

Ask from one end of the sky to the other:  
Did anything so great ever happen before? Was it ever heard of?  
DEUTERONOMY 4:32



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## Wow!

**S**ome might think that “Wow!” is an inappropriate, even irreverent response, when talking about God. But what words would be appropriate? There are no words, there are no precise doctrinal statements that even come close to identifying God. The readings for today’s feast invite us to ponder, not define, this mystery.

The people at the time of Moses had no concept of a Trinitarian God. However, they were convinced that God worked in their lives. They believed they had been delivered from bondage by God, invited into a special relationship with God, and promised by God a long and fruitful life in a land they could call their own. In other words, they were cared for by God, who demonstrated again and again that they were loved. The Gospel story tells of how Jesus entrusted his disciples with the mission he himself had exercised during his lifetime.

What once might have been considered the special privilege of the nation of Israel was now seen as a promise for all nations. All people could now rely on God’s care for them and God’s ever-present love. Saint Paul identifies this privilege as the Spirit of adoption.

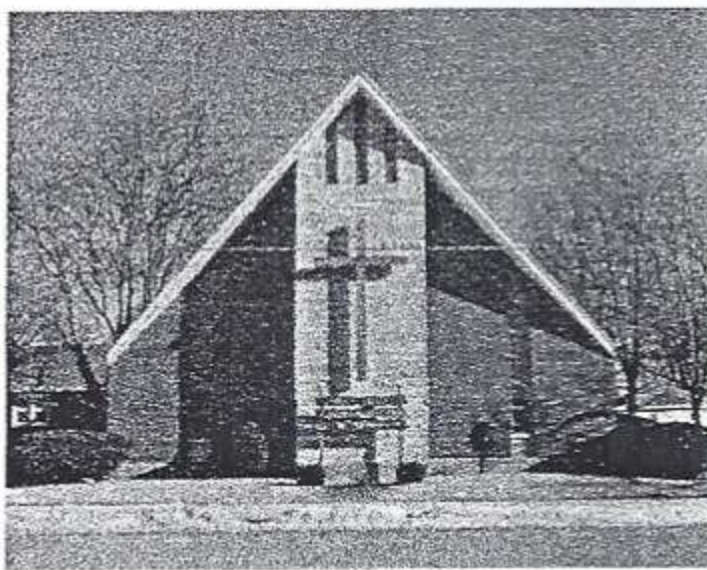
Today’s readings may not paint a clear picture of God or provide a precise definition. God is far beyond any picture or definition. However, each reading gives us a glimpse into the way God works in our lives—inviting us into intimacy, caring for us, loving us. Wow!

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

### FOR *Reflection*

- ★ *Spend time thinking how your life has been blessed with goodness.*
- ★ *Pray the Glory Be slowly and thoughtfully.*





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**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

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Fr. Patrick Fixsen

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

**No Events Scheduled**

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

**For All Three Churches**

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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

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**Mass Schedule**

Sunday Mass - 10:30 AM

**\*3 Churches Pastoral Assistant**

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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\*\***

**No Events Scheduled**

**Daily Mass Intentions for**  
**Masses the Week of May 31, 2021**

Monday

**\*\*Facebook Link - 9:00PM\*\*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**

† Our Loved Service Members

† No Mass

† Connolly Family

† Charlie & Hazel Keutzer

† No Mass

**Next Weekend's Mass Intentions**

**Weekend of June 5-6, 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**

† For The Parishioners

† Wayne Pinter

† Laurence Fonderoli

† 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

### Memorial Day Services

This Monday, May 31st, is Memorial Day. The day we pray for and honor our military men and women who have died in service of our country. We will start with a **Mass in Dalzell at 9AM**. Followed by services in **Arlington at Calvary Cemetery at 10:15am** and **Cherry at Holy Trinity Cemetery at 11am**.

