Rejoice! Reflect on the truth and power of this day, and allow God's Son to open the tombs of your heart and life.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Piece: *The Resurrection*, circa 1492

Artist: Bernardino di Betto (Pinturicchio)

Location: Room of the Mysteries of Faith,
Borgia Apartments, Apostolic Palace, Vatican City



For Reflection

The resurrection changes everything. How does it change my life? If you recorded your whole day, would there be enough evidence that you believe in the resurrection?

"This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible... to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead" (Acts 10:40–41).



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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 & 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 April 17, 2017

Offered For

Monday

No Mass

Tuesday

† No Mass

Wednesday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 12:15pm

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:00pm*

† The Picatto Family

Thursday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 12:15pm

† Wayne Jaraczewski

Friday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† Lyla Maggio

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

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions

Weekend of April 22-23, 2017

Saturday Vigil:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 4:00 PM

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† Bill Pozzi, Sr.

† B & J Ratkiewicz/A & V Pozzi

Sunday:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30 AM

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† For The Parishioners

† Carmella Kapraun

† Dulcy Wiese

Ministry Schedule
For Next Weekend

Holy Trinity

LECTOR

Saturday - 4:00PM - Kathy Pullam

Sunday - 8:30AM - Jeff Pinter

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday - 4:00PM - Sheila Campbell

Sunday - 8:30AM - Terry Templeton

SERVERS

Saturday - 4:00PM -

Katelyn Pullam & Emily Robbins

Sunday - 8:30AM -

Corey Pinter

St. Patrick

LECTOR

Sunday - 10:30AM - Steve Sondgeroth

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sunday - 10:30AM - John Kapraun

SERVERS

Sunday - 10:30AM -

Katelyn & Jerrick Kapraun

St. Thomas More

ROSARY

Sat 5:30PM - Mary Jean Goodrick

LECTOR

Sat 5:30PM - Frank Magana

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sat 5:30PM - Jyll Pozzi

SERVERS

Sat 5:30PM - ?

UPCOMING
CHURCH EVENTS

April 1 - Holy Trinity Cemetery -
Need Decorations Removed

April 15-21 - Divine Mercy Novena -
St. Thomas More - 6PM

April 22-23 - Divine Mercy Novena -
St. Thomas More - After 5:30PM
Masses - Saturday & Sunday

Last Sunday's Offering

Holy Trinity - \$902.00

Needed Weekly - \$1700

St. Patrick - \$462.00

Needed Weekly - \$700

St. Thomas More - \$1140.00

Needed Weekly - \$700

Divine Mercy Novena

With all of the different prophecies speaking of calamities coming into our lives, for the week starting with Good Friday through Divine Mercy Sunday, we have a great opportunity to seek reparation for some of our sins. From Good Friday through the next Friday, April 21st, we will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Prayers at 6PM. It will conclude after the Masses on Divine Mercy weekend after the 5:30PM Masses on Saturday and Sunday. 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. It started with 5 people and we hope to fill the church for Mary to see how much we want her to intercede with God to protect us from the growing evil in the world. 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 against evil! So please come and join us, it will be the most important time you spend.

St. Thomas More
Community Yard Sale

Tables will be for rent for \$10/each to sell items. Lunch and snacks will be served all day. St. Thomas More will also be selling ravioli and noodles. The hours the STM Hall will be open are as follows:

Thursday, May 11 - 4 to 7pm

Friday, May 12 - 8am to 4pm

Saturday, May 13 - 8am to 4pm

Upcoming Area Events

For The Week

With Easter and remembering the Resurrection of Jesus, we know two very important things. First is that if we have given our lives to keeping Jesus through living the Sacraments, we don't have to fear death. And two, if we have felt pain from something that didn't work in our favor or something we feel guilty for, we can be assured that we will be forgiven.

If we think about the Apostles of Christ, they were feeling much remorse for what they didn't do while Christ was still with them, especially Peter and his denial of Christ. But they were part of the fulfillment of scripture and prophecies. We can learn from them that by staying close to Christ, Jesus will always love us and forgive us, if we always repent. May the Risen Christ always bless us with His Real Presence and help all of us live the "Truth" no matter how difficult! Have a Blessed Easter!

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 17

Octave of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22-33

Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday

April 18

Octave of Easter

Acts 2:36-41

Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday

April 19

Octave of Easter

Acts 3:1-10

Lk 24:13-35

Thursday

April 20

Octave of Easter

Acts 3:11-26

Lk 24:35-48

Friday

April 21

Octave of Easter

Acts 4:1-12

Jn 21:1-14

Saturday

April 22

Octave of Easter

Acts 4:13-21

Mk 16:9-15

Sunday

April 23

Second Sunday of Easter

Sunday of Divine Mercy

Acts 2:42-47

1 Pt 1:3-9

Jn 20:19-31

Dear Padre,

**Why do Catholics teach Christ rose on the third day?
Given a Friday crucifixion and Sunday's resurrection,
I barely count two days.**

There are a couple of issues to consider here. To begin with, Jesus' resurrection from the dead was an event that happened both *in* and *out* of time. Theologians say it was a transcendental event with historical consequences. Because Jesus' resurrection is not like anything we have ever seen before and bears little or no resemblance to any other historical event, our concepts of time falter when trying to express exactly what happened.

To put it another way, the length of time that Jesus spent in the tomb is much less important than what he did there. What really matters is that he conquered death, vacated the tomb, and entered into his risen and glorified state.

We must also remember that the Jews of Jesus' day were not as precise in their measurement of time as we are today. We tend to measure time in terms of hours, minutes, and seconds. They thought in terms of sunrises and sunsets. When seen in this light, the typical explanation given to the three-day time frame of Jesus' death and resurrection is that it took place in the course of three separate days: Good Friday (when Jesus was condemned to death and crucified), Holy Saturday (when Jesus lay in the tomb), and Easter (Sunday, when Jesus rose from the dead).

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A Word From Pope Francis

"I would like it to enter every heart, for it is there that God wants to sow this Good News: Jesus is risen, there is hope for you, you are no longer in the power of sin, of evil! Love has triumphed, mercy has been victorious! The mercy of God always triumphs!"
—Urbi et Orbi, March 31, 2013