



May 21, 2017

Sixth Sunday of Easter (A)

Acts 8:5–8, 14–17

1 Pt 3:15–18

Jn 14:15–21

## Shepherd, Advocate, Savior

Jesus promised he wouldn't leave us orphans. As a good shepherd, he was concerned that he would eventually have to leave his sheep. How would he care for them while he was away preparing a place for them? He promises to pray to the Father for an advocate who would be with us always. We are entrusted to an advocate who cares for us until Christ returns.

That advocate is Jesus' very Spirit, the Advocate, the Spirit of truth. The apostles understood this. That's why their first order of business after baptizing a new believer was to place hands on him or her and pray for the Holy Spirit to come down and confirm the new believer with his gifts. They knew this was essential since it was Jesus' way of staying close to his believers.

This Spirit, which we received at baptism and whose gifts we more actively embraced at confirmation,

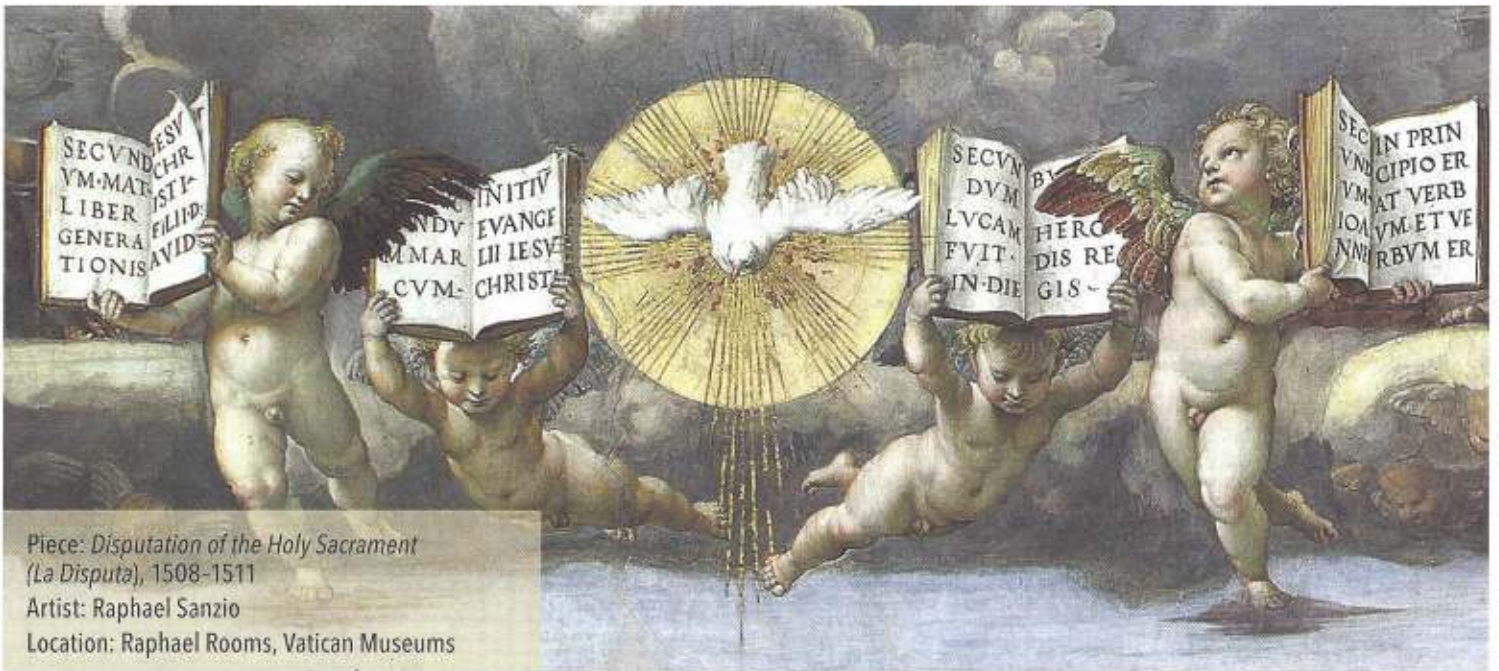
is a friendship we absolutely need to cultivate. Its inspirations are constantly present, and listening to them is key to maturing as disciples. Who wouldn't want to have direct access to the heart and power of Jesus? Who wouldn't want to have the zeal of the first apostles? Who wouldn't want to have the same spiritual gifts: wisdom, understanding, counsel, courage, knowledge, piety, and awe?

We can. We do. We have the Holy Spirit! If you don't notice his action in your soul the way you'd like to, simply ask the Spirit to help you hear and respond better. Then just stand back and watch him work.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

### For Reflection

*What helps increase my awareness of the Holy Spirit's presence in me? Which one of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit do I most need?*



Piece: *Disputation of the Holy Sacrament*  
(*La Disputa*), 1508–1511  
Artist: Raphael Sanzio  
Location: Raphael Rooms, Vatican Museums

*"I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth...[Y]ou know it, because it remains with you"*  
(John 14:16–17).





### 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 & 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 May 22, 2017

#### 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 - 12:15pm

† No Mass

Friday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† No Mass

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

### Next Weekend's Mass Intentions

#### Weekend of May 27-28, 2017

Saturday Vigil:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 4:00 PM

† Ann Dinges

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† Ed Stasik

Sunday:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30 AM

† Don McNally

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM

† Christopher Taylor

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† Janice Mueller



Ministry Schedule  
For Next Weekend

Holy Trinity

LECTOR

Saturday - 4:00PM - Tina Dominy

Sunday - 8:30AM - Gerald Schlenz

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday - 4:00PM - Bill Lauer

Sunday - 8:30AM - Kathy Bonucchi

SERVERS

Saturday - 4:00PM -

Tanner Dominy

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 -

Dylan Lovgren & ?

