

## The “Gospel” of Health and Wealth

There’s a current in modern Protestantism that is popularly called the “prosperity gospel.” Although rejected by many Protestants, it still has its disciples. Its basic tenet is that if you’re faithful and generous with God, he will bless you with prosperity in this life. The kind of prosperity expected is usually health and wealth. The natural conclusion is that economic blessings are signs of your faith. The opposite would also be true. If you are poor, you just might lack faith or God’s favor.

Without a doubt, God promises us prosperity. Just look at the prophesy of Isaiah in today’s reading. Yet, as always for Christians, we have to read the Old Testament in the light of Christ and his revelation in the New Testament. The life of Jesus, the Son of God, was the most prosperous life ever lived. Yet, he wasn’t rewarded

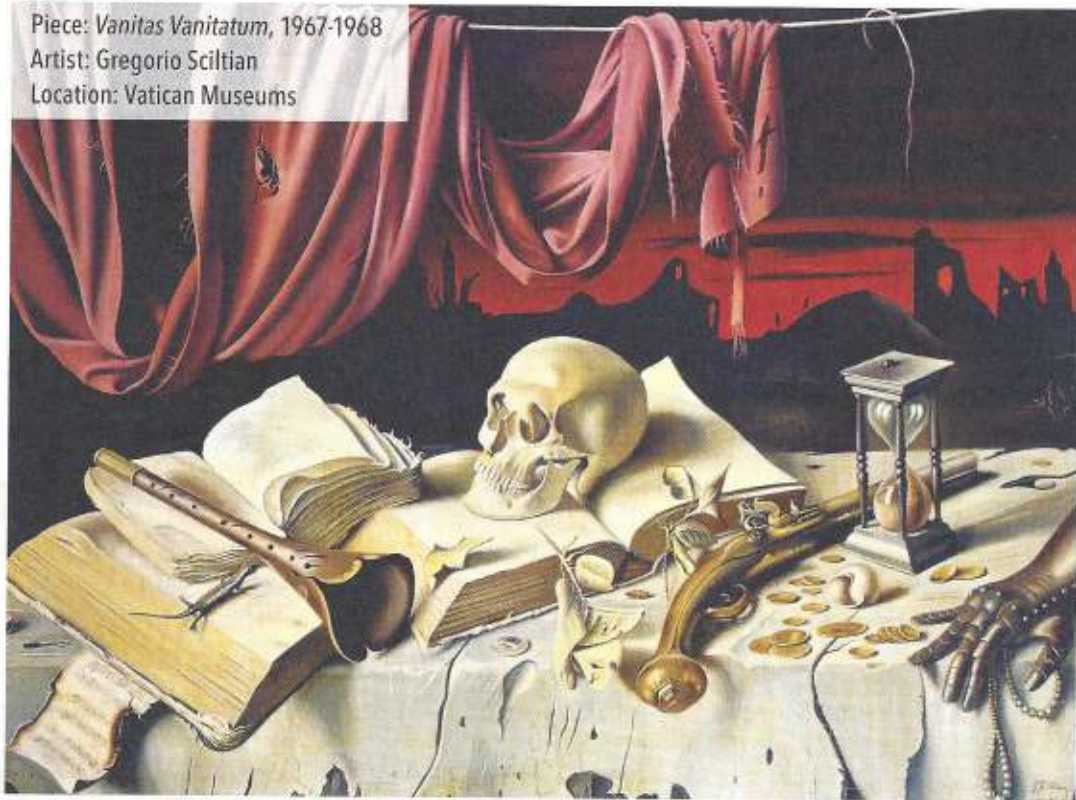
with material wealth. In fact, he was downright poor. Although he was faithful and generous, God blessed him with challenges and, ultimately, the cross.

Paul didn’t glory in his apostolic successes but in the cross of Jesus. He knew that the victory of the cross was his greatest treasure. He saw in his difficulties not a curse but a sign of his true authenticity as a follower of Christ.

We should no doubt strive for sufficient material progress and prosperity for ourselves, our family, our business, and our nation. But above all we should strive for eternal prosperity, which is living and rejoicing that our names are written in heaven, whether we are materially wealthy or not.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Piece: *Vanitas Vanitatum*, 1967-1968  
Artist: Gregorio Sciltian  
Location: Vatican Museums



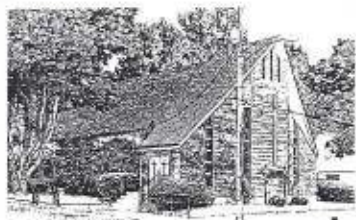
### For Reflection

Is material wealth too much of a concern of mine?  
How can my family and I learn to focus on eternal treasures?

