



# Our Parish COMMUNITY

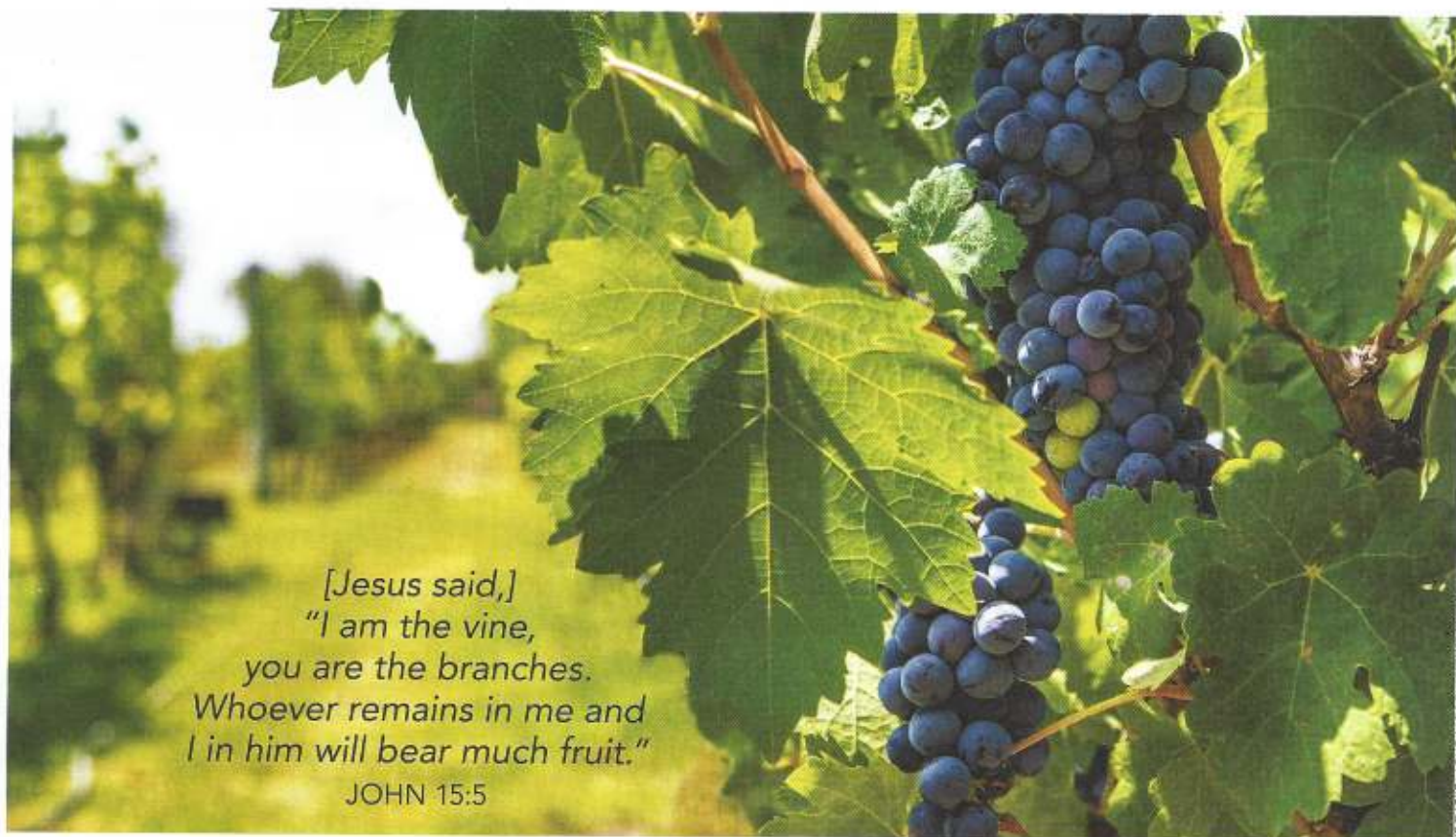
May 2, 2021

Fifth Sunday of Easter (B)

Acts 9:26–31

1 Jn 3:18–24

Jn 15:1–8



*[Jesus said,]  
"I am the vine,  
you are the branches.  
Whoever remains in me and  
I in him will bear much fruit."*

JOHN 15:5

## In or Not at All

**T**he little word *in* appears eleven times in the Greek text of today's short passage from John's Gospel (ten times in most translations), and it has the same meaning in all cases. It refers to an intimate relationship: We are in Christ; Christ is in us. This being *in* does not mean "inside," like being in a room or in a country. It means being an intimate aspect of something, like the relationship of a branch to the vine. Perhaps a way of understanding this intimacy is to remember that the branch cannot exist by itself, and there is no vine if there are no branches. We cannot be partially in. We are either in or out.

