

Who Are the People of God?

This is still an unresolved theological issue. For so long the resolute answer of many was: the Roman Catholic Church is the people of God. However, the Second Vatican Council's Decree on Ecumenism (*Unitatis Redintegratio*) opened the Church's understanding to include all Christian denominations, paraphrasing Ephesians 4:4-5: "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one Baptism" (*UR* 2). The council went even further in the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church (*Lumen Gentium*), "calling together a people made up of Jew and Gentile, making them one, not according to the flesh but in the Spirit. This was to be the new People of God" (*LG* 9).

To be united with Protestants is one thing; to be united with Jews is quite another. For centuries, many interpreted the New Testament to say that the Jews lost favor with God. Such thinking supported—even caused—various forms of anti-Semitism, ethnic and religious persecution, and killings. We realized how wrong this thinking was. Vatican II quotes

today's second reading and later states: "This sacred synod wants to foster and recommend...mutual understanding and respect which is the fruit, above all, of biblical and theological studies as well as of fraternal dialogues" (Declaration on the Relationship of the Church to Non-Christian Religions [*Nostra Aetate*], 4).

We may have corrected some grievous errors in this matter, but we have not gotten much further than Paul did in resolving the issue. However, he experienced "great sorrow and constant anguish in my heart" (Romans 9:2) because of the separation. Do we?

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ★ *The original followers of Jesus were simply different kinds of Jews.*
- ★ *Much of our Christian religious tradition is grounded in the Old Testament.*

[Peter] became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught him.

MATTHEW 14:30-31





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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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**

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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 10, 2020

<u>Monday</u>	**www.bureaucatholic.org/Facebook Link - 5:30PM**HT
<u>Tuesday</u>	**www.bureaucatholic.org/Facebook Link - 9:00AM**HT
<u>Wednesday</u>	**Facebook Link - 9:00AM**SP
<u>Thursday</u>	**www.bureaucatholic.org/Facebook Link - 9:00AM**HT
<u>Friday</u>	**Facebook Link - 9:00AM **STM

† No Mass

Offered For

Special Intention (For Sick)

† Skeffington/Cassidy Family

Special Intention (For Sick)

† Purgatorial Society

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions
Weekend of August 15-16, 2020

<u>Saturday:</u>	**Facebook Link - 4:00PM **STM
<u>Sunday:</u>	**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)

† No Mass

† No Mass

Offered For

† For The Parishioners

† Alison Bryant

(Just Holy 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 - Suspended
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 Holy Trinity in parking lot on Saturday, August 15th from 11-11:45am.

This Week's Update

Besides the Masses, the plan is to open up the Adoration Room at St. Thomas More again. It will be open but there will be a limit of two people or just family members of one household per hour and for every other hour. This to allow the air circulation to clean the air between people visiting.

What is more important than anything is to prepare ourselves spiritually for the forthcoming events in the world. They will be coming out of nowhere and, for most people, unexpectedly. God continues to give us ways to deal with the events and as they are revealed I will share them with you.

This weekend we celebrate the 19th week of Ordinary Time, and we remember Jesus' walking on the water in the midst of a storm. And then there is St. Peter thinking he can do as Jesus does by walking on water until he loses his focus on Jesus and sinks into the water. One of the great verses in the Bible is when Jesus says "your faith has saved you." This is the greatest of reminders as we enter into this time of uncertainty and the need for us to maintain a great faith in Jesus Christ to keep us safe. Maybe we just need to remember the Divine Mercy image and the verse with it, "Jesus, I Trust In You." So now it is all up to each one of us to have the great faith in Jesus Christ that is always possible for all of us.

PLEASE KEEP PRAYING HARD, stash some food for when our food supply will be interrupted. May God always protect us and be with us!

Fr. Pat Fixsen

Dear Padre,

The Bible is critical to our Christian lives, but why is it so hard to understand?

The Bible is a unique piece of literature—perhaps the most distinctive in the world. In fact, it is not just one publication. The word *Bible* derives from a word meaning “library.” The Bible is a library of books—seventy-two books, to be exact—dating from antiquity, written and edited by authors known and unknown. It contains, as any library would, a vast array of literary forms and expressions. It covers more than 3,000 years of history. Reading and understanding the Bible, and living up to its precepts, is indeed a formidable task and will take us all a lifetime to do.

The first key to the Bible is noting that this isn’t just the work of human authors; it is the word of God. We acknowledge the human element of the Bible, the authors’ lived experience, the historical circumstances that form the background of the revelation. But we believe unequivocally that the truth and meaning of the Bible is the inspiration of God. The Catholic view is that God was able to reveal truth through the work of sacred writers.

The Scriptures are layered accounts. They begin with historical facts, followed by years of oral tradition, and ending with the author’s final version.

The best way to familiarize yourself with Scripture is to find a good Bible-study program or group. This will acquaint you with the history of Israel, the times and culture in which the Bible was written, and its rich variety of literary forms. Enjoy your biblical journey.

—Fr. Joseph Morin, CSSR
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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

We must ensure that in the usual activities of every Christian community, in parishes, in associations, and movements, there actually be at heart the personal encounter with Christ who communicates himself to us in his word, because, as St. Jerome teaches us, “ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ.”

—ADDRESS TO CATHOLIC BIBLICAL FEDERATION, JUNE 19, 2015



Calendar

Monday

AUGUST 10
St. Lawrence,
Deacon and Martyr
2 Cor 9:6–10
Jn 12:24–26

Tuesday

AUGUST 11
St. Clare, Virgin
Ez 2:8–3:4
Mt 18:1–5, 10, 12–14

Wednesday

AUGUST 12
Weekday
Ez 9:1–7; 10:18–22
Mt 18:15–20

Thursday

AUGUST 13
Weekday
Ez 12:1–12
Mt 18:21–19:1

Friday

AUGUST 14
St. Maximilian Kolbe,
Priest and Martyr
Ez 16:1–15, 60, 63
or 16:59–63
Mt 19:3–12

Saturday

AUGUST 15
The Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
Rv 11:19a;
12:1–6a, 10ab
1 Cor 15:20–27
Lk 1:39–56

Sunday

AUGUST 16
Twentieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Is 56:1, 6–7
Rom 11:13–15, 29–32
Mt 15:21–28