

May 10, 2020

Fifth Sunday of Easter (A)

Acts 6:1-7

1 Pt 2:4-9

In 14:1-12

What Is God Really Like?

hat is a very profound question, asked by children and adults alike. Answers range from the image of an old man in a white robe with a beard; the all-seeing eye on the back of the dollar bill; "the big guy" up there. Such answers seem frivolous when we think about the dynamic force behind the Big Bang from which evolved everything in the billions of galaxies that we know exist. What is such a God really like?

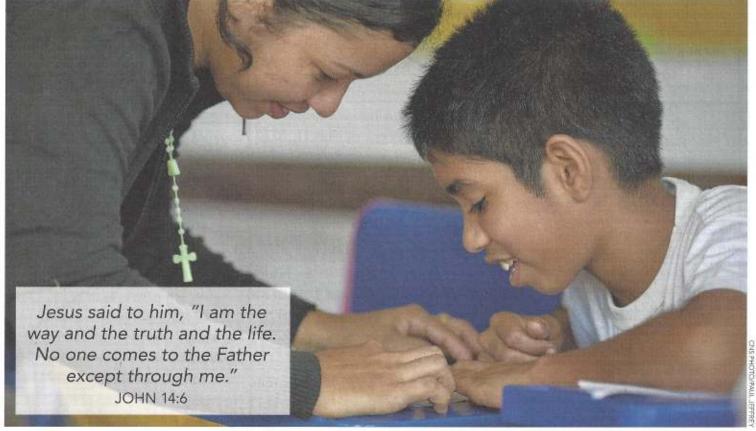
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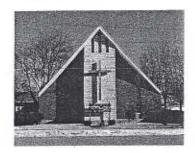
- * How do you think of God?
- * Why do you suppose you think of God in that way?

The disciples were probably not thinking of astrophysics when they asked Jesus about God. Their questions flowed from Jesus' constant reference to God as Father. That title in itself tells us something about God. It tells us that God, like a father, is the source of Jesus' being and existence.

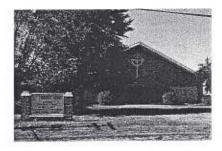
In today's Gospel, Jesus tells the disciples that he is about to return to his Father. He also assures them that they also will have a place with the Father. However, like us, they still are not sure what this Father is like. Jesus responds to their lack of understanding and suggests: "Look at me!" His life is lived for others. He is one who cares for those in need rather than walks past them, who forgives rather than condemns, who endures misunderstanding without retaliating, who tolerates the pettiness of others without being snide. Why is it so hard for us to realize that this is what God is really like?

-Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA





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

Upcoming Events At Church
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 Email: JulieHTC@outlook.com

Office Hours

Holy Trinity - Tues, Thurs, & Fri. - 9AM-12PM St. Thomas More -Wed - 9AM - 12PM

**<u>Facebook</u>: www.facebook.com/ htspstm

Upcoming Events At Church

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Daily Mass Intentions for

Masses the Week of May 11, 2020

www.bureaucatholic.org - 5:30pm

**www.bureaucatholic.org - 10:30AM

**www.facebook.com/htspstm - 10:30AM

<u>Thursday</u> Friday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Saturday:

**www.bureaucatholic.org - 10:30AM **www.facebook.com/htspstm - 10:30AM Offered For

† No Mass

† Nellie Cattani

† Purgatorial Society

† Special Intention

†Thomas Wagner

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions

Weekend of May 16-17, 2020

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 4:00PM † No Mass

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† No Mass † For The Parishioners

Offered For

Sunday: **www.bureaucatholic.org - 10:30 AM

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM † No Mass

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM † No Mass

Last Sunday's Offering

Holy Trinity -\$2335.00

St. Patrick -\$1135.00

St. Thomas More - \$2185.00

Visit Venerable Fulton Sheen At Cathedral in Peoria

Monday - Friday 2pm - 2pm 3pm - 6pm Saturday 9am - 2pm Sunday

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 -

? & ?

** Mass Intentions **

Intentions for weekday Masses. The and hast said to the angel 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 from all pestilence and from intentions can be paid through our online giving program, mail or dropping by our office.

Recurring Special Church Events

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

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

Third Monday of the Month -

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

Prayer In Times Of Pestilence (Coronavirus)

The Star of Heaven that nourished the Lord drove away the plague of death which the first parents of man brought into the world. May this bright Star now youchsafe to extinguish that foul constellation whose battles have slain the people with the wound of death.

