

[Jesus said,] "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that hour.

MATTHEW 15:28

Insider Versus Outsider

Our need to belong often creates community. As nurturing and supportive as communities can be, they can also be exclusive, concerned only with the insiders and marginalizing the outsiders. Today's readings depict something remarkable. We read that foreigners, or outsiders, enjoy hospitality and privilege that one would expect insiders to receive.

The prophet Isaiah states that even foreigners will worship in the temple. This is not a story after conversion to the religion of Israel, but of Israel taking a step toward universality: "My house shall be called / a house of prayer for all peoples" (Isaiah 56:7).

The Gospel story recounts a discussion between Jesus and a Canaanite woman. She was doubly marginalized—as an inferior woman and as a despised Canaanite. Yet, her love for her daughter compelled her to approach Jesus, pleading for help—something a

"proper" Jewish woman would never do to a man, nor a Canaanite to a Jew. Many in Israel certainly had a sense of exclusivity, and a disdain for the Canaanites. Those may be evident in Jesus' reply, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel" (Matthew 15:24). But we can be sure that Jesus—God's love in the flesh—didn't share his countrymen's disdain for anyone. The woman, having heard that Jesus was a healer, remains undaunted. She crosses restrictive gender and ethnic lines in her search for help. Jesus finally praises her, not for her love, but for the faith that her love engendered. And she was a Canaanite!

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ What groups are marginalized by our society? How open are you to them?
- ★ How welcoming are you to people who are new to your groups?



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**

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

All Events On Hold

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For All Three Churches

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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

****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

****Facebook: Use Link on Home**

Page - www.bureaucatholic.org

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**Daily Mass Intentions for
Masses the Week of August 17, 2020**

Monday ****www.bureaucatholic.org/Facebook Link - 5:30PM**HT**

Tuesday ****www.bureaucatholic.org/Facebook Link - 9:00AM**HT**

Wednesday ****Facebook Link - 9:00AM**SP**

Thursday ****www.bureaucatholic.org/Facebook Link - 9:00AM**HT**

Friday ****Facebook Link - 9:00AM **STM**

Offered For

Special Intention (For Sick)

† Margaret & Ivo Bickett

Arriaga & Tang Families

† No Mass

† Members of Ray & Tom

Pigati Families

**Next Weekend's Mass Intentions
Weekend of August 22-23, 2020**

Saturday: ****Facebook Link - 4:00PM **STM**

Sunday: ****www.bureaucatholic.org/Facebook Link - 9:00 AM**HT**

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM

****St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 6:00 PM (Last Chance Communion)**

Offered For

† Dean Abney & Bonnie Preiser

† For The Parishioners

† No Mass

† No Mass

On-Line Giving Offering's

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 - 5pm
(Re-Opened Again)

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 -
? & ?

Mass Intentions

We are in need of Mass Intentions for weekday Masses. The Masses on the web are a great occasion for family members not living in this area to pray with us for family members who have died. Please consider having a weekday Mass for a deceased member of your family and thank you. Mass intentions can be paid through our online giving program, mail or dropping by our office.

Recurring Special Church Events

Wednesday's - Rosary - 6PM (On Website)
(Rotates Between 3 Churches)

Friday's - Divine Mercy Chaplet - On Website -
3PM - St. Thomas More Adoration Chapel

Third Monday of the Month -
Mass for Reparation of Sins & Rosary -
5:30PM (No Wednesday Rosary That Week)

We Are Starting Limited Church Reopening

Presently, over the next two weekends, we are working out the needs within Holy Trinity and St. Thomas More to allow a limited number of people back in for Mass. So if you see people in the church during Mass they are the helpers to help us maintain the COVID guidelines.

First of all, masks are to be worn during Mass, except when receiving Holy Communion, and then when leaving the Church.

There are arrows in the aisles for the flow of people traffic during Holy Communion. And Holy Communion will be offered after the Final Blessing at each Mass. And we have been asked to not congregate in Church after Mass or in the parking lot. (And yes this is one of joys of coming to Holy Mass!)

As things with the virus continue to spike in our area, we just have to be careful of adding to the spread of the virus. And our officials have said the masks are one way we can help stop its spread.

