

## Praying to Our Good, Good Father

Learning to pray well is perhaps the most important skill we can learn. It's one thing that will carry us through life, all the way to heaven. We might as well get good at it!

Jesus was often found praying, but if he was God, why was this necessary? Certainly he prayed as a model to us. But he also prayed to have a fuller human experience of the love of his Father. He prayed because he wanted to, not because he needed to. Even amid the demands of his mission and the looming cross, Jesus showed us prayer as a way to receive spiritual strength and to experience his Father's love.

This "being caught up in love" was

evident to those who watched Jesus pray. Looking at him, the apostles longed to experience what he experienced, so they asked him "teach us to pray." He began, "Our Father...."

When we pray we're not in dialog with a demanding commander but with a caring, protecting Father. He is a good, good Father. The last thing he wants to see is his children suffering or in want. He wants to provide exactly what we really need—not necessarily what we pout about! Our role is to trust and abandon ourselves into his hands through prayer.

This is where the life of grace comes in. Grace—God's fatherly love shared with us at baptism and which continues through the help of his Holy Spirit—is our greatest treasure. One way to grow in prayer is to ask yourself what will help this grace, this God-shared love, grow in your heart.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

### *For Reflection*

*In baptism I became  
a child of God. Do I  
give thanks enough  
for this gift?*



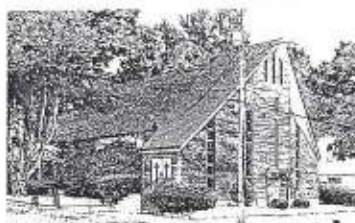
Piece: *The Baptism of Constantine*, 1517-1524

Artist: Gianfrancesco Penni

Location: Apostolic Palace, Vatican City

*[Jesus said,] "Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find;  
knock and the door will be opened to you."*

*Luke 11:9*



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 - See Schedule)

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 July 29, 2019

Offered For

Monday St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 10:00am

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Tuesday Holy Trinity, Cherry - 12:15pm

† Catherine Hunter

Wednesday St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† Ray & Tom Pigati Families

Thursday Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30am

† Charlie & Hazel Keutzer

Friday St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† Mary Jane Gorski

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

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions

Weekend of August 3-4, 2019

Saturday Vigil: St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 4:00 PM\*\*\* † Mary Taliani

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM † None This Week

Sunday: Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30 AM † For The Parishioners

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM † Lilley "Bonnie" Meyer

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM † Fred Buck, Sr.

Ministry Schedule  
For Next Weekend

Holy Trinity

LECTOR

Saturday - 4:00PM - Mass in Dalzell

Sunday - 8:30AM - Jeff Pinter

SERVERS

Saturday - 4:00PM -

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Sunday - 8:30AM - ?

COUNTERS

Sunday - 8:30AM -

Kathy Bonucchi & Linda Black

St. Patrick

LECTOR

Sunday - 10:30AM - Steve Sondgeroth

SERVERS

Sunday - 10:30AM -

Claire & Brooke Lovgren

St. Thomas More

ROSARY

Sat 5:30PM - TBD

LECTOR

Sat 5:30PM - Mary Ann Schoening

SERVERS

Sat 5:30PM - ?

Visit Venerable Fulton Sheen

At Cathedral in Peoria

Monday - Friday 12pm - 2pm

Saturday 3pm - 6pm

Sunday 9am - 2pm

UPCOMING  
CHURCH EVENTS

July 28 - St. Patrick Chicken Dinner -  
Bp. Franz Hall - 11am - 1pm

July 31 - Rosary Against Evil - St.  
Thomas More (Dalzell) - 6PM

August 9 & 10 - Holy Trinity Rummage  
Sale @ Holy Trinity Hall (Collecting  
clothes and other items the week of  
August 5th)

August 19 - Mass Reparation Sins/  
Rosary - Holy Trinity (Cherry) - 5:30pm  
(No Rosary The Following Wednesday)

Last Sunday's Offering

Holy Trinity - \$1485.00

St. Patrick - \$670.00

St. Thomas More - \$909.00

\*Change To Holy Trinity &  
St. Thomas More Masses -  
Saturday, August 3rd\*

Because of the Cherry Car  
Show on August 3rd and the traffic  
caused by it, the Mass in Cherry is  
moved to Dalzell at 4PM. Also the  
5:30PM Mass in Dalzell will be  
canceled on that Saturday only.

