



Our Parish COMMUNITY

April 3, 2022

Fifth Sunday of Lent (C)

Is 43:16–21

Phil 3:8–14

Jn 8:1–11

“Do Not Sin Any More.”

At first reading of today's Gospel, one might think that those who brought the adulterous woman to Jesus were concerned about observance of the law. Halfway through the story, this error is corrected: “They said this to test him” (John 8:6). They thought that any answer he would provide would anger his audience. If he directed them to stone her, his teaching about mercy and forgiveness would sound hollow, and people would turn away from him. If he spoke against stoning, he would appear to be setting himself above the law, which required that particular punishment for adultery. They must have thought they had Jesus cornered.

Not to be undone by them, Jesus traced his finger on the ground. Was he listing the sins of the woman's accusers? Was he using silence to make them feel uncomfortable? Was he choosing his words carefully? Was he simply doodling? We don't know. But his words

cut to the core: “Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her” (John 8:7). Who would dare step forward to execute the sentence? They left, beginning with the elders because the custom was to throw the stones according to age—eldest first.

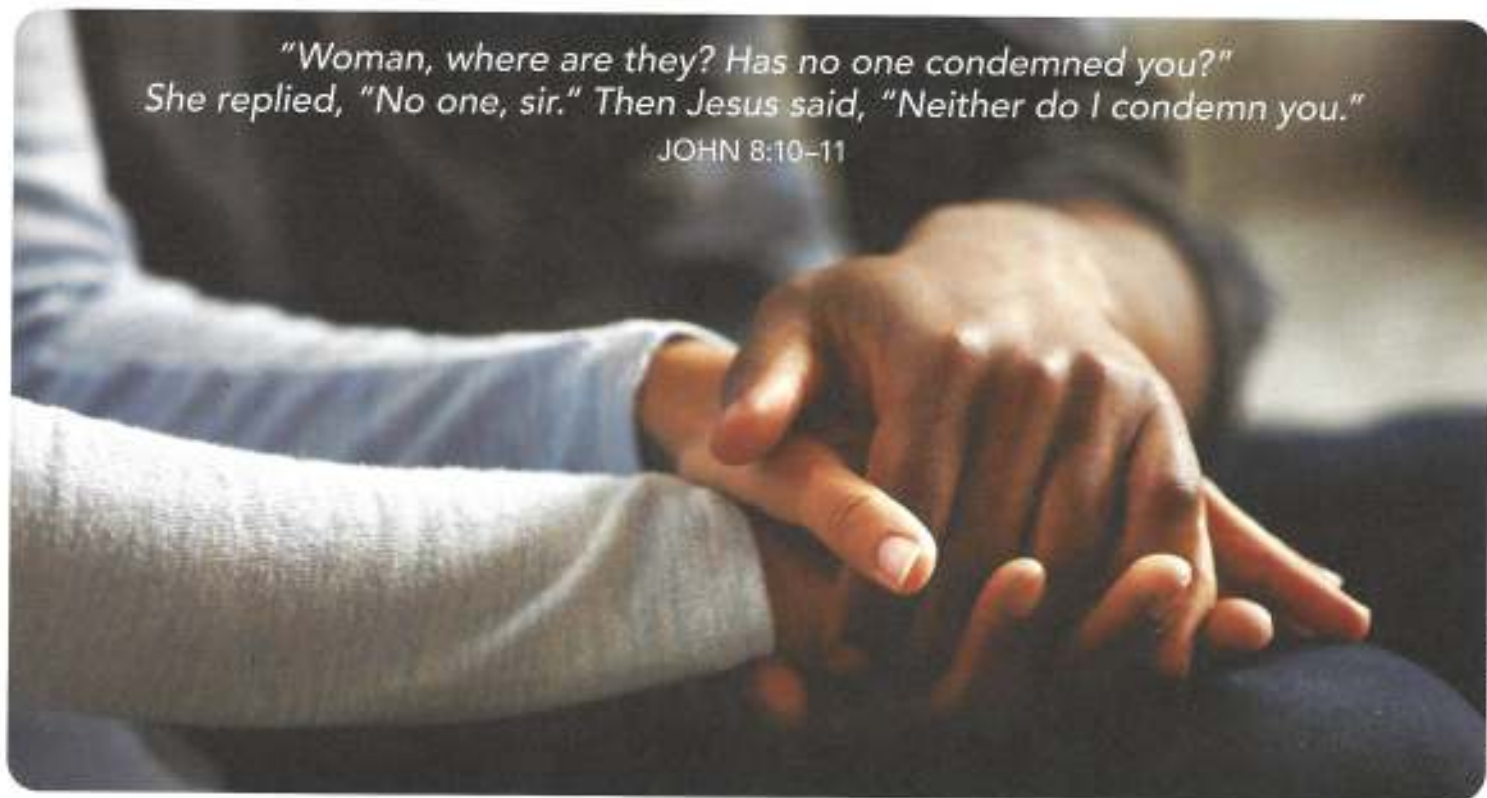
Had Jesus undermined his teaching about mercy and forgiveness? No. Had he denigrated the law? No. Did he leave the woman with the impression that her sin was not serious? No. He left her with this admonition: I will not condemn you to death, but you have to change your life.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ *How quick are you to point out the failings of others? What good comes from it?*
- ★ *What in your life do you know you have to change? Why can't you do it?*

