



The Vine and the Branches Become One

Jesus himself picked the image of the vine to describe the reality of our being united to him and the Father. And this was not lost on early Christians. One of the first images they used to mark their graves was the vine and branches.

An amazing thing about a vine and its branches is that you can't tell the difference between them. Look at a grapevine and try to determine which is the branch and which is the vine or trunk. You can't, since it appears as one seamless reality. Jesus invites us to be

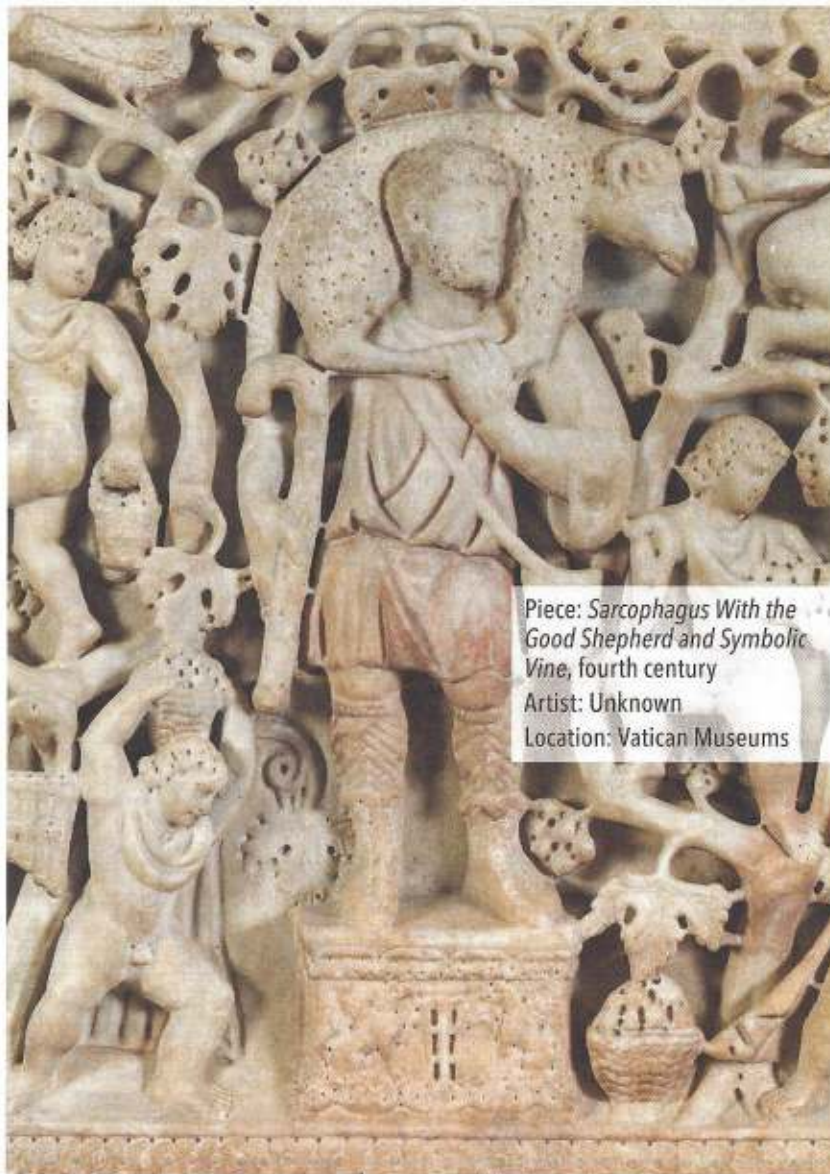
so close to him that we appear to be just like him—"other Christs," as our name Christian suggests!

Second, the sap that springs from the vine, runs through the branches, and matures in the fruit is all the same. The life in Jesus and the life in us as Christians are the same. He has given us the same Spirit that animated him, the Holy Spirit.

This is why Jesus can guarantee that, if we remain in him by listening to his word and following his Spirit, we will definitely bear much fruit. His word and Spirit cannot remain sterile in us.

The most important result of being united to Jesus and bearing fruit is that not only will we be united to him in this life, but this friendship will last for all eternity. That's why early Christians put vines on their tombs.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



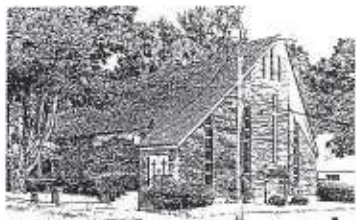
Piece: Sarcophagus With the Good Shepherd and Symbolic Vine, fourth century
Artist: Unknown
Location: Vatican Museums

For Reflection

Do I find ways to regularly read and hear the word of God?

What symbols would sincerely represent the way I live my life?

