



April 28, 2019

Second Sunday of Easter  
or Sunday of Divine Mercy (C)

Acts 5:12-16 / Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13,  
17-19 / Jn 20:19-31

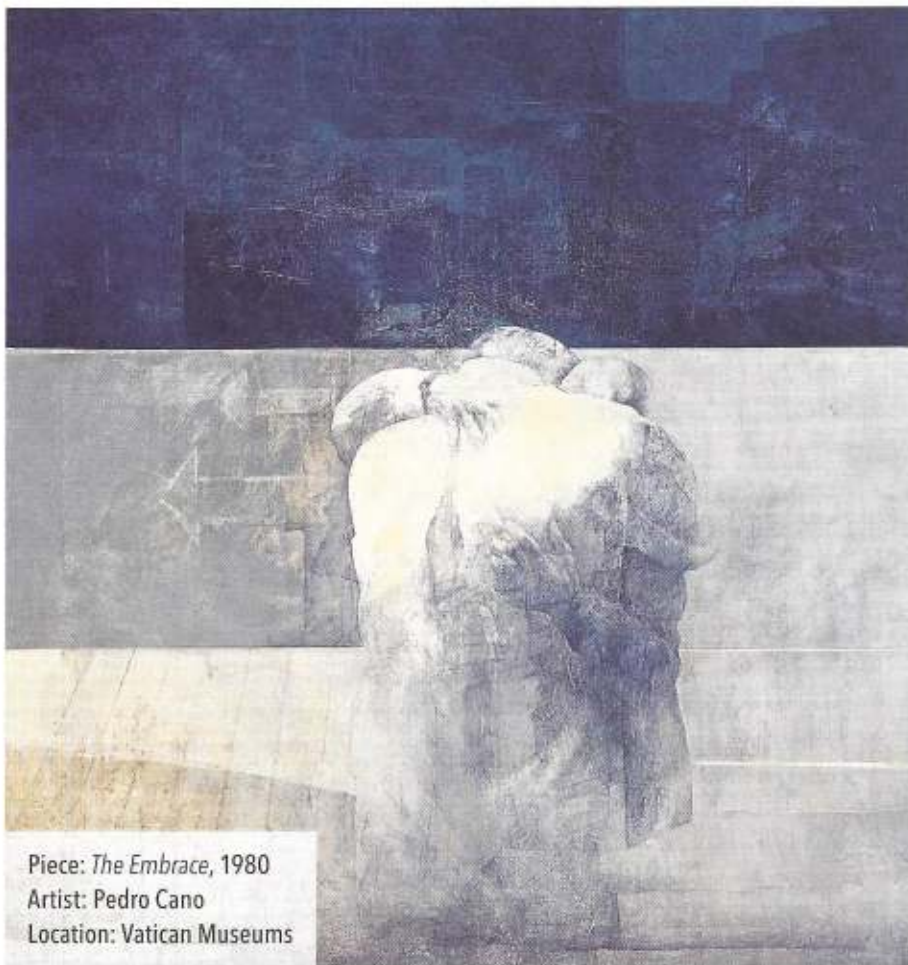
## Saved by Christ's Merciful Love

We're not defined by our weakness, but created for greatness! Look at David, Paul, and the sinful woman. David was an adulterer and murderer, yet he wrote Psalms and was Jesus' ancestor. Paul killed one of the first deacons, Stephen, yet became the greatest apostle to the Gentiles. The sinful woman's misdeeds were public, yet what is most remembered is her repentance and love.

Sin is not the last word. God's recreating mercy is. God's mercy asks for a response so all that transformative power can be unleashed in us. The only thing that stands in the way of God's renewal rushing in and totally transforming us is our own lack of acceptance.

Sin wants to stand in the way of this good news. The evil one tries to convince us that we are too sinful; that salvation and happiness might be for others, but certainly not for us.

But David, Paul, and the sinful woman didn't let that sinister message sink in. David was moved to repentance by Nathan's words. Paul accepted that he wasn't saved by his religious fervor or condemned for his errors. He was saved by letting Christ's merciful love embrace him. The sinful woman refused to be defined by her poor choices. She tearfully made penance at Christ's feet, and this act



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Artist: Pedro Cano  
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of her brokenness gave off a consoling aroma that filled the house.

Let the power of Christ's love be unleashed in you by forgiving yourself and others. Then your weakness will be the first step toward the greatness God has in store for you.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

### *For Reflection*

*Are there any past errors that I am letting define me?*

*What stands in my way of a greater experience of Christ's mercy?*

*[Jesus said,] "Receive the holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."*

*John 20:22-23*





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 **\*\*First Wednesday of Month - 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 April 29, 2019

Offered For

<u>Monday</u>	St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30pm (followed by rosary)	† No Mass
<u>Tuesday</u>	Holy Trinity, Cherry - 12:15pm	† No Mass
<u>Wednesday</u>	St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am	† No Mass
<u>Thursday</u>	Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30am	† No Mass
<u>Friday</u>	St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am	† No Mass

**\*\* Divine Mercy Chaplet every Friday - 3PM (St. Thomas More Church Adoration Room)**

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions

Weekend of May 4-5, 2019

<u>Saturday Vigil:</u>	Holy Trinity, Cherry - 4:00 PM	† Bruna Wiltse & Jim Bodnum
	St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM	† Ed Stasik
<u>Sunday:</u>	Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30 AM	† For The Parishioners
	St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM	† Lawrence Fonderoli
	St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM	† Mary Jane Gorski



**Ministry Schedule**  
**For Next Weekend**

**Holy Trinity**

**LECTOR**

Saturday - 4:00PM - Tina Dominy

Sunday - 8:30AM - Mary Jane Marincic

**SERVERS**

Saturday - 4:00PM -

Tanner Dominy

Sunday - 8:30AM - ?