If we want to live and thrive, we must cherish and protect our relationship with Christ, who is our source of life and nourishment. Otherwise we risk being nothing more than dead branches, the usefulness of which is mere fodder for the fire. This sounds

like a harsh punishment. However, it is not really punishment. Rather, it is the inevitable consequence of cutting ourselves off from our supply of life-giving nourishment. Furthermore, being cut off does not happen accidentally; we choose it deliberately.

Finally, this metaphor of vines and branches is an image of the Church. Though each of us, by grace, is "in Christ," our source of life, the risen life of Christ surges through members of his body. Thus, when we are united to Christ by grace, we live in him as Christ lives in all of us.

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

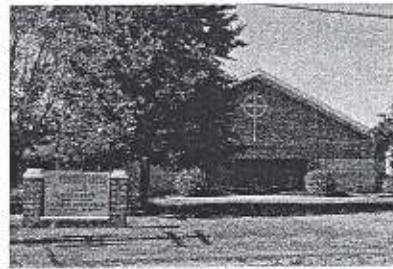
### FOR Reflection

- ✦ *Think for a moment of the ways Christ lives in you.*
- ✦ *Now think of how you might live in Christ.*





**Holy Trinity Catholic Church**



**St. Thomas More Catholic Church**



**St. Patrick Catholic Church**

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**Mass Schedule**

Weekdays - Wednesday 5:30pm and

Thursday - 9:00am

Saturday Confessions - 3:15-3:45 PM  
or by appointment

Sunday Mass - 9:00AM

**\*Pastor of the Three Churches**

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

**No Events Scheduled**

**\*\*Emergency Phone\*\***

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Dalzell, IL 61320

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**Mass Schedule**

Weekday Mass -

Tuesday & Friday - 9:00AM

Saturday Vigil Mass - 4:00 PM

**Sunday (Last Chance) Mass -  
5:30 PM (Suspended)**

**Adoration Room**

Open Monday-Saturday 9AM-8PM

Sunday - 9AM - 6PM

**Divine Mercy Prayers**

Every Friday 3:00PM (Outside Lent)

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

**No Events Scheduled**

**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](http://www.bureaucatholic.org)

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

**No Events Scheduled**

**Daily Mass Intentions for  
Masses the Week of May 3, 2021**

Monday

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

Tuesday

\*\*Facebook Link - 9:00AM\*\*STM

Wednesday

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

Thursday

\*\*www.bureaucatholic.org/Facebook Link - 9:00AM\*\*HT

Friday

\*\*Facebook Link - 9:00AM \*\*STM

**Offered For**

† No Mass

† Dominic & Dorothy Orlandi

† Joyce Hoscheid

† Doris Schwamberger

† Olivero Families

**Next Weekend's Mass Intentions**

**Weekend of May 8-9, 2021**

Saturday:

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

Sunday:

\*\*www.bureaucatholic.org/Facebook Link - 9:00 AM\*\*HT

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM (No Streaming)

\*\*St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 6:00 PM (Last Chance Communion)

**Offered For**

† Our Mother's

† Our Mother's

† Our Mother's

† No Mass (Only Holy Communion)

(\*\*Recommendation Watch Our Mass Online Or EWTN Mass Before Receiving Communion)



### Latest 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 12pm - 2pm  
Saturday 3pm - 5pm  
(Re-Opened Again)

### 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 - Mass/Rosary - 6PM  
(On Website)

(After Wednesday HT Evening Mass)

Friday's - Divine Mercy Chaplet -

On Facebook- 3PM -

St. Thomas More Adoration Chapel

### In May

#### Holy Water Available

When Easter comes, we have the great occasion to bless holy water for our personal use. While we are still not able to have holy water in the fonts at the entrance of the church. Some holy water bottles have been purchased for our parishioners and filled with holy water for you to take home and use. They are available after Mass or if you would like to call the office and we will figure out some way to get them to you.