St. Patrick's Chicken Dinner

Coming up on Sunday, July  
28th is the Annual Chicken Dinner  
from 11am - 1pm. The meal is fried  
chicken, French fries or German  
potato salad, applesauce or lettuce  
salad and dessert with beverage.  
Carry-outs are available. And tickets  
are purchased at the door.

Adults are \$8, Children  
under 10 are \$4, and pre-schoolers  
are free. And you get to have dinner  
with all the Fixsen's! (In the area!)

Holy Trinity

Rummage Sale-Goods Dropoff

After installing new carpet  
in the church, we have a need to  
repave the parking lot. So this  
rummage sale is to help in those  
efforts.

The church hall will be open  
for drop off of items from August  
4th - 8th between 4 - 8PM. Thank  
you for anything you do!!

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

August 6 - Cherry Pie & Coffee -  
Holy Trinity Hall - 1:30-3:30PM

For The Week

"For everyone who asks,  
receives; and the one who seeks, finds;  
and to the one who knocks, the door  
will be opened." We hear in the first  
reading Abraham asking about the  
"innocent people" in Sodom and  
Gomorra and if they will be destroyed  
when the cities are destroyed. As we  
know, God had His angels blow a  
trumpet to warn people to leave before  
the destruction came. Not many left!

Through the messages of  
Christ recently we hear the same  
warning of areas who have supported  
abortion will likely undergo the same  
test. And it all begins with our  
prayerfulness and faith, if we believe  
God never stops talking to us to lead  
us to Heaven, we will always listen to  
God through our prayer (like  
adoration) and have faith in the Truth  
of what He tells us. Sadly recreational  
activities, sports and other events  
usually gets our time, not God! May  
God always be with us!

ADA Goals 2019-20

Holy Trinity - \$17589.00

Pledges To Date \$2435.00 (14%)

St. Patrick - \$9902.00

Pledges To Date \$1250.00 (13%)

St. Thomas More - \$12554.00

Pledges To Date \$1165.00 (9%)

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 29

St. Martha

Ex 32:15-24, 30-34

Jn 11:19-27

or Lk 10:38-42

### Tuesday

JULY 30

Weekday

Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28

Mt 13:36-43

### Wednesday

JULY 31

St. Ignatius of Loyola,  
Priest

Ex 34:29-35

Mt 13:44-46

### Thursday

AUGUST 1

St. Alphonsus Liguori,  
Bishop and Doctor  
of the Church

Ex 40:16-21, 34-38

Mt 13:47-53

### Friday

AUGUST 2

Weekday

Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27,  
34b-37

Mt 13:54-58

### Saturday

AUGUST 3

Weekday

Lv 25:1, 8-17

Mt 14:1-12

### Sunday

AUGUST 4

Eighteenth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

Ecc 1:2; 2:21-23

Col 3:1-5, 9-11

Lk 12:13-21

# Dear Padre,

**During summer vacation my family turns into media hounds. We're constantly streaming movies or going to the theater. Does the Church give guidelines for what we should watch?**

The bishops of North America have a committee devoted to media and communications ([usccb.org/about/communications/family-guide.cfm](http://usccb.org/about/communications/family-guide.cfm)). This committee suggests that it's the task of parents to educate their children on the influence of the media, to take responsibility for monitoring what media they use, and to become role models in the appropriate use of media.



The duty of the Catholic family is to affirm Christian values in its media choices. The first area to look at is how the film or program portrays human life. Is human life shown as a precious gift from God? Is sexuality linked to life? How is the act of dying presented? Are there moral consequences connected with the actors' actions?

The second yardstick is how the family is presented. Does the movie promote lasting commitments within the context of marriage and the family? Is exploitation, oppression, or neglect of any group condoned or even promoted? Is respect shown for various cultures?

The final measurement concerns Scripture and Christian belief. Do your media choices foster a sense of the divine, of human destiny beyond this life, or our obligations to forgive and our need for forgiveness? Are compassion, reconciliation, thanksgiving, and moral responsibility affirmed?

All parents must take full responsibility to affirm strong Catholic morals when choosing their family's movies and television programs.

—Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSsR | [Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org](mailto:Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org)

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## A Word from Pope Francis

*Media can help us to feel closer to one another, creating a sense of the unity of the human family, which can in turn inspire solidarity and serious efforts to ensure a more dignified life for all. Good communication helps us to grow closer, to know one another better and, ultimately, to grow in unity.*

—World Communications Day, June 1, 2014