

The Cost of Discipleship

In 1937, *The Cost of Discipleship* by a German Lutheran pastor, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, was published. The book reflected on the Sermon on the Mount, and the demands it outlined led to Bonhoeffer's arrest and eventual death at the hands of the Nazis. It can be very dangerous to be faithful to Jesus' way of life. This shouldn't surprise us. Jesus' teaching cost Jesus his life.

Though the Gospel reading does not provide us with a program of action, it repeats Jesus' charge to take up our cross and follow him. This cross is different for each of us; it makes very personal demands. We are called to lose our life for his sake. This was true at the time of Jesus; it is true today.

This was true at the time of the prophet Jeremiah as well. He was called to proclaim God's word to his own people. They would not listen. Instead, "I am an object

of laughter; / everyone mocks me" (Jeremiah 20:7). The prophet wants relief from his prophetic responsibility. Who wouldn't? What follows is quite moving. He makes up his mind that he will stop talking about God—but he can't. "It [the word of God] is as if fire is burning in my heart... / I grow weary holding back" (Jeremiah 20:9). That is the cost Jeremiah had to pay. The cross was the cost Jesus paid. And what of us?

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ★ *What is the cost of discipleship for you?*
- ★ *What in your life might be the cross you are being asked to bear?*

*Jesus said to his disciples,
"Whoever wishes to come after
me must deny himself, take up his
cross, and follow me."*

MATTHEW 16:24





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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

****Emergency Phone****

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

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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**

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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 31, 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

† Kathleen Waite Schmitt

† Laurence Nuco Fonderoli

† Kenny & Mary Lehn

Special Intention

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions
Weekend of September 5-6, 2020

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

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

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM

† No Mass

Offered For

† Mike Biel

† For The Parishioners

****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 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 Holy Trinity in parking lot on Saturday, September 12th from 11-11:45am.

This Week's Update

As we open the churches to limited number of people again, this weekend we start with the weekend Masses. During the week, we will have people in for the weekday Masses. We don't have the signup for St. Patrick's yet on the website but if anyone wants to come on Wednesdays to the daily Mass there should be enough room.

I'm just finishing up the financial statements for the diocese and the parish reports due at the end of August. While I expected it to be the case, for the months of mid-March to the end of August, the money coming into each church is one-third of what it was last year causing our bank accounts to get real thin. I will have the real numbers in next week's bulletin. So we need to work on some fundraisers to get the bank accounts more healthy again.

This weekend we hear about the importance of the cross in our lives. Jesus has recommended in having a blessed cross by each door of our homes and in our main rooms. So I will be looking into the cost of small olive wood crosses and Jerusalem rosaries that can be ordered for anyone interested. By the way, rosaries will be our greatest weapon in defense of what is coming! I will also be taking orders for Scapulars with a crucifix and St. Benedict's medal for anyone interested with enrollment as needed.

This weekend as we celebrate the 22nd Week of Ordinary Time. We hear the words of Jesus to the Apostles saying we need "to deny ourselves and take up our cross". And the need for all of us to live our lives for Jesus Christ and not the world. May God always protect us! Fr. Pat

Dear Padre,

I feel guilty about putting my mother in a nursing home. Have I abandoned her?

Caring for aging, fragile parents is a responsibility that is increasing as people live longer due to advances in medical technology. Accompanying longer lives, however, is often poorer health. Frequently family members conclude that they don't have the wherewithal to care responsibly for their parents. So, they seek a nursing facility where parents may be properly cared for in terms of their physical, psychological, and even spiritual health. Nursing homes with staff that understand the needs of the elderly are a great assistance. They have experience with many elderly residents, while our experience may be limited to our own loved one.

The situation becomes more complicated when parents ask their children to "never put me into a nursing home." As difficult as it is to refuse this request, neither you nor your parent knows how much care will be needed, so a guarantee isn't fair to the family. The best response would be: "We'll look after you as long as we possibly can, and we would only consider a nursing home if your needs become more than we could handle, or if it were the only place where you could be safely cared for."

Sometimes guilt arises when we haven't had the best relationship with a parent, and regret things from our past. The best response then is to learn from the past and move forward. Commit to being more attentive, even though our parents no longer live with us. The worst abandonment would be depriving them of our love and affection.

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Homes for the elderly...should be the "sanctuaries" of humanity where one who is old and weak is cared for and protected....It is so good to go visit an elderly person! Look at our children: sometimes we see them listless and sad; they go visit an elderly person and become joyful!

—MEETING WITH THE ELDERLY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2014



Calendar

Monday

AUGUST 31
Weekday
1 Cor 2:1-5
Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday

SEPTEMBER 1
Weekday
1 Cor 2:10b-16
Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday

SEPTEMBER 2
Weekday
1 Cor 3:1-9
Lk 4:38-44

Thursday

SEPTEMBER 3
St. Gregory the Great,
Pope and Doctor
of the Church
1 Cor 3:18-23
Lk 5:1-11

Friday

SEPTEMBER 4
Weekday
1 Cor 4:1-5
Lk 5:33-39

Saturday

SEPTEMBER 5
Weekday
1 Cor 4:6b-15
Lk 6:1-5

Sunday

SEPTEMBER 6
Twenty-third Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Ez 33:7-9
Rom 13:8-10
Mt 18:15-20