



# Our Parish COMMUNITY

March 21, 2021

Fifth Sunday of Lent (B)

Jer 31:31-34

Heb 5:7-9

In 12:20-33

## Do I Have to Die?

**W**ho has not asked this question, at least to oneself? It's a valid question, because at the core of every living being is the drive to live. Jesus also must have asked this question. Today's Gospel account implies this in John 12:27. ("I am troubled now.") Despite his passion for living, Jesus was more passionate about the transformation that would take place later. The example of the grain that must die if a harvest of wheat is to be produced is a perfect metaphor to make this point. Just as the grain is insignificant compared with the possible harvest, so—our faith assures us—there is no comparison between this life and the wondrous transformation that awaits us. And yes, in order to move from this life to that splendorous future, we will have to die.

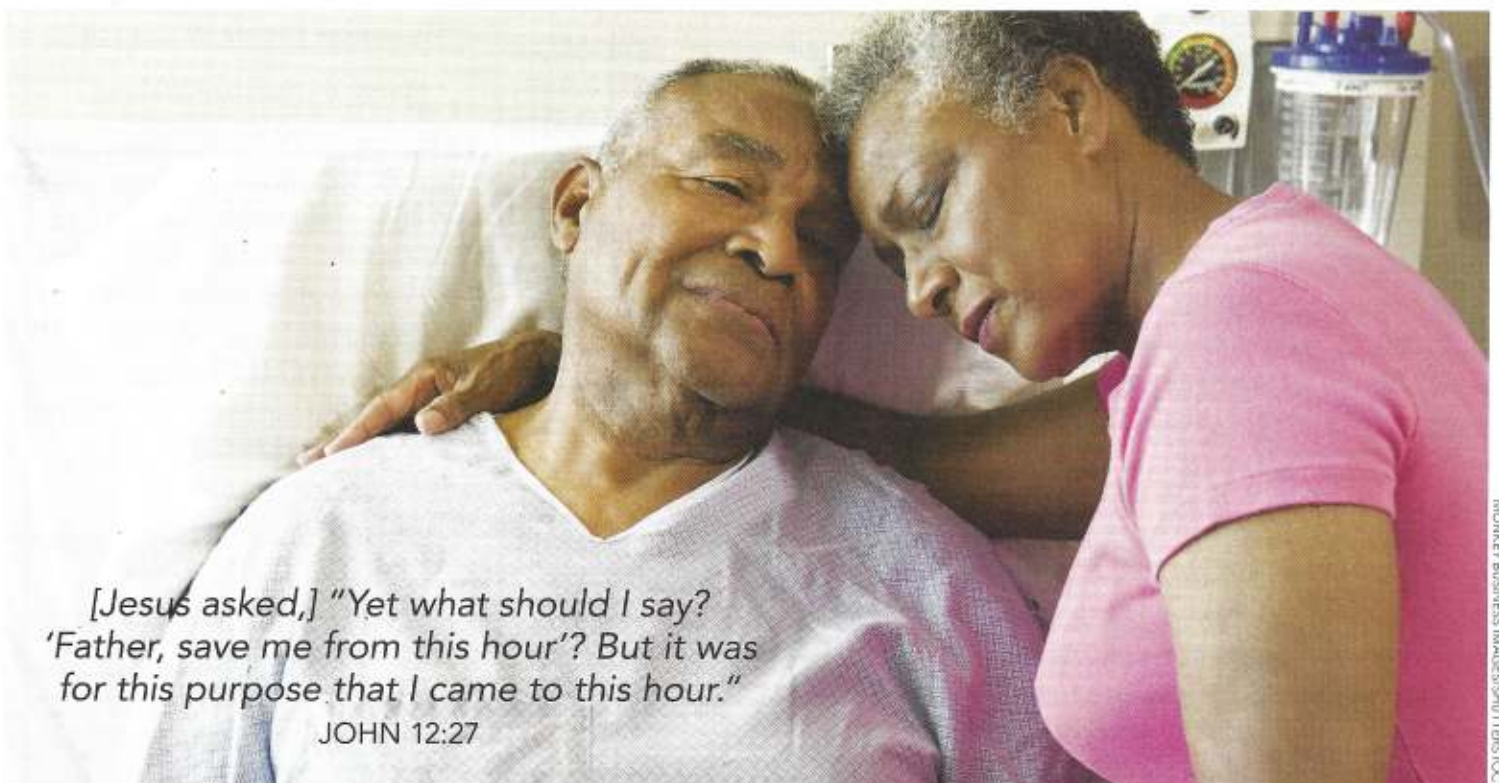
Our Lenten meditations will soon focus on the suffering and death of Jesus. However, to concentrate solely on suffering and death is like examining the

