



# Our Parish COMMUNITY

March 7, 2021

Third Sunday of Lent (B)

Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17

1 Cor 1:22-25

Jn 2:13-25

*While he was in Jerusalem for the feast of  
Passover, many began to believe in his name  
when they saw the signs he was doing.*

JOHN 2:23



## The Long Arm of the Law

**E**ventually you're going to get caught. That's what this expression means. And that is pretty much how most people understand law—as something that hems them in and, if disregarded, will get them in the end. But that is not how Israel understood its law. The psalm verses for today insist that the law refreshes the soul, rejoices the heart, enlightens the eye, is more precious than gold, and is sweeter than syrup or honey from the comb. The people cherished the law because it outlined for them how they were to live as God's Chosen People.

People who want to run a marathon, learn to fly a plane, or join a club are eager to take on the directives that will enable them to accomplish their goal. That is how Israel viewed the law outlined in today's first reading. It's as if God said: "If you want to be my people, this is the way you should live."

Whenever the law of Israel seems to be criticized (as is often the case in St. Paul's writings), it is not really the law itself but the inappropriate attitude toward it that is censured. As important and precious as the law might be, it is only a means to an end. It is not the end itself, any more than the directives for flying a plane are what are uppermost. From the Bible's point of view, the long arm of the law is meant to direct and support us, not intimidate us.

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

### *For Reflection*

- ★ *The laws in today's first reading deal with basic living. Which ones seem to be the hardest to live by? Why?*
- ★ *Which laws give you the most support as you try to live with integrity?*





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**Mass Schedule**

Weekdays - Wednesday 5:30pm and

Thursday - 9:00am

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

Sunday Mass - 9:00AM

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

No Events Scheduled

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

**For All Three Churches**

815-664-8241

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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\*\***

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**

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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 8, 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 13-14, 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

† Doris Schwamberger

† Dorothy Flaherty

† Rosemary Valencia

**Offered For**

† For The Parishioners

† Norma Templeton

† Angela Miller



### Latest 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 - 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 the themes are "The Truth About God" and "The True Israel".

### Confessions

The next confessions will be:

Sat - Mar. 13 - 10:30-11:15am - in St. Thomas More Hall in the northeast corner of hall. We are back to alternating between St. Thomas More and St. Patrick for confession of sins.

### This Week's Update

In case you missed the chapters of the Book of Leviticus, where we find our "Holiness Code", they are chapters 17-27. It is easy for us to forget that we, as Christians, are held by Jesus to what is written in the Bible. So it is always good for us to know it by reading it and live it!

This weekend we hear the biblical account of Moses receiving the Ten Commandments in our first reading. It is hard to hear this reading without thinking about the great movie about Moses, "The Ten Commandments". The foundation of every human being is to live by the Ten Commandments, not just Christians. Whether or not people want to deny God, we all stand before Jesus at our final judgment. At that time, Jesus will decide whether or not we are worthy of living in Heaven. Sadly, the devil is making too much progress in getting people to turn away from God.

Then in the Gospel when Jesus goes into the temple, which was turned into a marketplace, Jesus gets angry and overturns all the tables. Jesus wants us to always be focused on him and His Father in all we do with our lives. The Commandments give us a focus but unless we live them we fail the life Jesus wants us to live. We should be very grateful to God for all He has given us, especially Christ. The world is a great distraction, focus on Christ! May God always be with you! - Fr. Pat



# Dear Padre,

**Our deacon was preaching about Lent and mentioned that the Church calls us to *metanoia*. What did he mean?**

**M**ost of us think of Lent as a time of penance. We receive our ashes and take up some traditional practice of giving up something or doing something for Lent. But there's more to Lent than just practices of piety or acts of penance and mortification. Your deacon is correct. In Lent, the Church calls us to *metanoia*, a Greek word meaning "a change of mind and heart."

We begin a new way of thinking and acting. We take a long, hard look at our lifestyle and compare it to the values Jesus offers. Then we change our lives to match the values of the Lord. This, of course, is difficult to do alone. The Church asks us to pray during Lent that the Lord's power will enter our lives and give us the wisdom to see a new direction and the courage to move in that direction. The Church suggests we strengthen our resolve through acts of personal mortification and sacrifice for others. This will tighten the belt of our discipline and

train us for the more sweeping changes that we must make.

The Scripture readings for the first three weeks of Lent center on *metanoia*. The readings direct us to understand what is involved with "changing our hearts" and seeking a new life direction. Listen to them well and they will lead you to *metanoia*.

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## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*I urge the members of the Church to take up the Lenten journey with enthusiasm, sustained by almsgiving, fasting, and prayer. If, at times, the flame of charity seems to die in our own hearts, know that this is never the case in the heart of God! He constantly gives us a chance to begin loving anew.*

LENTEN MESSAGE FOR 2018, NOVEMBER 1, 2017



## Calendar

### Monday

MARCH 8

Lenten Weekday

2 Kgs 5:1–15ab

Lk 4:24–30

### Tuesday

MARCH 9

Lenten Weekday

Dn 3:25, 34–43

Mt 18:21–35

### Wednesday

MARCH 10

Lenten Weekday

Dt 4:1, 5–9

Mt 5:17–19

### Thursday

MARCH 11

Lenten Weekday

Jer 7:23–28

Lk 11:14–23

### Friday

MARCH 12

Lenten Weekday

Hos 14:2–10

Mk 12:28–34

### Saturday

MARCH 13

Lenten Weekday

Hos 6:1–6

Lk 18:9–14

### Sunday

MARCH 14

Fourth Sunday of Lent

2 Chr 36:14–16,

19–23

Eph 2:4–10

Jn 3:14–21