

Jesus Embraces the Culturally Marginalized

Today's readings are about forced quarantine. On one level they are about diseases that might be contagious. On another level they are about ritual impurity that was contagious. The Israelites believed that to stand before God in worship, one's body had to be physically intact—no fractures or missing body parts, no open wounds, no oozing body fluids. Skin lesions like those associated with leprosy made one ritually unclean or impure. Furthermore, to touch one with such a disease was to become unclean oneself. The ritual impurity was considered contagious, not necessarily the disease. Unclean people were socially and religiously ostracized.

In the Gospel story, Jesus completely neutralized this practice. Touching the leprous and thus unclean man, Jesus not only didn't become unclean himself, but he actually made the man clean again. The issue here is not merely one of healing. It is a matter of reincorporating the marginalized man into society.

Unfortunately, out of fear or a sense of superiority,

some people ostracize or marginalize entire groups of people. This bias might be based on gender, race, culture, sexual preference—almost anything. In this way the benefits of society are denied to those who are marginalized. One characteristic of Jesus, obvious throughout the Gospel stories, is his all-inclusiveness. Jesus rejected no one. He was open to those who society ostracized. He interacted graciously with people with diseases, non-Jews, recognized public sinners, and those working with the Roman occupiers—all people considered ritually unclean. As his disciples, can we do less?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ★ Which groups of people does society tend to ostracize or marginalize?
- ★ What might be done to reverse this bias?



Moved with pity, [Jesus] stretched out his hand, touched [the leper], and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean."

MARK 1:41



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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****

No Events Scheduled

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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-Saturday 9AM-8PM

Sunday - 9AM - 6PM

Divine Mercy Prayers

Every Friday 3:00PM

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

Rav Orders - 815-252-2215

No Events Scheduled

**St. Patrick Church
(Office at Holy Trinity Church)**

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Mass Schedule

Sunday Mass - 10:30 AM

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****Office Hours****

Holy Trinity - Tues, Thurs, & Fri.
- 9AM-12PM

St. Thomas More -

Wed - 9AM - 12PM

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

No Events Scheduled

**Daily Mass Intentions for
Masses the Week of February 15, 2021**

		<u>Offered For</u>
<u>Monday</u>	**Facebook Link - 4:00PM**STM	† No Mass
<u>Tuesday</u>	**Facebook Link - 9:00AM**STM	† Fr. Bernard Horzen
<u>Ash Wednesday</u>	**Facebook Link - 8:30AM**STM	† Richard Guerrini
	St. Patrick (No Streaming) - Noon	† Esther Nedlo
	**www.bureaucatholic.org/Facebook Link - 6:00PM **HT	† Alan Hahn
<u>Thursday</u>	**www.bureaucatholic.org/Facebook Link - 9:00AM**HT	† Purgatorial Society
<u>Friday</u>	**Facebook Link - 9:00AM **STM	† Dennis & Lori Domkuski

**Next Weekend's Mass Intentions
Weekend of February 20-21, 2021**

		<u>Offered For</u>
<u>Saturday:</u>	**Facebook Link - 4:00PM **STM	† Ann Maggio
<u>Sunday:</u>	**www.bureaucatholic.org/Facebook Link - 9:00 AM**HT	† Joyce Gillan
	St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM (No Streaming)	† 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)	

Latest 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 - Mass/Rosary - 6PM
(On Website)

(After Wednesday HT Evening Mass)

Friday's - Divine Mercy Chaplet -
On Facebook - 3PM -

St. Thomas More Adoration Chapel

In February

St. Thomas More Ravs

The Rav Twisters are busy making the delicious ravs, with both the meat and spinach filling, so we can have a wonderful meal. They will be making them through the second week in April. And thank you to everyone who has been supporting the church by buying the pasta from us! The rav order phone number is 815-252-2215. You might have to leave a message with your order at the phone number. But someone will be back in touch with you.

CORRECTION: Father had in the bulletin that Bishop Tylka would be celebrating a Mass for each of the parishes. Father misinformed you that he would be up here. The Bishop will be praying for our churches with his Masses from Peoria. So when we attend or watch the Masses on those days, we can know our next Bishop will be praying for us and with us.

Father is also thinking about presenting a series on Jesus Christ by the Augustine Institute during Lent. It is a series of videos about 28 min minutes long each and we will do two videos an evening over 5 nights. The length of the evening would likely be 1-1/2 to 2 hours with a break halfway through. The videos take us to Israel to the places Jesus lived and visited along with the Sacred Scripture that applies to the various sites for the events in His life. The videos are very well done. The series is called "Jesus Christ - The Way, The Truth & The Life". It will be presented at St Thomas More in the Church around 6:30pm one night a week.

Confessions

The next confessions will be:
Sat - Feb. 20 - 11-11:45pm - in St. Thomas More Church Hall in the northeast corner of hall.

This Week's Update

This weekend we conclude the beginning part of Ordinary Time and enter the Holy Time of Lent with prayer and fasting as we approach Holy Week.

This is the time of the year when we need to focus on beating the evil in the world with our good works. Jesus through history was always amazing at healing people, taking away our sins, and being the leader for us into everlasting life. Yet there was and it still remains necessary for us to give Him the chance to heal us and lead us towards Heaven.

So through the period of Lent we have the time to refocus our lives on Jesus Christ. We can add more prayers into our daily life, maybe add in an extra Mass during the week like our Wednesday evening Mass at Holy Trinity (followed by the rosary), pray the rosary, pray the divine mercy chaplet, read the Bible, or spend some time in the adoration room at the St. Thomas More Chapel. This is the time when we need to do more to live our faith to the fullest.