death of the grain without any thought of its transformation and the bountiful harvest that will come. We must not minimize Jesus' suffering. However, it was precisely by means of his having been lifted up on the cross in suffering and death that he was lifted up in glory and exaltation. This is why we claim that death is not the end of life but the gateway to new life. So, as difficult as it might be to leave the life we love, like Jesus we have to die in order to enter that new life.

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

### *For Reflection*

- ★ *Begin to place yourself in God's hands with little things so that you are better able to do so in bigger things.*
- ★ *The second reading reminds us that Christ is the source of our eternal salvation. Spend a moment in gratitude for this great gift.*



*[Jesus asked,] "Yet what should I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour."*

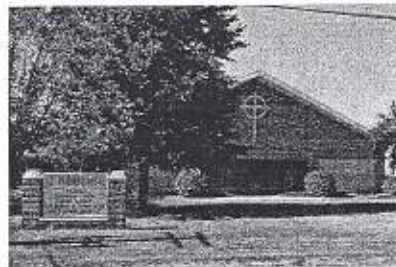
JOHN 12:27

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**St. Thomas More Catholic Church**



**St. Patrick Catholic Church**

**\*\*Main Office\*\***

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"Bureau Catholic Churches".

**Mass Schedule**

Weekdays - Wednesday 5:30pm and

Thursday - 9:00am

Saturday Confessions - 3:15-3:45 PM  
or by appointment

Sunday Mass - 9:00AM

**\*Pastor of the Three Churches**

Fr. Patrick Fixsen

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**\*\*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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Email: [StTMoreDalzell32@gmail.com](mailto:StTMoreDalzell32@gmail.com)

**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\*\***

Rav Orders - 815-252-2215

March 26 - Fish Fry (Takeout Only)

**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](http://www.bureaucatholic.org)

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

March 6 - Sausage Making

**Daily Mass Intentions for  
Masses the Week of March 22, 2021**

Monday

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

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

Thursday

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

Friday

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

**Next Weekend's Mass Intentions  
Weekend of March 27-28, 2021**

Saturday:

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

Sunday:

**\*\*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)**

† No Mass (Only Holy Communion)

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

**Offered For**

† No Mass

† Purgatorial Society

Special Intention

† Jack & Theresa McCallum

† Ellen Pufahl

**Offered For**

† For The Parishioners

† Joyce Hoscheid

Special Intention



### Latest Offering's

Holy Trinity - \$4825.00  
St. Patrick - \$1945.00  
St. Thomas More - \$2622.00

### 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 February-March

*Change to Lent schedule,  
the Friday Stations of the Cross  
will be followed by the Divine  
Mercy Chaplet. Please join us!*

### St. Thomas More Ravs

The Rav Twisters are busy making the delicious ravs, with both the meat and spinach filling, so we can have a wonderful meal. They will be making them through the second week in April. And thank you to everyone who has been supporting the church by buying the pasta from us! The rav order phone number is 815-252-2215. You might have to leave a message with your order at the phone number. But someone will be back in touch with you.

### Lent—Jesus' Importance

Father Pat is presenting a series on Jesus Christ by the Augustine Institute during Lent. It is a series of videos about 28 min minutes long each and we will do two videos an evening over 5 nights. The length of the evening would likely be 1-1/2 to 2 hours with a break halfway through. The videos take us to Israel to the places Jesus lived and visited along with the Sacred Scripture that applies to the various sites for the events in His life. The videos are very well done. The series is called "Jesus Christ - The Way, The Truth & The Life". It will be presented at St Thomas More in the Church at 6:30pm on Thursday's.

