



Our Parish COMMUNITY

April 12, 2020

Easter (A)

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8

Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10



*Then the other disciple
also went in, the one who
had arrived at the tomb
first, and he saw
and believed.*

JOHN 20:8

With Mouths Wide Open

We normally speak of “eyes wide open,” an experience of seeing and understanding. However, Easter is a time of total astonishment, of standing before mystery with our mouths wide open and not understanding. Even the closest followers of Jesus were dumbfounded. Mary Magdalene didn’t expect to find an empty tomb. Upon seeing it, she presumed that the body had been stolen. The Gospel says that “they did not yet understand” (John 20:9). How could they? The magnitude of the mystery was overwhelming.

When did they finally understand? Actually, it’s more a question of believing than understanding. The Gospel tells us that they came to believe. They came to believe in him—not that he would conquer death by not

dying, but that he would conquer it by dying and then being transformed into a new kind of life, a kind of living that isn’t subject to death. They came to believe this through an experience of him.

We might envy the early followers who had Easter experiences of Jesus. But if we look carefully we will see that they experienced him in their everyday lives—in community gatherings, in the breaking of the bread. These are the very places where we can experience him in our own lives. The good news of Jesus’ resurrection isn’t just that we shall die and go home with him, but that he is risen and comes home with us.

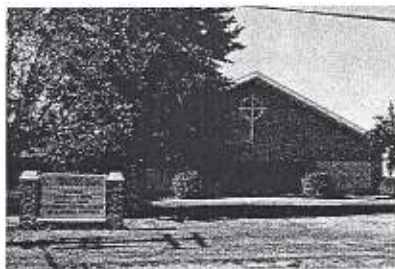
—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ *Be astonished today at how much God loves you. Think of the ways this is evident in your life.*
- ★ *He is not dead. He is with us. Where in your life are you touched by this mystery?*



Holy Trinity Catholic Church



St. Thomas More Catholic Church



St. Patrick Catholic Church

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Mass Schedule

Weekdays - Tuesday 12:15pm and

Thursday - 8:30am

Saturday Confessions - 3:15-3:45 PM
or by appointment

Saturday Vigil Mass - 4:00 PM

Sunday Mass - 8:30 AM

***Pastor of the Three Churches**

Fr. Patrick Fixsen

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****Upcoming Events At Church****

All Events On Hold

****Emergency Phone****

For All Three Churches

815-664-8241

St. Thomas More Church

302 Chestnut St.

Dalzell, IL 61320

Phone: (815) 663-6201

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Mass Schedule

Weekday Mass -

Wednesday & Friday - 8:00AM

Saturday Vigil Mass - 5:30 PM

**Sunday (Last Chance) Mass -
5:30 PM**

Adoration Room

Open Monday-Friday 8AM-8PM

Saturday & Sunday -

8AM Until After 5:30PM Mass

Divine Mercy Prayers

Every Friday 3:00PM

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St. Patrick Church

(Office at Holy Trinity Church)

106 Church St.

Arlington, IL 61312

Phone: (815) 894-2006

Mass Schedule

Sunday Mass - 10:30 AM

***3 Churches Pastoral Assistant**

Julie Hollinger

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****Office Hours****

Holy Trinity - Tues, Thurs, & Fri.
- 9AM-12PM

St. Thomas More -

Wed - 9AM - 12PM

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All Events On Hold

**Daily Mass Intentions for
Masses the Week of April 13, 2020**

		<u>Offered For</u>
<u>Monday</u>	www.bureaucatholic.org - 5:30pm	† No Mass
<u>Tuesday</u>	**www.bureaucatholic.org - 10:30AM	† No Mass
<u>Wednesday</u>	**www.bureaucatholic.org - 10:30AM	† For The Sick
<u>Thursday</u>	**www.bureaucatholic.org - 10:30AM	† Amelia Nanni
<u>Friday</u>	**www.bureaucatholic.org - 10:30AM	† Lawrence Gerlach
	**www.bureaucatholic.org - 3:00PM (Divine Mercy Chaplet)	

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions

Weekend of April 18-19, 2020

		<u>Offered For</u>
<u>Saturday:</u>	Holy Trinity, Cherry - 4:00PM	† No Mass
	St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM	† No Mass
<u>Sunday:</u>	**www.bureaucatholic.org - 10:30 AM	† For The Parishioners
	St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM	† No Mass
	St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM	† No Mass

Last Sunday's Offering

Holy Trinity -	\$0.00
St. Patrick -	\$0.00
St. Thomas More -	\$0.00

Visit Venerable Fulton Sheen At Cathedral in Peoria

Monday - Friday	12pm - 2pm
Saturday	3pm - 6pm
Sunday	9am - 2pm
Temporarily Closed	

Ministry Schedule For Next Weekend

Holy Trinity

LECTOR

Saturday - 4:00PM - ?

Sunday - 8:30AM - ?

SERVERS

Saturday - 4:00PM -

?

Sunday - 8:30AM - ?

COUNTERS

Sunday - 8:30AM -

? & ?

St. Patrick

LECTOR

Sunday - 10:30AM

-?

SERVERS

Sunday - 10:30AM -

? & ?

St. Thomas More

ROSARY

Sat 5:30PM - TBD

LECTOR

Sat 5:30PM - TBD

SERVERS

Sat 5:30PM - ?

