

*On the mountain height of Israel  
I will plant it.  
It shall put forth branches and bear fruit,  
and become a majestic cedar.  
EZEKIEL 17:23*

JOSEF HANUS/SHUTTERSTOCK

## To What Shall We Compare the Kingdom of God?

**T**oday's readings are rich with answers to this question posed in Mark's Gospel. The prophet Ezekiel selects the metaphor of a cedar tree. Like such a tree, the kingdom of God begins as a tender shoot planted on a high mountain where it can grow unimpeded by other growth. There it will grow tall and firm, boasting many branches, rich with fruit, the home to various species of birds. The Gospel writer chose another metaphor—that of a small seed. This parable characterizes the inconspicuous nature of the kingdom's origin. We may not see it in the beginning because it is so small and surrounded by soil, but it contains within itself the force of life that someday will burst forth into a rich harvest.

The mustard seed is a special kind of seed. Today's Gospel calls it "the smallest of all the seeds on the earth" (Mark 4:31). However, following the pattern of growth that is hidden in the core of its being, it also brings forth one of the marvels of nature, producing "the largest of plants" (Mark 4:32). Metaphors also underscore the fact that these seeds must first

transform, lose the appearance of a seed in order to rise, filled with the mysterious character of its growth. All of this happens quietly, unpretentiously, as if under the cover of night.

These are very moving metaphors, quite easy to understand and envision. However, the reality for which the metaphors stand is sometimes very difficult to realize because of human selfishness. Still, it is God's tree, God's seed, God's kingdom, and it is God who declares: "As I, the LORD, have spoken, so will I do!" (Ezekiel 17:24).

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

### FOR *Reflection*

- ★ *What about these metaphors gives you comfort and encouragement?*
- ★ *How do you contribute to the health and growth of the kingdom of God?*

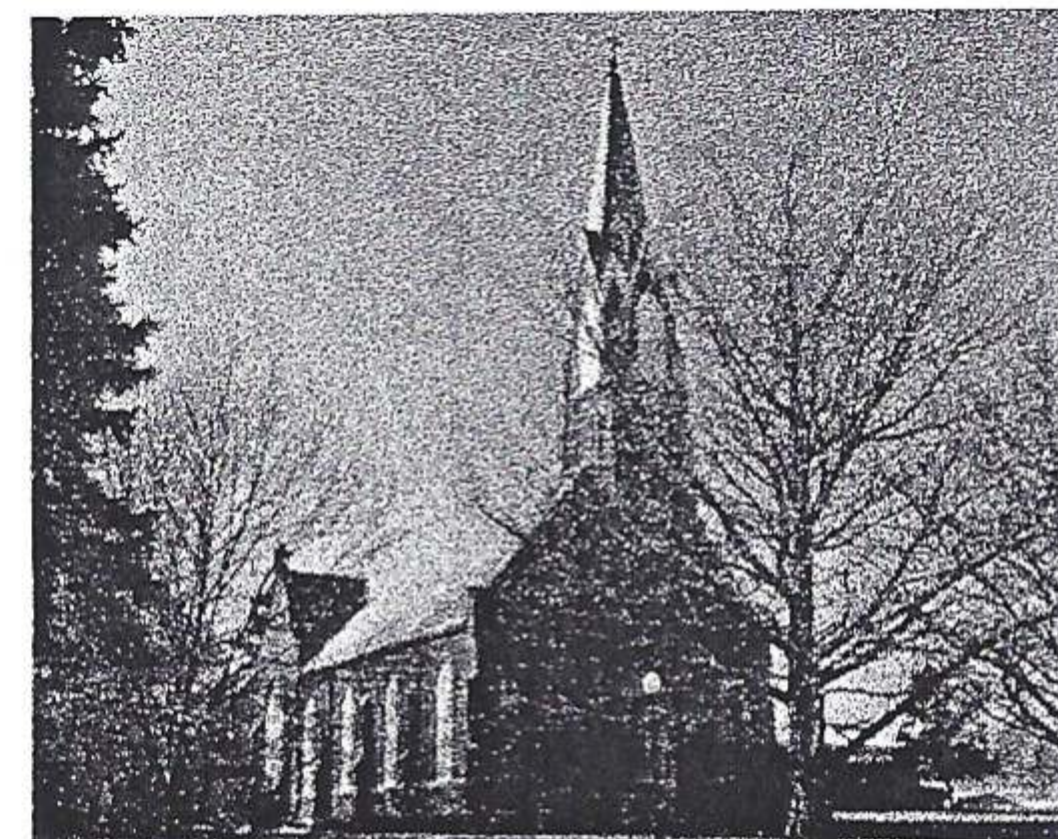




**Holy Trinity Catholic Church**



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**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

**\*\*Emergency Phone\*\***

**For All Three Churches**

815-664-8241

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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\*\***

No Events Scheduled

**St. Patrick Church**

**(Office at Holy Trinity Church)**

106 Church St.

Arlington, IL 61312

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**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

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Page - www.bureaucatholic.org

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

No Events Scheduled

**Daily Mass Intentions for**  
**Masses the Week of June 14, 2021**

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

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

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

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

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

**Offered For**

† No Mass

† Fred Buck Sr.

