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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 In 2:13–25



The Long Arm of the Law

Eventually 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.

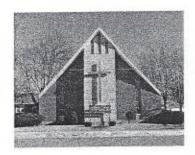
People who want to run a marathon, learn to fly a plane, or join a club are eager to take on the directives that will enable them to accomplish their goal. That is how Israel viewed the law outlined in today's first reading. It's as if God said: "If you want to be my people, this is the way you should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

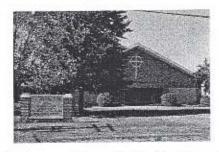
Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

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?



Holy Trinity Catholic Church



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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

*Pastor of the Three Churches

Fr. Patrick Fixsen Email: frpat.fixsen@gmail.com

Upcoming Events At Church

No Events Scheduled

Emergency Phone For All Three Churches 815-664-8241

St. Thomas More Church

302 Chestnut St. Dalzell, IL 61320

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Email: 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

Ray 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

Upcoming Events At Church

March 6 - Sausage Making

Daily Mass Intentions for

Masses the Week of March 8, 2021

Monday Tuesday

Facebook Link - 4:00PMSTM **Facebook Link - 9:00AM**STM

Wednesday

www.bureaucatholic.org/Facebook Link - 5:30PMHT

Thursday

www.bureaucatholic.org/Facebook Link - 9:00AMHT

Friday

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

Offered For

† No Mass

† Purgatorial Society

† Doris Schwamberger

† Dorothy Flaherty

† Rosemary Valencia

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 AMHT

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM (No Streaming)

Offered For † For The Parishioners

† Norma Templeton

† Angela Miller

**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)

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, will be followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Please join us!

St. Thomas More Rays

The Ray Twisters are busy making the delicious rays, 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 ray 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

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 very well done. The series is called the Church at 6:30pm Thursday's.

This week the themes are "The Truth About God" and "The True Israel".

Confessions

The next confessions will be: the Friday Stations of the Cross 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 Father Pat is presenting a 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 events in His life. The videos are Jesus goes into the temple, which was turned into a marketplace. Jesus gets "Jesus Christ - The Way, The angry and overturns all the tables. Truth & The Life". It will be Jesus wants us to always be focused presented at St Thomas More in 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?

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

Tuesday

Lk 4:24-30

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

