



# Our Parish COMMUNITY

April 19, 2020

Second Sunday of Easter  
(Sunday of Divine Mercy) (A)

Acts 2:42–47

1 Pt 1:3–9

Jn 20:19–31

## I Doubt It

**S**kepticism is a characteristic of a critical mind. Some claims are just too fantastic to trust: no salve can relieve you of all pain; no investment is certain to double your money; no politician can keep all promises; no one comes back from the dead. Who of us can fault Thomas for his initial skepticism?

Thomas has been known through history as “the doubter.” However, he might be considered the patron saint of all of us. Because of his absence when Jesus stood in the midst of the community, Thomas was expected to believe on the word of others. Like Thomas, we are torn between believing because of an experience of Jesus, and believing on the word of others. We all would prefer a direct, profound experience. However, that’s not what we’re offered.

But within the community we can indirectly experience Jesus—his goodness, his unselfish service to others, his desire to bring people together in peace and harmony. The first reading provides a glimpse of such a believing community devoted to “the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers” (Acts 2:42). Like our patron Thomas, we might be skeptical at first, but it is within a family or community of kindness and generosity that we can have our own experience of the risen Jesus.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

### FOR Reflection

- ★ *Where in your family do you experience devotion to others, forgiveness, and courage? Where do you bring these attitudes?*
- ★ *How might you strengthen the bonds of your community so that others can recognize the presence of the risen Jesus?*



*Jesus said to [Thomas],  
“Have you come to believe  
because you have seen me?  
Blessed are those who have  
not seen and have believed.”*

JOHN 20:29





**Holy Trinity Catholic Church**



**St. Thomas More Catholic Church**



**St. Patrick Catholic Church**

**\*\*Main Office\*\***

**Holy Trinity Church & Rectory**

212 S. Main St.

PO Box 159

Cherry, IL 61317-0159

Phone: (815) 894-2006

Office Email: HolyTSP@gmail.com

Website: www.bureaucatholic.org

**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

Email: frpat.fixsen@gmail.com

**\*\*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

Email: StTMoreDalzell32@gmail.com

**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

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

**All Events On Hold**

**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

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

**All Events On Hold**

**Daily Mass Intentions for  
Masses the Week of April 20, 2020**

Monday

\*\*www.bureaucatholic.org - 5:30pm

Tuesday

\*\*www.bureaucatholic.org - 10:30AM

Wednesday

\*\*www.bureaucatholic.org - 10:30AM

Thursday

\*\*www.bureaucatholic.org - 10:30AM

Friday

www.bureaucatholic.org - 10:30AM

† No Mass

**Offered For**

† Jerome Pangrcic

† Fr. Hilary Rodgers

† For The Sick

† Joan Olszewski

**Next Weekend's Mass Intentions  
Weekend of April 25-26, 2020**

Saturday:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 4:00PM

† No Mass

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† No Mass

Sunday:

\*\*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)

**Prayer to Guardian Angel  
When We Are  
Unable To Attend Mass**

O HOLY ANGEL at my side,  
Go to Church for me,  
Kneel in my place, at Holy Mass,  
Where I desire to be.

At Offertory, in my stead,  
Take all I am and own,  
And place it as a sacrifice  
Upon the Altar Throne.

At Holy Consecration's bell,  
Adore with Seraph's love,  
My Jesus hidden in the Host,  
Come down from Heaven above.

Then pray for those I dearly love,  
And those who cause me grief,  
That Jesus' Blood may cleanse all  
hearts,  
And suff'ring souls relieve.

And when the priest  
Communion takes,  
Oh, bring my Lord to me,  
That His sweet Heart may rest on  
mine,  
And I His temple be.

Pray that this Sacrifice Divine,  
May mankind's sins efface;  
Then bring me Jesus' blessing home,  
The pledge of every grace. Amen

**Please Note This Change  
In Church Office Hours  
During The Stay At Home  
Recommendation**

The church office will be  
open from 9AM - 11AM on  
Tuesday through Friday.

Confessions

My plan is to rotate the drive-up confessions between the three churches on Saturdays from 3 - 3:45PM. This next Saturday's (4/25) confessions will be behind St. Patrick's Chapel followed by Holy Trinity the following week.

Divine Mercy Sunday

On this Divine Mercy Sunday, while we are still in the midst of the shutdown of many things, the Mercy of God through Jesus Christ is the centerpiece of the day.

