

## Accepting Pain

Michelangelo's statue *The Pietà*, finished before he turned twenty-four, expresses a theme Italians didn't enjoy seeing in art: death. Even worse, it recalls the torturous death of a crucified son held by his mourning mother. The image is horrific.

In his approach, Michelangelo is revolutionary. Rather than directly representing death, his statue is a meditation on it. Instead of showing the Virgin in the moment of extreme anguish, the normal strategy to achieve pity in the onlooker, the master decides to show Mary in humble acceptance of this heart-wrenching moment.

She doesn't fight or run from the pain in rebellious screams. Her teeth aren't clenched, her brow is unwrinkled, and her eyes aren't filled with tears imploring upward seeking to understand the illogical. She merely sits in the painful moment embracing the Son and abandoning her sorrow to the Father who permitted it.

Her hands reveal her attitude. One holds her Son under his arm firmly. She pulls him to her, sustaining the weight of the mystery. She absorbs the moment, fleeing not. Remaining in the pain, she endures the cost of our redemption, expressing her fiat again, in silence: Let it be done to me according to your word.

The other hand tilts toward us, open. She is letting go, giving over! She knows this Child in her arms was never only hers, but everyone's. We're invited to grasp her open hand, join her pain, and do our part to take up our own cross and follow him.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Piece: *The Pietà*, 1499  
Artist: Michelangelo  
Location: St. Peter's Basilica



### *For Reflection*

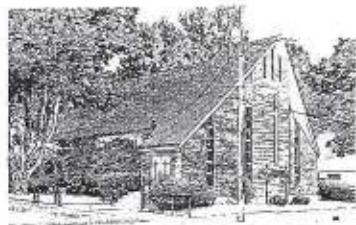
*How can I better embrace the challenging moments in my life, rather than rebel or run from them?*

*How can I better accept and let go of those things that cause me pain?*

*[Jesus] took the child by the hand and said to her, "Talitha koum," which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise!"*

*Mark 5:41*





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 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 July 2, 2018

Offered For

Monday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† Mildred Downie

Tuesday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30pm

† Wayne Jaraczewski

Wednesday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† No Mass - \*St. Mary, Peru - 9:30am (9am Chorale)

Thursday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30am\*\*

† Ann Doyle

Friday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† Eugene Weberski

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

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions

Weekend of July 7 - 8, 2018

Saturday Vigil:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 4:00 PM

† Ann Dinges

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† Phil Maggio, Sr.

Sunday:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30 AM

† For The Parishioners

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM

† William Bonnell

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† Dato & Marian Olivero



Ministry Schedule  
For Next Weekend

Holy Trinity

LECTOR

Saturday - 4:00PM - Kathy Pullam  
Sunday - 8:30AM - Gerald Schlenz

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday - 4:00PM - Tina Dominy  
Sunday - 8:30AM - Kathy Bonucchi

SERVERS

Saturday - 4:00PM -  
Katelyn Pullam & Emily Robbins  
Sunday - 8:30AM -  
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St. Patrick

LECTOR

Sunday - 10:30AM - Bruce Galloway

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sunday - 10:30AM - ?

SERVERS

Sunday - 10:30AM -  
Claire & Brooke Lovgren

St. Thomas More

ROSARY

Sat 5:30PM - Cheryl Stowe

LECTOR

Sat 5:30PM - ?

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sat 5:30PM - Cheryl Stowe

SERVERS

Sat 5:30PM - ?

UPCOMING  
CHURCH EVENTS

July 4 - Due to Holiday There Will Be No Rosary Against Evil At Church - But Please Pray At Home

July 11 - Rosary Against Evil - St. Thomas More (Dalzell) - 6pm

July 16 - Mass/Rosary Reparation Of Sins-St Thomas More (Dalzell) -5:30pm

July 29 - St. Patrick Chicken Dinner - Bp. Franz Hall - 11am - 1pm

Last Sunday's Offering

Holy Trinity - \$1014.00  
Needed Weekly - \$1700 (-\$7973.00)\*  
St. Patrick - \$635.00  
Needed Weekly - \$700 (-\$1911.00)\*  
St. Thomas More - \$1016.00  
Needed Weekly - \$900 (\$3351.00)\*  
\*\*(Parentheses) - Overage/Deficit of Collection

Mass For Reparation  
Every Third Monday

Coming on Monday, July 16th 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!

