

Love of the Law

Years ago, I saw a chart in a catechism that identified the faith of the Old Testament as a religion of law and that of the New Testament as a religion of love. This is not only seriously wrong, it is also dangerously biased. The two commandments to love as recorded in today's Gospel originate in Deuteronomy 6:5 and Leviticus 19:18, respectively. Several of the prophets describe God's love of Israel in tender, even passionate, terms (Isaiah 43:1, Jeremiah 31:3). To think otherwise is to tread alarmingly close to a form of anti-Judaism. We must remember that the religion Jesus loved deeply, and which he sought to bring to fulfillment, was the religion of ancient Israel.

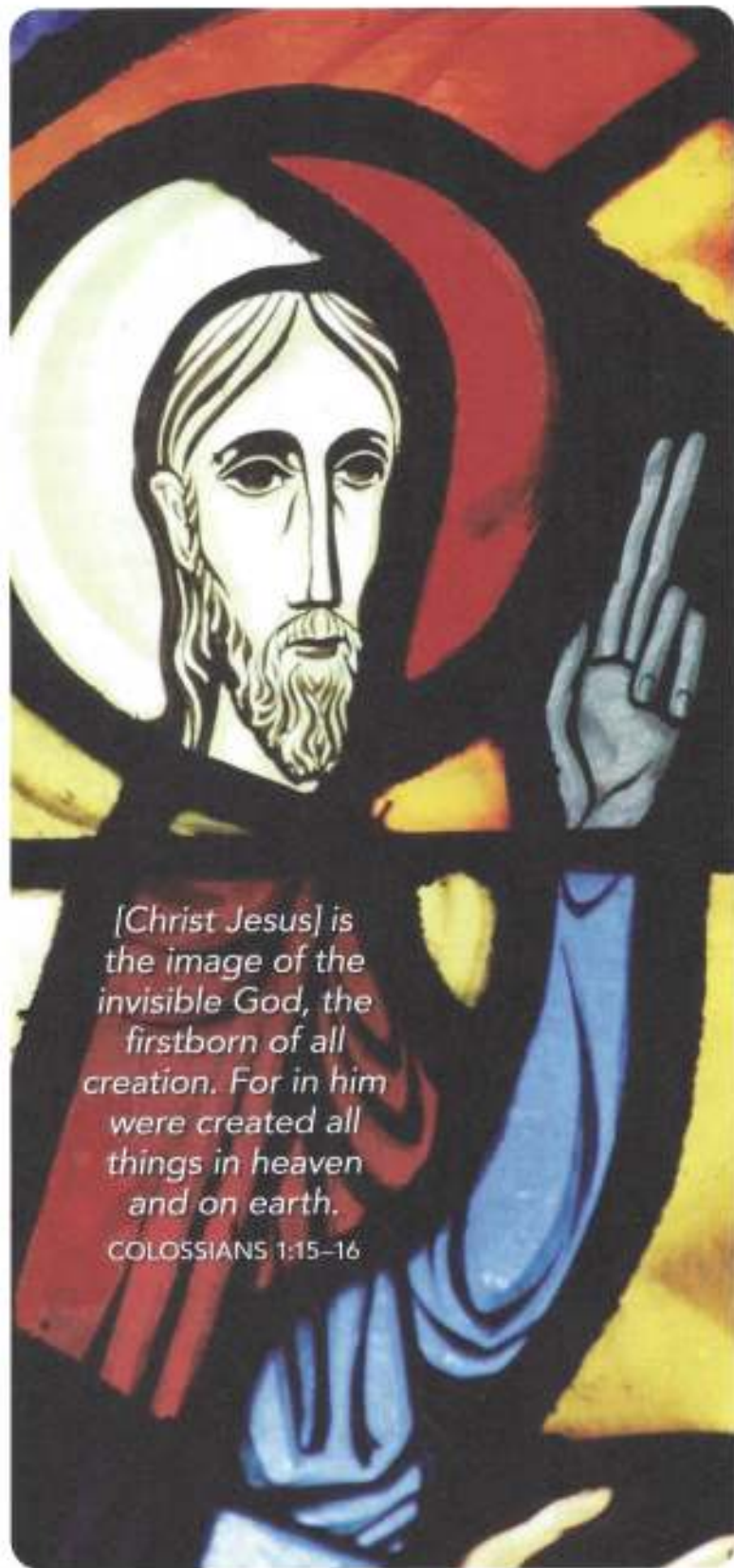
Part of the error of that chart might have been a misunderstanding of the meaning of law. We might think of *law* as "proscription" or "restriction" (you must...or you must not...). The Hebrew meaning is more flexible. Some translate the Hebrew word *torah* as "instruction" or "directive." The psalmist delights in the law because it refreshes the soul and rejoices the heart. Today's first reading tells us that the law is already in our hearts. The law of love was certainly in the heart of the Samaritan who cared for the stranger on the side of the road.

If we can see that laws are meant to help us care for ourselves, others, and the world, we will soon realize that living as the laws direct us might bring us to a deep love for the law.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ✦ *What is the relationship between the rules or customs in your family and the love you have for its members?*
- ✦ *Reflect on today's responsorial Psalm 19:8-11.*



[Christ Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For in him were created all things in heaven and on earth.

