



So, What's Your Point?

Have you ever explained something so carefully and at length, and yet the other person misses your point? This seems to be the situation in today's Gospel. The scene Jesus first described was a familiar one. The people listening to him might have sown seed in this manner themselves. So, what was the point?

First it is important to recall that a parable is a story with a double meaning. One meaning is literal, the other is metaphoric. The literal meaning of this parable is obvious. So, what's the point? It is in the second part of the passage that Jesus explains the metaphoric meaning. He tells his disciples that the seeds represent those who hear the word of the kingdom. Then the reality of life intervenes and each seed (the one who hears the word) must decide how to deal with that reality. One might think: Very interesting story. I know just what the seed is going through.

We are now ready to ask: What's the real point of the story? The metaphoric meaning of the parable should pose several questions for each of us: What yield do I produce? Do I appreciate what it means to be a disciple; or is that privilege far from my consciousness? Am I grounded in my faith, or am I religiously rootless? Do I live according to the standards of Jesus, or do the allure and riches of the world entrap me? That's the point of the story.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA



[Jesus said,] "This is why I speak to them in parables, because 'they look but do not see and hear but do not listen or understand.'"

MATTHEW 13:13

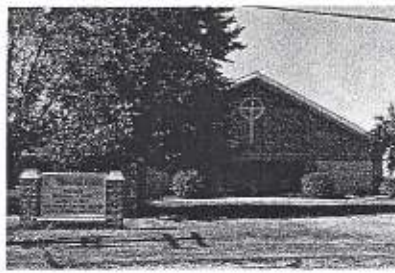


FOR *Reflection*

- ★ How has the word of the kingdom taken root in your family?
- ★ What yield of goodness do you bring forth in your workplace?



Holy Trinity Catholic Church



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****

All Events On Hold

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For All Three Churches

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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-Friday 8AM-8PM

Saturday & Sunday -

8AM Until After 5:30PM Mass

Divine Mercy Prayers

Every Friday 3:00PM

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

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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

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Daily Mass Intentions for
Masses the Week of July 13, 2020

Monday

****www.bureaucatholic.org/Facebook Link**

Tuesday

****www.bureaucatholic.org/Facebook Link - 10:00AM**HT**

Wednesday

****Facebook Link - 10:00AM**SP**

Thursday

****www.bureaucatholic.org/Facebook Link - 10:00AM**HT**

Friday

****Facebook Link - 10:00AM **STM**

Offered For

† No Mass

† Joyce Gillan

† Purgatorial Society

† Dorothy Flaherty

† For The Sick

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions
Weekend of July 18-19, 2020

Saturday:

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

Sunday:

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

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM

† No Mass

****St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 6:00 PM (Last Chance Communion)**

† No Mass

(Just Holy Communion)

Offered For

† Bob & Vicci Morris

† For The Parishioners

On-Line Giving 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	2pm - 2pm
Saturday	3pm - 6pm
Sunday	9am - 2pm

****Temporarily Closed****

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 - Rosary - 6PM (On Website)

(Rotates Between 3 Churches)

Friday's - Divine Mercy Chaplet - Suspended

3PM - St. Thomas More Adoration Chapel

Third Monday of the Month -

Mass for Reparation of Sins & Rosary -

5:30PM (No Wednesday Rosary That Week)

Where We Are With Churches Reopening

Our first requirement to reopening the churches was to have some volunteers to help to ensure we adhered to social distancing guidelines. As of now, we have 3 to help at St. Thomas More and at least 2 at Holy Trinity. And, as of now we have one at St. Patrick's. The volunteers also have been asked to be 65 or under and not have any health conditions. It would be great if we could have at least 2 people at each Mass.

Again, if anybody can help with this need, please let the office know so we can send a link to you to watch an instructional video. After this we can be certified to re-open.

At this time we still don't have approval for 50% occupancy in our churches. The increase in infections probably slowed that process down.

Even when we do reopen, the dispensation from attending Mass will still be in place for the older generation and those with health conditions.