"Totus Tuus" Summer  
Catholic Youth Program

The LaSalle Parishes presents the 5th annual week long Catholic summer program for youth called Totus Tuus, July 1-6! It is sponsored by the diocese to allow kids to reach a deeper level of religious education through catechesis, prayer, celebration of sacraments and FUN! Students going into grades 1-6 meet Monday-Friday 9am to 2:30pm. Students going into grades 7-12 meet Sunday-Thursday 7-9pm. Registration forms are online at lasallecatholic.org. There is a small fee to take part in the activities.

The Rosary Against Evil

The rosary that we continue to pray on Wednesday nights at 6PM will be prayed at St. Thomas More Church during the month of July in Dalzell. 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!

Special Note Regarding Offerings

\*The reason we need fundraisers at our parishes is to cover where our weekly collection is below our weekly needs.

For The Week

On this Thirteenth Weekend of Ordinary Time, we hear about the healings of Jesus when the people had a strong faith. One key thing that stands out in the Gospel. The people had a strong belief in Jesus and they sought Him out for help. He wasn't the last resort but the first person they sought out for help for healing.

Today, we still need healings for different things but quite often Jesus through a priest is the last thought. So Fr. Pat asks if you have something that is bothering you health wise, ask Fr. Pat to be anointed. The anointing oil is kept on the altar so it can be used after Mass. He will anoint those needing help in the front pews after Mass. Please don't think he is too busy! Please have a great week and stay cool!

ADA Goals 2018-19

Holy Trinity - \$16,421.00  
Pledges To Date \$2535 (15%)  
St. Patrick - \$11,340.00  
Pledges To Date \$2050 (18%)  
St. Thomas More - \$10,917.00  
Pledges To Date \$3785 (35%)

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

July 2

Weekday

Am 2:6-10; 13-16

Mt 8:18-22

### Tuesday

July 3

St. Thomas,

Apostle

Eph 2:19-22

Jn 20:24-29

### Wednesday

July 4

Weekday

Am 5:14-15, 21-24

Mt 8:28-34

### Thursday

July 5

Weekday

Am 7:10-17

Mt 9:1-8

### Friday

July 6

Weekday

Am 8:4-6, 9-12

Mt 9:9-13

### Saturday

July 7

Weekday

Am 9:11-15

Mt 9:14-17

### Sunday

July 8

Fourteenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

Ez 2:2-5

2 Cor 12:7-10

Mk 6:1-6

# Dear Padre,

**Is there any sense in suffering? A friend is in great pain, and I don't think she should have to suffer so much. No one should!**

The most popular book of Catholic devotion is *The Imitation of Christ*, written by Thomas à Kempis. He wrote this as he watched his best friends and members of his religious community suffer and die from the plague. Much of the book revolves around suffering.

Thomas wrote that it was not deep words that made a person holy and upright, but a good life, lived in God's presence. He believed God walked with the simple, and revealed God's very self to the humble. For Thomas à Kempis, there is no solution to suffering except to put your faith in Christ.

The Book of Job explores the mystery of innocent people experiencing misery and evil. Job suffers great pains and hardships, but he comes to the conclusion that faith in God must transcend personal pain and suffering.

Jesus advises his followers to take up their cross and follow him (Matthew 10:38, 16:24; Mark 8:34; and Luke 9:23, 14:27). Saint Paul reminds us that we suffer with Christ so that we may be glorified with him (Romans 8:17). The epistle of James challenges Christians to consider trials of any kind as nothing but a joy (James 1:2).

We all suffer. It's part of life. Our faith in Jesus is the bridge that can lead us over the chasm of suffering to the place of peace that many of the early martyrs and saints found.

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## A Word From Pope Francis

Countless people suffer trials and injustice, and live in anxiety. Our hearts need anointing with God's consolation; which does not take away our problems, but gives us the power to love, to peacefully bear pain. Receiving and bringing God's consolation:

this mission of the Church is urgent.

—Homily in Tbilisi, Georgia, October 1, 2016