



May 17, 2020

Sixth Sunday of Easter (A)

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

1 Pt 3:15-18

Jn 14:15-21

## What Is Your Hope?

**W**e have hopes for ourselves and others. We hope for good health, for fulfilling work, for settled lives for our children. As valuable as such hope might be, that is not what Peter is referring to in today's second reading. He is talking about religious hope. Not hope *that*, but hope *in*. Not hope that God will give us what we ask, that God will supply what we cannot accomplish, that God will reward our faithfulness. That is also valid hope, but it is still not religious hope.

Genuine religious hope is hope or trust in God. Period. Trust in God when we have no idea what the future might bring. Trust in God when all our best plans crumble before us. Trust in God when we face the terrors of illness and death. This is a trust or hope for which we do not provide God plans to follow so our needs get met as we think they should be. It is a hope that enables us to place ourselves into the hands of God. Period.

This kind of hope asks for nothing and expects everything. Why? Because we are convinced that God loves us with a passion we can't possibly imagine and, therefore, wants what is best for us. This might seem like an impossible hope, but the reading goes on to list reasons to hope. God's love is exemplified by Jesus Christ, who "suffered for sins...that he might lead you to God" (1 Peter 3:18). Who could ask for more?

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

### FOR *Reflection*

- ★ Think of times when you were surprised by God's love.
- ★ Pray for the gift of genuine religious hope.

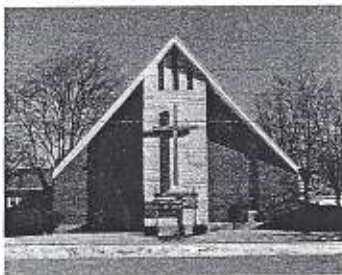
*Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope.*

1 PETER 3:15

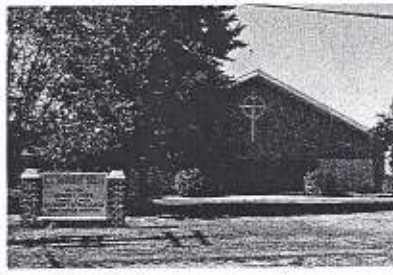


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**Holy Trinity Catholic Church**



**St. Thomas More Catholic Church**



**St. Patrick Catholic Church**

**\*\*Main Office\*\***

**Holy Trinity Church & Rectory**

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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**

**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

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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

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**All Events On Hold**

**Daily Mass Intentions for**  
**Masses the Week of May 18, 2020**

Monday

**\*\*www.bureaucatholic.org/Facebook Link - 5:30pm\*\*HT**

Tuesday

**\*\*Facebook Link - 11:15AM\*\*SP**

Wednesday

**\*\*www.bureaucatholic.org/Facebook Link - 11:15AM\*\*HT**

Thursday

**\*\*Facebook Link - 11:15AM\*\*STM**

Friday

**\*\*www.facebook.com/htspstm - 11:15AM**

† No Mass

**Offered For**

† Mary Rooney

† Leroy & Lucille Pinter

† Purgatorial Society

† Amelia Nanni

**Next Weekend's Mass Intentions**  
**Weekend of May 23-24, 2020**

Saturday:

**\*\*www.bureaucatholic.org/Facebook Link - 4:00PM \*\*HT**

† For The Sick

Sunday:

**\*\*Facebook Link - 11:00 AM\*\*STM**

† For The Parishioners

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM

† No Mass

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† No Mass



### On-Line Giving Offering's

Holy Trinity -	\$995.00
St. Patrick -	\$325.00
St. Thomas More -	\$130.00

### 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 ThatWeek)

### **New Changes In Our Diocese As We Finally Have Again Holy Communion Distribution Again**

This last week was a big week as our diocese was appointed a Co-Adjutor Bishop, a priest from the Archdiocese of Chicago, Fr. Louis Tylka. We need to pray for him, both priests and people of the Diocese of Peoria, as we adjust to each other and him taking over for Bishop Jenky when he retires.

In the other big news, we have finally received approval to distribute communion to people in their cars after Masses or other designated times. Holy Communion was approved to be received on the tongue or in the hand. If communion is received on the tongue, please stick out your tongue to receive. Otherwise, Father will have to re-sanitize his hands before continuing distribution of Holy Communion to the next people in line.

The schedule will likely change, week to week, for weekdays and weekends to offer Mass and Holy Communion on both sides of I-80. It may make it necessary to receive Communion before or after the Mass you may watch, please do what you need. **The Masses, in large part, are being moved back to 11am** so if people do not have internet access they can watch 11am EWTN Mass and come and receive Holy Communion as well. **Also Holy Communion will not be offered if it is raining.**

Thank God for letting some things getting closer to normal!

