

## Jesus Awaits Us

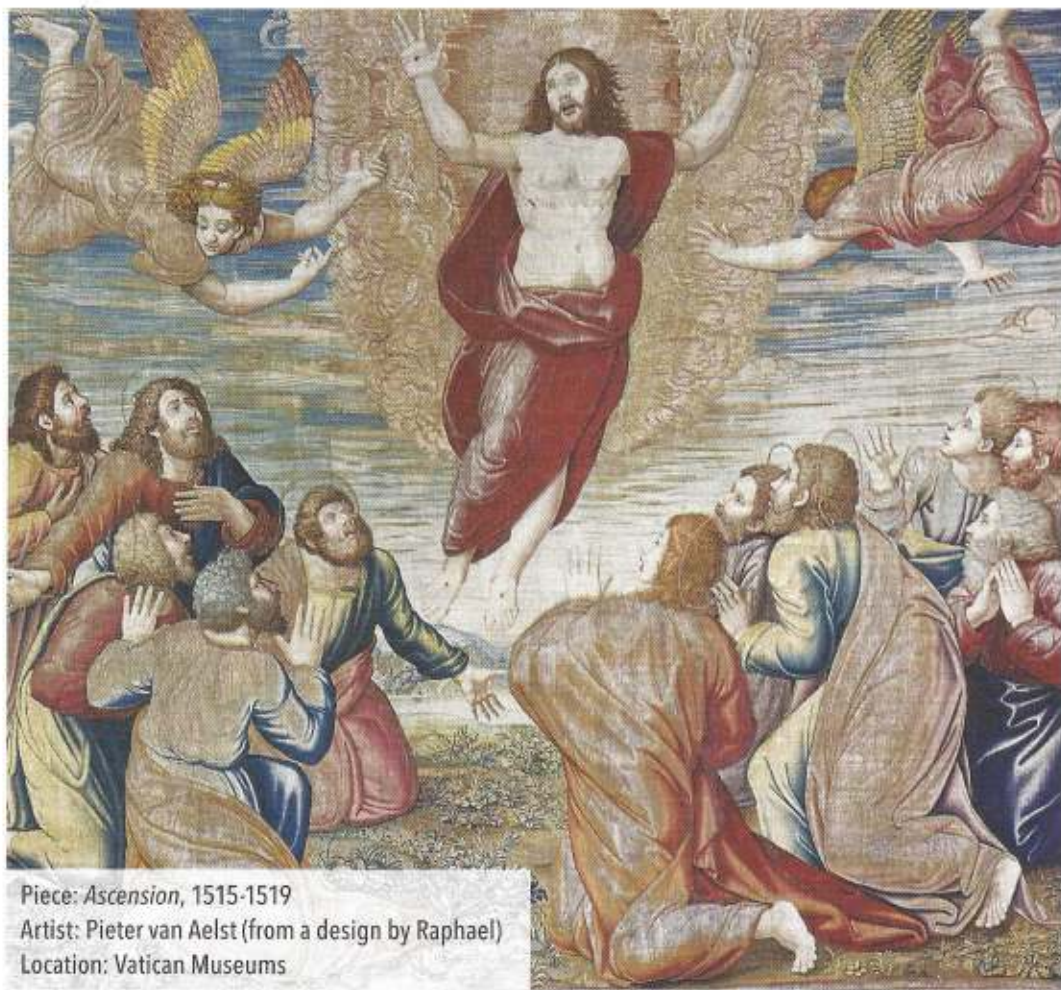
In the Nicene Creed, we pray, "He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father." Jesus lived forty days in his glorified body after the resurrection, but at the end he rose into heaven, where he awaits each of us. It was planned all along that he who came down from heaven would return there. "No one has gone up to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man" (John 3:13).

The amazing truth is that he has opened heaven for us, cheering on each of us to join him forever! "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be" (John 14:3). So we're not only striving to get to heaven, but Jesus is there interceding with his power for "the permanent outpouring of the Holy Spirit" upon each of us (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 667).

### For Reflection

*Do we live like people who are aware that we're on our way to heaven forever?*

*How can I live this week with a more heavenly perspective?*



Piece: *Ascension*, 1515-1519

Artist: Pieter van Aelst (from a design by Raphael)

Location: Vatican Museums

Imagine Jesus as your intercessor in heaven, pleading your case as a brother before our loving Father! If God is for us, who can be against us? He is also there inaugurating his messianic kingdom. He told Pilate that his kingdom wasn't of this world. He has now taken the throne of his kingdom and will draw all peoples to himself. You and I will become witnesses to "his kingdom [that] will have no end," to quote the same Creed. So let's live with newfound confidence that Jesus reigns in heaven, interceding for us, preparing our eternal home.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

*As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken up to heaven.*

*Luke 24:51*





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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 \*\*Third Wednesday of Month - 4:30-5:30PM

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 June 2, 2019

Offered For

Monday

St. Patrick, Arlington - 5:30pm

† No Mass

Tuesday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 12:15pm

† Charlie & Hazel Keutzer

Wednesday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† John Micheli

Thursday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30am

† Bill Whitaker

Friday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† Madelyn Hahn

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

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions

Weekend of June 8-9, 2019

Saturday Vigil:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 4:00 PM

† Leroy & Minnie Padgett

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† Minnie & Dan Cattani

Sunday:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30 AM

† Purgatorial Society

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM

† Lawrence Fonderoli

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† For The Parishioners



Ministry Schedule  
For Next Weekend

**Holy Trinity**

LECTOR

Saturday - 4:00PM - Tina Dominy

Sunday - 8:30AM - Gerald Schlenz

SERVERS

Saturday - 4:00PM -

?