We have registered with a website signupgenius.com for people to make a reservation to come to one of the Masses and the St. Thomas More Adoration Room. Presently, we are at ten people to attend Mass but hopefully within two weeks we will be up to 25 plus people.

For the present time, we will have the 4PM Mass at St. Thomas More on Saturday and the 9AM at Holy Trinity on Sunday. These Masses will still be on Facebook and when at Holy Trinity on our church website. If one of these Masses are missed, there is still the 6PM Last Chance Holy Communion in the St. Thomas More parking lot in Dalzell. Thank you!

Confessions

The next confessions will be at St. Thomas More in parking lot on Saturday, August 29th from 11-11:45am.

This Week's Update

I hope everybody came out of the storm OK from earlier this week. If you haven't noticed, our cemetery in Cherry and the Park next to Holy Trinity Hall had over \$4000 of damage to the trees. Unfortunately, our bank accounts are slim and so I'm praying the insurance will help out with some of the costs. Any donations to help with the cleanup would be greatly appreciated!

Next weekend, starting with the vigil Mass on August 22nd, you may make a call to our office or use our website to reserve a spot for next weekends two Masses. The link to reserve a spot on the website will be up by Thursday this week.

I also am hoping to get the adoration room at St. Thomas More able to use sometime this week too! We all need to be praying fervently now and into the future for our safety and protection.

This weekend, on Saturday, we are also starting to pray the Miraculous 54 Day Novena which will begin on the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary and ending on the day of Our Lady of the Rosary. If somehow you missed starting on the Assumption you can start anytime and pray for 54 days. The novena is available on our church website. This weekend we celebrate the 20th Week of Ordinary Time. And we hear a version of the "Jesus Prayer" which gives us much protection when we pray it throughout the day. This version can also be used in place of the Act of Contrition and it is "Lord Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner." May God always protect us and be with us!

Dear Padre,

Is it wrong to hope for a miracle? My son has been diagnosed with cancer, and I am praying for one!

When my mother was a teenage girl, she suffered from internal problems. Her mother took her across Detroit to a famous healer, Fr. Solanus Casey. He talked to her, prayed over her, and sent her back home. After that visit, my mother's internal problems disappeared!

As Christians, we believe in miracles. It is the legacy handed to us by the Lord Jesus. Remember that once Jesus had trained his disciples, he sent them out in pairs to cure the sick and drive out demons (Luke 9:1-6). They, like the Lord, became miracle workers. Jesus worked his miracles out of compassion (Luke 7:13). He wanted to show us that our God was a personal God, genuinely kind and loving.

The first step to asking for a miracle is to believe deeply in the power of Jesus. Jesus always demanded that an initial faith be present before he performed a miracle (Matthew 21:22). The miracle would then deepen, strengthen, and stabilize this faith. The second step is to be tireless in your asking. Saint Luke's section on prayer (Luke 11:1-13) promises success for those who keep knocking on God's door. The final step is to accept whatever the Lord gives. Perhaps the Lord has greater plans for your son than you might know or fathom.

The Lord's greatest miracle for us is the Eucharist. Here would be the proper place to lay your request before the Lord!

—Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSSR
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Jesus shows a particular predilection for those who are wounded in body and in spirit: the poor, the sinners, the possessed, the sick, the marginalized. Thus, he reveals himself as a doctor both of souls and of bodies, the good Samaritan of man. He is the true Savior: Jesus saves, Jesus cures, Jesus heals.

—ANGELUS, FEBRUARY 8, 2015

Calendar

Monday

AUGUST 17

Weekday

Ez 24:15-24

Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday

AUGUST 18

Weekday

Ez 28:1-10

Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday

AUGUST 19

Weekday

Ez 34:1-11

Mt 20:1-16

Thursday

AUGUST 20

St. Bernard,
Abbot and Doctor
of the Church

Ez 36:23-28

Mt 22:1-14

Friday

AUGUST 21

St. Pius X,

Pope

Ez 37:1-14

Mt 22:34-40

Saturday

AUGUST 22

The Queenship of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

Ez 43:1-7ab

Mt 23:1-12

Sunday

AUGUST 23

Twenty-first Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Is 22:19-23

Rom 11:33-36

Mt 16:13-20