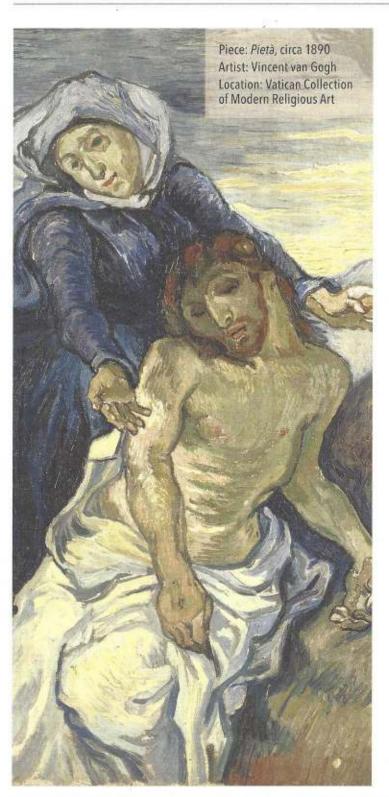
June 25, 2017

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) Ier 20:10–13

Rom 5:12-15

Mt 10:26-33



Struggle and Rest

Vincent van Gogh is one of the most famous painters in history. His dramatic style of eternally swirling motion and his palette of deep blue, green, and brown captivates us. His life was just as topsy-turvy as his style. He started off as an aspiring minister and missionary yet ended up committing himself to painting. He fought with mental illness most his life and, sadly, died poor and amidst mysterious circumstances.

His painting *Pietà* is one of his most spiritual and religious works. Carried out in the months before his untimely death, it shows the maturation of his style. Rather than approach the painting with a wide horizontal composition, he keeps it quite vertical, which suggests a connection between heaven and earth. Jesus is falling forward slightly and is not quite resting in Mary's arms. He seems to be somewhat on his own as Mary reacts in grief, offering more than an accepting embrace.

Suffering has both the moment of struggle and of rest. In Van Gogh's *Pietà*, as in life, the unrequited desire to rest prevails. The struggle to accept and embrace suffering was a big part of Van Gogh's life, as seen in his letters to his brother. Van Gogh, like us, sought serenity in a faith that claims "he has rescued the life of the poor" and that "all the hairs of your head are counted" and not a sparrow "falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge." We are precious to God, as was his Son. The power of God's love embraces our suffering and offers to bring it to resurrection.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

What am I struggling with and need to give over to Christ? How can I increase my trust in God this week?

"If by that one person's transgression the many died, how much more did the grace of God...overflow" (Romans 5:15).







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Mass & Confession Schedule Holy Trinity Catholic Parish

Weekend Masses

Sunday Vigil (Saturday) -Sunday Mass -

4:00 PM 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)

Weekday Mass (Wednesday & Friday) 8:30 AM (Summer)

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 June 26, 2017

Monday † No Mass

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 12:15pm Tuesday St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:30am Wednesday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 9:00am** Thursday St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:30am Friday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:30am First Saturday

Offered For

† No Mass

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For Vocations

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

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions

Weekend of July 1-2, 2017

Saturday Vigil: Holy Trinity, Cherry - 4:00 PM

† Lois Anderson

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† Dato & Marian Olivero

Sunday:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30 AM

† For The Parishioners

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM † Brian Cassidy † Cecilia Wenzel

Ministry Schedule For Next Weekend

Holy Trinity LECTOR

Saturday - 4:00PM - Carol Lauer Sunday - 8:30AM - Gerald Schlenz EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday - 4:00PM - Bill Lauer

Sunday - 8:30AM - Kathy Bonucchi SERVERS

Saturday - 4:00PM -

RI Talbot & Antonia Cattani Sunday - 8:30AM -

Kerri Herrmann

St. Patrick

LECTOR

Sunday - 10:30AM - Bruce Galloway EUCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sunday - 10:30AM - Ann Kapraun SERVERS

Sunday - 10:30AM -

Casen Cherry & Dylan Lovgren

St. Thomas More

ROSARY

Sat 5:30PM - Mary Ann Schoening

LECTOR

Sat 5:30PM - Alice Berogon EUCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sat 5:30PM - Judy Szymovicz

SERVERS

Sat 5:30PM - ?

UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

June 28 - Rosary Against Evil -St. Patrick - 5:30PM

Last Sunday's Offering

Holy Trinity -\$1335.00 Needed Weekly - \$1700

St. Patrick -\$787.00

Needed Weekly - \$700

St. Thomas More - \$799.00

Needed Weekly - \$700

The Rosary Against Evil

The rosary we are beginning on Wednesday nights at 5:30PM (time change) will be prayed at St. Patrick Church during the month of June. The month of July will have us back at the Divine Mercy Chapel at St. Thomas More in Dalzell. It is our time to show God, Jesus, Mary how much we need them to fight evil around us. 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.

Thanks From Father

Thank you to everyone who came to share in my 10th anniversary celebration as a priest! And a very special thank you to everyone who prepared the hall and the food for everyone to enjoy! I will certainly never forget the wonderful evening. I am so fortunate to have so many wonderful people around and may God's love always be with all of you!

Addition to St. Thomas More Adoration Room

When we need a place to pray, there is no better place in our area than the Divine Mercy Prayer Room at St. Thomas More. With the statues of the saints to use as our inspiration to have prayerful lives, we have added one new statue of Padre Pio. It is very beautiful and it also reminds us of one of his great gifts which was hearing confessions. The room also has other Sundays at noon or by special devotions present like the Stations, Divine Mercy picture, the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, St. Peregrine statue to pray for help against cancer, and among other statues there is St. Therese of Liseux our diocesan patroness for vocations which we always need. So please come and pray! It is open 8AM until 8PM Monday thru Saturday and 8AM until 5:30PM on Sunday.

Upcoming Area Events

For The Week

The readings this weekend remind us of one very important thing. There will always be people who hate good and want to destroy what is good. The first reading from Jeremiah we hear during Lent as a reminder that evil wanted to destroy Jesus and evil wanted to take an example of good from our lives. As we know from then, and now, God, Jesus will always destroy

In the world today which is all too full of evil. We need to keep our lives centered on Christ by how we live and by always doing good. Even doing good for those who we believe to be evil so God can break the evil from their lives through us! God knows our goodness we just need to always use it on His behalf. May God always be with us!

Sacramental Preparation

Baptisms: Preparation is required for the first child in the family. Baptisms are scheduled on 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 26 Weekday Gn 12:1-9, Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday

June 27 Weekday Gn 13:2, 5-18 Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday

June 28 St. Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr Gn 15:1-12, 17-18 Mt 7:15-20

Thursday

June 29 Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles Acts 12:1-11 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18 Mt 16:13-19

Friday

June 30 Weekday Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22 Mt 8:1-4

Saturday

July 1 Weekday Gn 18:1-15, Mt 8:5-17

Sunday

July 2 Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a Rom 6:3-4, 8-11 Mt 10:37-42

Dear Padre

Did Adam and Eve repent of their sin, and if so, were they forgiven?

Tenesis 1-3 is written primarily to convey truths ■ about God: God is good, loving, and provident; humankind was ungrateful to God and introduced evil into the world. However, despite humanity's sinfulness, there is still hope because of God's goodness and mercy. The Garden of Eden story is focused more on the loss of original holiness and the consequences of original sin than on repentance.

So while the Bible doesn't state that Adam and Eve sought repentance, we can know with certainty that God offered them forgiveness, and we can imagine that they probably repented. God restores humanity after the Fall through Christ's redemptive act and offers all of us forgiveness (see the Catechism of the Catholic Church, 410).

Christians believe that "the world has been established and kept in being by the Creator's love; has fallen into slavery to sin but has been set free by Christ, crucified and risen to break the power of the evil one" (CCC 421). Creation, therefore, already involves a re-creation in Christ, the eternal Word of the Father. Christ, the "New Adam," who amends for the disobedience of Adam, becomes the point toward which creation's history is directed.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church asks: Why did God not prevent the first man from sinning? "St. Leo the Great

responds, 'Christ's inexpressible grace gave us blessings better than those the demon's envy had taken away.'...And the Exsultet sings, 'O happy fault, ...which gained for us so great a Redeemer!" (CCC 412).

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



A Word From Pope Francis

"We have prayed under [Mary's] leadership that she guide us to be ever more united to her Son, Jesus. We have brought her our joys and our suffering, our hopes and our struggles; we have invoked her by the beautiful title of Salus Populi Romani imploring her for us all, for Rome, for the world that she grant us health. Yes, because Mary gives us health, she is our health. Jesus Christ—by his Passion, Death, and Resurrection—has brought us salvation, granting us the grace and the joy of being children

of God, to truly call him by the name of Father. Mary is the mother, and a mother worries above all about the health of her children....What does this mean?...I think above all of three things: she helps us grow, to confront life, to be free."

-Recital of the Holy Rosary, May 4, 2013