**COUNTERS**

Sunday - 8:30AM -

Kathy Bonucchi & Linda Black

**St. Patrick**

**LECTOR**

Sunday - 10:30AM - Bruce Galloway

**SERVERS**

Sunday - 10:30AM -

Dylan & Brandon Tornow

**St. Thomas More**

**ROSARY**

Sat 5:30PM - TBD

**LECTOR**

Sat 5:30PM - Mary Ann Schoening

**SERVERS**

Sat 5:30PM - ?

**UPCOMING**  
**CHURCH EVENTS**

**May 1** - Rosary Against Evil - Holy Trinity (Cherry) - 6PM

**May 4** - First Communion Practice - Holy Trinity Church - 10AM

**May 5** - First Communions - Holy Trinity Catholic Church - 8:30AM Mass

**May 20** - Mass Reparation Sins/Rosary - Holy Trinity (Cherry) - 5:30pm (No Rosary Wednesday)

**Last Sunday's Offering**

Holy Trinity - \$1177.00

Needed Weekly - \$1700 (-\$22712.00)

St. Patrick - \$781.00

Needed Weekly - \$700 (-\$6092.00)

St. Thomas More - \$1326.00

Needed Weekly - \$900 (\$5659.00)

\*\* (Parentheses) = Overage/Deficit of Collection

**Parish Directory Change**

We are going to hold off on the parish directory for a little while. Maybe with the end of school it has been tough for families to commit. But we are looking into a new way to accomplish the directory and hopefully save some money. We are sorry for any inconvenience!

**Boy Scouts in Cherry**

**Thank You**

Thank you to the Boy Scouts for cleaning up the leaves and branches around Holy Trinity Church this past weekend! They always do a great job when they have the time throughout the year. It is always greatly appreciated.

**Mass for Reparation of Sins**

**Every Third Monday**

Coming Monday, May 20th at 5:30PM at Holy Trinity in Cherry, 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!

**Memorial Day**

**Monday, May 27th**

As part of our remembering the deceased members of our families who served in the military, at Holy Trinity Miner's Cemetery we will be rededicating the cemetery with the repairs to the walkways and flagpoles. It is with gratitude for the work done by Kyle Pinter and his helpers, as part of his Eagle Scout project, we are having the rededication.

**Special Event In Area**

**May 7** - Cherry Pie & Coffee - Holy Trinity Hall - 12:00-3:30PM

**For The Week**

Believing without seeing Jesus Christ is our big challenge today just as it was for Thomas! Today with the many messages coming from Heaven many people and clergy don't want to believe them either! But when things happen that were talked about by Jesus Christ we somehow begin to believe. So why does it have to be that way?

God has shown us the greatest love by sending a Son to take away our sins. Through His death, we also gain the possibility of getting into Heaven because of Jesus' Redemptive act. Jesus is always saying we don't pray enough and maybe that is a big reason why we have a tough time believing! Please continue to have a Happy and Blessed Easter!

**ADA Goals 2019-20**

**Holy Trinity** - \$17589.00

Pledges To Date \$ (0%)

**St. Patrick** - \$9902.00

Pledges To Date \$ (0%)

**St. Thomas More** - \$12554.00

Pledges To Date \$ (0%)

**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 29

*St. Catherine of Siena,*

*Virgin and*

*Doctor of the Church*

Acts 4:23–31

Jn 3:1–8

**Tuesday**

APRIL 30

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 4:32–37

Jn 3:7b–15

**Wednesday**

MAY 1

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 5:17–26

Jn 3:16–21

**Thursday**

MAY 2

*St. Athanasius,*

*Bishop and*

*Doctor of the Church*

Acts 5:27–33

Jn 3:31–36

**Friday**

MAY 3

*Sts. Philip and James,*

*Apostles*

1 Cor 15:1–8

Jn 14:6–14

**Saturday**

MAY 4

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 6:1–7

Jn 6:16–21

**Sunday**

MAY 5

*Third Sunday of Easter*

Acts 5:27–32, 40b–41

Rev 5:11–14

Jn 21:1–19 or

Jn 21:1–14

# Dear Padre,

## What is spiritual communion?

**S**piritual communion is a unique Roman Catholic devotional practice not to be confused with *sacramental* Communion, which is the participation in the mystery of Christ by eating and drinking the Body and the Blood of the Lord.

The development of spiritual communion as a devotion can be traced to St. Alphonsus Liguori. It's a form of spiritual yearning to be in communion with Christ during those times when his sacramental gift can't be shared.



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To share in sacramental Communion, one must be aware of no unconfessed serious sin against God's commands and be in good standing with the Roman Catholic Church. With exceptions for age and health, one must also have fasted from all food and all beverages except water for one hour before receiving sacramental Communion. Some Catholics are unable to share sacramental Communion because of sickness, geographic distance from a Roman Catholic community, or unavailability of priests.

Any Christian who wishes to have spiritual communion with the Lord can do so by taking a moment to consider God's love demonstrated

to us in the life, passion, and death of Christ. Give thanks to God for this wonderful gift, and say a prayer of spiritual communion.

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## A Word from Pope Francis

*The death penalty is contrary to the meaning of humanitas and to divine mercy, which must be models for human justice. It entails cruel, inhumane, and degrading treatment, as is the anguish before the moment of execution and the terrible*

*suspense between the issuing of the sentence and the execution of the penalty.*

—Letter to International Commission Against the Death Penalty, March 20, 2015