This week we conclude the video series with the themes "New Passover, New Exodus" and "Resurrection and Life".

### Confessions

The next confessions will be:

Tues - Mar. 24 - 4:15-5pm - St. Pats  
Fri - Mar 26 - 11 - 11:45am - St. Pats  
Sat - Mar. 27 - 10:30-11:15am - in St. Patrick Chapel on the south side of church. Next week the confessions will be at St. Thomas More.

### This Week's Update

On this last weekend before Palm Sunday and Holy Week, we are asked to contemplate whether or not we are God's children or are we children of the world? The messages from Heaven have been phenomenal on this topic as we near "The Warning" and face our sins. In case we forget, sin keeps us attached to this world whereas living a life free of sin and making a good confession we will always live in God's loving Presence.

As the world has now pretty much adopted communism (socialism), God is not happy with humanity and He wants us to turn back to Him. But will we? And then Jesus asks the huge questions, do you love your life in this world? If so, then you have lost it! Or do you hate your life in this world? If so, then you have preserved it for eternal life!

Freedom is God's gift to each of us. It is a gift meant to see how we will handle our free will. Communism (socialism) restricts that freedom. God loves us to the point that He wants us to show Him how much we love Him. Do we use our freedom to know, to love, and to serve God? If not, now is the time for us to repent and amend our lives for the sake of showing our love of God. So now is the time to make use of our time to show God we love Him with our whole being. May God always be with you! -

Fr. Pat Fixsen



# Dear Padre,

## I'm a non-Catholic church secretary who receives questions about a Purgatorial Society. What is it?

**T**hose who die in God's grace and friendship imperfectly purified, although they are assured of their eternal salvation, undergo a purification after death, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of God" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1054). This process of purification is known as purgatory. Saint Gregory the Great (540–604) wrote "certain offenses can be forgiven in this age, but certain others in the age to come" (see *Dialogues* 4, 39). This forgiveness of sins granted after death is also suggested in Matthew 12:32 and 2 Timothy 1:18.

Because Catholics believe we're in communion with one another through an active relationship that transcends death, our prayers and sacrifices benefit the deceased (see 2 Maccabees 12:38–46). Thus, a Purgatorial Society is a formal association of Catholics who offer prayers, Masses, and other works of charity to benefit the souls in purgatory. Souls that get to heaven, in turn, offer their prayers to benefit the living. This mutual assistance affirms our belief in an earthly and heavenly Church forming one body in Christ.

Purgatorial societies were especially prevalent from the Middle Ages through the previous century, but they're currently seeing a revival in some church parishes and religious communities. Societies generally maintain a

registry to enroll names of the deceased so that Masses are regularly offered for the holy souls in purgatory—especially during the month of November.

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR  
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### A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*By visiting the tombs of our loved ones we remember that we have a multitude of saints who before God intercede for our needs. Let us not forget, however, that so many deceased also await our spiritual support. Let us remember them in our prayers...asking that they be welcomed into the ranks of the elect in heaven.*

GENERAL AUDIENCE, OCTOBER 31, 2018

## Calendar

### Monday

MARCH 22

Lenten Weekday

Dn 13:1–9, 15–17,

19–30, 33–62

or 13:41c–62

Jn 8:1–11

### Tuesday

MARCH 23

Lenten Weekday

Nm 21:4–9

Jn 8:21–30

### Wednesday

MARCH 24

Lenten Weekday

Dn 3:14–20, 91–92, 95

Jn 8:31–42

### Thursday

MARCH 25

The Annunciation

of the Lord

Is 7:10–14, 8:10

Heb 10:4–10

Lk 1:26–38

### Friday

MARCH 26

Lenten Weekday

Jer 20:10–13

Jn 10:31–42

### Saturday

MARCH 27

Lenten Weekday

Ez 37:21–28

Jn 11:45–56

### Sunday

MARCH 28

Palm Sunday of the

Passion of the Lord

Mk 11:1–10 or

Jn 12:12–16

Is 50:4–7

Phil 2:6–11

Mk 14:1–15:47

or 15:1–39