

## Ready or Not, Here I Come

**A**s children we called out this chant when playing hide-and-seek. However, it could very well describe the message of two of today's readings. Paul reminds the Thessalonians that "the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night" (1 Thessalonians 5:2). The Gospel tells a story about a man who returns after a long journey and intends to settle accounts with those whom he put in charge of his household. In both instances, the one returning might cry out, "Ready or not, here I come!" The point of each story: Be ready! But how? The Thessalonians are told they "are children of the light" (5:5). The Gospel suggests what that expression might mean—be responsible for what has been given to you.

In the Gospel, some servants fully use the talents given to them. However, one servant buries what he received. If that was not bad enough, that servant alleged fear of the householder as reason for his lack of initiative. If he knew that the householder was as demanding as he stated he was, he should have realized that his master would expect him to use what had been given. There is no excuse here in refusing to use what was given, nor in blaming the householder.

All of us have been given life, talents, and abilities. We are expected to use them. This is what it means to live fully. Surely we Catholics will be excited, not afraid, when the Lord announces, "Ready or not, here I come!"

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

*Let us not sleep as the rest do,  
but let us stay alert and sober.*

1 THESSALONIANS 5:6

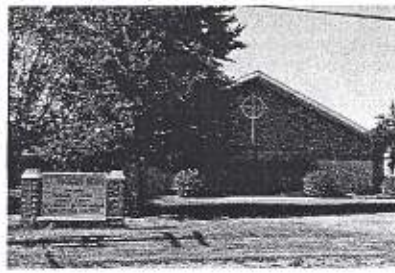
### FOR *Reflection*

- ★ Are you faithful to your responsibilities?
- ★ If not, what is holding you back?





**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-Saturday 9AM-8PM

Sunday - 9AM - 6PM

**Divine Mercy Prayers**

Every Friday 3:00PM

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

**Dec. 5 & 12 - Chicken Dinner**  
**(Will Call and Limited Delivery)**

**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\*\***

**Dec. 14 - Sausage Making**  
**(Order Forms Back Of Church)**

**Daily Mass Intentions for**  
**Masses the Week of November 16, 2020**

**Offered For**

Monday

† No Mass

Tuesday

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

† Eugene Weberski

Wednesday

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

† Mariam Khawam

Thursday

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

Special Intention

Friday

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

† Alan Portzen

**Next Weekend's Mass Intentions**  
**Weekend of November 21-22, 2020**

**Offered For**

Saturday:

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

† Alan Goodrick

Sunday:

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

† For The Parishioners

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

† Laurence Fonderoli

**\*\*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)**



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

(After Wednesday HT Evening Mass)

Friday's - Divine Mercy Chaplet -  
On Facebook- 3PM -

St. Thomas More Adoration Chapel

### In This Month Of The All Souls

While we are into the month after the month of the Holy Rosary, we still have a great need to pray the Holy Rosary! This month we should pray for the souls in purgatory to be released into Heaven! We can pray for a relief from the evil that is everywhere in the world today! Praying the rosary every day is especially important for all of us. And you don't need to be Catholic to pray the rosary!

Still, the news out of Heaven continues to remind us to be prepared for events that will lead to much death in the world. Even things that will keep many souls from Heaven. So what can we do? First of all, PRAY and PRAY the Rosary as often as possible.

If we go back to the time of the Passover, Jews were told to put lambs blood on the door jambs to escape the angel of death. Today, we have been given Exorcised Water and Salt. All we need to do is pray the prayers for protection of homes along with using Exorcised Salt and Water in the prescribed prayers which are available in the back of the church or by the doors of the church. But the prayers need to be prayed from the heart and not just read. Our Heavenly Father wants to feel our sincere desire for our homes to be protected. And He will help us.