St. Thomas More

ROSARY

Sat 5:30PM - Mary Ann Schoening

LECTOR

Sat 5:30PM - Alice Berogon

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sat 5:30PM - Judy Szymowicz

SERVERS

Sat 5:30PM - ?

UPCOMING  
CHURCH EVENTS

April 1 - Holy Trinity Cemetery -  
Need Decorations Removed

May 24 - Rosary Against Evil - Holy  
Trinity - 5:30PM

May 29 - Memorial Day Visits

8AM - Mass - Holy Trinity

8:45AM - Holy Trinity Miners  
Cemetery

9:45AM - Calvary Cemetery - Arlington

11:15AM - Dalzell Memorial Park

Last Sunday's Offering

Holy Trinity - \$1021.00

Needed Weekly - \$1700

St. Patrick - \$433.00

Needed Weekly - \$700

St. Thomas More - \$789.00

Needed Weekly - \$700

New First Communicants

Congratulations to all the girls who will have made their first communion this weekend and last: Lyla Clayton, Kaitlyn Coutts, Hannah Zera, Olivia Hunter, Vanessa Schroeder, and Veronica Schroeder. May they all have a long life with Christ!

The Rosary Against Evil

The rosary we are beginning on Wednesday nights at 5:30PM (time change) will be prayed at Holy Trinity Church during the month of May. There has been a good turnout in Dalzell and the first week in Cherry. Father will drop going to the churches without good attendance, so please come! 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.

Notes on Our Lady of Fatima  
100th Anniversary

Our Lady of Fatima gave us all a warning about how we have been living and how we have been turning away from God! Our Lady told us to pray the rosary for the help we need to beat evil and protect ourselves. If something has happened in the world around Saturday, May 13th, such as a new conflict in some region of the world which could spark many countries entering the conflict. We need to all take very seriously our prayer life. Our lives shouldn't be business as usual! God needs a bigger and more important part of our lives. The rosary on Wednesday night at 5:30pm and the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3pm is another way to give God our time and show our appreciation of His Presence in our lives! Be wise and prayerful!

Upcoming Area Events

For The Week

We need to remember God is always working through us to bring new believers into the faith. With our true faith we know that God will always do what He can to protect us and keep us safe.

Standing with and living for God often makes us outcasts in the world today. To live the faith, in a world gone against God, we are challenged to be steadfast in our faith. Often people around us, who aren't living with faith in God, don't understand us. We are like we came from another planet. But when they see the good we can do it should always help them to become believers. Living the Commandments is how we show what it is to be Christians putting God before ourselves! 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

May 22

Easter Weekday

Acts 16:11-15

Jn 15:26-16:4a

### Tuesday

May 23

Easter Weekday

Acts 16:22-34

Jn 16:5-11

### Wednesday

May 24

Easter Weekday

Acts 17:15, 22-18:1

Jn 16:12-15

### Thursday

May 25

Easter Weekday

Acts 18:1-8

Jn 16:16-20

### Friday

May 26

St. Philip Neri, Priest

Acts 18:9-18

Jn 16:20-23

### Saturday

May 27

Easter Weekday

Acts 18:23-28

Jn 16:23b-28

### Sunday

May 28

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Ascension of the Lord

SEVENTH SUNDAY

READINGS:

Acts 1:12-14,

1 Pt 4:13-16

Jn 17:1-11a

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

READINGS:

Acts 1:1-11,

Eph 1:17-23,

Mt 28:16-20

# Dear Padre,

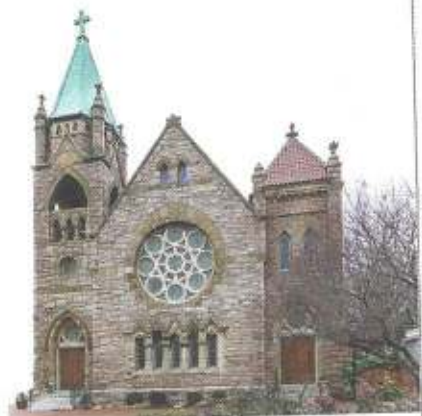
**We are often encouraged to invite non-Catholic friends to Mass, but is it also OK to visit their churches on Sunday?**

It is good to invite friends to our Church and share our faith with others. We don't even have to invite or share as a way to convert. We can simply teach others about our Catholic faith. It is especially appropriate at a special celebration, a first Communion, a wedding, or a funeral. You can visit your friends' churches on Sundays or for special occasions in the same vein. It's good to learn about other religions and support our friends in their faith life.

However, as Catholics we also have an obligation to attend Mass every Sunday. Going to another church for a Sunday service is not the same as participating in the Mass, so it would not fulfill that Sunday obligation. Additionally, you won't be able to receive Communion in most other churches, just as your friends can't receive Communion in the Catholic Church.

So if you go to another service on a Sunday, make sure you also attend Mass. Many churches may have the same readings or similar rituals, but as Catholics we need to be nourished weekly through the celebration of the Eucharist.

A few churches believe what we believe about the Eucharist, and they will be listed in most missalettes. If you were to attend one of these churches, it would fulfill your Sunday obligation. For more information from the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, do an Internet search for *Directory for the Application of Principles and Norms of Ecumenism*, and see paragraph 123. It's on the website Vatican.va.



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## A Word From Pope Francis

"The Holy Spirit teaches us....He guides us along the right path, through life's challenges....In the early times of the Church, Christianity was called 'the way' (see Acts 9:2), and Jesus himself is the Way. The Holy Spirit teaches us to follow him, to walk in his footprints."

—Homily, Pentecost, June 8, 2014

