

The Eye of God

The Book of Romans meditates on a truth we sometimes neglect, but that has inspired many artists. Creation longs to share in the freedom of God's kingdom. Sin has affected nature, so salvation will also set it free from corruption. What would a glorified planet look like? Charles Burchfield, a nature painter, tried to imagine just that.

He painted thousands of scenes from his bedroom in Salem, Ohio. He became obsessed with dramatizing landscapes and was known to sketch as he walked to and from school. His love and meditations didn't keep him from entering the army, but given his gifts, he was assigned to the camouflage unit, using his skills to paint tanks and drapery. Some of his designs are still used today.

What Burchfield discovered was that a pristine nature scene was a divine image. The forms, the colors, the patterns were all created by God and guided by his providence. By painting these scenes, one was truly touching the hand of God and entering into his mind. His painting *Eye of God in the Woods* illustrates the eye of God in a sun that pierces through the trees of a snowy forest with a rolling brook.

God speaks in nature motifs. Scripture is full of them. Jesus also used nature as a model for his teachings: seeds sown in different soils, clouds predicting rain, a sparrow, a catch of fish.

Nature is a glorious soil from which inspiration can sprout. This week, meditate and marvel at the beauty of creation and, like Jesus, take lessons from it for your spiritual life.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Piece: *Eye of God in the Woods*, 1949

Artist: Charles Burchfield

Location: Collection of the
Monumenti Musei e Gallerie
Pontificie, Vatican City

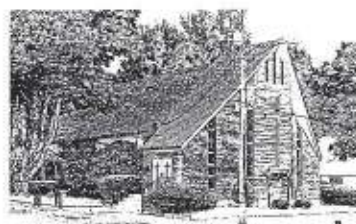


For Reflection

How often do I spend time outdoors enjoying nature?

*What messages from God can I find
in the natural world today?*

"[Hope] that creation itself would be set free from slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God" (Romans 8:21).



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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) 8:30 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 July 17, 2017

Offered For

Monday

† No Mass

Tuesday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 12:15pm

† Ricco Fonderoli

Wednesday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:30am

† Fran Sarosinski

Thursday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 12:15pm

† Wayne & Carl Jaraczewski

Friday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:30am

† Jeri Schmid

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

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions

Weekend of July 22-23, 2017

Saturday Vigil:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 4:00 PM

† Ron & Lynn Raef

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† Richard Kapraun

Sunday:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30 AM

† Connie Lauer

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM

† Rosaria Taylor

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† For The Parishioners

**Ministry Schedule
For Next Weekend**

Holy Trinity

LECTOR

Saturday - 4:00PM - Kathy Pullam

Sunday - 8:30AM - Mary Jane Marincic

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 - Steve Sondgeroth

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sunday - 10:30AM - Joanne Oberheide

SERVERS

Sunday - 10:30AM -

J Vander Meersch & T Schroeder

St. Thomas More

ROSARY

Sat 5:30PM - Cheryl Stowe

LECTOR

Sat 5:30PM - Joelle Crockett

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sat 5:30PM - Frank Magana

SERVERS

Sat 5:30PM - ?

**UPCOMING
CHURCH EVENTS**

July 19 - Rosary Against Evil -

St. Thomas More - 5:30PM

July 22 - St. Patrick's General Grounds

Cleanup - 9AM

July 26 - St. Patrick's Hall Cleanup

- 5PM

July 30 - St. Patrick's Annual

Chicken Dinner - 11AM to 1PM

Last Sunday's Offering

Holy Trinity - \$1057.00

Needed Weekly - \$1700

St. Patrick - \$709.00

Needed Weekly - \$700

St. Thomas More - \$1355.00

Needed Weekly - \$700

**St. Patrick's
Annual Chicken Dinner**

It is time to put a mark on your calendar for Sunday, July 30th from 11am to 1pm at the Bishop Franz Hall (St. Pats) for a great chicken dinner. The dinner includes fried chicken (surprise right!), French fries or german potato salad, applesauce or lettuce salad, homemade desserts and beverage. Adults are \$8 and children under 10 are \$3 with preschoolers free. It should be a great day with great food!

