

## Law Versus Values

**T**hat is a very difficult choice to place before people. Why can't we choose both? Actually, that is the ideal.

Law is a legislated way that a group lives out a value. We value safe highways, and so we legislate traffic regulations, speed limits, and so forth. We value communal prayer, and so we devise liturgical calendars and worship ceremonies. Usually, the way we live out a value changes more frequently than the value itself. However, it often happens that people become so attached to a custom or law, though unfamiliar with the underlying value it embodies, that a change of custom becomes very disruptive. This certainly happened in the Church after the Second Vatican Council, which took place in the 1960s.

This seems to be the source of tension in today's Gospel scene. Washing hands before eating was a ritual custom here, not just a hygienic one. It probably originated with priests who bloodied their hands while sacrificing animals. Eventually, ritual washing became one of the 613 customs that Pharisees expected every Jewish man to observe. Referred to as "a hedge around the law," such customs served to ensure the law itself was protected and would not be broken. Jesus' disciples did not observe this ritual, and so they were criticized.

Jesus immediately came to their defense. He did not disparage the value of appropriate ritual behavior. Rather, he accused his opponents of clinging to out-of-date practices while disregarding underlying values. Practices are external; values are internal. Laws and customs can change; fundamental principles and standards endure.

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

### FOR *Reflection*

- ★ *Do you have a favorite religious practice? The rosary? Communal singing? What religious value does it reflect?*

*[Jesus said,]  
"Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile."*

MARK 7:15





### Holy Trinity Catholic Church

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

#### **Holy Trinity Church & Rectory**

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Website: [www.bureaucatholic.org](http://www.bureaucatholic.org)

And on Facebook at

"Bureau Catholic Churches".

#### **Mass Schedule**

Weekdays - Wednesday 5:30pm and  
Thursday - 9:00am

Saturday Confessions - 10:30-11:15  
AM or by appointment

Sunday Mass - 9:00AM (9/12 start  
time @ 8:30)

#### **\*Pastor of the Three Churches**

Fr. Thaddeus Tran

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

CCD Registration All 3 Parish at  
HT church hall on Sept. 12th @  
9:30am



### 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: StTMoreDalzell32@gmail.com

#### **Mass Schedule**

Weekday Mass -

Tuesday & Friday - 9:00AM

Saturday Vigil Mass - 4:00 PM

Sunday (Last Chance) Mass -  
5:00 PM

#### **Adoration Room**

Open Monday-Saturday 9AM-8PM

Sunday - 9AM - 6PM

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

Ravioli Making—Call to order

Phone # 815-252-2215

\*CCD Registration @HT Sept. 12th



### St. Patrick Catholic Church

#### **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 (Hrs may vary)

Wed - 9AM - 12PM

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Page - [www.bureaucatholic.org](http://www.bureaucatholic.org)

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CCD Registration @HT Sept. 12th

### Daily Mass Intentions for Masses the Week of Aug. 30, 2021

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

\*\* 9:00AM\*\*STM

\*\*5:30PM\*\*HT Mass/Rosary

\*\*9:00AM\*\*HT

\*\* 9:00AM \*\*STM

#### Offered For

† No Mass

† Don Brescia

† Kathleen Waite Schmidt

† Connolly Family

† Avalonne Moskalewicz

### Next Weekend's Mass Intentions

#### Weekend of Sept. 4-5, 2021

Saturday:

Sunday:

\*\*4:00PM \*\*STM

\*\*[www.bureaucatholic.org](http://www.bureaucatholic.org)/Facebook Link - 9:00 AM\*\*HT

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM

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

#### Offered For

† Joanne Rutgens

† Bob Lehn

† Dorothy Stouffer

For The Parishioners

Online masses ONLY available @HT Until 9/5 [www.bureaucatholic.org](http://www.bureaucatholic.org)

### Latest Offering's

Holy Trinity - \$1216.00  
St. Patrick - \$363.00  
St. Thomas More - \$1255.00



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### *Caring for Our Parishioners Sick and Homebound*

*If you or someone you know is  
at home or hospitalized and  
would like to receive a visit and  
communion please let us know*

### Area Events

Holy Hour of Prayer every Tuesday  
5:45-6:45pm in LaSalle at Queen of  
Holy Rosary Shrine

### **\*\*Last Chance Mass @ STM\*\***

Last Chance Mass in Dalzell  
has been resumed on Sundays at  
5:00pm. The 6pm Communion time  
has been discontinued.

### **HT MASS TIME CHANGE**

With CCD right around the corner  
HT will be going to its regular  
Sunday mass time of 8:30am. Starting  
on Sunday Sept. 12th.

### Fundraising Updates

STM Ravioli Fund. Starting Sept.



