

## Aspiring to True Greatness

It's so easy to fall into complacency and not strive for greatness. When we're young, we idealistically dream of reaching the heights of success. Then with time and the resistance of circumstances, we are hypnotized into settling for less and less. Eventually we're content with just getting by, rather than embracing the arduous struggle upon the higher road that once attracted us.

The rich man of the Gospel was also complacent. His wealth blinded him to the needs of Lazarus, the poor man he passed and stepped over every time he entered his home. Even though he could help, the rich man refused. How could he be so inconsiderate? He had everything and was unwilling to offer even leftover food to someone in need.

God is against complacency and settling for the easy and sensual. He upbraids the chosen race for exactly that. They are too comfortable on their expensive, comfortable couches. Saint Paul challenges the young bishop Timothy to pursue high ideals such as righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, gentleness, and all other virtues. We should strive for them as well. How?

Look at the painting by Salvador Dalí. The monk stands at the edge of his sacred space, staring up into the heavens at the crucified Jesus. There are no material things to distract his gaze from the Savior. Jesus is the beautiful, timeless ideal of every soul aiming for perfect love. Keep your eyes on him and you will never settle for anything but true greatness.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

### For Reflection

When you were younger, what were some of your ideals that were inspired by God?

How have you followed them? Should you get back to them?



Piece: *Crucifixion (Corpus Hypercubus)*, 1954  
Artist: Salvador Dalí  
Location: Metropolitan Museum of Art

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*“Then Abraham said, ‘If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.’”*

*Luke 16:31*





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 - 5:00-5:30PM

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 September 30, 2019

Offered For

Monday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30pm

† No Mass

Tuesday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 12:15pm

† Smith Family

Wednesday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† Dean Abney

Thursday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30am

† Charlie & Hazel Keutzer

Friday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† Tink Connell

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions

Weekend of October 5-6, 2019

Saturday Vigil:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 4:00 PM

† Minnie Padgett

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† Mary Nave & Family

Sunday:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30 AM

† For The Parishioners

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM

† Dec. Memb Bacidore Family

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† Purgatorial Society



Ministry Schedule  
For Next Weekend

Holy Trinity

LECTOR

Saturday - 4:00PM - Carol Lauer

Sunday - 8:30AM - Jeff Pinter

SERVERS

Saturday - 4:00PM -

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Sunday - 8:30AM - ?

COUNTERS

Sunday - 8:30AM -

Sheila Pinter & Nancy Lowry

St. Patrick

LECTOR

Sunday - 10:30AM - Bernice Keutzer

SERVERS

Sunday - 10:30AM -

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St. Thomas More

ROSARY

Sat 5:30PM - TBD

LECTOR

Sat 5:30PM - Mary Ann Schoening

SERVERS

Sat 5:30PM - ?

Visit Venerable Fulton Sheen  
At Cathedral in Peoria

Monday - Friday 12pm - 2pm

Saturday 3pm - 6pm

Sunday 9am - 2pm

UPCOMING  
CHURCH EVENTS

September 26 - Meeting for HT Trivia Night - HT Hall - 6PM - Everyone interested in helping is invited!

October 2 - Rosary Against Evil - St. Thomas More (Dalzell) - 6PM

October 12 - HT Trivia Night - HT Hall - 6PM - Trivia Games - 7PM

October 21 - Mass Reparation Sins/ Rosary - St. Thomas More (Dalzell) - 5:30pm (No Rosary The Following Wednesday)

Last Sunday's Offering

Holy Trinity - \$1473.00

St. Patrick - \$536.00

St. Thomas More - \$874.00

Holy Trinity Trivia Night

On Saturday, October 12th, we will be having our second Trivia Night. The first one was a lot of fun! Now is a great time to think about a team to come and play. So when you come up with your team just let us know at the HT Office. Or if you see Tina Dominy or Carol Lauer, you can let them know as well. The cost is like last year with \$10 per person. The doors will open at 6PM for food and refreshments with the Trivia games beginning at 7PM.

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 October in Dalzell. The weeks where Mass and Rosary is prayed together on Monday there is no Wednesday rosary. Next month we will be at Holy Trinity in Cherry. 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!

Catholic Daughters Meeting

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas will meet on October 8, at 6:30PM at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 209 Gooding St., LaSalle. Mary Caldera will speak about pro-life. All Catholic women are invited.

Also, on October 12, there will be a workshop presented by the State Officers to talk about things the Catholic Daughters should be working during the next year. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Registration at the KofC Hall begins at 8:30AM. Call Jo Anne Walden at 815-228-7672 for more info.

