

Right Judgment

Often when we think of a judge, we think of severity or cold justice. Courtroom and criminal-justice dramas—even some news coverage of major crimes and scandals—love depicting the offender as receiving his or her just rewards, with the judge or prosecutor smugly reflecting or sighing in relief.

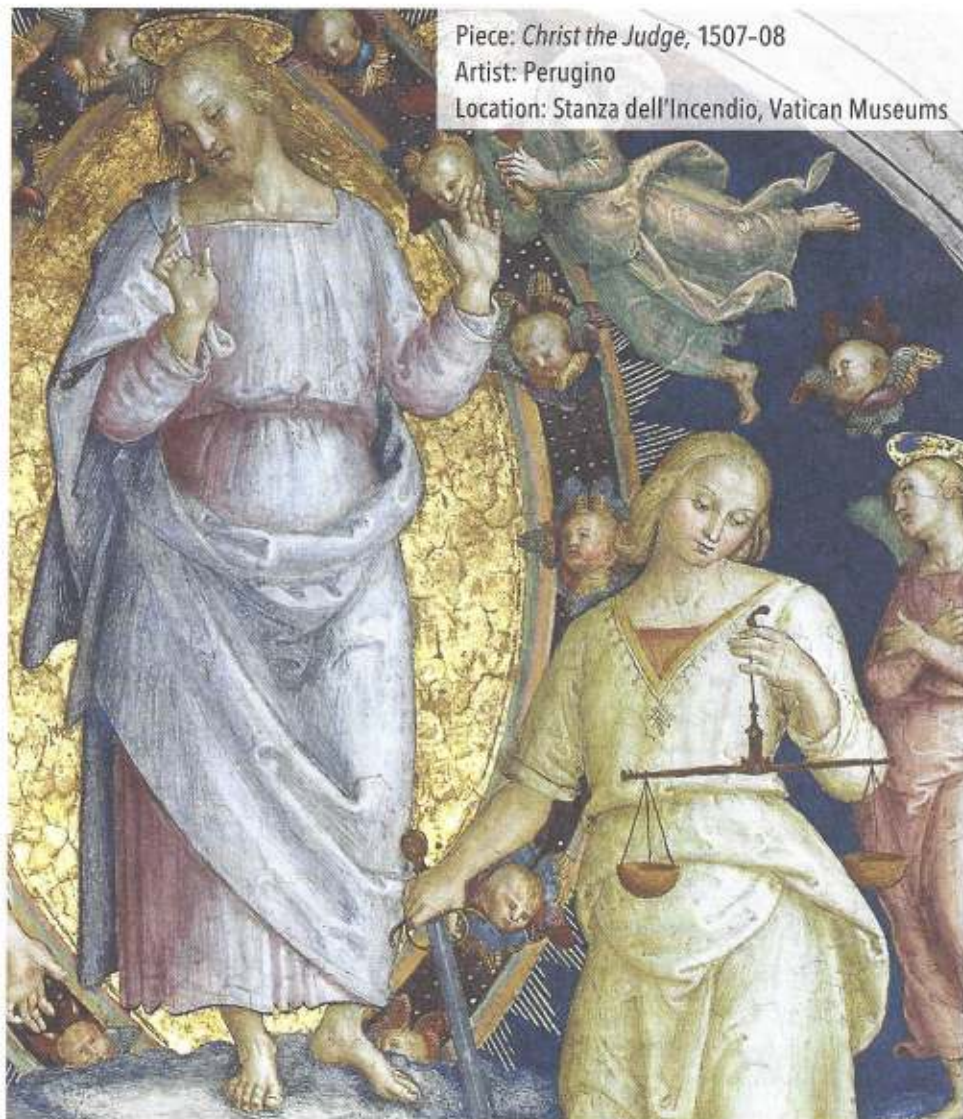
But in the scriptural sense, a judge is much more. A good judge is an educator, teacher, and parent. Good judges promote wise living and respect for authority and the law. Their tools are sometimes mercy, sometimes penance, but always prompted by love.

A better image to understand the judge's role is a parent educating his or her child. Sometimes education means letting something slide; sometimes it means holding the child accountable. Both can be expressions of love.

Today's readings caution us against selfish passions that prompt us to judge. One who has been forgiven much but is then harsh with others will be severely punished—or as Sirach puts it, God "remembers their sins in detail."

Mercy toward others is key to the Gospel message. Some think they are good Christians because they don't steal and haven't killed anyone. They may even be active in their parish but are highly critical of others.

Remember, as Jesus said: "The measure with which you measure will be measured out to you" (Matthew



Piece: *Christ the Judge*, 1507-08

Artist: Perugino

Location: Stanza dell'Incendio, Vatican Museums

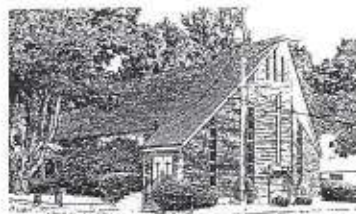
7:2). And, "So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives his brother from his heart."

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

How kind, patient, and forgiving am I on a regular basis? How kind, patient, and forgiving would others say I am?