This Lent I am holding off giving the extra times for confession. But I will be announcing them in the bulletin, BCR alert and website when they are available. In the meantime, we all need to use this time wisely as we grow closer to Jesus Christ and call on Him for every need in our lives. Jesus sacrificed His life for us and now is our time to show our appreciation of His great gift of love for us. May God always be with you!

Holy Trinity, Cherry (HT)
St. Patrick, Arlington (SP)
St. Thomas More, Dalzell (STM)

Lenten & Holy Week Schedule (2021)

Ash Wednesday, February 17th - Mass - 8:30AM - St. Thomas More

-Mass - 12:00PM - St. Patrick

-Mass - 6:00PM - Holy Trinity

Friday, February 19th - Stations Of The Cross - 12:15PM - St. Thomas More

Divine Mercy Prayers - 3PM - St. Thomas More

Thurs, February 25th - Conference - Session 1 - Jesus Christ - 6:30PM (STM)

Friday, February 26th - Stations Of The Cross - 12:15PM - Holy Trinity

Divine Mercy Prayers - 3PM - St. Thomas More

Thursday, March 4th - Conference - Session 2 - Jesus Christ - 6:30PM (STM)

Friday, March 5th - Stations Of The Cross - 12:15PM - St. Patrick

Divine Mercy Prayers - 3PM - St. Thomas More

Thursday, March 11th - Conference - Session 3 - Jesus Christ - 6:30PM (STM)

Friday, March 12th - Stations Of The Cross - 12:15PM - St. Thomas More

Divine Mercy Prayers - 3PM - St. Thomas More

Thursday, March 18th - Conference - Session 4 - Jesus Christ - 6:30PM (STM)

Friday, March 19th - Stations Of The Cross - 12:15PM - St. Patrick

Divine Mercy Prayers - 3PM - St. Thomas More

Thursday, March 25th - Conference - Session 5 - Jesus Christ - 6:30PM (STM)

Friday, March 26th - Stations Of The Cross - 12:15PM - St. Thomas More

Divine Mercy Prayers - 3PM - St. Thomas More

***St. Thomas More Fish Fry - 4:30-7:30PM

*** Confession Schedule To Follow Each Week In Bulletin
When Additional Confession Times Are Available***

Sacred Pascal Triduum

(**To Be Celebrated at Holy Trinity Church

Unless Otherwise Noted)

*** All Holy Trinity & St. Thomas More Liturgies

Will Be Livestreamed

Holy Thursday, April 1st - Mass of the Last Supper - 7:00 PM

Good Friday, April 2nd - Good Friday Stations of the Cross

(St. Thomas More - Noon)

Good Friday Service (HT) - 3:00 PM

(Confessions Following Service)

Easter Vigil, April 3rd -

Mass Liturgy - 7:45 PM - Holy Trinity

Easter Sunday, April 4th

St. Patrick, Arlington - 9:00 AM

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 11:00 AM

**PLEASE HAVE A PRAYERFUL AND HOLY LENT
AND A BLESSED AND HAPPY EASTER!**

Dear Padre,

At Mass on holy days of obligation, there's a fair crowd. But on Ash Wednesday, not a holy day, the place is packed. Your explanation?

Indeed, pastoral experience corroborates your observation. Holy days of obligation draw well, but it's "standing room only" on Ash Wednesday. Although not a day of obligation, perhaps it's considered a "holy" day by most Catholics.

There's something elemental about the smudge of ashes on the forehead. People wear it without embarrassment or shame. No matter our walk of life or social status, we want that sooty cross. It's a badge of identification, graphically reminding Catholics that it's "spiritual gut-check" time. It jogs us from our routines, spurring us to the important reality of being who we are supposed to be—fully and totally Christian. It's as if we are saying, "I'm Catholic and proud of it. I may not be the best or greatest. I have faults and sins, but I'm not a bad person. I know deep down that being Christian is the way to live, and I'm going to try again."

Ash Wednesday signals the beginning of Lent, the Church's special time of confession and renewal in preparation for Easter. It is what Christians are all about—a people who have died with Christ in the waters of baptism in order to rise with him to a new life. We renew our baptismal commitment to be his people. As we celebrate Christ's passage through death to life, we renew our own death to old sinful ways to rise and live with recaptured vigor.

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Contrary to the dispositions of the Law of Moses, which prohibited a leper from drawing near, Jesus extends his hand and even touches him....Jesus teaches us not to be afraid to touch the poor and the excluded, because he is in them. Touching the poor can cleanse us from hypocrisy.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, JUNE 22, 2016

Calendar

Monday

FEBRUARY 15

Weekday

Gn 4:1–15, 25

Mk 8:11–13

Tuesday

FEBRUARY 16

Weekday

Gn 6:5–8; 7:1–5, 10

Mk 8:14–21

Wednesday

FEBRUARY 17

Ash Wednesday

Jl 2:12–18

2 Cor 5:20—6:2

Mt 6:1–6, 16–18

Thursday

FEBRUARY 18

Thursday after
Ash Wednesday

Dt 30:15–20

Lk 9:22–25

Friday

FEBRUARY 19

Friday after
Ash Wednesday

Is 58:1–9a

Mt 9:14–15

Saturday

FEBRUARY 20

Saturday after
Ash Wednesday

Is 58:9b–14

Lk 5:27–32

Sunday

FEBRUARY 21

First Sunday of Lent

Gn 9:8–15

1 Pt 3:18–22

Mk 1:12–15