### 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.

### Collection Envelopes

Also we still have many envelope boxes in our office. If you haven't received yours yet, please let us know as to 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!

### New Missalettes

### This Weekend

There are new missalettes in the 3 churches that begin this weekend. If you are still staying home for Mass and would like a book, please let us know and we will make one available for you!

### Confessions

The next confessions will be Saturday - June 5 - 10:30-11:15pm - at St. Thomas More Church in the hall.

### This Week's Update

This weekend we remember the Holy Trinity, the weekend after we celebrated Jesus sending the Holy Spirit on the Apostles and us through our own confirmation.

We have all gotten to know God Our Father through the Old Testament. We have gotten to know the truth about what should be the foundation of our faith in the Torah, or the first five books of the Old Testament. We have also gotten to know the foundation of our church teachings. And we need to always remember that the Ten Commandments were given by God to direct us in the life we need to live to reach heaven.

Then in the New Testament, we learn about the life, death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. We continue to see how Jesus can help us in our lives. We learn from Jesus' life how we should live in the world today and be united to him and God our Father. We witness Jesus' importance of time spent in prayer with His Father. Through Jesus' example, we need to always realize how important our time is for prayer to handle our daily lives and the situations we face in the world today.

So one more time this weekend we celebrate the Most Holy Trinity! We need to always rely on their support in our lives! We have to know them before this can happen. But this is up to us. Let us receive the blessings of the Trinity by always doing what is right for God and ourselves!

Fr. Pat Fixsen



# Dear Padre,

**I unsuccessfully tried using a clover to explain the Trinity to a non-Catholic relative. She says the leaves are separate and share a single stem, so it doesn't mean they're one entity. How can I help her understand?**

**L**egend tells us St. Patrick used a shamrock to speak about the God who is one and three, but that doesn't mean everyone will find the clover imagery convincing. It took hundreds of years, many arguments, and multiple Church councils to refine the basic outline of orthodox Christian belief in the Trinitarian nature of God. So, it's no great shock that you can't easily break it down into convincing sound bites for a resistant relative.

You should concentrate on the way humans came to know the Trinitarian God, how we have encountered the God who is at once Father, Son, and Spirit in the events of history and revelation. In sharing the way Christians have gradually understood what we do about the nature of the God who saves us, you can speak of how that understanding leads us to pray. Perhaps you can relate the Trinitarian concept to something more recognizable: the idea of a father and son, and the spirit of love that exists between them and also pours from them.

At our liturgies, we have a distinct pattern of praying to the Father, through the Son, in the Spirit. There's more than a shamrock to discuss in all of that. And remember the Creed we pray each Sunday. Discussions like yours are what the Creed was made for.

*Fr. Matthew Allman, CSSR*  
*Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org*



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## Calendar

### Monday

MAY 31

Visitation of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary

Zep 3:14-18a  
or Rom 12:9-16  
Lk 1:39-56

### Tuesday

JUNE 1

St. Justin, Martyr

Tb 2:9-14  
Mk 12:13-17

### Wednesday

JUNE 2

Weekday

Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a  
Mk 12:18-27

### Thursday

JUNE 3

St. Charles Lwanga and  
Companions, Martyrs

Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde,  
9-17; 8:4-9a  
Mk 12:28-34

### Friday

JUNE 4

Weekday

Tb 11:5-17  
Mk 12:35-37

### Saturday

JUNE 5

St. Boniface,  
Bishop and Martyr

Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20  
Mk 12:38-44

### Sunday

JUNE 6

The Most Holy Body  
and Blood of Christ  
(Corpus Christi)

Ex 24:3-8  
Heb 9:11-15  
Mk 14:12-16, 22-26



## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*God loves each one of us even when we make mistakes and distance ourselves from him. God the Father loves the world so much that, in order to save it, he gives what is most precious to him: his only-begotten Son....The Trinity is therefore love, wholly at the service of the world.*

ANGELUS, TRINITY SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2020