*“Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?”
She replied, “No one, sir.” Then Jesus said, “Neither do I condemn you.”*
JOHN 8:10–11





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Mass Schedule

Weekdays - Wednesday 5:30pm and

Thursday - 9:00am

Every other Saturday Confessions - at
STM & SP 10:30-11:15

Sunday Mass - 8:30am

***Pastor of the Three Churches**

Fr. Thaddeus Tran

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

CCD In-Person April 3rd Class for
K-4th will be held at the Hall
CONFIRMATION IN PERSON
FRIDAY APRIL 8th



St. Thomas More Catholic Church

For All Three Churches

Emergency Number

779-248-2164

St. Thomas More Church

302 Chestnut St.

Dalzell, IL 61320

Phone: (815) 663-6201

Email: thomasmore32@gmail.com

Mass Schedule

Weekday Mass -

Tues. & Fri. - 8:00am

Saturday Vigil Mass - 4:00 PM

Sunday Mass - 5:00pm

Adoration Room

TIME CHANGE

Open Monday-Sunday 9AM-6PM

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

Ravioli Making—Startup Sept.

*CCD Classes @HT Church Hall



St. Patrick Catholic Church

St. Patrick Church

(Office at Holy Trinity Church)

106 Church St.

Arlington, IL 61312

Phone: (815) 894-2006

Mail To: P.O. Box 159 Cherry 61317

Mass Schedule

Sunday Mass - 10:30 AM

***3 Churches Pastoral Assistant**

Julie Hollinger

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****Office Hours****

Holy Trinity - Tues.-Fri.. -

9am-1pm

****Facebook:** Use Link on Home
Page - www.bureaucatholic.org

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

CCD Class time 9:30-10:30

Daily Mass Intentions for Masses the Week of April 4, 2022

Monday

Tuesday

4/5** 8:00AM **STM

Wednesday

4/6** 5:30pm **HT (Rosary before mass)

Thursday

4/7** 9:00AM **HT

Friday

4/8** 8:00AM **STM

4/8 Stations of the Cross @STM 6pm

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions

Weekend of April 9-10, 2022

Saturday:

4/9 St. Thomas More 4:00PM

Sunday:

4/10** www.bureaucatholic.org - 8:30AM **HT

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM

**St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:00 PM

Offered For

† No Mass

† Clifford Sondgeroth

† Charlie & Hazel Keutzer

† Catherine Hunter

† Olivero Family

Offered For

† Lyla Maggio

† For the Parishioners

† Mary Jane Smith

† Ed & Rosella Baker

Latest Offering's
Weekend March 27th

Holy Trinity -	\$948.00
St. Patrick -	\$518.00
St. Thomas More -	\$705.00

Prayer To St. Joseph

Oh, St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God. I place in you all my interests and desires. Oh, St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your divine Son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. So that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers.



Reminder SP Sat. 4/9 at 9am



Church Readers & Eucharistic Ministers

If you are able to volunteer for Palm Sunday and Holy Week please contact the office. We would be so grateful to have the extra help.

Annual Men's March & Mass
Saturday April 30, 2022

This will be Bishop Tylka's first men's march as Bishop. They are in hopes of a great turnout.

8:30 start with confessions

9am-Opening Prayer 9:15-Rally Begins

9:45 March to Cathedral

10:30 Mass

11:45 Fellowship & Food

For more info visit www.cdop.org



Holy Week

Please be sure to pick up a Holy Week schedule.

