



Jesus Comes to Our Defense

Today's drawing places the viewer outside the Gospel scene looking in. We're behind the darkened figures standing at a door. We see Jesus in full view, standing in the light blocking the accusers' way toward the woman. He's clearly coming to her defense as he listens, unmoved by their story.

Oftentimes we may feel that Jesus stands more as an accuser than a savior. He's there to point out what we should do in the future, didn't do in the past, or aren't doing in the present. This isn't the Jesus the Gospel presents. He stands to defend the sinner before her accusers. Even to those who so blatantly hurt him, Jesus said "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34).

Sometimes it is hard to let go of an erring view of God. It can be comforting to have someone to blame or fear. Look at St. Paul: He was a zealous persecutor of Christians. Yet, having found Christ, he let go of his erroneous view of God and let Jesus come to his defense. He let go of the guilt of his sinful past and his desire to save himself through his own works. He considered it all trash to be discarded and forgotten as he held on to faith in Jesus.

We need to leave our evil deeds in his merciful heart and forget them there. The sacrament of reconciliation offers the best opportunity to do so. Let him stand at the door of your heart, defending you from those sinister accusers of your past who would haul you back into the darkness.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



Piece: *Christ and the Sinner*, 1911
Artist: Max Beckmann
Location: Vatican Museums

For Reflection

Do negative thoughts about myself or my past limit my experience of God's love?

When have I truly known the redemption of Christ? Remember that moment of mercy and take strength from it.

"Has no one condemned you?"Then Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, [and] from now on do not sin any more."

John 8:10-11



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 ****Wednesday - 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 8, 2019

Offered For

Monday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30pm (followed by rosary) † No Mass

Tuesday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 12:15pm

† Charlie & Hazel Keutzer

Wednesday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† Mary Jane Gorski

Thursday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30am

† Katie & Vic Zanarini

Friday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† Fred Buck, Sr.

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 5:45pm (with Stations)

† Betty Gierat

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

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions

Weekend of April 13-14, 2019

Saturday Vigil:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 4:00 PM

† Harry Volant

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† Lyla Maggio

Sunday:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30 AM

† Alan Hahn

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM

† Mary Jane Smith

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† For The Parishioners

Ministry Schedule For Next Weekend

Holy Trinity

LECTOR

Saturday - 4:00PM - H. Linnig/T Dominy

Sunday - 8:30AM - G Schlenz/Jeff Pinter

SERVERS

Saturday - 4:00PM -

Payton & Berkleee Linnig

Sunday - 8:30AM - ?

COUNTERS

Sunday - 8:30AM -

Sheila Pinter & Nancy Lowry

St. Patrick

LECTOR

Sunday - 10:30AM - B Keutzer/L Beattie

SERVERS

Sunday - 10:30AM -

Dylan & Brandon Tornow

St. Thomas More

ROSARY

Sat 5:30PM - TBD

LECTOR

Sat 5:30PM - TBD - 2 Readers

SERVERS

Sat 5:30PM - ?

UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

April 10 - Rosary Against Evil - St. Thomas More (Dalzell) - 6PM

April 15 - Mass Reparation Sins/Rosary - St. Thomas More (Dalzell) - 5:30pm (No Rosary Wednesday)

Last Sunday's Offering

Holy Trinity - \$1782.00

Needed Weekly - \$1700 (-\$21877.00)

St. Patrick - \$766.00

Needed Weekly - \$700 (-\$6041.00)

St. Thomas More - \$846.00

Needed Weekly - \$900 (\$5371.00)

** (Parentheses) - Overage/Deficit of Collection

Our Three Church Directory

As we begin work on the church directory for the three churches, these are the days and the times for the pictures:

Thursday, May 9th - STM Hall

- 2-8:30PM

Friday, May 10th - HT Hall

- 2-8:30PM

Saturday, May 11th - HT Hall

- 10:30AM - 4PM

The internet is only available for appointments Monday through Friday. To make the appointment online, go to www.ucdir.com, enter il26 in the Church Code field and enter password htspstm. If there are 6 or more in family sign up for 2 spots. Appointments can also be made before or after Masses on weekends. Thank you for being a part of the recorded history of our 3 churches!

Holy Trinity Trivia Night Thank You

Thank you to everyone who helped put the Trivia Night together and make it a success! And thank you to all who came to have some fun! It was a wonderful evening! We are looking into doing another one later in the year. We will keep you posted.

Mass for Reparation of Sins Every Third Monday

Coming Monday, April 15th at 5:30PM at St. Thomas More in Dalzell, 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!

Special Event In Area

May 7 - Cherry Pie & Coffee - Holy Trinity Hall - 1:30-3:30PM

For The Week

We live in a time of great hypocrisy where people accuse others of doing something wrong when they themselves are as guilty of the same thing. And Jesus knows exactly and sees exactly what is going on today in our world today. Just as He did with the woman in the Gospel and those trying to stone her. Hypocrisy is one of the devil's greatest tools.

