



Every Nation, Race, People, and Tongue

Today's readings tell us of the Church's universality.

The Church might have been born of the people of Israel, but from its beginning it was meant to spread throughout the world—and it has.

The first reading describes the success that Paul and Barnabas enjoyed in cities in what today is Turkey. Believing that Jesus was the fulfillment of Jewish expectation, these missionaries naturally went first to the synagogues, where they preached to the Jewish people and those who had recently converted to Judaism. The next week the entire city came to hear them. This angered many of the Jewish people. The text says that this was because they were jealous of Paul and Barnabas. Jealous of what?

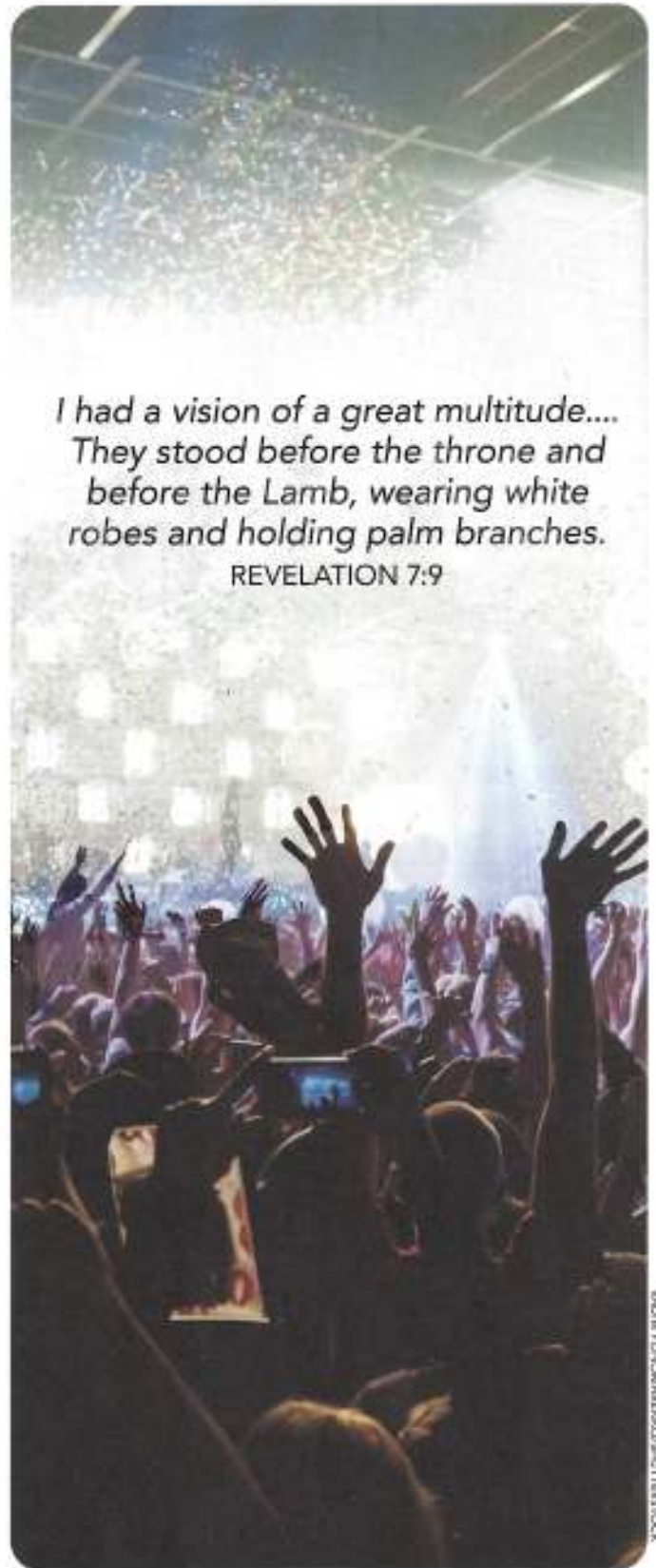
We know that many Jewish-Christians believed that converts had to accept the practices of Judaism before they were considered full members of the Jesus movement (see Acts 15:1). They maintained that everyone should be the same. Mention of converts in this story suggests this may have been the issue. Whatever the problem might have been, the movement spread, adapting itself as it did.

The vision reported in Revelation assures us that, in the end, the spread of the gospel will see completion. It will have been preached to and accepted by "every nation, race, people, and tongue" (7:9). This speaks of genuine universality rather than uniformity. This is unity among diversity. The distinctiveness of nation, race, people, and tongue will be respected because what really unites them is the "blood of the Lamb" (Revelation 7:14).

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ✦ *How open are you to people of other nations, races, or tongues?*
- ✦ *What might you learn from people with different backgrounds?*





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****

**Our CCD Program for 2021-2022
has ended. See you in the Fall.**



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**

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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 9, 2022**

Monday

Tuesday 5/10** 8:00AM **STM

Wednesday 5/11**5:30pm**HT (Rosary before mass)

Thursday 5/12** 9:00AM **HT

Friday 5/13**8:00AM**STM

Offered For

- † No Mass
- † Purgatorial Society
- † Angelina Pommier
- † Kenny & Mary Lehn
- † Nancy Shaw

**Next Weekend's Mass Intentions
Weekend of May 14-15, 2022**

Saturday: **5/14** St. Thomas More 4:00PM—

Sunday: 5/15**Holy Trinity, Cherry** 8:30AM
St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM

**St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5PM

Offered For

- † Lyla Maggio
- † Mina DeAngelo & Nellie Giacomelli
- † Lawrence & Virginia Lucas
For the Parishioners



Month
of
Mary

The month of May is dedicated to
The Blessed Virgin Mary.

