



Our Parish COMMUNITY

May 22, 2022

Sixth Sunday of Easter (C)

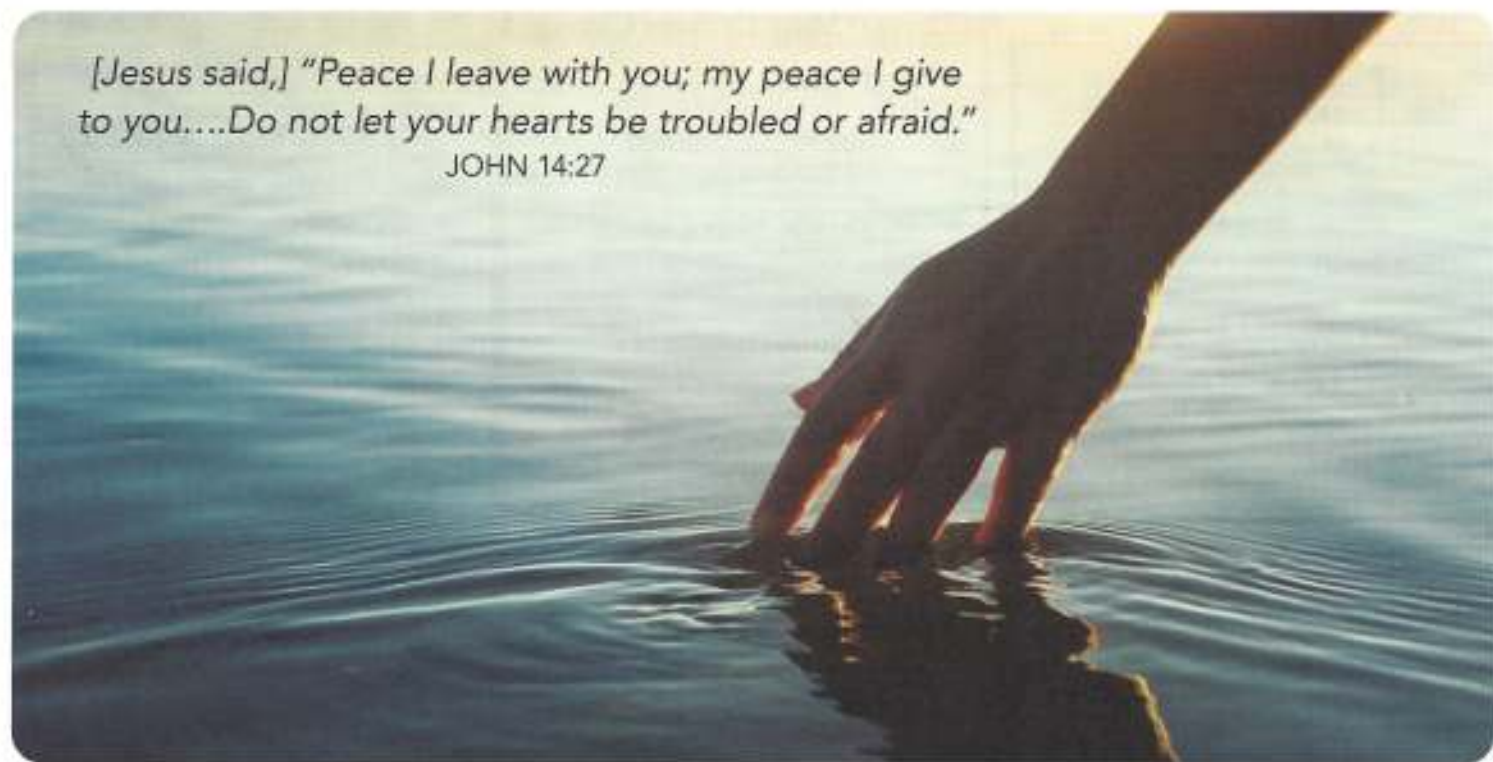
Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

Rev 21:10-14, 22-23

Jn 14:23-29

[Jesus said,] "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you....Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid."

JOHN 14:27



Times Are a-Changin'

Today's Gospel expands a theme mentioned on the fourth Sunday of Easter, namely, change in religious practice. Many good people find some Second Vatican Council changes difficult to accept. For example, they may not like the new Mass form or leniency in Church discipline. They prefer Latin chants and the organ rather than folk music with guitars. This dissatisfaction is not necessarily because they are stubborn or unbending. It could be they were taught that the truth of the Church is eternal and unchanging, and want to see that reflected in the liturgy.

