



Our Parish COMMUNITY

February 28, 2021

Second Sunday of Lent (B)

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

Rom 8:31b-34

Mk 9:2-10

Future Gazing

Some spiritual writers and psychologists tell us how important it is to live in the present. Still, many of our decisions are made with an eye toward the future. Life commitments are always future oriented. Each newborn child carries promises for the future. Because we are part of the emerging universe, we are always called into the future. Today's readings also carry implications for the future.

Isaac was not only Abraham's beloved son; he was Abraham's legacy and future dynasty. Isaac's death would have put an end to Abraham's memory in the future. Consequently, this was more than a test of obedience. Abraham was presented with a choice: Choose Isaac and all that the future might bring to your family and memory through him. Or, trust that the promise God made—that your descendants would be as numerous as the stars in the sky—would be fulfilled even if Isaac dies. God asked Abraham to place his future in God's hands.

Some scholars believe that the real meaning of Jesus' transfiguration lies in its effects on the disciples who witnessed it. In this experience they came to see Jesus in a significantly new way. They saw that he has somehow associated with Moses, an agent of the law, and Elijah, a great prophet. In other words, Jesus was somehow associated with the very core of Jewish religion. The disciples did not understand how, nor did they grasp what "rising from the dead meant." Still they placed their future in his hands.

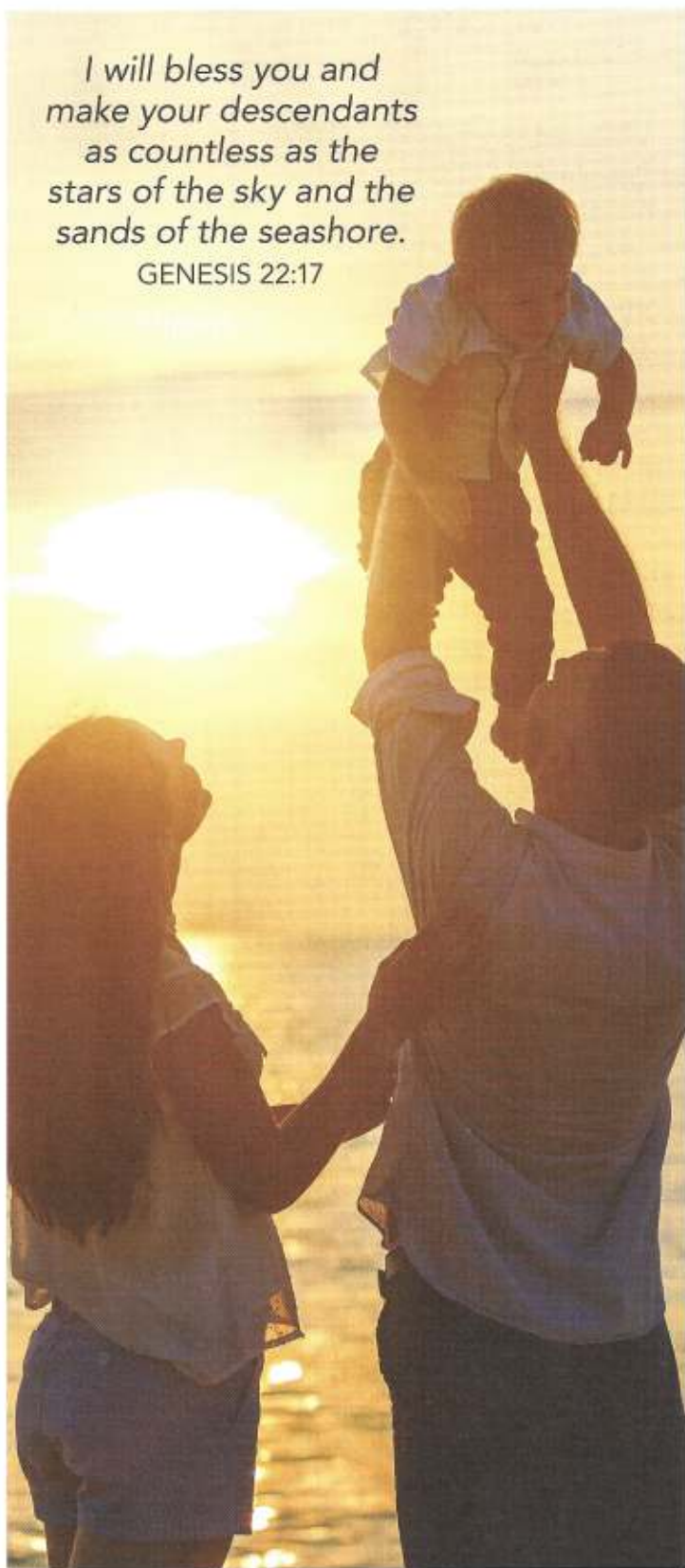
Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ★ Have you ever felt like your whole world has collapsed? How did you get through it?
- ★ True disciples must place their lives in God's hands. Pray for this grace.