*"I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times"
(Matthew 18:22).*



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 18, 2017

Offered For

Monday

† No Mass

Tuesday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - **12:15pm

† Stephen Puhr

Wednesday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† Dolly Abney

Thursday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 12:15pm

† Connie Lauer

Friday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† Madonna Mini

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

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions

Weekend of September 24-25, 2017

Saturday Vigil:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 4:00 PM

† For The Parishioners

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† The Picatto Family

Sunday:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30 AM

† Robert Pozzi Jr.

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM

† Francis Smith & Merv Naumann

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† Stan Reynolds

Ministry Schedule
For Next Weekend

Holy Trinity

LECTOR

Saturday - 4:00PM - Kathy Pullam
Sunday - 8:30AM - Mary Jane Marincic

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday - 4:00PM - Tina Dominy
Sunday - 8:30AM - Kathy Bonucchi

SERVERS

Saturday - 4:00PM -
Katelyn Pullam & Emily Robbins
Sunday - 8:30AM -
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St. Patrick

LECTOR

Sunday - 10:30AM - Linda Beattie

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sunday - 10:30AM - Ann Kapraun

SERVERS

Sunday - 10:30AM -
Katelyn & Jerrick Kapraun

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**

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

September 20 - Rosary Against Evil -
St. Pat's (Arlington) 5:30PM

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

October 1 - Fall Flu Shot - Holy Trinity
after 8:30am Mass (\$30 plus Medicare
card & SSN card)

Last Sunday's Offering

Holy Trinity - \$1682.00

Needed Weekly - \$1700

St. Patrick - \$638.00

Needed Weekly - \$700

St. Thomas More - \$1090.00

Needed Weekly - \$700

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. Tickets
are available in the church office or
at the State Bank of Cherry. So
please mark it on your calendar!

St. Thomas More

Chicken Dinner

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who
helped make the chicken dinner a
success! The food was delicious as
usual. And everyone who helped
with cooking, serving, selling,
cleaning and washing was terrific!
We are looking forward to the
next one.

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 the evil around
us. As we pray through Our Lady
of Fatima, 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!

Other Fatima Events

There will be a Penance
Service with the Rosary on
Friday, October 13th at Holy
Family Church in Oglesby. Our
Lady of Fatima asked us to confess
our sins and help change the world
towards God.

Upcoming Area Events

For The Week

"The vengeful will suffer
the Lord's vengeance." Sometimes it
is so easy to get our minds fixed on
what someone has done to us that
we can't see straight. Everything we
can do becomes focused on getting
even with what has been done to us.
A case in point is the "Russia
scandal" or the losing candidate of
the last election. All of this
retribution against any possible
wrongdoing would have time better
spent trying to improve the
problems in our country. Yet, the
devil loves anger and retribution
because he doesn't like to lose. But
then Christ came to forgive all
wrongs then and now by dying on
the Cross. He proved that you can
win by seemingly "losing". Seeking
vengeance means we lose, forgiving
means we win. What do we choose?
May God always 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 18

Weekday

1 Tm 2:1-8

Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday

September 19

Weekday

1 Tm 3:1-13

Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday

September 20

*Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn,
Priest, and Paul Chŏng
Ha-sang, and Companions,
Martyrs*

1 Tm 3:14-16

Lk 7:31-35

Thursday

September 21

*St. Matthew,
Apostle and Evangelist*

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13

Mt 9:9-13

Friday

September 22

Weekday

1 Tm 6:2c-12

Lk 8:1-3

Saturday

September 23

*St. Pius of Pietrelcina,
Priest*

1 Tm 6:13-16

Lk 8:4-15

Sunday

September 24

*Twenty-Fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

Is 55:6-9

Phil 1:20c-24, 27a

Mt 20:1-16a

Dear Padre,

Pope Francis said, "Who am I to judge?" But aren't we supposed to hold each other to a higher standard of living and judge actions as moral or sinful?

Pope Francis is not the only one to warn about judging. He is likely drawing his guidance from Jesus in Matthew 7:1-2. Both the Lord and the pope warn us about judging others and looking down upon those we consider "more sinful." That sort of comparison can easily lead us to arrogance and hypocrisy.

The Lord teaches us there will be a final (or particular) judgment each of us will have to face. We will all have to stand before God and give an account of our

actions. This teaches us that God is the only one qualified to fully know a person's heart and intentions. If we begin to act as a judge of people, then we are playing God.

However, your question also implies that among believers we are to hold one another accountable in our Christian community. This is correct (Matthew 18:15-17). In the body of Christ, there is a responsibility to help and encourage

each other to follow Jesus. Among the baptized, there should be the sharing of virtues and some accountability to the Church. We call one another higher, not through accusation, but through love and service. It is my duty to help fellow believers in their discipleship, as it is their duty to help me with mine. I find that I appreciate those who care enough about me to want to help me be a better Catholic, priest, or person. In community, we should build up in fellowship, not tear down in judgment.

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A Word From Pope Francis

"We must not grow weary, then, of keeping watch over our thoughts and our attitudes, in order that we may be given even now a foretaste of the warmth and splendor of God's Face—and this will be beautiful—which in eternal life we shall contemplate in all its fullness. Forward, thinking of this judgment which begins now, which has already begun. Forward, doing so in such a way that our hearts open to Jesus and to his salvation; forward without fear, for Jesus' love is greater and if we ask forgiveness for our sins he will forgive us. This is what Jesus is like. Forward then with this certainly, which will bring us to the glory of heaven!"

—General audience, St. Peter's Square, December 11, 2013