Recurring Special Church Events

Wednesday's - Rosary - 6PM (On Website)

(Rotates Between 3 Churches)

Friday's - Divine Mercy Chaplet - Suspended

3PM - St. Thomas More Adoration Chapel

Third Monday of the Month -

Mass for Reparation of Sins & Rosary -

5:30PM (No Wednesday Rosary That Week)

Maybe Light At End Of Tunnel

We can only pray to God that the separation of people from coming to church is getting close to the end. It seems that from the endless news reports that we are either at the peak, or heading downward from the peak, to the conclusion of the coronavirus.

While I am doing Masses online in the empty church, even after two weeks, it is hard to adjust to not seeing or hearing people. Especially, when I can't hear the responses it is one challenge I hope will be over soon!

Online Giving

The online giving has been a huge help to our churches financially. If there are any parishioners who need help with any online giving, please call our office Tuesday or Thursday morning from 9 until noon for any help. But thank you so much for your giving to our churches.

Church BCR Alerts

Occasionally, something comes up that is worth letting everyone know that could be of benefit to our parishioners. I know many have signed up for the alerts but if you haven't, please call us for help. The alerts also will let us know of any weather alerts as well. So the alerts can doubly help us in prayer and our safety!

Confessions

My plan is to rotate the drive-up confessions between the three churches on Saturdays from 3 - 3:45PM. This next Saturday's (4/18) confessions will be in St. Thomas More's parking lot followed by St. Patrick's the following week.

Easter

As Lent was a time of preparation for the joys of Easter and to put our soul in its right place to celebrate Jesus' Resurrection. Lent was also a time to face the evils in our lives and turn to what is good in them as well.

We have all missed seeing each other's faces in church. We have missed looking directly at Jesus in the tabernacle. And the sense of awe in being in His Real Presence.

Now for us still in the world, we are in another type of Lent. It is a Lent when we need to truly prepare ourselves for the moment we stand before Christ in the Divine Courtroom. When Jesus will make the determination, as Our Just Judge, whether or not we belong in Heaven.

As we celebrate this Easter, it would be great for us to truly live doing good with our lives at a time when Jesus says things will be becoming more difficult. Also by turning away from the prince of lies and being very careful to not believe in things based in deception. We have through television, as much as it is being misused today, recorded events which can be used to remind us of the truth. Many times clips can be taken out of context or actual words disregarded totally. So be careful if what you watch doesn't back the truth with uncut and actual words by the people speaking them. May God always be with all of you and give you His Easter Blessings through His Resurrected Son Jesus Christ!

Fr. Pat Fixsen

Dear Padre,

What's the origin of the word *Easter*? It's not mentioned in the Bible. Wouldn't a better name be Resurrection Sunday?

Experts trace Easter back to Old-English meanings associated with *Eostre*, the goddess of spring and fertility. Others point to the German word for east, which is derived from the Latin word for dawn. Regardless, Christianity found new meaning in the ancient celebration of nature's rebirth during the spring equinox. This resurrection of new life over the dead of winter also pointed to Christ's resurrection from the dead at dawn.

Likewise, early Christians gave new meaning to ancient symbols of fertility, such as rabbits and eggs. For example, a hatching chick represented the risen Christ emerging from the shell of a tomb, and the Roman proverb *Omne vivum ex ovo* ("All life comes from an egg") symbolized the resurrection. Eggs, prohibited during the Lenten fast, were reintroduced at the Easter meal and shared as decorated gifts. In 1610, a prayer by Pope Paul V blessed the egg, "that it may become a wholesome sustenance to thy faithful servants, eating it in thankfulness to thee, on account of the resurrection of the Lord."

"Each week, on the day called the Lord's Day, [the Church] commemorates the Resurrection of the Lord, which she also celebrates once a year in the great Paschal Solemnity" (*The Roman Missal*, "Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the Calendar," 1). Thus, every Sunday—even those in Lent—is a Resurrection Sunday in celebration of Christ's triumph over death, which will include our own!



PAVEL HAYSTOW/SHUTTERSTOCK

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR
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Calendar

Monday

APRIL 13

Octave of Easter
Acts 2:14, 22–33
Mt 28:8–15

Tuesday

APRIL 14

Octave of Easter
Acts 2:36–41
Jn 20:11–18

Wednesday

APRIL 15

Octave of Easter
Acts 3:1–10
Lk 24:13–35

Thursday

APRIL 16

Octave of Easter
Acts 3:11–26
Lk 24:35–48

Friday

APRIL 17

Octave of Easter
Acts 4:1–12
Jn 21:1–14

Saturday

APRIL 18

Octave of Easter
Acts 4:13–21
Mk 16:9–15

Sunday

APRIL 19

Second Sunday
of Easter
(Sunday of Divine Mercy)
Acts 2:42–47
1 Pt 1:3–9
Jn 20:19–31

WORD FROM Pope Francis

Today however we see that our journey is not in vain. ...
Why do you think that everything is hopeless, that no one
can take away your own tombstones? Why do you give in to
resignation and failure? Easter is the feast of tombstones
taken away, rocks rolled aside.

—EASTER VIGIL HOMILY, APRIL 20, 2019

