



Piece: *The Holy Family With St. Joachim and Anne*, 1516  
Artist: Unknown  
Location: Chapel of the Governatorato, Vatican City

## To Live With Christ

A priest friend of mine visited a family with several sons thinking about the priestly vocation. During his visit he celebrated Mass for them at the local parish. The Gospel reading was the same as today: “Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me....” My friend thought twice before reading it, afraid that the father who wasn’t open to his sons’ vocations would think he picked this passage on purpose. He read it anyway and, yes, got the reaction he suspected he’d get.

Most words in the Gospels are challenging. Jesus calls us to love him above all things. This means he has to come first, and sometimes other loves, as good as they are, cannot be the ultimate criteria. He tells us to “lose our life” to find it, and sometimes that loss is real and painful.

He demands this because he himself experienced its truth. In his public ministry, he put his mission and love of souls ahead of spending more time with family and friends. When religious leaders, government officials, and others criticized and persecuted him, he didn’t back down,

even if it affected his loved ones. He was faithful in charity. He didn’t look for problems, but he didn’t run from them, either. He avoided unnecessary conflict when he could, but he completely obeyed God’s will and embraced the hardships of loving until the end.

This kind of sacrifice brings great joy if endured with acceptance. As Romans tells us, “If, then, we have died with Christ, ...we shall also live with him.”

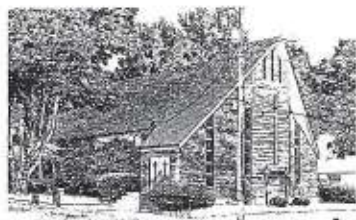
—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

### For Reflection

*How can I live my life as though nothing is more important than Jesus?  
Do I regularly witness to my love for Jesus, using words when necessary?*

*“...Whoever does not take up his cross  
and follow after me is not worthy of me” (Matthew 10:37).*





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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 3, 2017

Offered For

Monday

† No Mass

Tuesday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 9:00am

† Dec Mem David Hunter Family

Wednesday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:30am

† Phil Maggio Sr.

Thursday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 12:15pm

† Kathleen Wagner

Friday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:30am

† Rich Szymowicz

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

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions

Weekend of July 8-9, 2017

Saturday Vigil:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 4:00 PM

† For The Parishioners

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† Stan Reynolds

Sunday:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30 AM

† Joan Kehoe

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM

† Tommy Hewitt

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† Mildred Downie



Ministry Schedule  
For Next Weekend

**Holy Trinity**

**LECTOR**

Saturday - 4:00PM - Heather Linnig

Sunday - 8:30AM - Jeff Pinter

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

Saturday - 4:00PM - Sheila Campbell

Sunday - 8:30AM - Terry Templeton

**SERVERS**

Saturday - 4:00PM -

Payton & Berkle Linnig

Sunday - 8:30AM -

Corey Pinter

**St. Patrick**

**LECTOR**

Sunday - 10:30AM - Ernie Bartoli

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER**

Sunday - 10:30AM - John Kapraun

**SERVERS**

Sunday - 10:30AM -

Ella Cherry & Brooke Lovgren

**St. Thomas More**

**ROSARY**

Sat 5:30PM - Joelle Crockett

**LECTOR**

Sat 5:30PM - Mary Ann Schoening

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER**

Sat 5:30PM - Cheryl Stowe

**SERVERS**

Sat 5:30PM - ?

**UPCOMING**  
**CHURCH EVENTS**

**July 5** - Rosary Against Evil -

St. Thomas More - 5:30PM

**Last Sunday's Offering**

Holy Trinity - \$0.00

Needed Weekly - \$1700

St. Patrick - \$0.00

Needed Weekly - \$700

St. Thomas More - \$0.00

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. 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.

**Diocesan Capital Campaign**

The diocesan-wide planning is off to a GREAT START! The diocese is looking for people to answer some surveys online about your thoughts of the campaign. If you would like to participate, go to [www.cdop.org/capitalcampaign](http://www.cdop.org/capitalcampaign) to learn more about the proposed plans. The password for the survey is: survey.

**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 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 Gospel this weekend might make us think that Jesus doesn't like families. But Jesus is really telling us to remember that He, God should always be first in our lives. Everything we do in our lives should be with that in mind. Jesus did everything for us to give us a great opportunity at getting into Heaven. But it would mean giving our lives to God through prayer, attending Mass every week, and sharing our God given abilities in and with the world.

So today, and the days going forward, remember to promote the importance of Jesus by bringing our children to Mass every week. If we don't show the importance of Jesus in our life. How will they ever know? 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 3

St. Thomas, Apostle

Eph 2:19–22

Jn 20:24–29

### Tuesday

July 4

Weekday

Gn 19:15–29

Mt 8:23–27

### Wednesday

July 5

Weekday

Gn 21:5, 8–20a

Mt 8:28–34

### Thursday

July 6

Weekday

Gn 22:1b–19

Mt 9:1–8

### Friday

July 7

Weekday

Gn 23:1–4, 19;

24:1–8, 62–67

Mt 9:9–13

### Saturday

July 8

Weekday

Gn 27:1–5, 15–29

Mt 9:14–17

### Sunday

July 9

Fourteenth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Zec 9:9–10

Rom 8:9, 11–13

Mt 11:25–30

# Dear Padre,

## If my fiancé and I abstain from sex, why can't we live together before we get married?

It seems to me there are two reasons living with your future spouse before marriage is not a good idea.

One is that you are setting each other up for some serious temptations, or an "occasion of sin." It would be similar to putting a bottle of gin on the desk of an alcoholic or a carton of cigarettes in front of someone who has succeeded in giving up smoking. I'm not saying you have some sort of addiction, but the natural pull of sex is going to be particularly strong, especially when you're young, in love, and ready to commit to marriage.

You will be free and even encouraged in marriage to pursue the greatest intimacy. But for the moment, it is asking too much to put you both in the same circumstances now that you will be in after you wed.

The second reason for not living together before marriage is that the living situation could give scandal to others. If you are active in your church and vocal about practicing your Catholic faith but then start living with your future spouse before marriage, it can raise questions (and eyebrows) about what you really believe and how you're living your faith.

There may be some good-sounding reasons for living together. You can cut down on costs, get to know your future spouse better, and so on. But these reasons aren't worth the risk.

My advice is that you help each other live a virtuous life now, by sacrificing the convenience of living together outside of marriage, as the best practice for your life together in the sacrament of matrimony.

Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSSR  
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## A Word From Pope Francis

"Commitment to mission is not something added on to the Christian life as a kind of decoration, but is instead an essential element of faith itself. A relationship with the Lord entails being sent out into the world as prophets of his word and witnesses of his love. Even if at times we are conscious of our weaknesses and tempted to discouragement, we need to turn with God with confidence. We must overcome a sense of our own inadequacy and not yield to pessimism, which merely turns us into passive spectators of a dreary and monotonous life. There is no room for fear! God himself comes to cleanse our 'unclean lips' and equip us for the mission."

—Message, Fifty-fourth World Day of Prayer for Vocations, November 27, 2016