*[Jesus said,] “...Do not rejoice because the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice because your names are written in heaven.”*

*Luke 10:20*





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 8, 2019

Offered For

Monday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† No Mass

Tuesday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell- 12:15pm\*\*

† Tom Hewitt

Wednesday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† John Micheli

Thursday

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

† Dec Memb Olivero Families

Friday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† No Mass

**\*\*Masses are in Dalzell while installation of new carpet is taking place.**

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

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions

Weekend of July 13-14, 2019

Saturday Vigil:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 4:00 PM

† Vicci & Bob Morris

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† Dec Memb Cattani Family

Sunday:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30 AM

† For The Parishioners

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM

† Skeffington-Cassidy Family

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† Ellen Pufahl



## Ministry Schedule For Next Weekend

### Holy Trinity

#### LECTOR

Saturday - 4:00PM - ?

Sunday - 8:30AM - Jeff Pinter

#### SERVERS

Saturday - 4:00PM -

?

Sunday - 8:30AM - ?

#### COUNTERS

Sunday - 8:30AM -

? & Nancy Floroplus

### St. Patrick

#### LECTOR

Sunday - 10:30AM - Bernice Keutzer

#### SERVERS

Sunday - 10:30AM -

Dylan Hunter & Vanessa Schroeder

### St. Thomas More

#### ROSARY

Sat 5:30PM - TBD

#### LECTOR

Sat 5:30PM - TBD

#### SERVERS

Sat 5:30PM - ?

## UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

July 10 - Rosary Against Evil - St. Thomas More (Dalzell) - 6PM

July 15 - Mass Reparation Sins/Rosary - St. Thomas More (Dalzell) - 5:30pm (No Rosary The Following Wednesday)

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

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

### Last Sunday's Offering

Holy Trinity - \$1043.00  
Needed Weekly - \$1700 (-\$25760.00)

St. Patrick - \$536.00  
Needed Weekly - \$700 (-\$7331.00)

St. Thomas More - \$788.00  
Needed Weekly - \$900 (\$6278.00)

\*\* (Parentheses) = Overage/Deficit of Collection

## 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!

### New RISE Youth Ministry Group

There is a new youth ministry group starting for high school students in our area wanting to dive into their Catholic faith in a fun, safe, and comfortable setting with friends. It is beginning in August and being led by Brian and Rachael Sherman 815-343-5130 or 815-3430-3309. More info on our church bulletin boards.

### 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 prayed together there is no Wednesday rosary. It is our time to show God, Jesus, Mary how much we need their help to fight the evil around us. Praying as a community has great strength to get God's attention for our needs and His help. And the rosary is and always has been our greatest weapon against evil! So please come and join us!

### Special Event In Area

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

## For The Week

One of the more difficult things the leaders of the Church experience is whether or not people will accept Jesus' message and the sacrifice that goes along with it. It is a message that goes against what society would like us to believe such as the sanctity of life and a marriage is only between a man and a woman.

Yet God's Truth still reigns supreme and our living against God's laws means death. Yet as we can see in our society today peace is always with us when we follow God's teachings and it isn't when we don't. So if we have any hope of defeating Satan and his many minions in government and the world we have to live by God's teachings and stand with those who consistently teach God's Word with conviction. 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 8

#### Weekday

Gn 28:10–22a

Mt 9:18–26

### Tuesday

JULY 9

#### Weekday

Gn 32:23–33

Mt 9:32–38

### Wednesday

JULY 10

#### Weekday

Gn 41:55–57;

42:5–7a, 17–24a

Mt 10:1–7

### Thursday

JULY 11

St. Benedict, Abbot

Gn 44:18–21, 23b–29;

45:1–5

Mt 10:7–15

### Friday

JULY 12

#### Weekday

Gn 46:1–7, 28–30

Mt 10:16–23

### Saturday

JULY 13

#### Weekday

Gn 49:29–32;

50:15–26a

Mt 10:24–33

### Sunday

JULY 14

Fifteenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

Dt 30:10–14

Col 1:15–20

Lk 10:25–37

# Dear Padre,

## Why so many collections during Mass?

For many, besides a boring homily, the collection is the most unpleasant part of the Mass. Some grudgingly drop small bills, while others believe contributing a twenty is reasonable. A second collection may elicit silent groans—unless it's for a recent calamity.

Since the early Church, a collection has been part of the liturgy. It was intended to support needy members (including widows and orphans) and the clergy. The collection was an expression of fellowship or communion.

This communion had several dimensions: communion of faith, communion of heart and mind (unity and friendship among members), communion of the table (the Eucharist), and communion of goods.

"The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they had everything in common," writes Luke in Acts 4:32. "There was no needy person among them, for those who owned property or houses would sell them, bring the proceeds of the sale, and put them at the feet of the apostles, and they were distributed to each according to need" (Acts 4:34–35).

Even today, at Mass we celebrate our communion of faith, heart, and mind. The Eucharist is the sacrament of communion between Christ and the community. Likewise, a communion of goods is concretely expressed during the collection.

This is what the Eucharist is about—not just sharing bread and wine, but sharing resources and gifts which ultimately are blessings from God.

—Fr. Amado L. Picardal, CSsR, SThD  
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## A Word from Pope Francis

Today gratuitousness is often not part of daily life where everything is bought and sold. Everything is calculated and measured. Almsgiving helps us to experience giving freely, which leads to freedom from the obsession of possessing, from the fear

of losing what we have.

—Blessing of ashes, March 5, 2014