Sunday - 8:30AM - ?

COUNTERS

Sunday - 8:30AM -

Mary Jo Brust & Nancy Lowry

**St. Patrick**

LECTOR

Sunday - 10:30AM - Bernice Keutzer

SERVERS

Sunday - 10:30AM -

Dylan Hunter & Veronica Schroeder

**St. Thomas More**

ROSARY

Sat 5:30PM - TBD

LECTOR

Sat 5:30PM - TBD

SERVERS

Sat 5:30PM - ?

UPCOMING  
CHURCH EVENTS

June 5 - Rosary Against Evil - St. Patrick (Arlington) - 6PM

June 17 - Mass Reparation Sins/Rosary - St. Patrick (Arlington) - 5:30pm (No Rosary Following Wednesday)

Last Sunday's Offering

Holy Trinity - \$1180.00

Needed Weekly - \$1700 (-\$22996.00)

St. Patrick - \$515.00

Needed Weekly - \$700 (-\$6506.00)

St. Thomas More - \$1185.00

Needed Weekly - \$900 (\$6021.00)

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

The Rosary Against Evil

The rosary that we continue to pray on Wednesday nights at 6PM will be prayed at St. Patrick Church during the month of June in Arlington. 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 their help to fight the evil around us. Praying as a community has great strength to get God's attention for our needs and His help. And the rosary is and always has been our greatest weapon against evil! So please come and join us!

Mass for Reparation of Sins  
Every Third Monday

On Monday, June 17th at 5:30PM at St. Patrick's in Arlington, 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!

Teachers Are Needed  
For Religious Education  
This Next Year

We will be in need of a couple of teachers for this next religious education year. The classes are held Sunday mornings from 9:15AM to 10:15AM in Holy Trinity Hall. We are getting more and more teaching aids to help teachers too! So if you would please think about it. Thank you!

Special Event In Area

June 4 - Cherry Pie & Coffee - Holy Trinity Hall - 1:30-3:30PM

For The Week

As we celebrate Jesus' Ascension back to His Father in Heaven, we should always be mindful that He is now able to watch over the whole world to guide us as needed.

Unfortunately, for us, Jesus is not happy with what He sees. He wants us to reject evil now more than ever to lessen the number of souls lost from reaching Heaven.

It would seem today because we have had so much evil around our lives, and because we have accepted it like we have, it is hard for us to reject it. But Jesus is pleading with us to reject evil which can only be done by reacquainting ourselves with Sacred Scripture and frequent reception of the Holy Eucharist. And we are still praying the rosary on Wednesday nights. Please have a 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

JUNE 3

St. Charles Lwanga and  
Companions, Martyrs

Acts 19:1–8

Jn 16:29–33

### Tuesday

JUNE 4

Easter Weekday

Acts 20:17–27

Jn 17:1–11a

### Wednesday

JUNE 5

St. Boniface,  
Bishop and Martyr

Acts 20:28–38

Jn 17:11b–19

### Thursday

JUNE 6

Easter Weekday

Acts 22:30; 23:6–11

Jn 17:20–26

### Friday

JUNE 7

Easter Weekday

Acts 25:13b–21

Jn 21:15–19

### Saturday

JUNE 8

Easter Weekday

Acts 28:16–20, 30–31

Jn 21:20–25

### Sunday

JUNE 9

Pentecost

Acts 2:1–11

1 Cor 12:3b–7, 12–13 or

Rom 8:8–17

Jn 20:19–23 or

Jn 14:15–16, 23b–26

# Dear Padre,

**I'm confused by the phrase in the Apostles' Creed that says Jesus "descended into hell" before he rose on Easter. What does that mean?**

In the Old Testament, everyone who died, good or bad, ended up in Sheol. Sheol was portrayed as a shadowy place where the dead dwelt in a miserable existence, deprived of God. In the New Testament, this place was referred to as Hades or Gehenna. *Hades* is the Greek word for "the land of the dead." *Gehenna* is a word with Hebrew origins that referred to the valley of Hinnom. This valley was a narrow gorge, south of Jerusalem, used for a garbage dump. This image was used by Jesus for the place of punishment for the wicked after death (Matthew 5:22; 18:8).

When the Apostles' Creed states "he descended into hell," it means Jesus really suffered the effects of death—and did, indeed, die—and that everyone must suffer. Jesus died and went to Hades, where all the dead had to go. The Church has traditionally taught that Jesus also had a mission to perform when he went to Hades. Because everyone, whether evil or righteous, ended up in Hades, Jesus came to free the just ones who had gone before him. This is the so-called "harrowing of hell," which was a popular devotion in medieval times. Jesus went to hell and released those holy souls stranded there. Some Eastern Church iconography portrays Jesus rising from the tomb and bringing those people out of the underworld and up to heaven with him.



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## A Word from Pope Francis

*[Jesus] is like a roped guide climbing a mountain who, on reaching the summit, pulls us up to him and leads us to God. If we entrust our life to him, if we let ourselves be guided by him, we are certain to be in safe hands, in the hands of our Savior,*

—General audience, April 17, 2013