



Our Parish COMMUNITY

March 29, 2020

Fifth Sunday of Lent (A)

Ez 37:12-14 / Rom 8:8-11

Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17,
20-27, 33b-45

God Opens Our Graves

It is not ghosts that come out of these graves, but a second chance at life. Ezekiel compares the reestablishment of ancient Israel after the exile with the dead rising alive from their graves. They are filled with God's spirit, God's power of life, and they have a second chance at living. Only the graciousness of God could imagine such a marvel; only the power of God could accomplish it. Jesus performs an even greater marvel. He actually brings Lazarus back from death, giving him a second chance at living. Once again, only the graciousness of God could imagine such a marvel; only the power of God could accomplish it. Jesus is that graciousness and that power, as he declares: "I am the resurrection and the life" (John 11:25).

After its reestablishment, Israel was not immune to failure, nor was Lazarus exempt from eventual death. That was not the point. The point was a demonstration of divine generosity at that particular moment. As seen in the Gospel reading, the point is Jesus' self-identification: "I am the resurrection and the life." What follows is paradox: Those who live in him will not die; even if they die, they will live.

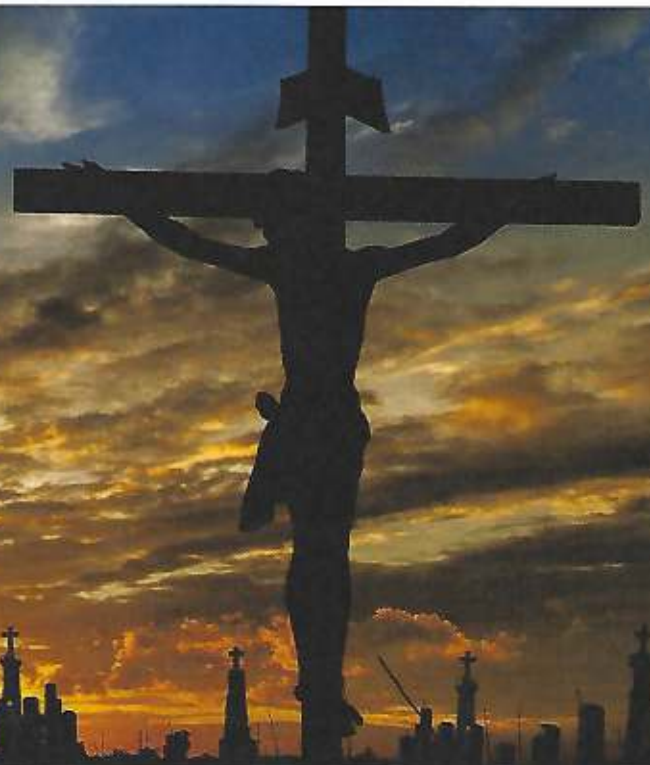
Joined to the one who is the resurrection and the life, we too will be raised from our graves and be transformed into a new life. We will never again face failure, as did the Israelites, or death, as did Lazarus, for the Spirit of Jesus will live in us.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ★ We were plunged into death and rose to new life at baptism. Does your life give evidence of this?
- ★ In what ways does your life manifest the Spirit working through you?

You shall know that I am
the LORD, when I open your
graves and make you come
up out of them, my people!
EZEKIEL 37:13





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**

Fr. Patrick Fixsen

Email: frpat.fixsen@gmail.com

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

All Events On Hold

****Emergency Phone****

For All Three Churches

815-664-8241

St. Thomas More Church

302 Chestnut St.

Dalzell, IL 61320

Phone: (815) 663-6201

Email: StTMoreDalzell32@gmail.com

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

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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**

Julie Hollinger

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****Office Hours****

Holy Trinity - Tues, Thurs, & Fri.
- 9AM-12PM

St. Thomas More -

Wed - 9AM - 12PM

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All Events On Hold

**Daily Mass Intentions for
Masses the Week of March 30, 2020**

Monday

www.bureaucatholic.org - 5:30pm

† No Mass

Tuesday

**www.bureaucatholic.org - 11:00am

† Purgatorial Society

Wednesday

**www.bureaucatholic.org - 11:00am

† For The Sick

Thursday

**www.bureaucatholic.org - 11:00am

† Jack & Mildred Melody

Friday

**www.bureaucatholic.org - 11:00am

† For The Strayed From Church

**Next Weekend's Mass Intentions
Weekend of April 4-5, 2020**

Offered For

Saturday Vigil:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 4:00 PM

† No Mass

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† No Mass

Sunday:

**www.bureaucatholic.org - 11:00 AM

† For The Parishioners

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM

† No Mass

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† No Mass

Last Sunday's Offering

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 - 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 -
? & ?

St. Patrick

LECTOR

Sunday - 10:30AM
- ?

SERVERS

Sunday - 10:30AM -
? & ?

St. Thomas More

ROSARY

Sat 5:30PM - TBD

LECTOR

Sat 5:30PM - TBD

SERVERS

Sat 5:30PM - ?