*I will bless you and
make your descendants
as countless as the
stars of the sky and the
sands of the seashore.*

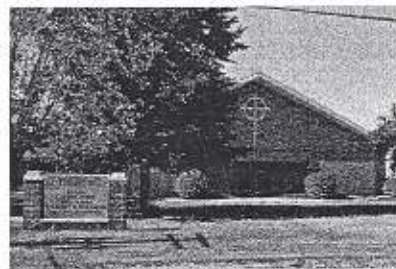
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Holy Trinity Catholic Church



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**

Fr. Patrick Fixsen

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

No Events Scheduled

****Emergency Phone****

For All Three Churches

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Dalzell, IL 61320

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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****

March 6 - Sausage Making

**Daily Mass Intentions for
Masses the Week of March 1, 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 March 6-7, 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. Boniface Martin, O.S.B.

† Special Intention

† Theresa (Terry) Connolly

† Rosa Mata

Offered For

† Julie Taliani

† For The Parishioners

† Laurence Fonderoli

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-March

St. Patrick's Sausage

St. Patrick's is taking orders for sausage and the order forms are in the back of the churches. Again, the orders are for 5 lbs. of sausage in bulk or cased for \$18.00. It comes plain, with garlic, and double-garlic. Orders need to be in by March 4th. And if would like to help on March 6th they can use your help too! Just let Lauren Koch, Lynne Bonnell or our office know. Many thanks!

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.

Father Pat is 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 - Mar. 6 - 10:30-11:15am - in St. Patrick Chapel on the south side of the church. It seems that the snow should have disappeared by then. So we will begin alternating between St. Thomas More and St. Patrick.

This Week's Update

This weekends homily will be about the "Holiness Code" found in the Book of Leviticus. It was an expansion by God of the Ten Commandments and how they apply to our lives. They are very interesting to meditate on and to realize some things we may have gotten too far from in how we live our faith. And they will just be the highlights because they are extensive.

This weekend we hear the Gospel of Jesus' Transfiguration and how Jesus gave a few of the Apostles a view of Him after He was resurrected and glorified. In the not too distant future, we will see ourselves (our soul) and its state in God's view. After that, just as we are to do in Lent, our sins will need to be confessed to get back to receiving God's bountiful grace that He wants to give us all. And this is where our relationship, and prayer life, with God becomes very critical. God will protect us but we will have to be very prayerful. This is why Lent is so important as we examine our lives with Jesus!

We don't usually get do-overs in life! However, Jesus is giving us this great opportunity during Lent to make amends for our sins we forgot about or didn't realize we committed. Jesus is giving us a chance to atone for our sins before our death whenever that time comes! We should be very grateful to God. May God always be with you! - Fr. Pat

Dear Padre,

Was Lent always associated with sacrifice, sin, and penance? Did Lent have some other purpose in Church history?

A set period of Lent was not observed during the first centuries of Christianity. Rather, Christians prepared for the Easter celebration with an all-night vigil and a fast. This vigil concluded with a morning Eucharist. Gradually, Christians extended this celebration to include Jesus' own Passover (the supper on Holy Thursday and the death of Jesus on Friday). By the end of the second century, baptism became linked to the Easter Vigil, and the time leading to Easter became a period of intense preparation for baptism. At first, this preparation period lasted only three weeks. This baptismal preparation program eventually extended to forty days. The idea of forty days came out of Mark's Gospel (1:13), where we read about Jesus going into the desert for forty days to prepare for his ministry.

Today the Lenten period serves a double purpose. It is still a time of intense preparation for the catechumens, as they anticipate celebrating the sacrament of baptism at the Easter Vigil. But Lent also has become a time for baptized Christians to reflect on their own baptism. During Lent, the baptized are challenged to turn away from sin and choose again the deepest meaning of their baptism: the fact that they have died and risen with Christ and are now alive anew in Jesus. This renewal is done through the traditional penitential practices of fasting, prayer, and works of charity.

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

We learn from Abraham to pray with faith, to dialogue, to argue, but always ready to receive the word of God and to put it into practice. We learn to talk with God as a child with his father: to listen to him, respond, argue, but transparent, as a child with his father.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, JUNE 3, 2020



Calendar

Monday

MARCH 1

Lenten Weekday

Dn 9:4b-10

Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday

MARCH 2

Lenten Weekday

Is 1:10, 16-20

Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday

MARCH 3

Lenten Weekday

Jer 18:18-20

Mt 20:17-28

Thursday

MARCH 4

Lenten Weekday

Jer 17:5-10

Lk 16:19-31

Friday

MARCH 5

Lenten Weekday

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a,

17b-28a

Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday

MARCH 6

Lenten Weekday

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20

Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday

MARCH 7

Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 20:1-17 or

20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17

1 Cor 1:22-25

Jn 2:13-25