

## A Chosen People, A Common Ancestry

All of today's readings have a common theme: how Jesus' words to his Jewish brothers and sisters influence our faith.

The Catholic Church's relationship with our Jewish brothers and sisters has been strengthened dramatically over the last years. This is thanks in large part to Vatican II's Declaration on the Relationship of the Church to Non-Christian Religions (*Nostra Aetate*), particularly Judaism.

Our deep connection with Judaism is rooted in the fact it was to these Chosen People God offered the Old Covenant. We are also indebted to them because their history and culture formed the lives of the people of God and the Holy Family, from which the early Church sprung.

Christianity's firm belief that Jesus was the long-awaited Messiah is the reason our Church is like a

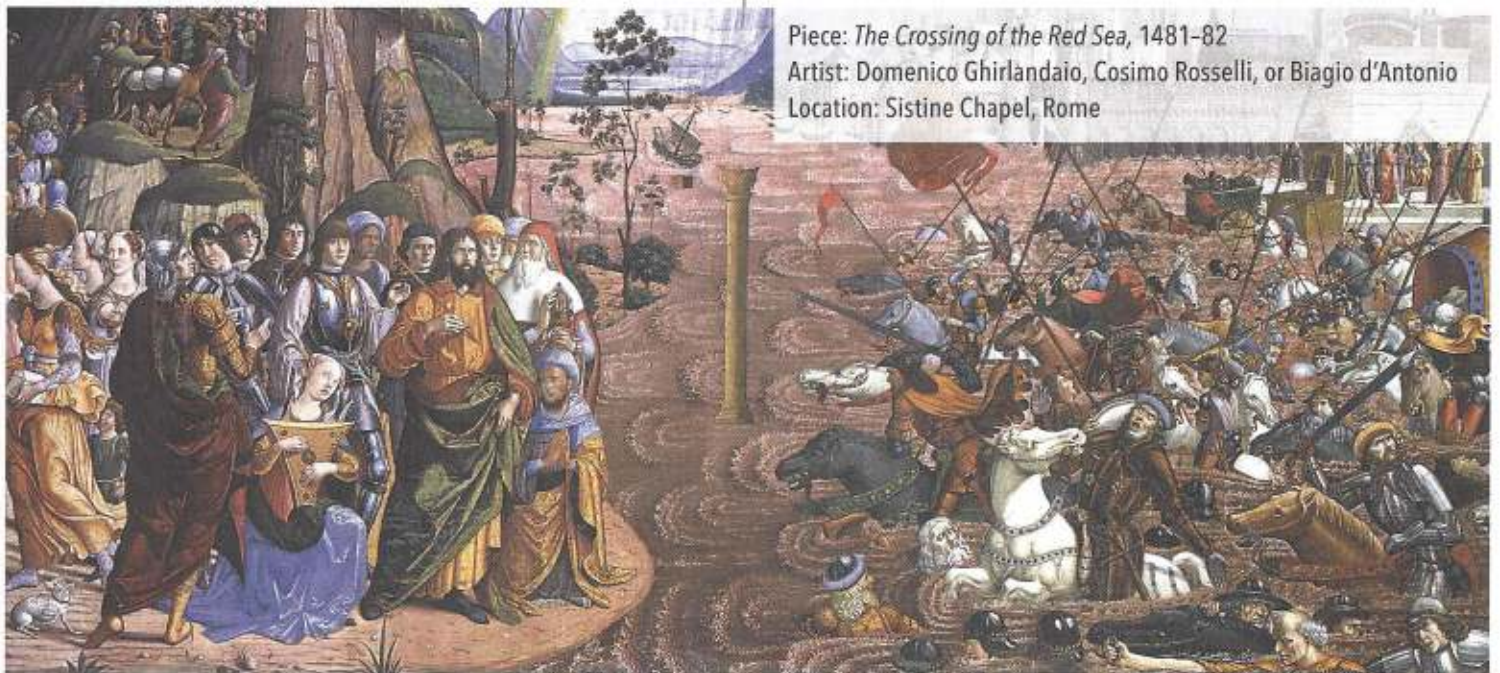
shoot sprung from the root of Jesse. This difference was something Paul's Letter to the Romans dealt with directly—the need for all, both Jews and Gentiles, to accept Jesus.

The key element to this acceptance is the faith shown in the Gospels. Jesus reaches out to his fellow members of the house of Judah yet also recognizes that a Canaanite (Gentile) woman has faith that leads to salvation. This has key implications for both insiders and outsiders: One can no longer claim salvation by a bloodline or nationality but only by one's acceptance of Jesus as the Son of God and active participation in his body, the Church. Jesus broadens the welcome and opens God's house to all people.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

### For Reflection

*How can you become more united with your ancestors in faith? How can you strengthen your bond with your brothers and sisters in Christ in your parish community or greater public community?*



Piece: *The Crossing of the Red Sea*, 1481-82

Artist: Domenico Ghirlandaio, Cosimo Rosselli, or Biagio d'Antonio

Location: Sistine Chapel, Rome

*"Them I will bring to my holy mountain and make them joyful  
in my house of prayer" (Isaiah 56:7).*