Please note!

Fr. Thaddeus will travel to Orlando, Florida, for his nephew's priestly ordination, during which Father Thaddeus will be the vesting priest for his nephew. His trip will begin May 19, 2022 and he will return on June 2, 2022.

During his absence Fr. Michael Schaab will help with all the weekend masses. Please be informed during this time there will be NO 5pm Sunday mass.

Also, since there will be no confessions available during Fr. Thaddeus' absence, parishioners are encouraged to make their confessions before his trip.

HT Furnace Donations

Anyone wishing to help by donating to the HT Furnace Project can do so by dropping envelopes in the collection baskets, or send to the church office @ HT P.O. Box 159. A letter will be sent to all members of Holy Trinity Church, asking for their donations towards the new furnace expenses.

Thank you
FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Latest Offering's Weekend May 1st

Holy Trinity -	\$812.00
St. Patrick -	\$669.00
St. Thomas More -	\$976.00



Happy
Mothers
Day

As we honor all our earthly mothers today. We like to honor our heavenly mother, The Blessed Virgin Mary as well. She is the most perfect, most beloved and the best mother that we and especially those who are mothers can learn from. Her presence in our lives is a motherly presence. We call her *Our Blessed Mother*. Indeed, from the Cross, Jesus gave her to us as our Mother and entrusted us to her as her children. Jesus' words to John, the beloved disciple, were also addressed to all of us: *Behold your mother!* From the cross, Jesus gave us the beautiful gift of his mother to be our mother too. He made his mother the mother of all the members of his Mystical Body, the Church. Jesus invites us to accept Mary as our mother and to respond to her motherly love as true children.

Marian Mothers Day Prayer

Holy Mary, Mother of Our Lord Jesus, hear my prayer for my own dear mother. Take her hand as I hold her in my heart and mind. Let the strength you have known as a mother fill her body. Let the devotion you feel for our Lord fill her heart. Let the grace that surrounds you fill her spirit. Holy Mary, may your divine presence In my mother's life, today and every day, bring her joy
And peace forever. Amen.

Confessions

The next confessions will be Saturday - May 14th 10:30-11:15- at St. Patrick in the chapel.



Catholic Charities

DIocese OF PEORIA
MINISTRY OF SERVICE

St. Nicholas Charity on Wheels is a ministry of Catholic Charities serving families in need across the Peoria Diocese. To aid this mission, Catholic Women are organizing a Diocesan collection of supplies by vicariate each month. Our parishes will start collecting supplies at our masses starting next week.

Volunteers are needed to deliver collected items to Sr. Michelle Fernandez at one of the near collection pickup sites, such as LaSalle or Depue in June.

ITEMS NEEDED:

Laundry Soap—Paper Towels- Toilet Paper-Shampoo-Conditioner-Body Soap -Tooth Brushes and Tooth Paste.

Visa-Walmart and Gas Gift Cards in any amount are also needed.

This project will help families in need throughout the Peoria Diocese to make ends meet, care for their families and experience the Catholic faith in action.

Matt 25:35 "I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink.....whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me."

Let us take this Bible verse to heart in giving to the St. Nicholas Charity.

Dear Padre,

Because it's not in the Bible, our Protestant friends don't believe in purgatory. When did the Catholic Church adopt this belief?

"All who die in God's grace and friendship, but [who are] still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they [must] undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter

the joy of heaven" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1030). This process of purification is purgatory.

The word *purgatory* may not appear in the Bible, but it does capture a truth found there. Scriptural imagery of figuratively passing through fire for spiritual refinement helped formulate the doctrine of purgatory in the patristic period (see 1 Corinthians 3:15). Forgiveness of sins after death is also suggested in Matthew 12:32 and 2 Timothy 1:18.

By the Middle Ages, purgatory had been defined at the Second Council of Lyons (1274), the Council of Florence (1439), and in the Decree on Purgatory at the Council of Trent (1563). The doctrine of purgatory

is part of our Tradition and deposit of faith. At one of his weekly general audiences in 2011, Pope Benedict XVI said, "Purgatory is like a purifying fire burning inside a person, a painful experience of regret for one's sins. A soul stained by sin cannot present itself to God" (see Revelation 21:27).

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REINATA SEDIMANOV/SHUTTERSTOCK

Calendar

Monday

MAY 9

Easter Weekday

Acts 11:1-18

Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday

MAY 10

Easter Weekday

Acts 11:19-26

Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday

MAY 11

Easter Weekday

Acts 12:24-13:5a

Jn 12:44-50

Thursday

MAY 12

Easter Weekday

Acts 13:13-25

Jn 13:16-20

Friday

MAY 13

Easter Weekday

Acts 13:26-33

Jn 14:1-6

Saturday

MAY 14

St. Matthias, Apostle

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26

Jn 15:9-17

Sunday

MAY 15

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 14:21-27

Rv 21:1-5a

Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

Know Someone Overly Anxious About Sin?

Since 1964, the Redemptorists' Scrupulous Anonymous free monthly newsletter has ministered compassionately to those struggling with scrupulosity. To subscribe, visit ScrupulousAnonymous.org.

A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

It is vitally important for the Church today to go forth and preach the gospel to all: to all places, on all occasions, without hesitation, reluctance, or fear...The Book of Revelation speaks of "an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tongue and tribe and people."

EVANGELII GAUDIUM, NOVEMBER 24, 2013

