



Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now.

JOHN 2:10

What's New?

Few parties are more enjoyable than a wedding celebration. While the elegance of the flowers and the extravagance of the food and beverages captivate our senses, the real excitement is the love and promise of newness. New relationships are forged, a new family is created, and there's the possibility of new life. No wonder the relationship between God and the people is often described in marriage imagery, as we see in today's first reading.

This Old Testament passage is post-exilic. The alienation from God is over; the people and God are now reconciled. Much of the language suggests relationship: no longer *forsaken* or *desolate*, but now a *delight* and *espoused* (see Isaiah 62:4). Despite having been betrayed, God's mercy has transformed the nation back to its virginal state: "As a young man marries a virgin, your Builder shall marry you" (62:5). This newness is something to celebrate.

The messianic character of the Cana story has long been recognized. All the newness I mentioned earlier is there, but newness now pertains to the entire community of believers and not simply to the marriage couple, who have no idea what is happening. An important detail of this story is the nature of the wine. What was originally water for ceremonial cleansing was transformed into wine, the quality of which was outstanding. This imagery tells us that there is a messianic banquet awaiting us, one that celebrates our intimate union with God. The joy we experience then will be intoxicating.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ *How might you describe your relationship with God?*
- ★ *Do you feel alienated from God? Remember, God's mercy can change that.*



Holy Trinity Catholic Church

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Mass Schedule

Weekdays - Wednesday 5:30pm and

Thursday - 9:00am

Saturday Confessions - 10:30-11:15
AM or by appointment

Sunday Mass - 8:30am

***Pastor of the Three Churches**

Fr. Thaddeus Tran

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

CCD In-Person @Hall

There will be NO In Person Classes
for January— Home Study Only



St. Thomas More Catholic Church

For All Three Churches

Emergency Number

779-248-2164

St. Thomas More Church

302 Chestnut St.

Dalzell, IL 61320

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Mass Schedule

Weekday Mass -

Tues. & Fri.— 8:00am

Saturday Vigil Mass - 4:00 PM

Sunday Mass-5:00pm

Adoration Room

TIME CHANGE

Open Monday-Sunday 9AM-6PM

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

Ravioli Making—Call to order

Phone # 815-252-2215

***CCD Classes @HT Church Hall**



St. Patrick Catholic Church

St. Patrick Church

(Office at Holy Trinity Church)

106 Church St.

Arlington, IL 61312

Phone: (815) 894-2006

Mail To: P.O. Box 159 Cherry 61317

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 (Hrs may vary)

Wed - 9AM - 12PM

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

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

CCD Class time 9:30-10:30

Daily Mass Intentions for Masses the Week of Jan. 17 2021

Offered For

Monday

† No Mass

Tuesday

1/18** 8:00AM **STM

† No Mass

Wednesday

1/19**5:30PM **HT Mass/Rosary

† No Mass

Thursday

1/20** 9:00AM**HT

† No Mass

Friday

1/21**8:00AM**STM

† No Mass

Next Weekend's Communion Service with Deacon Jack Kusek

Weekend of Jan. 22-23, 2021

Offered For

Saturday:

****1/22** St. Thomas More 4:00PM**

† No Intention

Sunday:

1/23**www.bureaucatholic.org- 8:30AM**HT

† No Intention

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM

† No Intention

****St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:00 PM—NO MASS**

† NO MASS

Online masses WILL CONTINUE to be available @HT www.bureaucatholic.org

Latest Offering's

Weekend Jan. 9th

Holy Trinity - \$727.00
St. Patrick - \$No mass
St. Thomas More - \$591.00



We at St. Patrick Church would like to thank John Kapraun for his faithful service and dedication as a church-trustee.

Also Special Thanks to Carol Lauer for her cookie sales donation to HT to Mary Jean Goodrick for her anti-pasto sales donation to STM and to The Cherry Booster Club for their monetary donation to HT

Contribution Letters

Parishioners who would like to request a 2021 contribution letter for tax prep should contact the office.

HT Mass/Rosary Change

On Wednesdays at HT the rosary will start before mass at 5:05 with mass at 5:30pm for the winter. It will go back to after mass in the spring.



