



What Is God Really Like?

That 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?

FOR Reflection

- ★ 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



Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

JOHN 14:6



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

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

All Events On Hold

****Emergency Phone****

For All Three Churches

815-664-8241

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Dalzell, IL 61320

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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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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:** www.facebook.com/
htspstm

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**Daily Mass Intentions for
Masses the Week of May 11, 2020**

Monday

www.bureaucatholic.org - 5:30pm

† No Mass

Tuesday

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

† Nellie Cattani

Wednesday

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

† Purgatorial Society

Thursday

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

† Special Intention

Friday

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

† Thomas Wagner

**Next Weekend's Mass Intentions
Weekend of May 16-17, 2020**

Saturday:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 4:00PM

† No Mass

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† No Mass

Sunday:

**www.bureaucatholic.org - 10:30 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 - \$2335.00
St. Patrick - \$1135.00
St. Thomas More - \$2185.00

Visit Venerable Fulton Sheen At Cathedral in Peoria

Monday - Friday 2pm - 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 -

? & ?

****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 - 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 That Week)

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 vouchsafe 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
On the affliction of Thy people,
and hast said to the angel
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
from all pestilence and from
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 Jesus 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?

A 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
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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