We hear the story of doubting Thomas who's faith has been shaken. He doesn't want to believe Jesus is alive unless he can put his hand into one of Jesus' wounds from the Crucifixion. How many people today don't believe that at the consecration of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ that the bread and wine actually become Jesus' Body and Blood? We hear every Mass from the priest who says the words in "persona Christi" "this is my Body" and "this is my Blood".

Why don't we believe? Our love of Christ should mean that we want to connect the dots of our faith. We try to live the Ten Commandments, the teachings of the Church but quite often our prayer life struggles. Our prayer life is our way of showing our belief and love of Jesus Christ. Yet, we want to believe on our own terms and not by what Jesus wants from us, each one of us in union with Him through prayer!

We have been living in a time of God's Mercy. Very soon we will be living in the time of God's Justice as God purifies the world of evil until Jesus' return. We may think time goes on forever but it won't with all of us in it. Pray, Just Pray! Blessings through His Resurrected Son Jesus Christ!

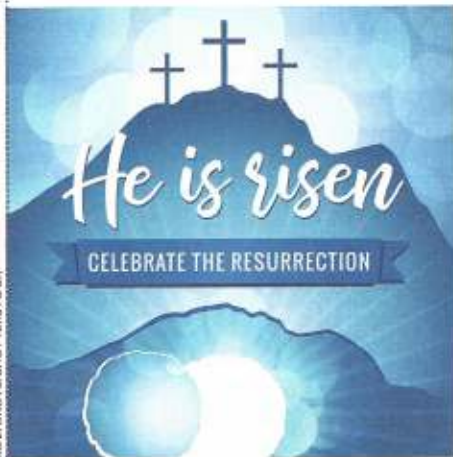
Fr. Pat Fixsen



# Dear Padre,

**A friend of mine always makes such a big deal of the time after Easter. What is this Easter season all about?**

**T**hese days and weeks after Easter are indeed significant. We Christians are an Easter people. The resurrection is the cornerstone of our faith. Without the belief that Christ conquered death and our hope that we will share in that same victory over the grave, our faith is pointless. We celebrate with great fanfare that we are a redeemed people in Jesus Christ.



Every year our forty-day Lenten preparation of fasting and penance leads us to the feasting and joy of the fifty days of Easter. This unbelievable news that the risen Christ is in our midst draws us into a festival that cannot be contained in a single day. "The fifty days from Sunday of the Resurrection to Pentecost Sunday are celebrated in joy and exultation as one feast day, indeed as one 'great Sunday'" (*The Roman Missal*, "Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and Calendar," 22).

Part of the challenge of Easter is learning again how to celebrate a fifty-day feast. Most Catholics do not think of Easter as an extended feast. We tend to see Easter, the ascension, and Pentecost as three separate, independent feast days, each with its own themes. The truth of the matter is that they are all part and parcel of the other, intertwined and borne of the same glorious fact of Christ's resurrection. This is a perfect time to remind ourselves of that joyous and significant connection.

—Fr. Joseph Ring  
[Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org](mailto:Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org)

## WORD FROM *Pope Francis*



*To us also, on this Sunday, which St. John Paul II wished to dedicate to divine mercy, the Lord shows us, through the Gospel, his wounds. They are wounds of mercy.... Jesus invites us to behold these wounds, to touch them as Thomas did, to heal our lack of belief. Above all, he invites us to enter into the mystery of these wounds, which is the mystery of his merciful love.*

—HOMILY, APRIL 12, 2015

## Calendar

### Monday

APRIL 20

Easter Weekday

Acts 4:23–31

Jn 3:1–8

### Tuesday

APRIL 21

Easter Weekday

Acts 4:32–37

Jn 3:7b–15

### Wednesday

APRIL 22

Easter Weekday

Acts 5:17–26

Jn 3:16–21

### Thursday

APRIL 23

Easter Weekday

Acts 5:27–33

Jn 3:31–36

### Friday

APRIL 24

Easter Weekday

Acts 5:34–42

Jn 6:1–15

### Saturday

APRIL 25

St. Mark,

Evangelist

1 Pt 5:5b–14

Mk 16:15–20

### Sunday

APRIL 26

Third Sunday

of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22–33

1 Pt 1:17–21

Lk 24:13–35