Fundraising Info

Antipasto available at the STM church hall \$8 pint payable to St. Thomas More—Pick up on Monday or Wednesdays or call Mary Jean 815-878-2063

IMPORTANT



Father Thaddeus will be traveling to Melbourne, Florida to officiate the traditional closure of 3 years of mourning of his mother's death. Due to the fact no substitute priests are available, the Vicar General recommended to have a Communion Service for the weekend of January 22nd & 23rd. Deacon Jack Kusek will be helping with the Communion Services.

Saturday Jan 22nd—4:00pm STM

Sunday Jan 23rd— 8:30am HT
10:30am SP

There will be NO 5pm at STM



**Thank You for wearing
a mask in Church.**

It protects those who are praying
when you are in church
It protects the clergy and staff of the
church

Let's keep our church safe, healthy,
open, and a respectful place for all!



Confessions

The next confessions will be
Saturday - Jan 29th 10:30-11:15- at
St. Thomas More in the hall.

WEATHER ALERTS



With the uncertainty of winter weather
Be sure to be signed up to receive
BCR Alert messages on your cell
phone or email to alert you of any
church cancellations or changes.
Your safety is most important. If the
roads and walkways are snow covered
or icy ,please stay at home.
Contact the office if you need help
signing up for alerts.

LOOKING FOR CHURCH HELPERS

We are so thankful and blessed for all
our parishioners who help with the
upkeep of our churches and to those
who help with our masses. With the
start of the new year we would like to
add to our church list a few more
volunteers to help out, in the event a
volunteer is gone on vacation or
becomes sick. Some duties may be to
open or lock up churches, check on
candles, decorating, maintaining fresh
flowers or plants, be sure cleaning is
being taken care of etc.. We are
always looking for extra money
counters, readers and Euch Ministers..
A training meeting will be coming in
February for interested Euch.
Ministers.

Needed A Backup Organist

If you or someone you know would
like to be an organist backup for all
three parishes please contact the office.

Dear Padre,

I work hard all week and look forward to sleeping in on Sundays. Why should I get out of bed and go to Mass?

I imagine that your parish provides suitable Mass times, even for late sleepers. But there are overpowering reasons for attending Mass. First, I'll discuss how the Mass is our present-day connection with the Last Supper, the Passover meal Jesus celebrated with his apostles. As observant Jews, they commemorated their ancestors' escape from slavery in Egypt. Jesus used his



final Passover meal to teach us how to escape a bondage crueler than the Jews experienced in Egypt—the enslavement of sin.

The next day, Good Friday, Jesus would die on the cross. Think of it: Jesus, the second person of the Trinity, became human to teach us about God's love for

us. The people's reaction to this goodness was to kill Jesus in an inhuman way.

In response, God would have been justified in destroying the world, as he did in reaction to the people's depravities during Noah's time. Instead, God gave us further evidence of his patience and forgiveness. There is nothing our Father would not forgive, including the sin of killing Jesus. At the Last Supper, Jesus said: "This is my blood..., which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins" (Matthew 26:28).

Jesus' death, which we remember during the Mass, liberates us from sin. It also liberates us from death itself. Because Jesus in his mortal body was willing to die, he shows us the plan God the Father has for each of us—a resurrection like Jesus'. The Eucharist is our thanksgiving for these gifts from God.

Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSSR / Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

We go to Mass because we are sinners and we want to receive God's pardon, to participate in the redemption of Jesus, in his forgiveness. The confession which we make at the beginning is not pro forma. It is a real act of repentance! I am a sinner and I confess it—this is how the Mass begins!

GENERAL AUDIENCE, FEBRUARY 12, 2014

Calendar

Monday

JANUARY 17
St. Anthony,
Abbot
1 Sm 15:16–23
Mk 2:18–22

Tuesday

JANUARY 18
Weekday
1 Sm 16:1–13
Mk 2:23–28

Wednesday

JANUARY 19
Weekday
1 Sm 17:32–33,
37, 40–51
Mk 3:1–6

Thursday

JANUARY 20
Weekday
1 Sm 18:6–9; 19:1–7
Mk 3:7–12

Friday

JANUARY 21
St. Agnes,
Virgin and Martyr
1 Sm 24:3–21
Mk 3:13–19

Saturday

JANUARY 22
Day of Prayer for
the Legal Protection
of Unborn Children
2 Sm 1:1–4, 11–12,
19, 23–27
Mk 3:20–21

Sunday

JANUARY 23
Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Neh 8:2–4a, 5–6, 8–10
1 Cor 12:12–30
or 12:12–14, 27
Lk 1:1–4; 4:14–21