

Follow the Leader

This is not simply the name of a childhood game.

It is actually an essential directive for living. We learn so many things in life because we followed someone. That is how we learned to read, to play a musical instrument, to speak another language, or to understand social behavior.

Many nations at the time of Jeremiah represented their kings as shepherds, leading the people to verdant pastures and restful waters. We see this in the art they left behind. However, many of the kings of Jeremiah's day were not good leaders—not attentive shepherds, nor faithful to God, who had entrusted the people to their care. Consequently, God stepped in to be their shepherd. This is the image of the divine shepherd found in the responsorial psalm. Jesus also characterized religious leaders as shepherds. He was distraught that the people were “like sheep without a shepherd” (Mark 6:34).

Is this situation different today? Many are eager to follow a leader, but which one? Ours is a multicultural, pluralistic, international society with innumerable viewpoints. Voices cry out from many corners, demanding to be heard. But which voice should we heed? Which worldly leaders should we follow? It's apparent that our leaders, both civic and religious, disagree on certain matters. What are we to do? The issue is not “with whom do I agree?” but rather “whose point of view makes me a better person? More compassionate? More understanding? More selfless? More Christlike?” Are we following the right leader?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ✦ *Our Shepherd never pits us against each other but brings us together. Is this reflected in the way we live in society?*
- ✦ *Our Shepherd cares for all, not just those whom society has privileged. Do we?*

I will raise up shepherds for them who will shepherd them so that they need no longer fear or be terrified; none shall be missing.

JEREMIAH 23:4





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 - 10:30-11:15

AM or by appointment

Sunday Mass - 9:00AM

***Pastor of the Three Churches**

Fr. Thaddeus Tran

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

No Events Scheduled

For All Three Churches

Emergency Number

779-248-2164

St. Thomas More Church

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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 (Suspended)

Adoration Room

Open Monday-Saturday 9AM-8PM

Sunday - 9AM - 6PM

Divine Mercy Prayers

Every Friday 3:00PM (Outside Lent)

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

**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 July 19, 2021**

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

**** 9:00AM**STM**

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

****9:00AM**HT**

**** 9:00AM **STM**

Offered For

† No Mass

† Olivero Families

† Special Intention

† Connie Lauer

† Avalonne Moskalewicz

**Next Weekend's Mass Intentions
Weekend of July 24-25 2021**

Saturday:

Sunday:

****4:00PM **STM**

****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)**

Online masses ONLY available @HT www.bureaucatholic.org

(**Recommendation Watch Our Mass Online Or EWTN Mass Before Receiving Communion)

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Latest Offering's

Holy Trinity -	\$1226.00
St. Patrick -	\$460.00
St. Thomas More -	\$565.00

Visit Venerable Fulton Sheen At Cathedral in Peoria

Monday - Friday	12pm - 2pm
Saturday	3pm - 5pm
(Re-Opened Again)	

Church Volunteers



Sign Up sheets in back of churches to volunteer at all 3 parishes. Be a part to help Grow Our Churches!
Thank You to all our Parishioners, Area Businesses & Clubs who help support our churches with their Time, Talent & Treasure!

Mass Intentions

Masses can be scheduled thru the church office. You can do so by calling or mailing in requests. Masses are \$10 and are set according to availability. We will do our best to set a requested date. Contact the office with questions.

Fundraising Updates

Contact church office with any ideas for Fundraising events.



DID YOU KNOW.....

Pope Francis announced July 25th the 1st World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. The date marks the closest Sunday to the feast day of Saints Joachim and Anne (July 26), the parents of the Blessed Mother. The theme "I am with you always" is to express the closeness of the Lord and Church to every elderly person; and as a topic of hope that all persons - young and old - can share together.

