

*We who are alive, who are left, will be
caught up together with them in the clouds
to meet the Lord in the air.*

1 THESSALONIANS 4:17

Everybody Wants to Go to Heaven, but Nobody Wants to Die

This is the title of a bluegrass song as well as a book on bioethics. It's a clever title, and there is some profound truth in it. Death, which is so natural for living things, seems so unnatural to human beings, who cling tenaciously to life. One would think that believers who hold that Christ conquered death would be comforted by that faith. However, that isn't always the case. It's not that they don't believe; it's that they don't *understand* what they believe. But that is the difference between understanding and believing.

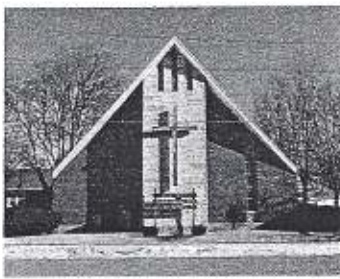
This is the problem described in Paul's letter today. The Thessalonians believed that, through his resurrection, Christ conquered death. Then why did some among them begin to die? Did those dying lack faith? No, Paul insists. Jesus, who died and rose, embraces those who have died and who will rise with him. Did the people fully understand this? Do we? Isn't this a question of faith—and trust?

Paul thought that he and other believers could still be alive when the rising would happen, and they were not. Or were they? Doesn't our faith give us hope that we—both the living and the dead—will be embraced by God's mercy? Doesn't something wondrous occur when those who have "fallen asleep" wake up in the glory of God? Still, we might not understand all of this, but we are called to believe, and in believing we are told to "console one another with these words" (1 Thessalonians 4:18).

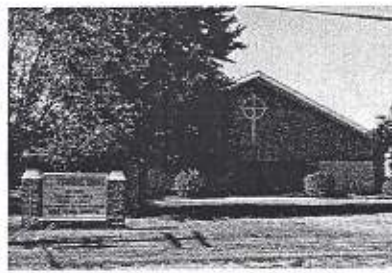
—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ✦ *What about death frightens you?*
- ✦ *At such moments, remind yourself that God loves you and that the risen Christ will embrace you.*



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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

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

All Events On Hold

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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****

All Events On Hold

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

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Page - www.bureaucatholic.org

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

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**Daily Mass Intentions for
Masses the Week of November 10, 2020**

Offered For

Monday

† No Mass

Tuesday

Facebook Link - 9:00AMSTM

† Agnes Bernabei

Wednesday

www.bureaucatholic.org/Facebook Link - 5:30PMHT

† Norma Templeton

Thursday

www.bureaucatholic.org/Facebook Link - 9:00AMHT

† Kathleen Waite Schmitt

Friday

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

† Sy Pyszka

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions

Weekend of November 14-15, 2020

Offered For

Saturday:

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

† Julie Taliani

Sunday:

www.bureaucatholic.org/Facebook Link - 9:00 AMHT

† Julie Joiner

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

† For The Parishioners

**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 - \$3288.00
St. Patrick - \$1501.00
St. Thomas More - \$1887.00

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 14th from 11-11:45am. (Location may change.)

This Week's Update

While we are waiting for the election to be concluded, the battle between good and evil continues in the world. We have the great battle between the New World Order and God's Order. We have the battle between communism and capitalism. Hopefully all of us are on the right side with God! If we aren't on God's side, our soul will never make it into Heaven. And God is watching each of us very closely!

From everything I have been reading that God, Jesus, Mary and St. Michael have been saying, once the election is settled our troubles will be beginning. And it is only because the devil hates to lose! And the devil wants to create as much havoc before God ends the devil's existence in the world. And we need to always remember before Jesus returns for His Second Coming, the devil will be history.

So as we hear the Gospel this weekend about the parable of the ten virgins and their lamps, will we be the foolish ones or the wise ones? The oil we add to the lamps is by living a holy life, especially a humble and respectful life for God.

What we really need to remember is the time we spend today praying and defending God in the world will carry over to help us into Heaven. It puts oil in the lamps! If we do absolutely nothing more than going to church on the weekend, we may very likely find Heaven very difficult to enter. We just have to be willing to make sacrifices in this world for the joys of Heaven. So be holy, stay close to Christ, we need Him now more than ever!

Fr. Pat Fixsen

Dear Padre,

A non-Christian friend asked if Catholics read the Bible. What can I say about Catholics and the Bible?

Yes. Catholics consider the Bible to be the inspired word of God by which he revealed to the Jewish and early Christian people who he is and how they can attain salvation. The Bible comprises many shorter works collected together. The books of the Bible were written at different times by different people. There are two parts to the Bible: the Old Testament and the New Testament.

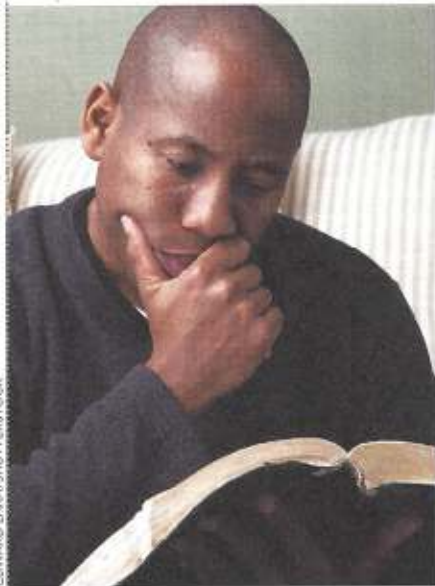
The Old Testament talks about God's relations with the Jewish people before the coming of Jesus. The Old Testament consists of the first five books, which

are sometimes called the Pentateuch; the histories, which tell about the conquest of the Holy Land; the prophets, which record the words of those sent to Israel to call it back to the true belief in God; the writings, containing sacred songs (the Psalms), advice on everyday living, and other explorations of religious issues. In the Greek tradition, which Catholics follow, the Old Testament contains forty-six books.

The New Testament, a collection of twenty-seven shorter books, talks about Jesus and his followers. It consists of the four Gospels, which are about Jesus' life on earth, his death, and resurrection; letters, which are written to newly established Christian

communities to guide them in their faith; the Acts of the Apostles, which is a history of the activities of the early Church; and a book of prophesy, called Revelation.

—Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

The study of the sacred Scriptures must be a door opened to every believer....Evangelization demands familiarity with God's word, which calls for dioceses, parishes, and Catholic associations to provide for a serious, ongoing study of the Bible, while encouraging its prayerful individual and communal reading.

—EVANGELII GAUDIUM, NOVEMBER 24, 2013



Calendar

Monday

NOVEMBER 9

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (Rome)

Ez 47:1–2, 8–9, 12

1 Cor 3:9c–11, 16–17

Jn 2:13–22

Tuesday

NOVEMBER 10

St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

Ti 2:1–8, 11–14

Lk 17:7–10

Wednesday

NOVEMBER 11

St. Martin of Tours, Bishop

Ti 3:1–7

Lk 17:11–19

Thursday

NOVEMBER 12

St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr

Phm 7–20

Lk 17:20–25

Friday

NOVEMBER 13

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

2 Jn 4–9

Lk 17:26–37

Saturday

NOVEMBER 14

Weekday

3 Jn 5–8

Lk 18:1–8

Sunday

NOVEMBER 15

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prv 31:10–13,

19–20, 30–31

1 Thes 5:1–6

Mt 25:14–30