



Our Parish COMMUNITY

May 9, 2021

Sixth Sunday of Easter (B)

Acts 10:25–26, 34–35, 44–48

1 Jn 4:7–10

Jn 15:9–17

God's Call

The story about Cornelius shows that God's call is not restricted by our likes and dislikes. Cornelius was a Roman, a citizen of the nation that was occupying Israel. More than that, he served in a military that exercised harsh control over the inhabitants of the land. A man like this would not have been loved by the Jews of the day. However, Cornelius recognized Peter as a representative of God, and his fundamental faith opened him to the gift of the Holy Spirit. All those who were listening to Peter's words were then baptized. They were then one with the community of believers.

Faith, baptism, and incorporation into the community of believers are offered to Jew and Roman alike. They are offered today to those who are members of our own religious, racial, or ethnic groups and those who are not; those who are socially or politically vulnerable, and those with power. The issue is not who does God favor, but who favors God.

The Gospel story reinforces this point. It insists that God's love for us is the foundation of everything. We are told: "Love one another as I love you" (John 15:12). God's love is all-inclusive. So should our love be all-inclusive. If God's love is for all, it follows that we are all favored by God—all chosen and cared for by him. This includes even those who might be our political adversaries, or who might exercise exacting authority over us, or who cherish different religious ideas. Imitating God's love requires that we will goodness to others—even those with whom we disagree or who have caused us harm.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- * Pray that you might be able to accept the goodness of people with whom you disagree socially, politically, even religiously.
- * You belong to a believing community. Think of how this has strengthened your faith.



[Jesus said,]
"Love one another
as I love you.
No one has greater
love than this,
to lay down
one's life for
one's friends."
JOHN 15:12–13



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**

Fr. Patrick Fixsen

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

No Events Scheduled

****Emergency Phone****

For All Three Churches

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St. Thomas More Church

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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

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

No Events Scheduled

**Daily Mass Intentions for
Masses the Week of May 10, 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**

**Next Weekend's Mass Intentions
Weekend of May 15-16, 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)**

† No Mass (Only Holy Communion)

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

Offered For

† No Mass

† Angelina Pommier

† Joyce Gillan

† Purgatorial Society

Special Intention

Offered For

† Dec. Memb. Bacidore Family

† Laurence Lucas

† For The Parishioners

Latest Offering's

Holy Trinity - \$2573.00
St. Patrick - \$2265.00
St. Thomas More - \$1485.00

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 15 - 10:30-11:15pm -
at St. Thomas More Church in the hall.

This Week's Update

In a world that is full of hatred, we hear these words from John. "Everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love." So is the reason for the amount of hatred in the world today because people have forgotten about God in their lives?

In the Easter season, we hear the importance of Jesus' death through John's words, "not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins." Everything good comes from God and everything good happens because of God.

The importance of the Ten Commandments is because they direct us in how we love God by challenging us in adhering to them. So the Commandments test us in how we love God, love ourselves, and love our neighbor. And in what is easy for us to forget, we struggle in loving others if we don't love ourselves. And the deeper our relationship is with God, the easier it is for us to love those around us.

People love talking about love. However, to love God or someone else at the expense of ourselves is often a very difficult challenge. If we receive the Jesus in the Holy Eucharist frequently, and are in a proper state of grace to receive Holy Communion, we allow Jesus to strengthen our love for Him and others! Continue to have a Blessed and Happy Easter!

Fr. Pat Fixsen

Dear Padre,

How does a priest keep the confession of a grievous sin by someone he knows from affecting their personal relationship?

One of a priest's most sacred responsibilities is the confidentiality of the confessional. This confidentiality encompasses everyone—even the priest and penitent outside the confessional. A priest is not allowed to discuss the confessed sin with the person outside the confessional unless permission is granted for further counseling.

The confessor is also forbidden to use any knowledge gained through the sacrament of reconciliation to restrict the penitent. For instance, if a pastor's bookkeeper confessed he was embezzling money, the pastor could not use the knowledge acquired in the confessional to fire the person.

Priests generally try to forget the specific sins parishioners confess to us, and it really isn't that difficult. Contrary to what many think, a parishioner's sins do not rush into my mind when I speak to him or her.

We have all sinned, done things we are ashamed of, things we wouldn't want anyone to know about, things we wouldn't want others to define us by. This knowledge and the grace of the sacrament help us look past the mistakes of others and recognize Christ within them.

Fr. Rick Potts, CSSR
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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Reconciliation itself is a benefit that the wisdom of the Church has always safeguarded with all her moral and legal might, with the sacramental seal....It is indispensable for the sanctity of the sacrament and for the freedom of conscience of the penitent...that the sacramental conversation will remain within the secrecy of the confessional.

ADDRESS TO APOSTOLIC PENITENTIARY, MARCH 29, 2019

Calendar

Monday

MAY 10

Easter Weekday

Acts 16:11–15

Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday

MAY 11

Easter Weekday

Acts 16:22–34

Jn 16:5–11

Wednesday

MAY 12

Easter Weekday

Acts 17:15, 22–18:1

Jn 16:12–15

Thursday

MAY 13

Easter Weekday

Acts 18:1–8

Jn 16:16–20

Friday

MAY 14

St. Matthias, Apostle

Acts 1:15–17, 20–26

Jn 15:9–17

Saturday

MAY 15

Easter Weekday

Acts 18:23–28

Jn 16:23b–28

Sunday

MAY 16

Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1–11

Eph 1:17–23

or Eph 4:1–13

or 4:1–7, 11–13

Mk 16:15–20