****Recurring Special Church Events****

Wednesday's - Rosary - 6PM (On Website)
(Rotates Between 3 Churches)

Friday's - Divine Mercy Chaplet - 3PM
- St. Thomas More Adoration Chapel

Third Monday of the Month -

Mass for Reparation of Sins & Rosary -
5:30PM (No Wednesday Rosary That Week)

Since You Were Last In Church

Sadly, with Masses temporarily suspended, it has become difficult communicating what is happening in the three churches. You may think that nothing is happening, and while you are unable to participate within our churches, I was able to obtain a new computer to continue the web Masses on our website www.bureaucatholic.org. The computer was a gift to Holy Trinity Church especially for the times we are living in. Even though I don't see faces in the pews, I do remember during Mass, the people sitting and praying in the pews. So I hope this helps your spirituality even when coming into your church is not possible.

I am planning on celebrating Masses during the week between Tuesday and Friday at 11am. And then on Sundays at 11am.

For your information, confessions, funerals, baptisms, weddings and confirmations are not allowed as usual per diocesan directive. However, with people having the need for confession as we approach Easter, they are allowing us to do them between cars at 6 feet away to maintain social distancing. Funerals are only allowed only with the burial and scheduling a Memorial Mass when health concerns are lifted. Weddings and our Confirmations are also postponed until a later date as well. In the meantime, I have been looking into some church work if feasible while churches are closed. Also while the churches are closed, I need to ask if you are able, according to your financial means, our churches still need financial support. So I have added Online Giving to the website, either on one time basis or for recurring giving, which is secure according to banking security procedures.

So if you can help that way or by sending your envelopes by mail it would be appreciated!

Blessed Palms will be available at all churches after 1PM on Palm Sunday!

While Holy Week will not be able to be celebrated as usual, I will be offering it online as best as possible. Just like regular Masses, without people to respond it does make Mass a little more challenging, so I will have to adjust the way I celebrate them accordingly.

These are the times for the Masses/Service of the Holy Week Triduum:

Holy Thursday - 4:00PM

Good Friday - Stations - Noon
- Service - 3:00PM

Easter Vigil - 7:45PM

Easter Sunday - 11:00AM

I have been praying for everyone's well-being during these times. You need to know God is testing us as to how strong our faith is and I pray that all of you have made great use of this time.

Know also that according to Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Mother and St. Michael; what today holds is much better than tomorrow. By that they are trying to tell us as time passes our lives will become more difficult both in how we live and how we are able to live. But we do have something to make things easier than many people today, and that is our faith. So, as Lent is that time we are given, to increase our love of and faith in Christ and increase how well we live for Him. It is up to each one of us to pray as Jesus wants from us which is unceasingly and profoundly for all that He brings to our lives!

May God always protect and let us feel the profound love He has for each one of us! And may God always be with all of you and give you His blessings!

Fr. Pat Fixsen

Dear Padre,

I'm very disturbed at some clothing—or lack thereof—worn at Mass these days. I find myself being judgmental and I don't want to be. Does our *Catechism* mandate a dress code?

Being judgmental can exist on both sides of this issue: Those who dress casually or inappropriately at Mass may be seen as unmotivated and disrespectful; those who dress up may be accused of doing so not for God but to impress everyone else at Mass.

The casual-dress advocates are influenced by the current relaxed cultural norms on attire—in church and elsewhere. They rightfully point out that one's presence at Mass is more important to God than one's clothing.

The dress-up advocates may believe this, too. However, the thought of actually being in God's presence at Mass determines their clothing choice.

Thus, an understanding of how the Mass is viewed today affects both casual-dress and dress-up proponents. While Catholics believe that Christ is present in all of creation and history, Christ's presence under the appearances of bread and wine is fundamental to our tradition. Moreover, a full appreciation of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist impacts far more than our outward appearances!

While the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* has no official dress guidelines, it's best to assume that most attend Mass for the same reasons as you. Essentially, most people who dress sensibly and make an effort to attend Mass are expressing their reverence and love for God.



—Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

Calendar

Monday

MARCH 30

Lenten Weekday
Dn 13:1–9, 15–17,
19–30, 33–62
or 13:41c–62
Jn 8:1–11

Tuesday

MARCH 31

Lenten Weekday
Nm 21:4–9
Jn 8:21–30

Wednesday

APRIL 1

Lenten Weekday
Dn 3:14–20,
91–92, 95
Jn 8:31–42

Thursday

APRIL 2

Lenten Weekday
Gn 17:3–9
Jn 8:51–59

Friday

APRIL 3

Lenten Weekday
Jer 20:10–13
Jn 10:31–42

Saturday

APRIL 4

Lenten Weekday
Ez 37:21–28
Jn 11:45–56

Sunday

APRIL 5

Palm Sunday of the
Passion of the Lord
Mt 21:1–11
Is 50:4–7
Phil 2:6–11
Mt 26:14–27:66
or Mt 27:11–54

A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

I invite you to think for a moment, in silence, here: Where is my interior necrosis? Where is the dead part of my soul? Where is my tomb? ...And to remove the stone, to take away the stone of shame and allow the Lord to say to us, as he said to Lazarus: "Come out!"

—HOMILY, APRIL 6, 2014