HOLY THURSDAY

ADORATION: Church law requires that someone should be in the Adoration Chapel from 8pm-Midnight. Please spend some quality time with our Lord that evening. A sign up sheet will be provided in back of the churches

GOOD FRIDAY: Although Good Friday Service is not a mass, nor attendance is obligated; nevertheless it is one of the most important days during holy week. All members who are able to make it please do your best to attend.

A Friendly Reminder

All parishioners are kindly reminded that they are required to receive Communion during the upcoming Easter Season, and that they should go to confession at least once a year. To those who would need to fulfill either one or both of the above requirements please go to the Holy Week schedule for more info.



Palm Sunday

PALM SUNDAY MASS:

Please join us @HT 8:30 mass the CCD students will take part in the procession.

Have a Blessed Week

Confessions

The next confessions will be Saturday - April 9th 10:30-11:15- at St. Thomas More in the hall

Stations of the Cross

The next stations of the cross will be Friday April 8th @STM 6pm.



ST. THOMAS MORE

The ravioli makers at St. Thomas More would like to thank all members, families and friends who supported the fundraiser that started in September 2021 until this week in March 2022. It would not have been a success without you or the people who dedicated their time twice a week to prepare and make the product. Bless you all.

ST.PATRICK

A Big Thanks to all who supported the church with sausage orders and a Big Thanks to the volunteers who come out and make the sausage. The total for the March 5th Fundraiser totaled \$6008.72.



Kenny's Fish

ST. THOMAS MORE DINE-IN

Friday April 8, 2022

4:30-7:30pm at the Parish Hall

Menu: Fried Fish, Fries, Coleslaw, Bread, Dessert & Drink

Adults: \$12 Kids 7yrs & under \$6

Carry Outs Available by Calling Jyll

@815-252-4377

Dear Padre,

If God is so forgiving, why can't I just ask for his forgiveness directly? Why do I need to go to confession and ask a man, a priest, to have my sins forgiven?

It's ironic that some claim a man cannot forgive sins. That same accusation was leveled against Jesus himself when he forgave the paralyzed man (see Mark 2:5-7). But Jesus clearly told his apostles they were to be instruments of his forgiveness. When he appeared to them in the upper room after his resurrection he said: "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained" (John 20:23).

James the Apostle also endorses the concept of humans administering God's forgiveness: "Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed" (James 5:16).

Baptism, another sacrament administered by a person, starts our discipleship with Jesus. It cleanses us of all sin—including original sin. But even as Jesus' disciples, we are sometimes unfaithful and need to ask forgiveness. It's not surprising, then, that Jesus has given us another sacrament—again administered by a person—for the forgiveness of sins after baptism: the sacrament of reconciliation.

God is forgiving—so forgiving that when people killed Jesus, his Son, he did not punish and destroy the world. Rather, he used the death of Jesus to demonstrate just how patient and forgiving he is. Our gravest sins—murder, adultery, a life lived apart from God—require the intervention of the sacrament of penance. But even confessing smaller sins is useful. If nothing else, it keeps us humble enough to remember that all of us need forgiveness because all of us sin.

Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSSR / Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Going to confess is not like going to the dry cleaner's to have a stain removed....If there is no love in the sacrament, it is not as Jesus wishes it to be. If it is functional, it is not how Jesus wants it to be. Love....toward the brother and the sister who are forgiven sinners. This is the fundamental relationship.

ADDRESS TO APOSTOLIC PENITENTIARY, MARCH 12, 2021



Calendar

Monday

APRIL 4

Lenten Weekday
Dn 13:1-9, 15-17,
19-30, 33-62
or 13:41c-62
Jn 8:12-20

Tuesday

APRIL 5

Lenten Weekday
Nm 21:4-9
Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday

APRIL 6

Lenten Weekday
Dn 3:14-20,
91-92, 95
Jn 8:31-42

Thursday

APRIL 7

Lenten Weekday
Gn 17:3-9
Jn 8:51-59

Friday

APRIL 8

Lenten Weekday
Jer 20:10-13
Jn 10:31-42

Saturday

APRIL 9

Lenten Weekday
Ez 37:21-28
Jn 11:45-56

Sunday

APRIL 10

Palm Sunday of the
Lord's Passion
Lk 19:28-40
Is 50:4-7
Phil 2:6-11
Lk 22:14-23:56
or 23:1-49