Special Event In Area

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

For The Week

The readings and Gospel this week are most appropriate for the times we are living in. For most people it begins with a lack of humility, but then so many people today get so busy with things that God is getting left out of so many lives and what He wants from us. The rich man could be a great majority of people today who think what they want to do is more important than living for God. Jesus, our Blessed Mother, are always commenting on how lukewarm Catholics are today. And Jesus even warns that "lukewarm" people won't make it into Heaven.

When we pray the rosary on Wednesday evenings there might be 6 to 15 people that come. The adoration room in Dalzell may have 1 to 2 people in at a time, if anybody. I've heard that other area churches when having adoration during the day, very few people come. The devil has made more advances in the world today than has God. Weather disasters, including earthquakes, will be on the rise all because our lives with God are underappreciated. We don't want to follow the path of the rich man. May God always be with us and bless us by His Presence!

ADA Goals 2019-20

Holy Trinity - \$17589.00

Pledges To Date \$4210.00 (24%)

St. Patrick - \$9902.00

Pledges To Date \$5289.00 (53%)

St. Thomas More - \$12554.00

Pledges To Date \$1265.00 (10%)

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 30

St. Jerome, Priest and  
Doctor of the Church

Zec 8:1-8

Lk 9:46-50

### Tuesday

OCTOBER 1

St. Thérèse of the Child  
Jesus, Virgin and  
Doctor of the Church

Zec 8:20-25

Lk 9:51-56

### Wednesday

OCTOBER 2

Holy Guardian Angels

Neh 2:1-8

Mt 18:1-5, 10

### Thursday

OCTOBER 3

Weekday

Neh 1:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12

Lk 10:1-12

### Friday

OCTOBER 4

St. Francis of Assisi

Bar 1:15-22

Lk 10:13-16

### Saturday

OCTOBER 5

Weekday

Bar 4:5-12, 27-29

Lk 10:17-24

### Sunday

OCTOBER 6

Twenty-seventh Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4

2 Tm 1:6-8, 15-14

Lk 17:5-10

# Dear Padre,

## Do dogs go to heaven?

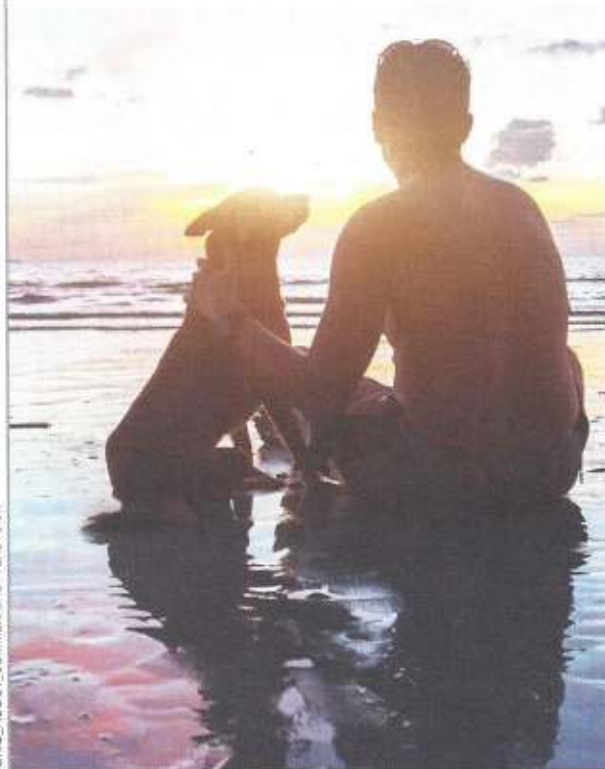
Franciscan Friar Kevin Mackin writes, "The bond between person and pet is like no other relationship, because the communication between fellow creatures is at its most basic. Eye to eye are two creatures of love" (*Catholic Update: "Why We Bless Animals,"* Liguori).

Is it any wonder that people desire to see their pets in heaven! Yet, we know so little of what heaven is like. "We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is" (1 John 3:2). "At present we see indistinctly, as in a mirror, but then face to face" (1 Corinthians 13:12). Thus, in heaven we'll see and enjoy the loving essence of God for eternity.

Would not the sensation we experience on earth through a bond with loved ones and with lovable creatures be experienced and infinitely satisfied when

we're bonded to God's loving essence for eternity? In other words, if a beloved pet gives us such happiness on earth, won't that sensation be experienced preeminently forever in heaven? We either won't miss the pet for that very reason or perhaps God will reunite us with it in some form as part of that heavenly experience. "What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love him" (1 Corinthians 2:9).

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR  
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### A Word from Pope Francis

More than a place, [heaven] is a "state" of soul in which our deepest hopes are fulfilled in superabundance and our being, as creatures and as children of God, reach their full maturity. We will finally be clothed in the joy, peace and love of God, completely, without any limit, and we will come face to face with him!

—General audience, November 26, 2014