When we do return to the churches for Masses and people attending them, we will be just going to one Mass at each church. Right now, the plan is to have the 4PM Mass at St. Thomas More, the 9AM at Holy Trinity and, eventually, an 11AM at St. Patrick. So far of the churches in our area that have opened, attendance has been way down and understandably. The return of the Last Chance Mass will come when needed! In the meantime, Father is doing a 6PM Last Chance Holy Communion in the St. Thomas More parking lot in Dalzell. Thank you!

Our Masses can be watched on our website or on the Facebook page "Bureau Catholic Churches".

Confessions

The next confessions will be at Holy Trinity in parking lot on Saturday, July 25th from 11-11:45am.

Things To Be Aware Of

Things are progressing quickly in the world towards the conclusion of this age. The messages from Christ, Our Blessed Mother and St. Michael are telling us to expect a lot of unrest, especially, in our country.

There are some specific things we have been asked to be aware of. Come the beginning of fall, these things might become very necessary for our immediate safety and survival.

1. 3 months supply of emergency food per family member.
2. Cars will become useless because of the computers onboard. We should have bicycles available.
3. Don't buy the new 5G technology it will be used against us.
4. Do not accept any vaccine. Because of use of embryo's in the production of vaccine we will commit mortal sin by taking it.
5. Do not accept the mark of the beast (electronic transmitter to be placed in people through vaccine).

Numbers 3-5 will assure us of going to hell if we allow them in or on our person. This according to Christ. For more on these, refer to the 4th conference on the end times on our website or in the notes for 4th conference under "Valuable Catholic Documents" under "More Info".

This week we celebrate the 15th week of Ordinary Time. Now more than ever we need to pay attention to God's Word and implement it into our lives by always doing good with our lives.

PLEASE KEEP PRAYING HARD this world is about to make a terrible turn towards a large loss of life! May God always protect us and be with us!

Fr. Pat Fixsen

Dear Padre,

Recently my husband's union was involved in a messy strike that nearly turned violent. Does the Catholic Church support strikes like this?

I grew up in Detroit. Most of my family and extended family worked in the automobile plants there. I clearly remember long strikes when my father was out of work and our family would struggle along, sometimes wondering where we would get money for the necessities of life.

In the past hundred years, many of the writings of the popes and the bishops' conferences have centered on the issues of work, including the issue of receiving a just wage. The Church spoke in support of child-labor laws, eight-hour workdays, organized unions, collective bargaining, and a just wage. Because of this, at times the Church has been labeled unpatriotic, socialistic, and even communist. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops published a pastoral letter, "Economic Justice for All," which outlines the six moral principles drawn from Scripture that form the basis of the Church's social teaching. In this letter, the Church fully supports the rights of workers to form unions to secure their rights to fair wages and working conditions. Unions may also legitimately resort to strikes when this is the

only available means to the justice owed the workers (EJA 104-105). The Church draws the line at violence. The strike becomes morally unacceptable when accompanied by violence (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2435).

—Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSSR
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SHEILA FITZGERALD/SHUTTERSTOCK



A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Every worker...should have the right to decent remuneration, to social security, and to a pension. Among you here are... workers in grassroots jobs who are excluded from labor rights, who are denied the possibility of unionizing, whose income is neither adequate nor stable. Today I...join my voice to yours and support you in your struggle.

—WORLD MEETING OF POPULAR MOVEMENTS, OCTOBER 28, 2014

Calendar

Monday

JULY 13

Weekday

Is 1:10-17

Mt 10:34-11:1

Tuesday

JULY 14

St. Kateri Tekakwitha,
 Virgin

Is 7:1-9

Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday

JULY 15

St. Bonaventure,
 Bishop and Doctor
 of the Church

Is 10:5-7, 13b-16

Mt 11:25-27

Thursday

JULY 16

Weekday

Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19

Mt 11:28-30

Friday

JULY 17

Weekday

Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8

Mt 12:1-8

Saturday

JULY 18

Weekday

Mi 2:1-5

Mt 12:14-21

Sunday

JULY 19

Sixteenth Sunday
 in Ordinary Time

Wis 12:13, 16-19

Rom 8:26-27

Mt 13:24-43

or 13:24-30