Actually, such understanding of the unchanging Church is only partially correct. The fundamentals of our faith as expressed in the Creed have not changed. It is the ways we understand or practice our faith that have gradually developed. For instance, the Mass is still the Mass, with three essential parts. Yet, the wording of some prayers have changed, and at Mass we stand more and kneel less. Most are cultural changes, but

there are some changes in theological understandings too. We now recognize the religious value of other faith traditions; interfaith marriage is allowed with special permission; and we understand the teachings of the Bible in new ways.

Today's reading from Acts shows that, from its beginning, the Church changed. Paul and Barnabas did not require Gentile believers to conform to circumcision—a Jewish practice, not Christian. Dissention arose. But the Holy Spirit helped the leaders in Jerusalem move beyond long-standing past practices and into a new way of being faithful. We believe the Holy Spirit continues to work through believers to ensure that the gospel is always faithful, yet newly meaningful.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ *In what ways have changes made your faith more meaningful to you?*
- ★ *As we move toward Pentecost, pray to be open to the working of the Spirit in your parish.*



Holy Trinity Catholic Church

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Mass Schedule

Weekdays - Wednesday 5:30pm and

Thursday - 9:00am

Every other Saturday Confessions - at
STM & SP 10:30-11:15

Sunday Mass - 8:30am

***Pastor of the Three Churches**

Fr. Thaddeus Tran

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



St. Thomas More Catholic Church

For All Three Churches

Emergency Number

779-248-2164

St. Thomas More Church

302 Chestnut St.

Dalzell, IL 61320

Phone: (815) 663-6201

Email: thomasmore32@gmail.com

Mass Schedule

Weekday Mass -

Tues. & Fri. - 8:00am

Saturday Vigil Mass - 4:00 PM

Sunday Mass-5:00pm

Adoration Room

Open Monday-Sunday 9AM-6PM

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



St. Patrick Catholic Church

St. Patrick Church

(Office at Holy Trinity Church)

106 Church St.

Arlington, IL 61312

Phone: (815) 894-2006

Mail To: P.O. Box 159 Cherry 61317

Mass Schedule

Sunday Mass - 10:30 AM

***3 Churches Pastoral Assistant**

Julie Hollinger

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****Office Hours****

Holy Trinity - Tues.-Fri. -

9am-1pm

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

Daily Mass Intentions for Masses the Week of May 23, 2022

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

5/24** 8:00AM **STM

5/25**5:30PM **HT (Rosary before mass)

5/26** 9:00AM **HT

5/27**8:00AM**STM

Offered For

† NO MASS

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Next Weekend's Mass Intentions Weekend of May 28-29, 2022

Saturday:

Sunday:

5/28** St. Thomas More 4:00PM

5/29**Holy Trinity, Cherry** 8:30AM

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5PM - NO MASS

Offered For

† Alan Hahn

† Bill Pozzi Sr. & Fred Hollinger

† Lilley "Bonnie" Meyer

NO MASS



Please be reminded that the Feast of the Lord's Ascension which is traditionally celebrated on Thursday the 26th in this year's calendar is transferring to the following weekend of the 28th & 29th.

WELCOME

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Fr. Michael Schaab who is filling in while Fr. Thaddeus is away. Father Michael is a senior priest of the Diocese of Peoria who gives retreats and days of recollection, and who fills in as presider at parish Masses on weekends. He resides on a hobby farm in Putnam County. Fr. Mike is also a scripture columnist for the Catholic Post.

We can't thank him enough for coming and helping us with our weekend masses.

HT Parishioners should have received furnace donation letters. Your generosity and support are greatly appreciated.

THANKS FOR DONATING!

Thank you to those who have already sent a donation. Donations may be marked and put in collection basket, mailed/dropped to HT P.O. Box 159, Cherry

Latest Offering's Weekend May 15th

Holy Trinity -	\$1167.00
St. Patrick -	\$575.00
St. Thomas More -	\$605.00

Sixth Sunday of Easter

TWO SIDES OF CHRISTIAN LIVING are reflected in today's readings. The Gospel radiates a calmness and peace and reassurance that we all need so much. The First Reading, however, reflects the areas of difference and conflict that are bound to arise when even Christians come face to face with new problems and new questions for the articulation of their faith. Such conflicts, when properly handled, are necessary, even desirable, if we are to have a deeper understanding of the real meaning of our faith in a changing world.