† Ron Floroplus

† Bob Bellettini

† Olivero Families

**Next Weekend's Mass Intentions**

**Weekend of June 19-20, 2021**

Saturday:

Sunday:

**\*\*Facebook Link - 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)**

**Offered For**

† Our Father's

† Our Father's

† Our Father's

† No Mass (Only Holy Communion)

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



### Latest Offering's

Holy Trinity - \$2188.00  
St. Patrick - \$1070.00  
St. Thomas More - \$2045.00

### 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 - Mass/Rosary - 6PM  
(On Website)

(After Wednesday HT Evening Mass)

Friday's - Divine Mercy Chaplet -

On Facebook- 3PM -

St. Thomas More Adoration Chapel

### In Need of Volunteers!

We will be looking for volunteers to help at all three parishes. Those who are interested in helping with the ministry schedule or Teaching for our CCD Program in the fall may contact the office for more information.

### \*\* Facebook Streaming Is Discontinued \*\*

### Holy Water Available

When Easter comes, we have the great occasion to bless holy water for our personal use. While we are still not able to have holy water in the fonts at the entrance of the church. Some holy water bottles have been purchased for our parishioners and filled with holy water for you to take home and use. They are available after Mass or if you would like to call the office and we will figure out some way to get them to you.

### Collection Envelopes

Also we still have many envelope boxes in our office. If you haven't received yours yet, please let us know as to how we can get them to you! We can get them to any of the three churches for you to pick them up. Thank you!

### New Missalettes This Weekend

There are new missalettes in the 3 churches that begin this weekend. If you are still staying home for Mass and would like a book, please let us know and we will make one available for you!

### Confessions

The next confessions will be Saturday - June 19- 10:30-11:15pm - at St. Pat's in the chapel



The parishioners of St. Patrick's, Holy Trinity and St. Thomas More churches would like to extend a warm welcome to Fr. Thaddeus Tran! We are all praying for you and want you to know we are ready to help in any way in the upcoming weeks. We hope you feel just as comfortable in your new churches and communities as you did in Washington.

We will also say farewell to Fr. Pat and Thank him for the ten years at our parishes! He will be missed and we will pray for him on his next journey!

Eternal God, please bless our priests, who represent you on this earth. Make them more greatly aware of the grace that you pour out through them when they minister the sacraments, and help them to fall more deeply in love with You after each and every Mass that they celebrate. Please strengthen our priests, who shepherd your flock, when they are in doubt of their faith, that they may be examples of your Truth and guide us always on the path to you. We ask these things of You our Eternal Priest. Amen.



# Dear Padre,

**I care for my mother, who has dementia. I was active in my parish, but now I hardly have a minute to spare for prayer, much less helping out at church. I'm getting very depressed. What should I do?**

**I** have several ideas. First, make your prayer life part of your mother's routine, and you'll find it easier to fit prayer into your day. People with dementia find it soothing to listen to repetitive prayer, so consider praying the rosary aloud in her presence. Sometimes people with advanced dementia can still remember and recite the Our Father and the Hail Mary, so you could end up praying the rosary together. That would truly be a gift.

Next, try reading aloud Scripture stories from a youth Bible. They'll be easier for her to understand than passages from an adult Bible, and you'll get some time with God's word.

Last, but absolutely not least, it's important for you to be connected. If your parish has a parish nurse, he or she can help you find respite care, in which someone takes your place with your mom so you can get away for a while, or

a caregiver-support group where you can talk with other people in your situation. If your parish doesn't have a nurse, your diocese can give you the same information.

Remember, attending to your spiritual health doesn't just help you—it helps your mother, too.

*Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSSR*  
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## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*How often do we see a man or woman arrive at work with a weary face, with a tired countenance and, when we ask them, "What happened?" they answer: "I only slept two hours because we are taking turns at home to be close to... our grandfather, our grandmother"...These are heroic deeds, the heroism of families!*

GENERAL AUDIENCE, JUNE 10, 2015

## Calendar

### Monday

JUNE 14

Weekday

2 Cor 6:1–10

Mt 5:38–42

### Tuesday

JUNE 15

Weekday

2 Cor 8:1–9

Mt 5:43–48

### Wednesday

JUNE 16

Weekday

2 Cor 9:6–11

Mt 6:1–6, 16–18

### Thursday

JUNE 17

Weekday

2 Cor 11:1–11

Mt 6:7–15

### Friday

JUNE 18

Weekday

2 Cor 11:18, 21–30

Mt 6:19–23

### Saturday

JUNE 19

Weekday

2 Cor 12:1–10

Mt 6:24–34

### Sunday

JUNE 20

Twelfth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

Jb 38:1, 8–11

2 Cor 5:14–17

Mk 4:35–41

### Daybreaks inspires during our Church's holiest seasons.

Leading Catholic voices inspire the faithful with daily reflections & prayers for Advent and Lent. Including: Fr. Ron Rolheiser, Dr. Mary Katharine Deeley, Sr. Dianne Bergant, Fr. Paul Turner, and more at [Liguori.org](http://Liguori.org).