



Our Parish COMMUNITY

February 21, 2021

First Sunday of Lent (B)

Gn 9:8-15

1 Pt 3:18-22

Mk 1:12-15



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*God said...I set my bow in the clouds to serve as
a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.*

GENESIS 9:12-13

Lost at Sea

We often think that Lent is a time to concentrate on the sufferings of Jesus.

Actually that is the theme of Holy Week. The other readings of Lent suggest another theme—covenant-making. God initiates an intimate relationship with us and calls us to be faithful. This is the good news. Moreover, when we are unfaithful, God gives us another chance.

The first reading recounts God's graciousness in saving humankind from destruction. Noah and his family must have felt that they really were lost at sea. However, God's protection was always there. In fact, the waters they so feared were destructive only to what was evil. They had been saved and now, through the covenant, all of creation was given a second chance.

One might think that Jesus wouldn't have struggled with temptation. After all, he was God. However, today's Gospel says that he was tempted. He was in the wilderness, a place long known to be a place of

temptation because there the supports of normal life are gone. After forty days of fasting, one's defenses would be significantly weakened, if not broken down. In such a situation, the primary thought is survival. This Gospel does not describe the temptation itself, but it does present Jesus as someone like us—weakened, tempted, and perhaps even “lost at sea.” However, God's protection was with him, in the guise of angels.

Both stories assure us that God's covenantal care is there supporting us, regardless of the difficulty or our apparent weakness.

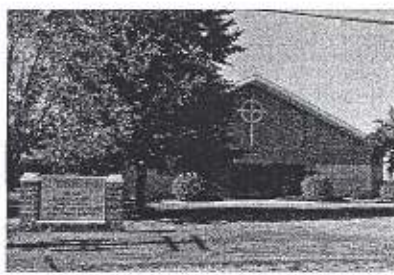
Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ★ *When you feel “lost at sea,” recall that through baptism you have a close covenant relationship with God who is always there for you.*
- ★ *How do you strengthen yourself when you face temptation?*



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St. Thomas More Catholic Church



St. Patrick Catholic Church

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Mass Schedule

Weekdays - Wednesday 5:30pm and

Thursday - 9:00am

Saturday Confessions - 3:15-3:45 PM
or by appointment

Sunday Mass - 9:00AM

***Pastor of the Three Churches**

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

No Events Scheduled

****Emergency Phone****

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Mass Schedule

Weekday Mass -

Tuesday & Friday - 9:00AM

Saturday Vigil Mass - 4:00 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

March 26 - Fish Fry (Takeout Only)

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 -

Wed - 9AM - 12PM

****Facebook:** Use Link on Home
Page - www.bureaucatholic.org

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

No Events Scheduled

**Daily Mass Intentions for
Masses the Week of February 22, 2021**

Monday

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

Tuesday

****Facebook Link - 9:00AM**STM**

Wednesday

****www.bureaucatholic.org/Facebook Link - 5:30PM**HT**

Thursday

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

Friday

****Facebook Link - 9:00AM **STM**

**Next Weekend's Mass Intentions
Weekend of February 27-28, 2021**

Saturday:

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

Sunday:

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

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM (No Streaming)

****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)

Offered For

† No Mass

† Fr. Placid Hatfield, O.S.B.

† Jack & Theresa McCallum

† Helen & Floyd Williams

† Purgatorial Society

Offered For

† Mary Nave & Family

† For The Parishioners

† Teresa Hunter

Latest Offering's

Holy Trinity - \$3525.00
St. Patrick - \$1327.00
St. Thomas More - \$2415.00

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.

This week on Tuesday, February 23, Bishop Tylka will be praying during his daily Mass for St. Patrick's Church in Arlington. We need to unite our prayers with his on that day for all of the parishioners and the parish to continue its success.

Father Pat will be 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 at 6:30pm on Thursday's.

Change to Lent schedule, the Friday Stations of the Cross will be followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Please join us!

Confessions

The next confessions will be:

Sat - Feb. 27 - 10:30-11:15am - in St. Thomas More Church Hall in the northeast corner of hall. As soon as snow has melted substantially confessions will be back at St. Patrick's Chapel.

This Week's Update

On this first weekend of Lent, we are reminded of God's cleansing of the earth because of sin through the Great Flood. The flood should be the great reminder that God will always correct humanity from its sinfulness. At that time, God decided that the flood would cleanse the earth of its evil ways. The flood also prefigured the cleansing of our soul of original sin at our own baptism with the use of water. And something we need to remember is that the use of water was to be used only one time. Prophecies say fire will be used the next time!

The Gospel brings us into the desert for forty days and forty nights with Jesus as He will be tempted by Satan throughout the time. The interesting point to remember is that Jesus didn't go into the desert before His Passion but instead it occurred before He began His public Ministry.

What we need to remember is as Jesus was being tempted before He began to reveal His glory to God's people, we are always tempted in our lives as we move closer to our own hopeful glory with Jesus in Heaven. Everyday we are tempted by the devil to do things that challenge our love of Christ and our own holiness. But if we stay close to Jesus, have a strong prayer life, attend daily Mass as much as possible, and use the sacrament of confession, God will always look after us! May God always be with you! Fr. Pat Fixsen

Dear Padre,

As long as I can remember, our parish has offered the Stations of the Cross as a special devotion during the Lenten season. How ancient is this practice?

Over the centuries, many pilgrims would visit the Holy Land to retrace the steps of Jesus. When they returned to their home churches, many of these pilgrims paid for shrines to be built that represented the holy places they visited. In 1342, the Franciscans became the official guardians of the holy places, and they would guide pilgrims along the Way of the Cross. In 1668, Pope Innocent XI gave permission to the Franciscans to place Stations of the Cross in all of their churches. The number of these early stations varied, from as few as seven to as many as thirty-seven. Finally, in 1731, Pope Clement XII defined fourteen stations as the official devotion.

In recent years, two modifications of the Stations of the Cross have become fairly common. Some churches have a fifteenth station representing Jesus' Resurrection. Other churches have scriptural accounts that are not in the traditional station devotion. In more recent years, a popular Lenten devotion is the "Living Stations of the Cross." This is a play with music, singing, and dramatic speaking parts.

Regardless of their format or the liturgical season of the year during which they are celebrated, the Stations of the Cross are a gentle reminder that we journey with Jesus on his way to Calvary.

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Let us invite Jesus into the boats of our lives. Let us hand over our fears to him so that he can conquer them. Like the disciples, we will experience that with him on board there will be no shipwreck. Because this is God's strength... He brings serenity into our storms, because with God life never dies.

**EXTRAORDINARY MOMENT OF PRAYER
FOR THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, MARCH 27, 2020**

Calendar

Monday

FEBRUARY 22

*The Chair of
St. Peter the Apostle*
1 Pt 5:1-4
Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday

FEBRUARY 23

Lenten Weekday
Is 55:10-11
Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday

FEBRUARY 24

Lenten Weekday
Jon 3:1-10
Lk 11:29-32

Thursday

FEBRUARY 25

Lenten Weekday
Est C:12, 14-16,
23-25
Mt 7:7-12

Friday

FEBRUARY 26

Lenten Weekday
Ez 18:21-28
Mt 5:20-26

Saturday

FEBRUARY 27

Lenten Weekday
Dt 26:16-19
Mt 5:43-48

Sunday

FEBRUARY 28

Second Sunday of Lent
Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13,
15-18
Rom 8:31b-34
Mk 9:2-10