*The Church...was being built up and walked in the fear of the Lord,
and with the consolation of the Holy Spirit it grew in numbers.
Acts 9:31*



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 April 30, 2018

Offered For

Monday

† No Mass

Tuesday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 12:15pm

† Bernice Schneider

Wednesday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† William Fixsen

Thursday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 9:00am

† Bernard Schwamberger

Friday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† Purgatorial Society

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

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions

Weekend of May 5-6, 2018

Saturday Vigil:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 4:00 PM

† Bruna Wiltse & Jim Bodnum

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† For The Parishioners

Sunday:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30 AM

† Paula Washkowiak

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM

† George Taylor

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† John & Mary Micheli

**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 -

RJ Talbot

Sunday - 8:30AM -

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St. Patrick

LECTOR

Sunday - 10:30AM - Bernice Keutzer

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sunday - 10:30AM - Ann Kapraun

SERVERS

Sunday - 10:30AM -

Carter & Casen Cherry

St. Thomas More

ROSARY

Sat 5:30PM - Mary Jean Goodrick

LECTOR

Sat 5:30PM - Mary Ann Schoening

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sat 5:30PM - Mary Jean Goodrick

SERVERS

Sat 5:30PM - ?

**UPCOMING
CHURCH EVENTS**

May 2 - Rosary Against Evil - Holy Trinity
(Cherry) - 5:30pm

May 6 - First Communion - Holy Trinity
(Cherry) - 8:30am Mass

May 8 - Holy Trinity Chicken Dinner @
Coal Mining Company - 4:30-7:30PM - \$8

May 21 - Rosary/Mass for Reparation Sins -
Holy Trinity - 5:30pm (No Wed Rosary)

Last Sunday's Offering

Holy Trinity - \$1395.00

Needed Weekly - \$1700 (-\$4367.00)

St. Patrick - \$688.00

Needed Weekly - \$700 (-\$1121.00)

St. Thomas More - \$1150.00

Needed Weekly - \$900 (\$2942.00)

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

**Holy Trinity
Chicken Dinner**

On May 8th, Holy Trinity Altar & Rosary Society is helping the church for some needed repairs to the plaster in the church and bathroom because of leaks. The dinner will be from 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM at the Coal Company in Cherry on Main St. (IL-89). The dinner includes 1/4 chicken, fries and cookies. Carry-outs are available. Tickets are available in Cherry office and after Cherry Masses.

We do need some help with desserts such as cookies! If you can help with desserts please let Carol Lauer (815-303-4940) or Barb Pinter (815-894-2702) know and thank you for your help!

**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 the 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 Holy Trinity Church during the month of May in Cherry. The weeks where Mass and Rosary is celebrated together 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

From John's letter are these words, "Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth." How easy it is for any of us to say nice things or even write nice things about someone we are around. But when it comes to showing them with a nice gesture like a gift or spending time with someone we say we like it is difficult. And God does know what is going on within us! So we can't hide it from Him.

In the first reading, Paul in his new role as a disciple has to earn the Apostles and peoples trust after killing many of Jesus' followers or handing them over to the Romans. Saul, who became Paul, is the great example of what Jesus can bring to our life, peace! In our world, which is so full of evil today in society, politics, entertainment and sports, why not be Christ's instruments of peace and love. If we do, we can make the world, our country a much better place. It is up to us if we really want it though and nobody else! Please continue to have a Blessed and Happy 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 30

Easter Weekday

Acts 14:5-18

Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday

May 1

Easter Weekday

Acts 14:19-28

Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday

May 2

St. Athanasius, Bishop and
Doctor of the Church

Acts 15:1-6

Jn 15:1-8

Thursday

May 3

Sts. Philip and James,
Apostles

1 Cor 15:1-8

Jn 14:6-14

Friday

May 4

Easter Weekday

Acts 15:22-31

Jn 15:12-17

Saturday

May 5

Easter Weekday

Acts 16:1-10

Jn 15:18-21

Sunday

May 6

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35,

44-48

1 Jn 4:7-10

Jn 15:9-17

or

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35,

44-48

1 Jn 4:11-16

Jn 17:11b-19

Dear Padre,

Just last week, my parish ran a “join up” campaign at all the Masses. I felt guilty because I didn’t sign up for anything. Do I have an obligation to join any of the parish organizations?

When you join any of your parish organizations, you will experience a network of people dedicated to building up the body of Christ through the various parish ministries.

According to the Code of Canon Law, the baptized are fundamentally united in the *communio fidelium*, “a dynamic reality requiring the active participation of all the faithful in the Church’s life and mission” (Canon 209). It finds visible expression through public worship and through the exercise of obligations and rights. As a parish member, you are obligated to maintain communion with the Church; to fulfill your particular duties to the universal Church and

your parish church; to live a holy life and promote the growth of the Church; to work to spread the gospel; and to follow what the pastor and bishops declare as teachers of the faith and leaders of the Church (Canons 209–212).

Laypeople are called to infuse their faith in Christ through all their undertakings

in the secular world and within the Church. The various organized ministries of the parish offer ways that you, as a parishioner, can fulfill some of those obligations as you are able, in the Church’s life and mission inside and outside your parish. Perhaps you will rethink your decision to not sign up for anything. It’s never too late to become a parish volunteer!

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A Word From Pope Francis

The Holy Spirit, in the variety of his gifts, unites us and enables us to contribute to the building up of the Church in holiness....

Let us ask the Lord to help us to take an ever more active part in the Church’s life and mission. —General audience, June 26, 2013