

Correcting Lovingly

Today's readings are about fraternal correction. We are responsible for our brother's good, and God expects us to help him. This means being a good example and holding him or her to a gospel standard. If that means a hard dose of the truth, so be it, as long as that truth is given in love.

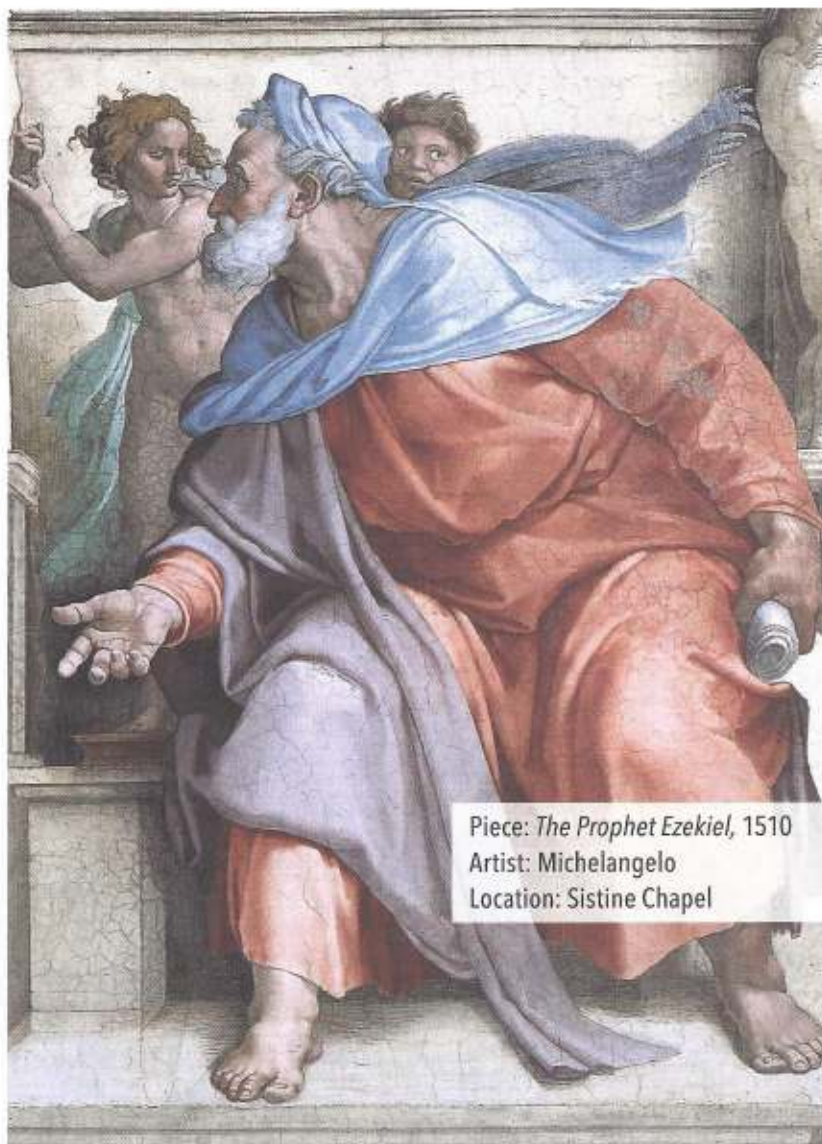
Ezekiel was a prophet who knew how to preach fire and brimstone, but he could also be tender and compassionate. He prophesied both about the destruction of Israel and how Yahweh would turn their hearts of stone into flesh. In Michelangelo's fresco on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel, the strength of this rugged prophet is evident. That Ezekiel is turned to listen to a cherub says a lot about his humility as well.

God told Ezekiel that if he didn't preach to the wicked, God would hold him responsible for their deaths. However, if he did preach and the wicked still didn't heed him, Ezekiel would be safe. The moral is, when God asks us to preach, take it seriously!

Jesus tells us if our brother sins against us, we should confront him in the presence of two witnesses. He even encourages us to bring the Church in as judge if a dispute between believers isn't resolved. However, this should always be done with love.

As humble Christians, we should accept corrections when they are done correctly. No one likes to be told he or she is wrong, but if we are we should rejoice in the truth, even if it hurts. And we should thank those who love us enough to correct us.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



Piece: *The Prophet Ezekiel*, 1510

Artist: Michelangelo

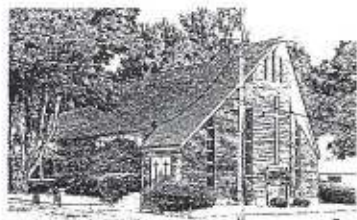
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For Reflection

Do I find the idea of charitable correction uncomfortable? Why or why not?

How willing am I to receive correction from my peers? My spouse? My child? My boss?

*"The commandments...are summed up in this saying,
'You shall love your neighbor as yourself'" (Romans 13:9).*



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

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 4 PM**

Daily Mass Intentions for
Masses the Week of September 11, 2017

Offered For

Monday

† No Mass

Tuesday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - **12:15pm

† Frances Smith & Dianne Smith

Wednesday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† Mildred Downie

Thursday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 12:15pm

† Dec. Memb David Hunter Family

Friday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† Eugene Weberski

***** Divine Mercy Chaplet every Friday at 4PM in Divine Mercy Chapel at St. Thomas More**

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions

Weekend of September 17-18, 2017

Saturday Vigil:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 4:00 PM

† Ron & Lynn Raef

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† Kelly Berogon

Sunday:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30 AM

† Barbara Klein

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM

† Lois Anderson

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† For The Parishioners

Ministry Schedule
For Next Weekend

Holy Trinity

LECTOR

Saturday - 4:00PM - ?