PRAYER

I thank You, Lord, for the comfort of Your presence; even in times of loneliness, You are my hope and my confidence, You have been my rock and my fortress since my youth! I thank You for having given me a family and for having blessed me with a long life. I thank You for moments of joy and difficulty, for the dreams that have already come true in my life and for those that are still ahead of me. I thank You for this time of renewed fruitfulness to which You call me. Increase, O Lord, my faith, make me a channel of your peace, teach me to embrace those who suffer more than me, to never stop dreaming and to tell of your wonders to new generations. Protect and guide Pope Francis and the Church, that the light of the Gospel might reach the ends of the earth. Send Your Spirit, O Lord, to renew the world, that the storm of the pandemic might be calmed, the poor consoled and wars ended. Sustain me in weakness and help me to live life to the full in each moment that You give me, in the certainty that you are with me every day, even until the end of the age. Amen.

Confessions

The next confessions will be Saturday - July 24th 10:30-11:15pm - at St. Patrick in the chapel.

Sunday Family Connection

Family demands can make us feel like Jesus and the twelve apostles. We wish for times of relaxation and renewal, but there are errands to do, household chores to keep up with, volunteer commitments to keep. These are all good things, but we can be left feeling drained and tired as we try to keep up. Perhaps we might take the opportunity this week to give ourselves permission to find the rest and relaxation that Jesus seeks for his disciples in today's Gospel. One of the gifts we can give to one another in our family life is assistance in finding the time and space to renew ourselves through prayer.

When you gather together as a family this week, bring your family calendar. Together review your family calendar and spend some time reflecting on your family activities. In particular, ask if your family has an appropriate amount of time for rest and relaxation. If not, discuss ways in which this time for renewal might be included in the week ahead.

PRAYER FOR FAMILIES

Heavenly Father,

Please bless our families with Your love and protect us from harm. Give us grace to forgive, strength to overcome the difficulties we face, and keep us together when the world tries to pull us apart.
In Jesus Name, Amen.

Dear Padre,

I read this is the liturgical year of Mark, that next year will be the year of Matthew, and the following year, Luke. Then it starts over with Mark again. Why doesn't John have a year?

The purpose in a three-year cycle of readings at Mass was primarily a pastoral one. "The treasures of the Bible are to be opened up more lavishly, so that richer fare may be provided for the faithful at the table of God's word. In this way a more representative portion of the holy Scriptures will be read to the people in the course of a prescribed number of years" (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy [*Sacrosanctum Concilium*], 51).

All of Scripture is the word of God, but "Christ, present in his word, proclaims the Gospel" (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 29). Moreover, Christ reveals himself to us from four different Gospel perspectives. For some people, John's version—often deeply symbolic and theological—can be pastorally challenging.

The semicontinuous reading of the three synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke) "provides a presentation of each Gospel's distinctive doctrine as well as a development of the Lord's life and preaching" (*Lectionary for Mass*, 1970; 16,1). Nevertheless, John's Gospel appears in all three cycles. For example, five readings from chapter six on the bread of life are inserted in Year B, when Mark's short Gospel is proclaimed. John's Gospel is also read during Easter and scattered throughout the seasons of Advent, Christmas, and Lent.

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Calendar

Monday
JULY 19
Weekday
Ex 14:5–18
Mt 12:38–42
Tuesday
JULY 20
Weekday
Ex 14:21–15:1
Mt 12:46–50
Wednesday
JULY 21
Weekday
Ex 16:1–5, 9–15
Mt 13:1–9
Thursday
JULY 22
St. Mary Magdalene
Sg 3:1–4b or
2 Cor 5:14–17
Jn 20:1–2, 11–18
Friday
JULY 23
Weekday
Ex 20:1–17
Mt 13:18–23
Saturday
JULY 24
Weekday
Ex 24:3–8
Mt 13:24–30
Sunday
JULY 25
Seventeenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
2 Kgs 4:42–44
Eph 4:1–6
Jn 6:1–15

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to share your question and to learn more about Dear Padre.

A WORD FROM Pope Francis

For leadership there is only one road: service. There is no other way. If you have many qualities—the ability to communicate, etc.—but you are not a servant, your leadership will fail, it is useless, it has not power to gather [people] together.

ADDRESS TO PONTIFICAL COLLEGES
AND RESIDENCES OF ROME, MAY 12, 2014

