



May 24, 2020

The Ascension of the Lord (A)

Acts 1:1–11

Eph 1:17–23

Mt 28:16–20

Where Are You Looking?

Are we, like the disciples, looking in the wrong direction? As they looked up to heaven, they probably realized what they had lost. Jesus was no longer in their midst. But then, the Easter stories all tell us that they never really understood his risen presence with them. And so they were asked: “Why are you standing here looking at the sky?” (Acts 1:11).

Are we also looking up to heaven when we should be looking out to the world? Of course, it is right that we reflect on Jesus’ ascension. However, today’s understanding of the universe helps us realize that the biblical account of Jesus’ ascension into heaven may be a way of saying that he is glorified with God. As Paul says, he has been granted the place of honor at God’s right hand, “far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion” with “all things beneath his feet” (Ephesians 1:21–22). Jesus, now with God, radiates the full splendor of his resurrection.

We must turn to the Gospel passage to get the fullness of the story of the ascension. Jesus did not say: “Watch what is going to happen.” Instead he told them to go out: “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19). We might know these words so well that we miss their forcefulness. In effect, Jesus is telling them: go out to the whole world and tell them what you have seen and heard. I did what it was for me to do; now it is up to you to do the rest. Don’t worry, “I am with you always” (Matthew 28:20). Look where you’re going, not where I went.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ★ *In what ways have other people touched you with the mystery of the risen Jesus?*
- ★ *In what ways do you bring the reality of Jesus to people in your life?*



*Make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name
of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the holy Spirit.*
MATTHEW 28:19



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

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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

****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

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

All Events On Hold

**Daily Mass Intentions for
Masses the Week of May 25, 2020**

Monday

****www.bureaucatholic.org- 5:30pm****

† No Mass

Tuesday

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

† Bill Pozzi & Fred Hollinger

Wednesday

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

† Alan Hahn

Thursday

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

† Purgatorial Society

Friday

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

† Bonnie Abney Preiser

**Next Weekend's Mass Intentions
Weekend of May 30-31, 2020**

Saturday:

****Facebook Link - 4:00PM **STM**

Offered For

† For The Sick

Sunday:

****www.bureaucatholic.org/Facebook Link - 11:00 AM**HT**

† 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 -	\$0.00
St. Patrick -	\$0.00
St. Thomas More -	\$0.00

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)

Need For Volunteers At All Three Churches When Masses Begin Again

Our diocese, in conjunction with the Archdiocese of Chicago, is seeking volunteers to help assure at the Masses, at each church, we are adhering to social distancing guidelines and disinfecting after each Mass.

Besides myself, we need 6 more people to form a team to work out our guidelines for each of our three churches. We would need 2-3 people from each church. There is a webinar online through the Archdiocese of Chicago which we will need to complete so we can get certification to open the churches back up. So please let us know at the office if you are able to help! The sooner we get people certified, the sooner we will be able to get people back into church.

Current Mass Schedule And Holy Communion

This is the Mass schedule we will be using until the social distancing is a thing of the past.

The daily Masses will be celebrated at 11:15AM Tuesday through Friday. When the Mass for Reparation of Sins is celebrated on Monday evening, they will be celebrated Monday through Thursday. See Mass Intentions for church schedule. There will be 2 weekend Masses celebrated, Saturday at 4PM and Sunday at 11AM. They alternate between Holy Trinity and St. Thomas More.

The reason for the time changes are so people who do not have internet access can watch EWTN then come and receive Holy Communion in the parking lots.

Please come for Holy Communion at end of Mass! Father will wait about 15 minutes.

Confessions

The next confessions will be behind St. Patrick's chapel. This next Saturday, on May 30th from 11-11:45am.

End Times Conference

The final conference on the End Times and what we need to do to be prepared for them will be a week from this Wednesday on June 3rd.

The third conference will be about what we need to do in preparation for the things coming to our world that will greatly affect our lives. Our way of life will be changing drastically and according to Our Lord many lives will be lost. The conference will again be at 5:30PM followed by the rosary on Wednesday evening. It will be available through our website.

Again our Facebook link on our home page, on our website, takes you directly to where the Masses can be watched. An account is not needed to watch the Masses. However, it will be helpful in notifying you when Mass will be beginning. And, just in case you missed it, the Facebook page name is now under "Bureau Catholic Churches".

Besides this weekend being when we celebrate the Ascension of Jesus into Heaven, we celebrate Memorial Day and those who gave their lives for our freedom. We, just as Jesus returned to His Father to watch over us, we need to be thankful for the gift our military men and women gave in fighting for freedom. And today, we should include the first line responders who are fighting for our health's freedom from sickness!

Plenty to be thankful for! May God always protect us and be with us!

Temporary Church

Office Hours

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

Dear Padre,

I want to deepen the spiritual sense of Christ in my life. How can I create a strong spiritual connection to Jesus?

Your answer may be within your own parish. I suggest you begin your spiritual journey by connecting with a parish outreach group. When I worked as a missionary in Brazil, I marveled at how the youth groups that I worked with brought a deeper spirituality to my own life.

It was common in Brazil to have a three-day retreat leading up to Lent. Although this was a youth retreat, it also energized the adults who worked

with them. The highlight was on Ash Wednesday evening, when the teens would give public testimony at Mass to the Lord working in their lives. Their testimony inspired parishioners to rededicate themselves to educating the smaller children throughout the year. A youth group never lacks in spirit, which is usually contagious!

It's difficult to seek spiritual enlightenment alone. There's spiritual strength in numbers (even Jesus kept twelve disciples near him!), and even greater spiritual power within the graced walls of your parish. When you serve others, your spiritual path is deepened and expanded. Working with youths is just one

way to enhance your spiritual connection. Remember the words of St. Paul: "There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit" (1 Corinthians 12:4-7).

—Fr. John Gouger, CSSR
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

The Church holds out a mission, and I would like to entrust you with this mission. It is to go back and talk to your grandparents. Today more than ever we need this bridge, this dialogue, between grandparents and grandchildren, between the young and the elderly.

—WORLD YOUTH DAY PRAYER VIGIL, APRIL 8, 2017

Calendar

Monday

MAY 25

Easter Weekday

Acts 19:1-8

Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday

MAY 26

St. Philip Neri,

Priest

Acts 20:17-27

Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday

MAY 27

Easter Weekday

Acts 20:28-38

Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday

MAY 28

Easter Weekday

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11

Jn 17:20-26

Friday

MAY 29

Easter Weekday

Acts 25:13b-21

Jn 21:15-19

Saturday

MAY 30

Easter Weekday

Acts 28:16-20,

30-31

Jn 21:20-25

Sunday

MAY 31

Pentecost

Acts 2:1-11

1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13

Jn 20:19-23