Sunday - 8:30AM - Jeff Pinter

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday - 4:00PM - Sheila Campbell

Sunday - 8:30AM - Terry Templeton

SERVERS

Saturday - 4:00PM -

RJ Talbot

Sunday - 8:30AM -

Corey Pinter

St. Patrick

LECTOR

Sunday - 10:30AM - Ernie Bartoli

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sunday - 10:30AM - Joanne Oberheide

SERVERS

Sunday - 10:30AM -

J Vander Meersch & Dylan Hunter

St. Thomas More

ROSARY

Sat 5:30PM - Cheryl Stowe

LECTOR

Sat 5:30PM - Frank Magana

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sat 5:30PM - Alice Berogon

SERVERS

Sat 5:30PM - ?

**UPCOMING
CHURCH EVENTS**

September 10 - St. Thomas More
Chicken Dinner - STM Hall - 11-2PM

September 13 - Rosary Against Evil - St.
Pat's (Arlington) 5:30PM

September 17 - Religious ED Classes
Begin - Grades 5-8 Holy Trinity & St.
Pats - Classes begin 9:15am

September 26 - Holy Trinity Taco Night
at Coal Company (Cherry) - 4:30-7:30pm

Last Sunday's Offering

Holy Trinity - \$1263.00

Needed Weekly - \$1700

St. Patrick - \$686.00

Needed Weekly - \$700

St. Thomas More - \$1047.00

Needed Weekly - \$700

**St. Thomas More
Divine Mercy Time Change**

The Divine Mercy Chaplet
on Fridays will be moved an hour
later to 4PM. Please join us!

**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
drink, and dessert. Adults are \$10,
kids 6-10 are \$5, and 5 and under
are free. Carry-outs will be
available. Looking forward to
seeing you!

Holy Trinity Taco Night

There will be a Taco Dinner
at Coal Company in Cherry on
Tuesday, September 26th. The
time is 4:30 until 7:30pm. The meal
includes tacos and dessert So
please mark it on your calendar!

The Rosary Against Evil

The rosary we continue to
pray on Wednesday nights at
5:30PM will be prayed at St.
Patrick Church during the
month of September in
Arlington. 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!

Upcoming Area Events

September 11 - Ladd Legion
Auxiliary Chicken Dinner @ Rip's
5pm - 8pm - \$8 / Dinner

For The Week

So have we helped to get
those we love to live their faith, go
to church every Sunday, and avoid
sin? Might this be one way Jesus
will look at us to see if we will
make it into Heaven by how we
have helped the people in the
world stay free of sin?

If God does use this to
judge us, we collectively have
failed miserably! Both political
parties are so far from God it isn't
funny. The leaders of the Catholic
Church are not doing much better.
The devil is winning and we will
be the losers unless we can allow
God to lead us to what we really
need in following His laws given
to us. The forces against us are
much stronger than those to help
us, so it is up to us! Now is the
time to follow God's laws, we can't
wait! May God be with us and
bless 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

September 11

Weekday

Col 1:24–2:3

Lk 6:6–11

Tuesday

September 12

Weekday

Col 2:6–15

Lk 6:12–19

Wednesday

September 13

St. John Chrysostom,

Bishop and

Doctor of the Church

Col 3:1–11

Lk 6:20–26

Thursday

September 14

The Exaltation
of the Holy Cross

Nm 21:4b–9

Phil 2:6–11

Jn 3:13–17

Friday

September 15

Our Lady of Sorrows

1 Tm 1:1–2, 12–14

Jn 19:25–27 or

Lk 2:33–35

Saturday

September 16

Sts. Cornelius, Pope,
and

Cyprian, Bishop,
Martyrs

1 Tm 1:15–17

Lk 6:43–49

Sunday

September 17

Twenty-Fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Sir 27:30–28:7

Rom 14:7–9

Mt 18:21–35

Dear Padre,

I want my children to be merciful and forgiving like Jesus, but I don't want them to be permissive of sin because someone else thinks it's OK. How can I teach this balance?

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches, "Education in the faith by parents should begin in the child's earliest years. This already happens when family members help one another to grow in faith by the witness of a Christian life in keeping with the Gospel" (CCC 2226). The balance of advocating the magnitude of God's mercy without diminishing the severity of sin is best taught through witness.

You should hold your children accountable (and vice versa) and explain with loving candor how lax attitudes and actions have consequences. As we are taught in

Proverbs 27:5, "Better is an open rebuke than a love that remains hidden."

An intimate relationship with God also helps. It's easier to instill greater compassion in ourselves and in others when we've experienced God's infinite mercy firsthand. Jesus asked the woman caught in adultery, "Has no one condemned you?" She replied, "No one, sir." Then Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, [and] from now on do not sin any more" (John 8:10–11).

Christ loves the sinner and despises the sin—but he doesn't dwell on the sin. Instead, Jesus rejoices when sinners enter a newfound relationship with his merciful Father, knowing that the experience of God's mercy is the catalyst for ultimate change and lasting conversion, where neither the sinner is condemned nor the sin condoned.

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PHOTOS



A Word From Pope Francis

"If you are not capable of performing fraternal reproof with love, with charity, in truth and with humility, you will offend, damage that person's heart: you will create an extra tale that wounds and you will become a blind hypocrite, as Jesus says...a sign which perhaps can help us: when one sees something wrong and feels that he should correct it but perceives a certain pleasure in doing so, then it is time

to pay attention, because that is not the Lord's way. In the Lord there is always the cross, the difficulty of doing something good."

—Morning meditation, "Mending holes in the fabric of the church," September 12, 2014