Yet both calm and conflict have something in common. They remind us of the different ways in which God speaks to us. Through his Spirit, which Jesus promises to send after he has left his disciples in the flesh, he will continue to be present, to be with his community, the Church.

"If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him." The proof of our "love" for Jesus is that we keep his "word" and in turn we will experience the "love" of the Father, and the Father and Jesus will "abide" (make their home) in us. If we only had those words from Jesus and nothing else, they would be enough to guide us through life and point us in the right direction.

COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS.
NAME THEM ONE BY ONE.
COUNT YOUR
MANY BLESSINGS
SEE WHAT GOD HAS DONE.

Confessions

Please be reminded there will be no confessions during Fr. Thaddeus' trip to Florida. Father will hear confessions again on Sat. June 4th 10:30-11:15 at St. Thomas More Church in the hall.



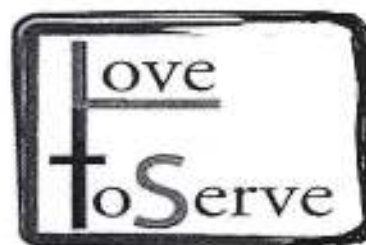
Memorial Day Services Monday May 30, 2022

Services will be conducted by the Ladd American Legion in remembering our Veterans and loved ones.

8:45am—Holy Trinity Miners
Memorial Cemetery

9:45—St. Patrick Calvary Cemetery

11:15—Veterans Park in Dalzell



We are off to a good start with our collection for St. Nicholas charity on wheels. Items will be collected until the end of May.

We are still in need of volunteers to gather items and bring to Sr. Michelle at the pickup sites. Collection sites are Thursday, June 9th at 10:30am at St. Patrick Church in LaSalle or Tuesday, June 21st at 4:30pm at St. Mary Church in Depue. Let the office know if you can help.

Dear Padre,

God gave humanity the skills for a child to be born to those suffering from infertility. So why does the Church oppose *in vitro* fertilization (IVF) after a couple has exhausted other options to conceive?

While the Church views having, raising, and educating children as a primary purpose of marriage, it also teaches that the means to achieve that goal must be morally appropriate. The Church considers *in vitro* fertilization (Latin for fertilization "in glass" or a laboratory) to be a morally inappropriate means for attaining that goal for two main reasons:

First, in practice, the IVF process almost always results in the destruction of living human embryos that do not get implanted in the woman, which the Church considers morally equivalent to abortion. Second, just as the Church teaches contraception is wrong because it entails the willful separation of the natural ends of the marital act, it also teaches that IVF is wrong because it replaces the dignity of the marital act with a technical procedure. In other words, IVF supersedes the act God willed to be the genesis of new life.

In addition, IVF demeans the dignity of the spouses and their parental role (and the dignity of a third-party sperm or egg donor, if one is involved).

All of this deprives the resulting child of a true filial relationship with his or her parents, turning the child into a technological commodity rather than a gift from God.

Couples must be careful not to become so obsessed with pregnancy that they lose perspective and fail to see other expressions of marital generativity, such as adoption, that expand marriage and provide a home to children who wouldn't otherwise have one.

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

We are living in a time of experimentation with life. But it is harmful experimentation. Making children, rather than accepting them as a gift, as I said. Playing with life. Be careful, because this is a sin against the Creator: against God the Creator, who created things this way.

ADDRESS TO ITALIAN CATHOLIC PHYSICIANS, NOVEMBER 15, 2014



Calendar

Monday

MAY 23

Easter Weekday

Acts 16:11–15

Jn 15:26–16:4a

Tuesday

MAY 24

Easter Weekday

Acts 16:22–34

Jn 16:5–11

Wednesday

MAY 25

Easter Weekday

Acts 17:15, 22–18:1

Jn 16:12–15

Thursday

MAY 26

St. Philip Neri, Priest

Acts 18:1–8

Jn 16:16–20

Friday

MAY 27

Easter Weekday

Acts 18:9–18

Jn 16:20–23

Saturday

MAY 28

Easter Weekday

Acts 18:23–28

Jn 16:23b–28

Sunday

MAY 29

The Ascension

of the Lord

Acts 1:1–11

Eph 1:17–23 or

Heb 9:24–28;

10:19–23

Lk 24:46–53

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and learn more about Dear Padre.