**TOTUS TUUS Youth
Summer Program**

The La Salle parishes is hosting this Catholic Youth program for students from 1st grade to senior in high school. Students going into grades 1-6 will meet Monday thru Friday 9am - 2pm. Students going grades 7-12 meet Sunday thru Thursday 7 - 9pm. The cost is \$10 per student. Drop off is at Trinity Catholic School building main doors, 725 4th St. in La Salle. For more info go to lasallescatholic.org or call Sue at 223-0641.

The Rosary Against Evil

The rosary we are beginning on Wednesday nights at 5:30PM (time change) will be prayed at St. Thomas More Church during the month of July in the Divine Mercy Chapel 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.

Upcoming Area Events

July 22 - Ladd 5th Annual Run/Walk to Benefit Veterans Home

For The Week

This week we begin to listen to some of Jesus' parables. This week we hear the parable of the sower and the seed. The seed being the word of God and Jesus Christ. As we are all sinners, when sin takes us over, our ability to understand God's Word is lessened. But through confession, God's grace is opened up to us and we begin to understand what God's Word, and Jesus, are trying to tell us.

We have the option of being fertile soil by keeping our lives free from sin. And if we are full of sin we are like the ground with thorns where the seed has little chance to produce. God is always trying to give us his great gifts. We need to keep our soil, us, rich to receive His plantings. May God always be with us!

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 17

Weekday

Ex 1:8–14, 22

Mt 10:34–11:1

Tuesday

July 18

Weekday

Ex 2:1–15a

Mt 11:20–24

Wednesday

July 19

Weekday

Ex 3:1–6, 9–12

Mt 11:25–27

Thursday

July 20

Weekday

Ex 3:13–20

Mt 11:28–30

Friday

July 21

Weekday

Ex 11:10–12:14

Mt 12:1–8

Saturday

July 22

St. Mary Magdalene

Sgs 3:1–4b or

2 Cor 5:14–17

Jn 20:1–2, 11–18

Sunday

July 23

Sixteenth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Wis 12:13, 16–19

Rom 8:26–27

Mt 13:24–43

or 13:24–30

Dear Padre,

Why does the Bible have two creation stories?

Scholars believe these stories (Genesis 1–3) were written by two authors during different times and situations in Jewish history. The first story focuses on the creation of the universe; the second emphasizes the creation of man and woman.

The creation account that appears first in the Bible (Genesis 1:1–2:4a) was written six centuries before the birth of Christ by a priest wanting to reaffirm for the Jews that only one God is the all-powerful creator of all that exists. At that time, a belief in several powerful, warring gods was common in the cultures surrounding Judaism.

The story that appears later in the Bible (Genesis 2:4b–3:24) was actually written earlier—four centuries earlier—by a sage in the court of King David. It affirmed that human beings have an inherent dignity and a responsibility to live within boundaries. They must obey God, a rule that applies to kings as well.

Both accounts contain the closely held beliefs regarding human dignity (made in God's image and likeness) and responsibility (care for the earth as God would care for it) that are core to the Christian faith. At their heart they teach us through symbol and story about that God who is partially knowable, the source of life and hope amid the chaos and loss that beset every generation.



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A Word From Pope Francis

"Saint Francis, faithful to Scripture, invites us to see nature as a magnificent book in which God speaks to us and grants us a glimpse of his infinite beauty and goodness. 'Through the greatness and the beauty of creatures one comes to know by analogy their maker' (Wisdom 13:5); indeed, 'his eternal power and divinity have been made known through his works since the creation of the world' (Romans 1:20). For this reason, Francis asked that part of the friary garden always be left untouched, so that wild flowers and herbs could grow there, and those who saw them could raise their minds to God, the Creator of such beauty. Rather than a problem to be solved, the world is a joyful mystery to be contemplated with gladness and praise."

—*Laudato Si'*, May 24, 2015