#### New First Communicants

Congratulations to the five new First Communicants at our Mass this last Sunday, April 25th at Holy Trinity. May Our Lord's Real Presence always bless them!

#### Collection Envelopes

Also we still have many envelope boxes in our office. If you haven't received yours yet, please let us know how we can get them to you! We can get them to any of the three churches for you to pick them up. Thank you!

#### St. Thomas More Ravs

A BIG Thank You is in order for the Rav Twisters for their contribution to keep St. Thomas More Church financially stable. Everyone has enjoyed the tasty ravs but now it is time for the Rav Twisters to rehabilitate their fingers! And enjoy the summer!

Thank you to everyone who supported the church through the purchase of the ravs!

### Confessions

The next confessions will be:  
Saturday - May 8 - 10:30-11:15pm - at St. Patrick Church in the Chapel.

#### This Week's Update

The Gospel from Jesus this week reminds us that Jesus Christ is the key to everything good in our lives. Jesus' words given to us during his time on earth are what we need to live by to make it to heaven. His words give us the directions to help us keep our focus on what is good for each of us.

This Gospel also always reminds me of the gardener seen after Jesus' Resurrection. The gardener was Jesus. And it is Jesus who prunes our lives to keep us attached to His vine. If we let him!

The Gospel has another dimension in a prophetic sense as it tells us that those who don't believe in Jesus Christ will be thrown into the eternal fire. And those who believe in Jesus will do good with their lives and will be given whatever they ask for in their lives. So we just have to remain living on Jesus' vine for the life that will keep us connected to God our Father and in His grace.

Easter is the time to always realize how much God has given us through Jesus Christ. In times of struggle and difficulty, if we live our lives for Jesus he will be always be with us. Even in times when we may not realize it. In a world of instant gratification, as we live our faith God doesn't share the way in which our lives will conclude, although we may receive clues, to hopefully be in heaven! In the meantime, we need to stay on the true vine of Christ by always keeping our faith in the Risen Jesus Christ. Continue to have a Blessed and Happy Easter!

Fr. Pat Fixsen



# Dear Padre,

**Why is the Church considering a word change to the Our Father? It seems fine as it is.**

**O**f the two versions of the Lord's Prayer in Luke 11:2-4 and Matthew 6:9-13, Luke's is more concise. The petition, "and lead us not into temptation" in Greek means both "do not allow us to enter into temptation" and "do not let us yield to temptation" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2846). The *Catechism* includes the explanation from James 1:13: "God cannot be tempted by evil and he himself tempts no one," to certify that God "wants to set us free from evil. We ask him not to allow us to take the way that leads to sin." Consequently, Pope Francis reportedly approved the English wording, "do not let us fall into temptation" to replace "lead us not into temptation."

"It is not a good translation because it speaks of a God who induces temptation," the Pope said in 2017. "I am the one who falls. It's not him pushing me into temptation to then see how I have fallen." On the contrary, "a father helps you to get up immediately," he added. "It's Satan who leads us into temptation—that's his department."

However, unlike the change in the Italian Lord's Prayer that will appear in their third edition of *The Roman Missal*, no immediate plans have been made to change the wording in English-speaking countries.



THE TEMPTATION OF CHRIST BY THE DEVIL, BY FELIX JOSEPH BARBIER, 1860 / WIKIMEDIA

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## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*Let us not forget that the Our Father is the prayer of the poor. Our asking for bread expresses our entrustment to God for our basic needs in life. Everything that Jesus taught us in this prayer expresses and brings together the cry of all who suffer from life's uncertainties.*

FIRST WORLD DAY OF THE POOR, NOVEMBER 19, 2017

## Calendar

### Monday

MAY 3

Sts. Philip and James,  
Apostles

1 Cor 15:1-8

Jn 14:6-14

### Tuesday

MAY 4

Easter Weekday

Acts 14:19-28

Jn 14:27-31a

### Wednesday

MAY 5

Easter Weekday

Acts 15:1-6

Jn 15:1-8

### Thursday

MAY 6

Easter Weekday

Acts 15:7-21

Jn 15:9-11

### Friday

MAY 7

Easter Weekday

Acts 15:22-31

Jn 15:12-17

### Saturday

MAY 8

Easter Weekday

Acts 16:1-10

Jn 15:18-21

### Sunday

MAY 9

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:25-26,

34-35, 44-48

1 Jn 4:7-10

Jn 15:9-17