### **Temporary Church Office Hours**

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

### Confessions

Because response for drive-up confessions has not been great, Father will be changing confession times to every other week. The next confessions will be behind St. Patrick's chapel on May 30th from 11-11:45am.

### **End Times Conference and Our Outlook**

I regret changing the conference from this past week until this coming week. Again, this week I will be sharing the Book of Revelation's seven seals and their effect on our lives both as they have been already now and will be in the near future. These are the signs of the times which we often refer to as signals to warn us and make sure we are living good and prayerful lives. Jesus says all the time too many people and priests are not paying close enough attention to them to adjust their lives accordingly.

The conference will again be at 5:30PM followed by the rosary on Wednesday evening. It will be on both our website and Facebook.

After trying to get the Facebook working correctly, thanks to Ella Hollinger and her knowledge of Facebook, it is working good. The link works even if you don't have an account. The sound is reasonably good and I will try to improve it as time goes on. The Facebook page name is now under "Bureau Catholic Churches".

I did a Mass for the first time in awhile at both St. Patrick and St. Thomas More on Facebook. It is my only way. I don't have the camera equipment or internet available at St. Pats so the quality may not always be real good. Also if you noticed St. Thomas More had some painting done as a gift from Rob Dickson Painting who did a magnificent job. Thank You Rob!

May God always protect us and be with us! Fr. Pat Fixsen



# Dear Padre,

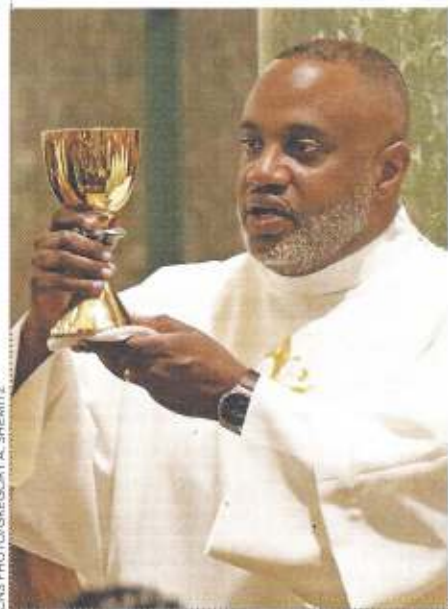
**After Mass a friend told me I belonged to “the priesthood of believers.” I’m not a priest! What did she mean?**

**A**t baptism, all of us became part of the laity. The word *laity* comes from the Greek word *laos*, which means “people.” The laity are the people of God. As people of God, we all share in the priesthood of Christ. This is why the Church speaks of the “priesthood of all believers,” because when we were baptized we were incorporated into Christ’s priesthood. Each of us is called to exercise our common priesthood within the Church, strengthening and serving each other. The exercise of priesthood means, above all, to serve.

The Church speaks of Jesus as our High Priest, the one who offers himself as the sacrificial animal. Jesus is the priest and victim, offering himself as a sacrifice to God. The priesthood that Jesus exercises is one of self-giving. All those who are called to the priesthood of Christ are called to serve as he did, offering themselves in a spirit of service and love.

This “priesthood of all believers” shouldn’t be confused with the sacrament of Holy Orders, which ordains to the office of bishop, priest, or deacon. These men are called by God and ordained by the Church to exercise the particular ministry of preaching the good news and administering the sacraments, especially the Eucharist. During Mass, the ordained priest represents Christ and also acts on behalf of all the people of God. His sacramental priesthood represents the common priesthood of the whole Church.

—Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSSR  
[Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org](mailto:Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org)



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## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*There are so many people waiting for us to go out and meet them and look at them with the tenderness that we have experienced and received from our relationship with God. That is where our power lies: not in our ideals and in our personal projects, but rather in the strength of his mercy.*

—ADDRESS TO THE ORDER OF AUGUSTINIAN RECOLLECTS,  
OCTOBER 20, 2016

## Calendar

### Monday

MAY 18

Easter Weekday

Acts 16:11–15

Jn 15:26–16:4a

### Tuesday

MAY 19

Easter Weekday

Acts 16:22–34

Jn 16:5–11

### Wednesday

MAY 20

Easter Weekday

Acts 17:15, 22–18:1

Jn 16:12–15

### Thursday

MAY 21

Easter Weekday

Acts 18:1–8

Jn 16:16–20

### Friday

MAY 22

Easter Weekday

Acts 18:9–18

Jn 16:20–23

### Saturday

MAY 23

Easter Weekday

Acts 18:23–28

Jn 16:23b–28

### Sunday

MAY 24

The Ascension

of the Lord

Acts 1:1–11

Eph 1:17–23

Mt 28:16–20