

Our Invitation from the King

When people think of heaven, they often imagine a place up in the sky. Episodes of *Star Trek* should challenge that notion. The Bible usually speaks of heaven as an experience. According to our first reading, it is like a banquet, "a feast of rich food and choice wines" (Isaiah 25:6). Such a meal is an extraordinary event for hardworking people who seldom get to enjoy such luxury. According to today's Gospel account, the kingdom of heaven is like a wedding banquet, a feast of "calves and fattened cattle" (Matthew 22:4), a celebration of love and new life.

Some people might prefer an image that thrills the ear rather than the palette, like a Handel concerto or a Beethoven symphony. Whatever image is favored, heaven is an incomparable phenomenon that cannot be described. It is an experience that will thrill us to the core of our being.

To be invited to such an astounding experience might well be the event of a lifetime. This is, after all, an invitation from the king. Who would possibly turn it down? And yet, some do. As the Gospel recounts, some are too busy with work. Others would rather watch "the game." Still others who might accept the invitation minimize it by refusing to dress appropriately. How can people be so foolish? Yet, you and I often are.

God's invitation to the heavenly feast simply asks that we realize the magnitude of the honor extended to us, that we accept it graciously, and that we enjoy the experience.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

★ So often our invitation to the heavenly banquet is shrouded. What keeps you from recognizing this invitation?



[Jesus said,] "The servants went out into the streets and gathered all they found, bad and good alike."

MATTHEW 22:10



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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

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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-Friday 8AM-8PM

Saturday & Sunday -

8AM Until After 5:30PM Mass

Divine Mercy Prayers

Every Friday 3:00PM

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All Events On Hold

St. Patrick Church

(Office at Holy Trinity Church)

106 Church St.

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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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**Daily Mass Intentions for
Masses the Week of October 12, 2020**

Monday

No Mass

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 October 17-18, 2020**

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

Special Intention (Sick)

† Mary Catherine Wujek

† Abp. John J. Myers

Mem Ray & Tom Pigati Fam

Offered For

† Ryan Dempsey

† Connie Lauer

For The Parishioners

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 Holy Rosary

If we watch the news, things are not good in the world or our country! Evil is everywhere! As we see these things going on, praying the rosary every day is especially important for all of us. And you don't need to be Catholic to pray the rosary!

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.

Second, our homes, farms and churches are important to all of us. We need them for shelter. And there are things spiritually which can be done by you to protect them. 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 in the bulletin holders at doors. But the prayers need to be prayed from the heart and not just read. Our Heavenly Father wants to feel your sincere desire for them to be protected. And He will help us.

The Exorcised Water and Salt is in two places: St. Patrick and St. Thomas More as of this weekend. 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.

Third, we've started a Cross (Crucifix) drive so all of our important rooms where we live and spend a lot of time can have the protection of the crucified Jesus to keep evil away. Crosses are very good to put over doorways. They are even great to reverence leaving to and returning from dangerous occupations or activities (like firemen, police, medical care, etc.).

Confessions

The next confessions will be at Holy Trinity in Parking Lot on Saturday, October 17th from 11-11:45am.

This Week's Update

Again for anyone interested, we have reopened the Adoration Room at St. Thomas More. The hours are as follows:

Sunday - 9am - 6pm

Monday - Saturday - 9am - 8pm

There is a limit of 2 people or members of 1 family at a time. There is a sign up on our website under Mass Signups. However, if you come by and there are no cars in front of hall, please come in and spend some time with Our Lord!

BCR alerts will be going out as to when the Exorcised water and salt is available at St. Pats or St. Thomas More in the halls. All you need is a clean sprayer. Again Exorcised water is meant to keep evil away so IT IS different than holy water!

In the online version of the bulletin, a page is included with the different sizes of crucifix's to be blessed for rooms in our homes or even offices. Just like in the vampire movies, the devil stays away from crucifixes, so they are very useful to protect us. The crucifixes are all smaller in size so they can be placed above doorways but please check your doors. They range from 5" to 7" in size and are \$15 to \$49 each.

This weekend we celebrate the 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time. Jesus' parable this weekend is His Glorious invitation into His Kingdom but there is a condition. We have to wear the wedding garment! And we only can wear it if we live holy lives but standing for the precious gift of life, everyone's lives! Please stay close to Christ, we need Him now more than ever!

Fr. Pat Fixsen

Cross Sale



5" Cross - \$15



5-1/2" Cross - \$19



6-1/2" Cross - \$49



7" Cross - \$39

The Catholic Church recommends putting the Blessed Crosses above the doorways of rooms used frequently (ie., Dining Rooms, Bedrooms, Living Rooms, Kitchen, etc). Father can't bless them until after they are purchased. So we need to place an order for the olive wood crosses and then when received they will be blessed and provided to all of you! Please if you are interested, please call or email our office or fill out an order sheet which is available in each church.

HOLY TRINITY, ST. PATRICK & ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH

CRUCIFIX ORDER SHEET

October 10, 2020

ORDERS DUE BY:

October 25th

Buyer's Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Church:

All orders need to be paid for before order is placed

[illegible]

Seller's Name:

Phone Number:

Dear Padre,

What is the Catholic Church's position on grace versus works?

"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God; it is not from works" (Ephesians 2:8-9). The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* attests that we have merit in God's sight only because "God has freely chosen to associate man with the work of his grace" (CCC 2008). After God acted first on his own initiative, it then follows that we're free to act through his collaboration, "so that the merit of good works is to be attributed in the first place to the grace of God, then to the faithful" (CCC 2008). In other words, it's only through God's empowering Spirit in each of us that makes our good works for salvation pleasing to the Lord!

Moreover, Catholics believe these good works "contribute to growth in grace, so that the righteousness that comes from God is preserved and communion with Christ is deepened. When Catholics affirm the 'meritorious' character of good works, they wish to say that...a reward in heaven is promised to these works. Their intention is to emphasize the responsibility of persons for their actions, not to contest the character of those works as gifts, or far less to deny that justification always remains the unmerited gift of grace" (*Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification*, Lutheran World Federation and the Catholic Church, 38).

Christian prayer provides us with the grace that's needed for meritorious actions (CCC 2010).

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

Do good works, don't just say words that are gone with the wind....Through the good works that we carry out with love and joy towards others, our faith emerges and bears fruit. Let us ask ourselves...Is our faith fruitful? Does our faith produce good works? Or is it sterile instead, and therefore more dead than alive?

—ANGELUS, JULY 10, 2016



Calendar

Monday

OCTOBER 12

Weekday

Gal 4:22-24, 26-27,
31-5:1

Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday

OCTOBER 13

Weekday

Gal 5:1-6

Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday

OCTOBER 14

Weekday

Gal 5:18-25

Lk 11:42-46

Thursday

OCTOBER 15

St. Teresa of Jesus,
Virgin and Doctor of
the Church

Eph 1:1-10

Lk 11:47-54

Friday

OCTOBER 16

Weekday

Eph 1:11-14

Lk 12:1-7

Saturday

OCTOBER 17

St. Ignatius of Antioch,
Bishop and Martyr

Eph 1:15-23

Lk 12:8-12

Sunday

OCTOBER 18

Twenty-ninth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Is 45:1, 4-6

1 Thes 1:1-5b

Mt 22:15-21