COLOSSIANS 1:15-16



Holy Trinity Catholic Church

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Mass Schedule

Weekdays - Wednesday 5:30pm and
Thursday - 9:00am
Every other Saturday Confessions - at
STM & SP 10:30-11:15

Sunday Mass - 8:30am

***Pastor of the Three Churches**

Fr. Thaddeus Tran

**** Events At Church****



St. Thomas More Catholic Church

For All Three Churches

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Mass Schedule

Weekday Mass -
Tues. & Fri.- 8:00am
Saturday Vigil Mass - 4:00 PM
Sunday Mass - 5:00pm

Adoration Room

Open Monday-Sunday 9AM-6PM—
Permanent Hours

**** Events At Church****

STM Rav Group Taking orders be-
ginning on Aug. 1st—Orders will
start being filled in September—Call
815-252-2215 to place an order



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**

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****Office Hours****

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9am-1pm

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****Events At Church****

**Daily Mass Intentions for
Masses the Week of July 11, 2022**

Monday
Tuesday 7/12** 8:00AM **STM
Wednesday 7/13**5:30PM **HT (Rosary before mass)
Thursday 7/14** 9:00AM **HT
Friday 7/15**8:00AM**STM

Offered For

† NO MASS
† Catherine Hunter
† Herman & Mary Hahn
† Bob Lehn
† Doris Schwamberger

**Next Weekend's Mass Intentions
Weekend of July 16-17, 2022**

Saturday: 7/16** St. Thomas More 4:00PM
Sunday: 7/17**Holy Trinity, Cherry** 8:30AM
St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM
St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5PM -

Offered For

† Dennis & Lori Domkuski
† Irene Koster Larsen
† Michael Bickett
† For the Parishioners



Ways to honor the Precious Blood with your family in July:

- Pray the Fatima Morning Offering
- Spend some time in Eucharistic Adoration
- Receive Communion ... Add in a couple of daily masses
- Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet regularly this month

Eucharistic Minister Training



Father Thaddeus will be having a training for Eucharistic Ministers from all three parishes, Wednesday July 13th at Holy Trinity Church after the 5:30 mass, around 6:30-6:45pm. New and current Eucharistic Ministers are welcome.

IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

In Sympathy..... Remember in prayer,
family and friends
of Pat Eiten—HT

May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace, Amen.


St. Thomas More Ravioli & Tortellacci Fundraising

STM will be accepting orders August 1st. Orders will be made in September. Bags are \$8.00. To place an order call 815-252-2215, leave your name, phone #, and your order, we will call to verify messages. If order is needed on a specific day or week be sure to state in your message. If there are any problems with the rav line recording call STM church 815-664-6201. Thank you.

Thank You!



Thank you to all the parishioners at all three parishes who help make our churches look beautiful inside and outside. May God repay you a hundredfold.

 **Online Giving**

Keep in mind while on vacation a great way to keep your contributions coming in for church bills is through our E-giving option. To get started, go to our website www.bureaucatholic.org and scroll to section of online giving and follow the instructions. You are able to click on your parish with a one-time or reoccurring donation. If you would like to continue using your envelopes, please send them before you leave or make up missed envelopes upon your return. Whatever way you choose, your church thanks you for your thoughtfulness & generosity.

LATEST OFFERING'S

WEEKEND JULY 3RD

- HT— \$ 1506.00
- SP— \$ 588.00
- STM— \$ 636.00

STM Adoration Room

Regular Hours are

- Monday
- Sunday
- 9:00am-
- 6:00pm



Confessions

The next confessions will be Saturday—July 16th 10:30-11:15 at St. Thomas More in the church hall.

Dear Padre,

Why must I choose practicing Catholics as my baby's godparents?

The Church is clear about the qualifications of godparents: at least sixteen years old; one woman and one man leading lives of faith; confirmed and having already received Communion (see Canons 872–874). *Godparent* isn't simply an honorary title we bestow on someone. It's an important role of trust in the child's faith life.

We grow in trust for someone via a gradual process of getting to know that person: being introduced, spending time together, talking to one another, learning about each other, and being generous with one another.

That's how trust in Jesus develops. Parents and godparents introduce us to him, teach us to pray. We talk to Jesus on our own and learn more about him through Scripture. Our parents take us to church. We watch their example and that of our godparents. We learn from the parish, the Catholic school, and our *Catechism*. It's a gradual process of getting to know Jesus that leads us to trust him and have faith in him.

At baptism, the priest or deacon lights a candle from the large Easter candle. In many parishes, the candle is passed first to the godfather. "Receive the light of Christ," says the priest. The godfather passes it to the godmother, who passes it to the mother, who hands it to the father to hold for the child. That is how faith comes to us: a gift from God, but through other people. Parents and godparents must have the bright flame of faith in their own hearts if they hope to pass it to their child.

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Calendar

Monday

JULY 11

St. Benedict, Abbot

Is 1:10–17

Mt 10:34–11:1

Tuesday

JULY 12

Weekday

Is 7:1–9

Mt 11:20–24

Wednesday

JULY 13

Weekday

Is 10:5–7, 13b–16

Mt 11:25–27

Thursday

JULY 14

St. Kateri Tekakwitha,
Virgin

Is 26:7–9, 12, 16–19

Mt 11:28–30

Friday

JULY 15

St. Bonaventure,
Bishop and Doctor
of the Church

Is 38:1–6, 21–22, 7–8

Mt 12:1–8

Saturday

JULY 16

Weekday

Mi 2:1–5

Mt 12:14–21

Sunday

JULY 17

Sixteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Gn 18:1–10a

Col 1:24–28

Lk 10:38–42



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

It is the duty of the parents, together with the godfathers and godmothers, to take care to nurture the flame of baptismal grace in their little ones, helping them persevere in the faith. Children have the right to Christian formation, which "seeks to lead them gradually to learn God's plan in Christ."

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