

A Love of First Preference

Jesus is radical and absolute when speaking of his first preference for love. In saying *hating* in today's Gospel, Jesus invites us to place God first in our hearts. And when God is first, we will actually love everyone else more and better. Saint Gregory comments on this passage: "In this world let us love everyone, even though he be our enemy; but let us hate him who opposes us on our way to God, though he be our relative. We should...love our neighbor; we should have charity towards all—towards relatives and towards strangers—but without separating ourselves from the love of God out of love for them" (*Evangelia homiliae*, 37, 3).

Jesus' words mean that we cannot be halfhearted in our love for God or neighbors—even if our neighbor is an enemy. The very nature of love is to put others first, and that first "other" is God himself.

The painting from the Vatican Hall of Saints shows St. Anthony, head of a large monastery, meeting in the desert with St. Paul, a poor hermit who lived off the land. Both represented two ways of totally responding to God's call—one as a religious monk living in a thriving community and another as a hermit, living separated from the world as testimony to what really matters.

Religious brothers and sisters living by the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience—as monks, hermits,



Piece: *Encounter Between St. Anthony, Abbot, and St. Paul the Hermit*, 1492-94

Artist: Bernardino Pinturicchio

Location: Vatican Museums, Borgia Apartments

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or other forms of consecrated life—testify to the world that this radical, loving God is first above all things. They deserve our support and our imitation!

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

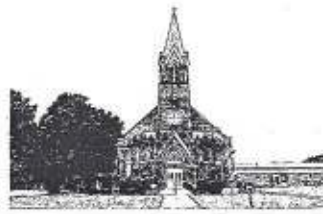
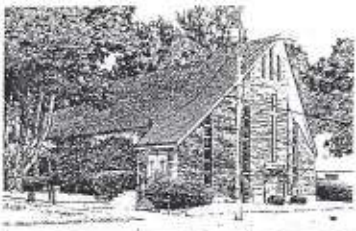
For Reflection

Is there something the Holy Spirit is asking of me so my following of Jesus becomes more sincere and committed?

How do I support religious vocations?

[Jesus said,] "Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple."

Luke 14:27



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 September 9, 2019

Offered For

<u>Monday</u>	St. Patrick, Arlington - 5:30pm	† No Mass
<u>Tuesday</u>	Holy Trinity, Cherry - 12:15pm	† No Mass
<u>Wednesday</u>	St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am	† No Mass
<u>Thursday</u>	Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30am	† No Mass
<u>Friday</u>	St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am	† No Mass

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions

Weekend of September 14-15, 2019

<u>Saturday Vigil:</u>	Holy Trinity, Cherry - 4:00 PM	† Betty Corsolini
	St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM	† For The Parishioners
<u>Sunday:</u>	Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30 AM	† Ken & Mary Lehn
	St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM	† Stephen Puhr
	St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM	† Eugene Weberski

Ministry Schedule
For Next Weekend

Holy Trinity

LECTOR

Saturday - 4:00PM - Kathy Pullam
Sunday - 8:30AM - Jeff Pinter

SERVERS

Saturday - 4:00PM -
?

Sunday - 8:30AM - ?

COUNTERS

Sunday - 8:30AM -
Lisa Clinton & Sheila Pinter

St. Patrick

LECTOR

Sunday - 10:30AM - Linda Beattie

SERVERS

Sunday - 10:30AM -
Brandon & Dylan Tornow

St. Thomas More

ROSARY

Sat 5:30PM - TBD

LECTOR

Sat 5:30PM - Mary 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 11 - Rosary Against Evil - St. Patrick (Arlington) - 6PM

September 15 - Religious Ed (K-4) Begins

September 16 - Mass Reparation Sins/ Rosary - St. Patrick (Arlington) - 5:30pm (No Rosary The Following Wednesday)

September 17 - Holy Trinity Taco Dinner - Holy Trinity Hall - 4:30-7:30PM

September 22 - Religious Ed (5-8) Begins

Last Sunday's Offering

Holy Trinity -	\$2009.00
St. Patrick -	\$914.00
St. Thomas More -	\$950.00

Holy Trinity Taco Dinner

The taco dinner will be on Tuesday September 17th at the Holy Trinity Hall from 4:30 to 7:30PM. Beef and chicken tacos will be available in hard or soft shell. And we can use some help with servers, food prep and with donations of desserts to have available. A raffle and 50/50 will also be available.

