

“The Kingdom of Heaven Is Like...”

The Gospel reading consists of parables, one of which Jesus explains. The two that seem easy to understand compare the kingdom with a mustard seed that begins small and then grows large enough to welcome all manner of birds for nesting, and of a bit of yeast that completely transforms the entire batch of dough. The parable about the weeds in the field of wheat needed explanation. Any farmer would have recognized the situation described. We don't always know where they come from, but weeds seem to crop up everywhere. What should one do? Lest wheat be inadvertently pulled up, let both wheat and weeds grow till the harvest. That is the time of separation.

So, what's the meaning of these parables? Like the mustard seed, the kingdom—the new way of living that Jesus came to inaugurate—consists of small acts of unselfishness and genuine love. But it grows and grows until it is opened to all manner of people. Like the

yeast, as insignificant as it might appear, this kingdom can transform all of society.

The parable of the wheat and the weeds is about the last judgment. But it also insists that the field (society), even the Church, is made up of both good and bad. It is very dangerous to try to get rid of what might be considered bad seeds, bad citizens, or bad members. One might pull up the wrong ones. There will be a time of judgment, and it will be in God's time, and in God's hands.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ★ *We belong to this kingdom. Are we open to all manner of people? Do our lives transform society?*
- ★ *How do you interact with people you think are living wrongly?*

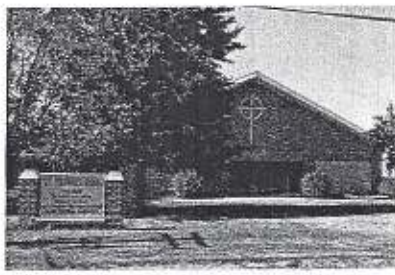
*[Jesus said,] “I will say
to the harvesters,
‘First collect the weeds
and tie them in bundles
for burning; but gather
the wheat into my barn.’”*

MATTHEW 13:30





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****

All Events On Hold

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**

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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 20, 2020**

Monday

****www.bureaucatholic.org/Facebook Link - 5*30PM**HT**

Tuesday

****Facebook Link - 9:00AM**SP**

Wednesday

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

Thursday

****Facebook Link - 9:00AM**STM**

Friday

****Facebook Link - 9:00AM **STM**

† No Mass

Offered For

† Helen & Floyd Williams

† Laurence Nuco Fonderoli

† Connie Lauer

† Marge Panek

**Next Weekend's Mass Intentions
Weekend of July 25-26, 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

† For The Sick

† 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	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 - 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.

This Week's Update

The Bishop sent out a letter this week recognizing the increase in COVID-19 cases in our area. He asked that we remember in order to not pass on the virus that we:

1. Receive Holy Communion in the hand.
2. Remember to wear masks as much as possible to prevent any spread of the virus.
3. Maintain social distancing to also prevent the spread of the virus.

In closing the letter, he also said "I strongly encourage families to continue to pray together in their homes and to make use of the social media for prayer and remaining connected to the Church, and not to exclude those who may feel isolated during these difficult and trying times.

May Our Most Blessed Lady continue to pray with us and for us. And may Almighty God bless you, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit."

This week we need to pray for our new co-adjutor Bishop to be installed, Bishop-elect Louis Tylka. His installation will take place this Thursday at 2PM where it will be streamed live on www.cdop.org or the Catholic Diocese of Peoria Facebook page.

This week we celebrate the 16th week of Ordinary Time. We hear in the readings and Gospel how our God is an omnipotent God who is all-powerful. But He is also a God who will separate good from evil in the last days as we are now in those days.

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,

In Scripture, we hear about the “reign of God” or the “kingdom of God.” How does this notion of “kingdom” fit with modern Catholicism?

Recently I heard a father tell his son: “I am the master of my domain!” The ten-year-old son was acting up and the father issued a statement clarifying that he, the father, was in charge, and the son was not!

When we hear “reign of God” or “kingdom of God,” we are reminded again that God is “master of our domain.” We acknowledge that it is God who runs the show. Remember when Jesus first began to preach, he asked the people to repent because the kingdom of God was at hand (Matthew 4:17). This “kingdom” is the reign of justice and compassion that had been the core of the Jews’ hopes for centuries preceding Jesus. This reign comes now in the person of Jesus. His preaching and work proclaim the birth of this new regime. It is a kingship where God, in the person of Jesus, now lives among the people (Luke 17:20–21).

What virtues must we practice as members of the kingdom? These are outlined by Jesus in the beatitudes given in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:3–10). Jesus pronounces that those who are blessed are those who live such a life as Jesus chose for himself. Our rewards are also outlined here. God will comfort us, fill us with good things, and make us children of God.

It is our task, then, to proclaim the kingdom of God by living like Jesus. One of the ways we do this is through the Sunday liturgy. It is there that we both hear how Jesus lived and prayed for “your kingdom come.”

—Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSSR
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

There are no unemployed people in the kingdom of God. Everyone is called to do their part; and there will be a reward from divine justice for everyone in the end...the salvation that Jesus Christ acquired for us with his death and resurrection, a salvation which is not deserved, but donated.

—ANGELUS, SEPTEMBER 24, 2017



Calendar

Monday

JULY 20

Weekday

Mi 6:1–4, 6–8

Mt 12:38–42

Tuesday

JULY 21

Weekday

Mi 7:14–15, 18–20

Mt 12:46–50

Wednesday

JULY 22

St. Mary Magdalene

Sg 3:1–4b or

2 Cor 5:14–17

Jn 20:1–2, 11–18

Thursday

JULY 23

Weekday

Jer 2:1–3, 7–8, 12–13

Mt 13:10–17

Friday

JULY 24

Weekday

Jer 3:14–17

Mt 13:18–23

Saturday

JULY 25

St. James,
Apostle

2 Cor 4:7–15

Mt 20:20–28

Sunday

JULY 26

Seventeenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 3:5, 7–12

Rom 8:28–30

Mt 13:44–52

or 13:44–46



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