

July 30, 2017

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) 1 Kgs 3:5, 7–12 Rom 8:28–30 Mt 13:44–52 or 13:44–46

# Rags to Riches

The richly decorated portrait *The Vision of Saint Helena* by Paolo Veronese is immediately impressive. Helena, a woman of humble origins, became the wife of Constantius Chlorus (Rome's emperor from 293–306). An innkeeper's daughter in an outback town, her beauty caught the eye of the most powerful man on earth. She went from rags to riches.

Here she wears lush, Eastern fabrics with woven prints and royal colors. The gold and blue details of her dress and the valour of her crimson cape broached under her chin denote the wealth her position afforded. She rests on a high-back leather throne; an elegant textile wall covering provides a background from floor to ceiling.

The softly flowing fabrics and her serene posture exude calm and focus our attention on her tranquil face and spirit of contemplation.

No matter the power, wealth, and beauty of the world surrounding her, Helena has forsaken all to pursue the true treasure she possesses as a Christian and values more than the rest. Helena traveled from Rome to Jerusalem to bring back the relics of Christ's passion. These reminders of Jesus' love for sinners became the most important treasures of Christendom.

Veronese wants to convince us that through prayer we come to understand our treasure is not found in wealth but in the glorious vestment of baptismal faith. As adopted sons and daughters of the king, we become like St. Helena: poor commoners raised to royalty! Thank God for his gift of life in Christ and allow your heart to follow the inspirations he shares with you.

· —Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



## For Reflection

Saint Helena left the comfort of her home to search for the cross of Christ. What are you searching for? What are you willing to give up for it? Are there riches or treasures that have a stronger hold on your heart than the kingdom of God?

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field" (Matthew 13:44).







Holy Trinity - Cherry

St. Patrick - Arlington

St. Thomas More - Dalzell

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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)

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 31, 2017

#### Offered For

Monday

† No Mass

Tuesday Wednesday Holy Trinity, Cherry - 12:15pm St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:30am † Charlie & Hazel Keutzer

Thursday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 12:15pm

† Nellie Cattani † Dec Memb Justin Legner Family

† Msgr. Brian Rejsek

Friday First Saturday

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

† For Vocations

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

## Next Weekend's Mass Intentions

Weekend of August 5-6, 2017

Saturday Vigil:

Holy Trinity, Cherry -

† No Mass (See \*\*Special Note)

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:00 PM

Sunday:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30 AM

† Dato & Marian Olivero † Bernard Schwamberger

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM

† Christopher & Rosaria Taylor

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† Adele Sever

#### Ministry Schedule For Next Weekend

Holy Trinity LECTOR

Sunday - 8:30AM - Jeff Pinter <u>EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS</u> Sunday - 8:30AM - Kathy Bonucchi <u>SERVERS</u>

Sunday - 8:30AM -Corey Pinter

#### St. Patrick LECTOR

Sunday - 10:30AM - Bruce Galloway <u>EUCHARISTIC MINISTER</u> Sunday - 10:30AM - John Kapraun <u>SERVERS</u> Sunday - 10:30AM -

Sunday - 10:30AM -Dylan Lovgren

## St. Thomas More

ROSARY

Sat 5:00PM - Mary Jean Goodrick LECTOR

Sat 5:00PM - Mary Ann Schoening EUCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sat 5:00PM - Cheryl Stowe

SERVERS Sat 5:00PM - 2

### UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

July 30 - St. Patrick's Annual
Chicken Dinner - IIAM to IPM
August 2 - Rosary Against Evil Holy Trinity (Cherry) - 5:30PM
August 4 & 5 - Cherry Car Show Ice
Cream Social - HT Hall (Starts Fri @
4:30pm, Sat @ Ipm)

## 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

## 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!

## Cherry Car Show Ice Cream Social

If you are coming to the Beer Garden/Cherry Car Show on August 4th - 5th, ice cream and root beer floats will be available in the Holy Trinity Hall. On Friday the 4th, the Altar & Rosary group will be selling the ice cream starting at 4:30pm. And on Saturday the 5th, the ice cream will be sold starting at 1pm. And if it is hot and/or humid, the ice cream or root beer floats should taste absolutely delicous!

## The Rosary Against Evil

The rosary we are beginning on Wednesday nights at 5:30PM will be prayed at Holy Trinity Church during the month of August in Cherry. 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

### For The Week

\*\*Special Note: With the Cherry Car Show on August 5th, the Mass at 4pm in Cherry will be cancelled. And the Mass in Dalzell will be at 5pm instead of 5:30pm.

This week's parable shares the joy, wonder and willingness to live for a life in Heaven. How much are we willing to give of ourselves to get into Heaven? How much are we willing to sacrifice of what we want or desire in this world to make it into Heaven? We have too often too many choices to make in life to show God we want a life with Him in Heaven, so what will we choose? May God always be with us!

#### ADA Goals 2017-18

Holy Trinity - \$16,569.00

Pledges To Date \$5,920.00 (36%)

St. Patrick - \$10,065.00

Pledges To Date \$4,815.00 (48%)

St. Thomas More - \$9,493.00

Pledges To Date \$5,100.00 (54%)

## Sacramental Preparation

<u>Baptisms</u>: 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 31

St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest.

Ex 32:15-24, 30-34 Mt 13:31-35

#### Tuesday

August 1

St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28 Mt 13:36-43

#### Wednesday

August 2

Weekday Ex 34:29-35

Mt 13:44-46

#### Thursday

August 3 Weekday

Ex 40:16-21, 34-38

Mt 13:47-53

#### Friday

August 4

St. John Vianney,

Priest

Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16,

27, 34b-37

Mt 13:54-58

#### Saturday

August 5

Weekday

Lv 25:1, 8-17

Mt 14:1-12

#### Sunday

August 6

Transfiguration

of the Lord

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14

2 Pt 1:16-19

Mt 17:1-9

# Dear Padre,

## Is it a sin to purchase goods and services from a business that financially supports morally objectionable behavior?

This question requires us to back up a bit and ask two more fundamental questions: "What is sin?" and "To what degree am I allowed to participate in an objective evil?" A moral action has three necessary components: the object, the intention, and the circumstances. These are the what, the why, and the context. For something to be sinful, all three of these components must be taken into account. I must know what I am doing is sinful, I must fully intend it, and there must not be any mitigating circumstances that lessen my degree of culpability. Sin, in other words, requires knowledge that the action is sinful, the will to perform it, and circumstances that do not unduly inhibit my knowledge and freedom to act. To purchase goods and services from a business that supports morally objectionable behavior is sinful if we are conscious that the business supports such behavior, if we intend to purchase the product as a way of showing our support of this morally objectionable behavior, and if there are no mitigating circumstances inhibiting our knowledge and freedom of action.

As a general rule, we should avoid purchasing goods and services from such businesses. We should not, for example, buy products from companies that fund grave objective moral evils such as embryonic stem research, contraception, abortion, assisted suicide, capital punishment, or euthanasia. Specific cases must also take into account the distinction between grave and less serious matters.

> Fr. Dennis J. Billy, CSsR Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



## A Word From Pope Francis

"The Apostle Thomas, at the conclusion of his impassioned quest, not only came to believe in the resurrection, but found in Jesus his life's greatest treasure, his Lord. He says to Jesus: 'My Lord and my God!' [John 20:28]. We would do well, today, and every day, to pray these magnificent words, and to say

to the Lord: You are my one treasure, the path I must follow, the core of my life, my all."

> -Mass with priests, men and women religious, consecrated people and Polish seminarians at St. John Paul II Shrine, Kraków, July 30, 2016