Jesus was able to get through to both sides and keep peace. Just think if we could pray more, spend more time with Christ, maybe we could have more peace in the world today. Our lives would be much better and maybe those around us too! Have a Blessed and Holy Lent!

ADA Goals 2019-20

Holy Trinity - \$

Pledges To Date \$ (0%)

St. Patrick - \$

Pledges To Date \$ (0%)

St. Thomas More - \$

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.

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March 31, 2019
+Fourth Sunday of Lent

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

With this letter I write to you about a development that should disturb us greatly, both as citizens of the State of Illinois and disciples of Jesus, the Lord of life.

Recently, two bills have been introduced in the Illinois House and Senate. The first, House Bill 2495 and Senate Bill 1942, both identical pieces of legislation, seeks to strip unborn persons of any protection – or even consideration – under the law and declare abortion to be a “fundamental right” and matter of health care. The end result is that an abortion could be obtained at any stage of pregnancy, including late term, for any reason and without any regulation. The law would no longer guarantee any modicum of humanity or compassion for any unborn person in Illinois, even if they are partially born. This legislation also repeals the Abortion Performance Refusal Act, which protects doctors, nurses and hospitals that refuse to permit, recommend, perform or assist in abortion. In so doing, rights of conscience, especially religious objections will be lost.

The second piece of legislation is House Bill 2467 and its identical Senate Bill 1594, repeals the Illinois Parental Notice of Abortion Act. This law, upheld unanimously by the Illinois Supreme Court just six years ago, has the common-sense purpose of ensuring that parents would be part of life altering decision of their minor child in the case she seeks an abortion. This effective law reduced abortions performed by minors by fifty-seven percent.

As citizens of Illinois and people of faith who care about the common good, I urge you to join me and my brother bishops in an effort to defeat this radical departure from current law and practice in our state. Please reach out to your State Representative and Senator to urge defeat of these bills. You can find the name of your appropriate politicians and their contact information at <https://www.ilcatholic.org/take-action/action-center/>. To find out more about more about these bills, please consult the Catholic Conference of Illinois website, www.ilcatholic.org.

Ensuring our efforts for all life, from the moment of conception until natural death, to the care of our Blessed Mother, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

✠Most Reverend Daniel R. Jenky, C.S.C.
BISHOP OF PEORIA

Calendar

Monday

APRIL 8

Lenten Weekday

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17,
19-30, 33-62 or

Dn 13:41c-62

Jn 8:12-20

Tuesday

APRIL 9

Lenten Weekday

Nm 21:4-9

Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday

APRIL 10

Lenten Weekday

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95

Jn 8:31-42

Thursday

APRIL 11

Lenten Weekday

Gn 17:3-9

Jn 8:51-59

Friday

APRIL 12

Lenten Weekday

Jer 20:10-13

Jn 10:31-42

Saturday

APRIL 13

Lenten Weekday

Ez 37:21-28

Jn 11:45-56

Sunday

APRIL 14

Palm Sunday
of the Lord's Passion

Lk 19:28-40

Is 50:4-7

Phil 2:6-11

Lk 22: 14-23:56

or Lk 23:1-49

Dear Padre,

Incense in church irritates my eyes.

Is it really needed?

Some churches, for example, limit incensation to only the sanctuary to minimize discomfort by those with allergies in the congregation.

Although incense is optional at Mass (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 276), and therefore isn't "needed" per se, the question of its occasional use is more than a mere necessity issue.

The US Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy writes, "Since worship engages Christians fully, in every aspect of their being, they worship God with their bodies and feelings as well as their minds and spirits, with their hands and feet as well as their eyes and ears. The non-verbal elements of the Liturgy can express what cannot be articulated in words and, at times, can reinforce the spoken word" (*Introduction to the Order of the Mass*, 27).

Incense is a powerful, solemn expression of prayer, purification, and reverence that reinforces the spoken word in worship and praise. It "suggests both the otherness of the transcendent God and the cloud that symbolized God's glory and presence in the midst of the Israelites" (*Introduction to the*

Order of Mass, 58). The fragrance is intended to awaken our senses and the rising swirl of smoke represents our lifted hearts in prayer. "The smoke of the incense along with the prayers of the holy ones went up before God from the hand of the angel" (Revelation 8:4).

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A Word from Pope Francis

Jesus...taught that the true battlefield, where violence and peace meet, is the human heart....When he stopped her accusers from stoning the woman caught in adultery, and when, on the night before he died, he told Peter to put away his sword, Jesus marked out the path of nonviolence.

—World Day of Peace, January 1, 2017