

## Who's in Charge?

**T**here are lots of reasons one could be in charge.

You might be the only one left to do the job. Or, in the case of babysitting, you might simply be older. You could be in charge because you are a bully with the biggest fists, sticks, or guns. Or you might be in charge because you are the best qualified for the job. Today's readings offer us two stories about being chosen for leadership.

In the Old Testament reading, Shebna, an official in King Hezekiah's court, overreached his position of authority. He was demoted and replaced by Eliakim. Carrying the key symbolizes authority over the entire household. Placing it on the shoulder suggests an investiture ceremony. In the Gospel, entrusting Peter with the keys to the kingdom of heaven suggests similar authority, though in a significantly different household.

In both instances the position of authority is meant to be exercised for the benefit of the members of the

respective household. It was precisely because of his failure in this matter that Shebna was demoted and Eliakim placed in charge. What about Peter? The Gospel tells us that the choice of Peter followed his remarkable statement of faith: "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16).

These stories tell us that God chooses very ordinary people for positions of leadership. Why them? Are they the only ones left? Are they the oldest? Were they the best qualified? It was not because they were bullies. Obviously God thought they could do the job.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

### FOR Reflection

- ★ *It's not easy being a leader of God's people. Pray for those who have been called to that role.*
- ★ *Have you ever thought of volunteering to serve on a church committee?*

*[Jesus said,]  
"You are Peter, and upon  
this rock I will build my  
church, and the gates of  
the netherworld shall not  
prevail against it."*

MATTHEW 16:18







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**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

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

**All Events On Hold**

**\*\*Emergency Phone\*\***

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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)**

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**Mass Schedule**

Sunday Mass - 10:30 AM

**\*3 Churches Pastoral Assistant**

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**\*\*Office Hours\*\***

Holy Trinity - Tues, Thurs, & Fri.

- 9AM-12PM

St. Thomas More -

Wed - 9AM - 12PM

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

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**Daily Mass Intentions for  
Masses the Week of August 24, 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**

† No Mass

Special Intention

† Corrine Manning

† Bill Waite

† Purgatorial Society

**Next Weekend's Mass Intentions  
Weekend of August 29-30, 2020**

Saturday:

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

Sunday:

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

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM

**Offered For**

† For The Parishioners

† Dec Memb John Potthoff Fam

† No Mass

**\*\*St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 6:00 PM (Last Chance Communion) † No Mass (Only Holy Communion)**

**(\*\*Recommendation Watch Our Mass Online Or EWTN Mass Before Receiving Communion)**



### 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](http://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, Masses are still available through our website and Facebook to watch on demand. Plus we have the 6PM Last Chance Holy Communion in the St. Thomas More parking lot in Dalzell to receive Holy Communion. 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

It just seems that every time things are looking better with the virus then it begins to pick up again in the number of cases. My intention was to have up to 25 people in the churches this weekend but it seemed better to just wait another week.

So next weekend, starting with the vigil Mass on August 29th, 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 Wednesday this week. And I am also hoping to get the adoration room at St. Thomas More able to use sometime this week too! We still all need to be praying fervently now and into the future for our safety and protection.

We have set some dates to get our young men and women confirmed in September. They will take place on three consecutive weekends on Sundays at 3pm. Also we have a date for the First Communions too! Again, we have started praying the Miraculous 54 Day Rosary Novena which we started on the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary and will end 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 21st Week of Ordinary Time. We hear the words of Jesus to Peter as He sets forth Peter to be the first pope of the Catholic Church. But also we hear how the church is set up to be the one true salvific church. Even despite its problems today! May God always protect us and be with us! Fr. Pat



# Dear Padre,

## What does the Church teach about body art?

I'm a bit squeamish when I see a piercing in a place other than an ear, and when I see a tattoo covering a large part of a person's body I wonder what that person will think about that tattoo in twenty years. But these things are a matter of taste; for example, I don't think there is anything



wrong with earrings, but others might.

The Church has no teaching on tattoos, piercings, or shaping (when a body part is purposely reshaped to fit a cultural ideal). "Do not lacerate your bodies for the dead, and do not tattoo yourselves," say Leviticus 19:28, clearly outlawing piercings and tattoos. But it also says, "Do not...spoil the edges of your beard" (Leviticus 19:27). I broke that law this morning when I shaved.

In their introduction to the Book of Leviticus in the *New American Bible*, revised edition, the bishops teach that the laws in this book are "not merely legislative." They were designed to instill "a way of life in the book's hearers and readers."

We may not have the same obligation to adhere to those rules, but it is important for Catholics to remember 1

Corinthians 3:16: "You are the temple of God." We should do nothing to deface the temple of God. So if you do get a piercing or a tattoo, remember that you're God's temple.

—Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSSR  
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## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*The acceptance of our body as a gift from God is vital for welcoming and accepting the entire world as a gift from the Father...Thinking that we enjoy absolute power over our own bodies turns, often subtly, into thinking that we enjoy an absolute power over creation.*

—ADDRESS TO PONTIFICAL ACADEMY FOR LIFE, JUNE 26, 2018



## Calendar

### Monday

AUGUST 24  
St. Bartholomew,  
Apostle  
Rv 21:9b-14  
Jn 1:45-51

### Tuesday

AUGUST 25  
Weekday  
2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17  
Mt 23:23-26

### Wednesday

AUGUST 26  
Weekday  
2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18  
Mt 23:27-32

### Thursday

AUGUST 27  
St. Monica  
1 Cor 1:1-9  
Mt 24:42-51

### Friday

AUGUST 28  
St. Augustine,  
Bishop and Doctor  
of the Church  
1 Cor 1:17-25  
Mt 25:1-13

### Saturday

AUGUST 29  
The Passion of  
St. John the Baptist  
1 Cor 1:26-31  
Mk 6:17-29

### Sunday

AUGUST 30  
Twenty-second Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
Jer 20:7-9  
Rom 12:1-2  
Mt 16:21-27