The Exorcised Water and Salt is available in two places: St. Patrick and St. Thomas More halls after Masses. For the water, a clean sprayer that can shoot a tight stream would be best to spray around doorways, windows or other openings (like vents) to outside the home. The salt is in little baggies which should be sufficient to use for the prayers. On the four corners of your land.

The Crucifixes are on order and should be here between Wednesday and Friday of next week. Thanks and your orders help the Christians in the Holy Land too!

### Confessions

The next confessions will be in the Holy Trinity Church parking lot on Saturday, November 28th from 11-11:45am. (Location may change.)

### This Week's Update

This week we near the end of this liturgical year and also the beginning of Advent. I have made up the confession schedule for Advent but it all could go out the window. That is if we have The Warning or the Illumination of Conscience, I will increase the confession schedule to hear more confessions daily as we near the next major spiritual event six weeks later.

As we near Advent, it is a great time to put away old bad habits and increase our holiness because of our love of God. As we can see by the corruption of the media and the voting system this year, the devil is making his last push to be the ruler of our souls. And Jesus is pushing back. And as we all know through Sacred Scripture, Jesus WILL beat the devil. But we have to be very careful to do things which will always help our soul through our spirituality. It is always up to us by our own free will to know what the church teaches and live good holy lives!

This weekend we hear the parable of the talents. We are reminded that we have been given talents by God to use on His behalf. So what have we done with them? We have so many wonderful people with our three churches. Many have been great with giving their time and talent to keep our churches going! Whether it be from fixing church bathrooms, landscaping, cleaning the church, painting, there are many things that God sees being done as a gift to our churches He is keeping track of. These will lead to a great reward in heaven. So be holy, stay close to Christ, we need Him now more than ever!



# Dear Padre,

## Is it OK to donate my body to science?

**Y**es, and here is some background. Christ makes possible a new and eternal creation. He “will change our mortal bodies to be like his in glory, for he is risen, the firstborn from the dead” (*Order of Christian Funerals*, 219).

Resurrection, then, is not a return to life as we know it. The body is not a resuscitated one like Lazarus’ (see John 11), but a resurrected one like Christ, transformed and glorified. Christians traditionally revere the body—while alive, and at the time of death—because we are created in God’s image. Some reason that such respect for the body prevents donating it to science, but that’s not the opinion of the Church.

“Catholic health care institutions should encourage and provide the means whereby those who wish to do so may arrange for the donation of their organs and bodily tissue, for ethically legitimate purposes, so that they may be used for donation and research after death” (*The Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services*, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 63).

It’s advisable to make this decision to donate in consultation with family members or health care providers. Many, echoing St. John Paul II, consider such a self-giving act in death “with a view to offering a chance of health and even of life itself to the sick who sometimes have no other hope” (*The Gospel of Life [Evangelium Vitae]*, 86) as a supreme manifestation of what it means to be Christian!

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR  
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### A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*From our own death and from our gift the life and health of others, sick and suffering, may spring forth, helping to reinforce a culture of help, of giving, of hope, and of life. In the face of the threats against life...society needs these concrete gestures of solidarity and generous love.*

—ADDRESS TO ITALIAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE DONATION OF ORGANS, TISSUES, AND CELLS, APRIL 13, 2019

## Calendar

### Monday

NOVEMBER 16

Weekday

Rv 1:1–4; 2:1–5

Lk 18:35–43

### Tuesday

NOVEMBER 17

St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

Rv 3:1–6, 14–22

Lk 19:1–10

### Wednesday

NOVEMBER 18

Weekday

Rv 4:1–11

Lk 19:11–28

### Thursday

NOVEMBER 19

Weekday

Rv 5:1–10

Lk 19:41–44

### Friday

NOVEMBER 20

Weekday

Rv 10:8–11

Lk 19:45–48

### Saturday

NOVEMBER 21

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Rv 11:4–12

Lk 20:27–40

### Sunday

NOVEMBER 22

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Ez 34:11–12, 15–17

1 Cor 15:20–26, 28

Mt 25:31–46