## GOOD NEWS!

### STM Ravioli StartUp

STM will be starting their Ravioli making on Wed 9/8. To ensure we are following guidelines the church has received its permit from the health dept. and is ready to start twisting! Anyone interested in volunteering they meet twice a week Mondays and Wednesdays 8:30-11:30 in the church hall. It's a great way to socialize and have some fun. Hope to see you there! Don't forget to put your orders in !!

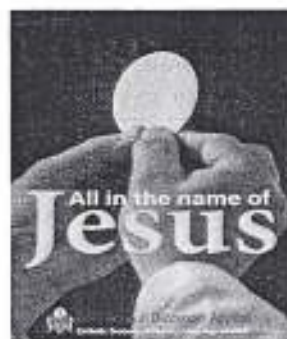
## Growing Together in Faith

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

REGISTRATION DATE: Sunday  
Sept. 12th at 9:30am -10:30am at  
Holy Trinity church hall.

Volunteers interested in helping with the CCD program may contact the office by phone or email. This years program will meet once a month in person continued with home study learning.

ADA Startup in September 2021



### Confessions

The next confessions will be  
Saturday - Sept. 4th 10:30-11:15pm -  
at St. Patrick in the chapel.

### Today's Gospel

If we read today's Gospel carefully, we will see a pattern in Jesus' teaching method that will be repeated in the weeks ahead. Jesus' first teaching is directed to the Pharisees who questioned him. Jesus' words are then directed to the crowd, teaching that a person is defiled by his or her words and actions, not by the food that he or she eats. In verses omitted in today's reading, we learn that Jesus returned home with his disciples, who in turn questioned him about what he had taught. The words we read at the conclusion of today's Gospel are addressed to Jesus' disciples. Mark's narrative shows several audiences for Jesus' teaching: his antagonists, the crowds, and Jesus' disciples. As we see in this reading, the words to the Pharisees are often words of challenge. The teaching to the crowds is often a general, sometimes cryptic, message. With the disciples, who often misunderstand Jesus' words, further explanation is offered about his message and its meaning.

Jesus' words challenge us as well. In our desire to show that we are holy, we might also give too much credence to externals, following rules without thinking about the intention behind them. Jesus reminds us that we do not make ourselves holy by our actions. Rather, we become holy when we allow God's Spirit to transform us. Our actions should be an expression of the conversion of our heart to God and to God's ways.

# Dear Padre,

**I recently had a spirited discussion with a Protestant friend regarding Romans 8:26. He believes his “perfected prayer of being filled with the Holy Spirit and speaking in tongues” is addressed in that verse. What does the Church say about this verse?**

**R**omans 8:26 says, “In the same way, the Spirit too comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit itself intercedes with inexpressible groanings.”

I’d be careful not to interpret this passage too narrowly and limit its application only to the gift of speaking in tongues. In fact, its application is much broader and actually can be applied to all Christian prayer.

When it comes to praying effectively, all of us can use some extra help. We get that help from the Holy Spirit. Scripture scholar Joseph A. Fitzmayer, SJ, maintains that the Holy Spirit actually plays an active and dynamic role in helping Christians pray effectively by interceding on his or her behalf. In effect, the Holy Spirit expresses for us the inaudible prayers and groaning of our hearts, for which we have no words. So, when we pray, the Holy Spirit is actually present to us and makes up for what we are lacking in our prayer due to our own human weakness.

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**Do you have a question for the Padre?**

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.



## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*Let us try asking ourselves: Am I open to the action of the Holy Spirit?...This is a prayer we must pray every day: “Holy Spirit, make my heart open to the word of God, make my heart open to goodness, make my heart open to the beauty of God every day.”*

GENERAL AUDIENCE, MAY 15, 2013

## Calendar

**Monday**  
AUGUST 30  
Weekday  
1 Thes 4:13–18  
Lk 4:16–30

**Tuesday**  
AUGUST 31  
Weekday  
1 Thes 5:1–6, 9–11  
Lk 4:31–37

**Wednesday**  
SEPTEMBER 1  
Weekday  
Col 1:1–8  
Lk 4:38–44

**Thursday**  
SEPTEMBER 2  
Weekday  
Col 1:9–14  
Lk 5:1–11

**Friday**  
SEPTEMBER 3  
St. Gregory the Great,  
Pope and Doctor  
of the Church  
Col 1:15–20  
Lk 5:33–39

**Saturday**  
SEPTEMBER 4  
Weekday  
Col 1:21–23  
Lk 6:1–5

**Sunday**  
SEPTEMBER 5  
Twenty-third Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
Is 35:4–7a  
Jas 2:1–5  
Mk 7:31–37

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