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

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 August 21, 2017

Offered For

Monday

† No Mass

Tuesday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - \*\*12:15pm

† Ann Dinges

Wednesday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:30am

† Dean Abney

Thursday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 12:15pm

† Mike Cassidy

Friday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:30am

† Charles & Jean Olivero

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

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions

Weekend of August 26-27, 2017

Saturday Vigil:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 4:00 PM

† Larry Wenzel

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† Adele Sever

Sunday:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30 AM

† Hilary Klein

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM

† Dec Mem Kapraun/Fleming Family

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 - Gerald Schlenz

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday - 4:00PM - Sheila Campbell

Sunday - 8:30AM - Terry Templeton

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 - John Kapraun

SERVERS

Sunday - 10:30AM -

Ella Cherry & Brooke Lovgren

St. Thomas More

ROSARY

Sat 5:30PM - Mary Ann Schoening

LECTOR

Sat 5:30PM - Joelle Crockett

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sat 5:30PM - Judy Szymowicz

SERVERS

Sat 5:30PM - ?

UPCOMING  
CHURCH EVENTS

August 23 - Rosary Against Evil -

Holy Trinity (Cherry) - 5:30PM

September 10 - Religious ED

Classes Begin (More Later)

September 10 - St. Thomas More

Chicken Dinner - STM Hall -

11-2PM

Last Sunday's Offering

Holy Trinity - \$961.00

Needed Weekly - \$1700

St. Patrick - \$607.00

Needed Weekly - \$700

St. Thomas More - \$1074.00

Needed Weekly - \$700

St. Thomas More

Weekday Mass

Time Change

With the Ravs getting ready to be made again starting August 30th. The weekday Masses will again be at 8AM starting August 30th.

St. Thomas More

Chicken Dinner

It is time for another chicken dinner but this time at St. Thomas More on Sunday, September 10, 2017 between 11AM and 2PM. The dinner will include fried chicken, or limited baked chicken, spaghetti, salad, bread and a drink. Adults are \$10, kids 6-10 are \$5, and 5 and under are free. Carry-outs will be available. Looking forward to seeing you!

The Rosary Against Evil

The rosary we continue to pray 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. With the evil in the world the church should be full, so where is everybody!

Remember to pray as often as possible for our world which is in great trouble!

For The Week

With the readings and Gospel this weekend, we are reinforced to remember we need to call on God for everything we need. Our human ability to help is limited in what we can do but God's isn't.

In this time we are living, with great social disobedience, in every facet of our lives. The readings and Gospel serve as a reminder that Jesus holds the key to making our lives better and bringing us healing. Turning on the TV anymore we see how little mercy there is in our country. Yet, from the readings we hear, we should remember if we show little mercy, we will receive little mercy. Before it is too late, now is the time to show others what it is to have mercy towards others. 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

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

August 21  
St. Pius X,  
Pope.  
Jgs 2:11-19  
Mt 19:16-22

### Tuesday

August 22  
Queenhip of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary  
Jgs 6:11-24a  
Mt 19:23-30

### Wednesday

August 23  
Weekday  
Jgs 9:6-15  
Mt 20:1-16

### Thursday

August 24  
St. Bartholomew,  
Apostle  
Rv 21:9b-14  
Jn 1:45-51

### Friday

August 25  
Weekday  
Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22  
Mt 22:34-40

### Saturday

August 26  
Weekday.  
Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17  
Mt 23:1-12

### Sunday

August 27  
Twenty-First Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
Is 22:19-23  
Rom 11:33-36  
Mt 16:13-20

# Dear Padre,

## What are the gnostic gospels and apocryphal books? Is it OK to read them?

In the two earliest manuscripts of the Bible, both of which are in the Vatican Library, one contains the seven apocryphal books of the Old Testament and the other does not. The Catholic Church includes these apocryphal books and considers them to be the inspired word of God, as is everything included in Catholic translations of the Bible. Selections from these books are included in our *Lectionary* and proclaimed during Mass.

When Martin Luther left the Catholic Church, he used the Bible manuscript that did not contain the seven apocryphal books, but then he placed these books in a section between the Old and New Testaments, calling them Deutero-canonicals. He did not discard these books entirely but considered them of

lesser importance than the other books. Some Protestant translations of the Bible exclude these books altogether.

The gnostic gospels, however, are entirely separate from these apocryphal books. Gnosticism is a heresy condemned by the Catholic Church. As part of their false proclamation, gnostics produced stories of Jesus' life that supported their belief, and these "gospels" contain

teachings that are contrary to our Catholic faith. While the gnostic gospels could be read out of interest in their historical or philosophical context, they are not the inspired word of God and should not be read in that light.

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## A Word From Pope Francis

"Mutual understanding of our [Catholic and Jewish] spiritual heritage, appreciation for what we have in common and respect in matters on which we disagree: all these can help to guide us to a closer relationship, an intention which we put in God's hands. Together, we can make a great contribution to the cause of peace; together, we can bear witness, in this rapidly changing world, to the perennial importance of the divine plan of creation; together, we can firmly oppose every form of anti-Semitism and all other forms of discrimination. May the Lord help us to walk with confidence and strength in his ways."

—Address to the two chief rabbis in Israel on a visit to  
Heichal Shlomo Center, Jerusalem, May 26, 2014