O most pious Star of the Sea, preserve us from pestilence; Hear us, O Lady, for Thy Son honours Thee by denying Thee nothing. Save us, O Jesus, for whom Thy Virgin Mother supplicates Thee.

V: Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God. R: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray: O God of mercy, God of pity, God of benign clemency, Thou Who hast had compassion We are in need of Mass On the affliction of Thy people, striking them, "Stop thy hand:" For the love of this glorious Star,

whose breasts Thou didst sweetly drink as antidote for our crimes,

Grant the assistance of Thy grace. that we may be safely freed unprovided death;

And mercifully save us from the gulf of eternal perdition: through Thee, Lord Jesus Christ,

King of Glory, who livest and reignest,

world without end. Amen.

The Temporary Church Office Hours During Closure

The church office will be open from 9AM - 11AM on Tuesday through Friday.

Confessions

In continuing my plan to rotate the drive-up confessions between the three churches on Saturdays from 3 -3:45PM. This next Saturday's (5/16) confessions will at St. Patrick behind chapel followed by Holy Trinity the following week.

I am getting antsy to see people sitting in the pews again. Just as you are probably anxious to sit in them again. Pray for God's help in ending this crisis! Blessings through His Resurrected Son Iesus Christ!

Fr. Pat Fixsen

End Times Conference and Our Outlook

This week I will be sharing the Book of Revelation's seven seals as we are now about halfway through them. These are the signs of the times which we often refer to as signals to make sure we are living good and prayerful lives.

The conference will again be at 5:30PM followed by the rosary on Wednesday evening.

The Bishops of Illinois had a teleconference to discuss opening up churches and providing opportunities for Holy Communion. How to do it and to what extent are the big questions. I am sure, like the Diocese of Springfield, the priests of our diocese will be discussing the same. And when something is decided we will be sure to let you know. -

Then, after those discussions have taken place, we will likely have some direction as to the celebration of confirmations and first communions.

This week I will try again to do a couple Masses with Facebook Live. If you have a hard time finding it, search for "Trinity Churches". May God always protect us and be with us! And Happy Mother's Day to ALL MOTHER'S. Fr. Pat Fixsen

Dear Padre,

Are there models I can use to help me better understand what a mother is to do or be?

great model for mothers is the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Catechism of the Catholic Church uses the titles of Advocate, Helper, Benefactress,

and Mediatrix when speaking of Mary (CCC 969). These titles are important in explaining Mary's special relationship to us, her children. We can also use these titles to show how mothers today can relate to their children and spouses.

Mary encourages us in our efforts to follow Christ. So it is the duty of all mothers to be a guiding presence to their children as they begin to pray and learn to follow the Lord.

As Advocate and Helper, Mary assists us by her own prayer and example. Mary prays for us, and we only have to read Scripture to understand Mary's example of listening to God. Today's mothers share the task of praying for their children and spouses. A mother's example of

listening for God can teach her children the importance of seeking God's will.

As Benefactress, Mary is a patron and invites us to receive the graces that only her Son can bestow. In today's family, a mother offers a constant stream of love and encouragement to her spouse and children. She is the patron of love, a refuge from the harshness that life can bring.

As Mediatrix, Mary brings people together to be coworkers with Christ in the work of salvation. Also, a mother is a mediator, a coworker with Christ, helping her children and spouse on their journeys toward salvation. Her family is a little church where heaven and salvation are proclaimed. Happy Mother's Day!

> -Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSsR Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Be my ambassador, [Mary] says to us, giving food to the hungry, drink to those who thirst, a refuge to those in need, clothe the naked and visit the sick. Come to the aid of your neighbor, forgive whoever has offended you, console the grieving, be patient with others, and above all beseech and pray to God.

--- HOMILY, FEBRUARY 13, 2016

Calendar

Monday MAY 11 Easter Weekday Acts 14:5-18 Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday

MAY 12 Easter Weekday Acts 14:19-28 Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday

MAY 13 Easter Weekday Acts 15:1-6 Jn 15:1-8

Thursday

MAY 14 St. Matthias, Apostle Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 Jn 15:9-17

Friday

MAY 15 Easter Weekday Acts 15:22-31

Jn 15:12-17

Saturday

MAY 16 Easter Weekday Acts 16:1-10 Jn 15:18-21

Sunday

MAY 17 Sixth Sunday of Easter Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 1 Pt 3:15-18 Jn 14:15-21