Teachers Are Needed
For Religious Education
This Next Year

We still are in need of a couple of teachers for this next religious education year beginning mid-September. 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!

The Rosary Against Evil

The rosary that we continue to pray on Wednesday nights at 6PM will be prayed at St. Patrick Church during the month of September in Arlington. The weeks where Mass and Rosary is prayed together on Monday 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!

Holy Trinity Riding Mower
For Sale

After some years sitting in storage and not being used, we have a Cub Cadet GT3100 for sale. We recently put some money into it to clean it up and tune it up for any buyer to have a good and dependable mower.

We would like to get \$1800 for it as that is today's value but the price is negotiable. Please call the office if you have any questions.

Special Event In Area

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

For The Week

St. Francis of Assisi, before he began the Franciscan Order, read this Gospel passage, prayed over it, and then decided he wanted his priests to serve Christ without reliance on possessions in a spirit of poverty as Christ desired. Whenever the letter comes from the Bishop saying we are going to a new parish or parishes, priests dread moving all their possessions. And so it proves that St. Francis was onto something.

Yet if we think about it. Sometimes our possessions become more important than our relationship with Christ. And so here is something to consider, when you are forced to leave your home for safety, what will you take? What clothes will you take, what religious items (Bible, rosary, blessed candle, cross), food to sustain the body for a period of time? Times are changing fast, spiritually the majority of people aren't ready, the fun will be over, our only possession is Jesus Christ and He is all that should matter. It is scary, huh! But Jesus will watch over us. May God always be with us and bless us!

ADA Goals 2019-20

<u>Holy Trinity</u> - \$17589.00
Pledges To Date \$2435.00 (14%)
<u>St. Patrick</u> - \$9902.00
Pledges To Date \$1250.00 (13%)
<u>St. Thomas More</u> - \$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

SEPTEMBER 9

St. Peter Claver, Priest

Col 1:24–2:3

Lk 6:6–11

Tuesday

SEPTEMBER 10

Weekday

Col 2:6–15

Lk 6:12–19

Wednesday

SEPTEMBER 11

Weekday

Col 3:1–11

Lk 6:20–26

Thursday

SEPTEMBER 12

Weekday

Col 3:12–17

Lk 6:27–38

Friday

SEPTEMBER 13

St. John Chrysostom,
Bishop and Doctor
of the Church

1 Tm 1:1–2, 12–14

Lk 6:39–42

Saturday

SEPTEMBER 14

Exaltation
of the Holy Cross

Nm 21:4b–9

Phil 2:6–11

Jn 3:13–17

Sunday

SEPTEMBER 15

Twenty-fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Ex 32:7–11, 13–14

1 Tm 1:12–17

Lk 15:1–32

Dear Padre,

We talk about turning away from sin. When do we cross the line between temptation and sin?

The temptations of Jesus, as recorded in the Gospels (Mark 1:12, Luke 4:1, and Matthew 4:1), give us the proper direction with regard to sin and temptation. Jesus was tempted three times, but he did not sin. More than that, Jesus put his trust in God during the temptations. Jesus' message is clear: if you feel tempted, call out to God!

Temptation is a suggestion or impulse to sin, not a sin itself. To experience temptation is natural, not sinful. When tempted, remember there is always a choice to sin or not. Temptations become sins only when we act on them. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* suggests a “silver lining” to temptation: “There is a certain usefulness to temptation. No one but God knows what our soul has received from him, not even we ourselves. But temptation reveals it in order to teach us to know ourselves, and in this way we discover our evil inclinations” (CCC 2847).

If you worry about temptation and sin, why not take part in your parish's sacrament of reconciliation? Like Jesus in the Gospels, you would then be choosing God over evil. You would be asking God to strengthen your weakness, especially in the face of temptation. Like the Lord, you can then proclaim: “Worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve” (Luke 4:8).

—Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

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A Word from Pope Francis

I would like to reflect on nonviolence as a style of politics for peace....May charity and nonviolence govern how we treat each other as individuals, within society and in international life. When victims of violence are able to resist the temptation to retaliate, they become the most credible promoters of nonviolent peacemaking.

—Fiftieth World Day of Peace, January 1, 2017