

The Price of Goodness

We all know genuinely good people. Somehow they are able to live the virtues of their religious tradition. It might even appear that it is easy for them to do so. One would think that such good people would be valued. Well, yes and no. While we might truly value the goodness of others, that goodness can also shame us. And there is the rub. People are uncomfortable with the realization that they are not as good as they think—or not as good as others might view them. Today's readings underscore the price we might have to pay for such goodness.

The first reading describes a plot being devised to get rid of a righteous person whose goodness has become "annoying" (Wisdom 2:12). This is not someone who flaunts goodness; it is a genuinely good person, one who is referred to as "the righteous one" (2:18). (Here "son of God" simply means someone belonging to the people of God.) The plotters insist

that God will come to the rescue if the righteous one is truly good. The petitions in the psalm response are placed on the lips of that righteous one. Like many good Bible stories, this story is open-ended. We do not know what happens. The price paid for righteousness is found in the Gospel passage as well. Here the righteous one is Jesus. Though we know how his story ends, here the disciples did not.

Today we are faced with the starkness of these stories. Are we willing to pay the price of goodness?

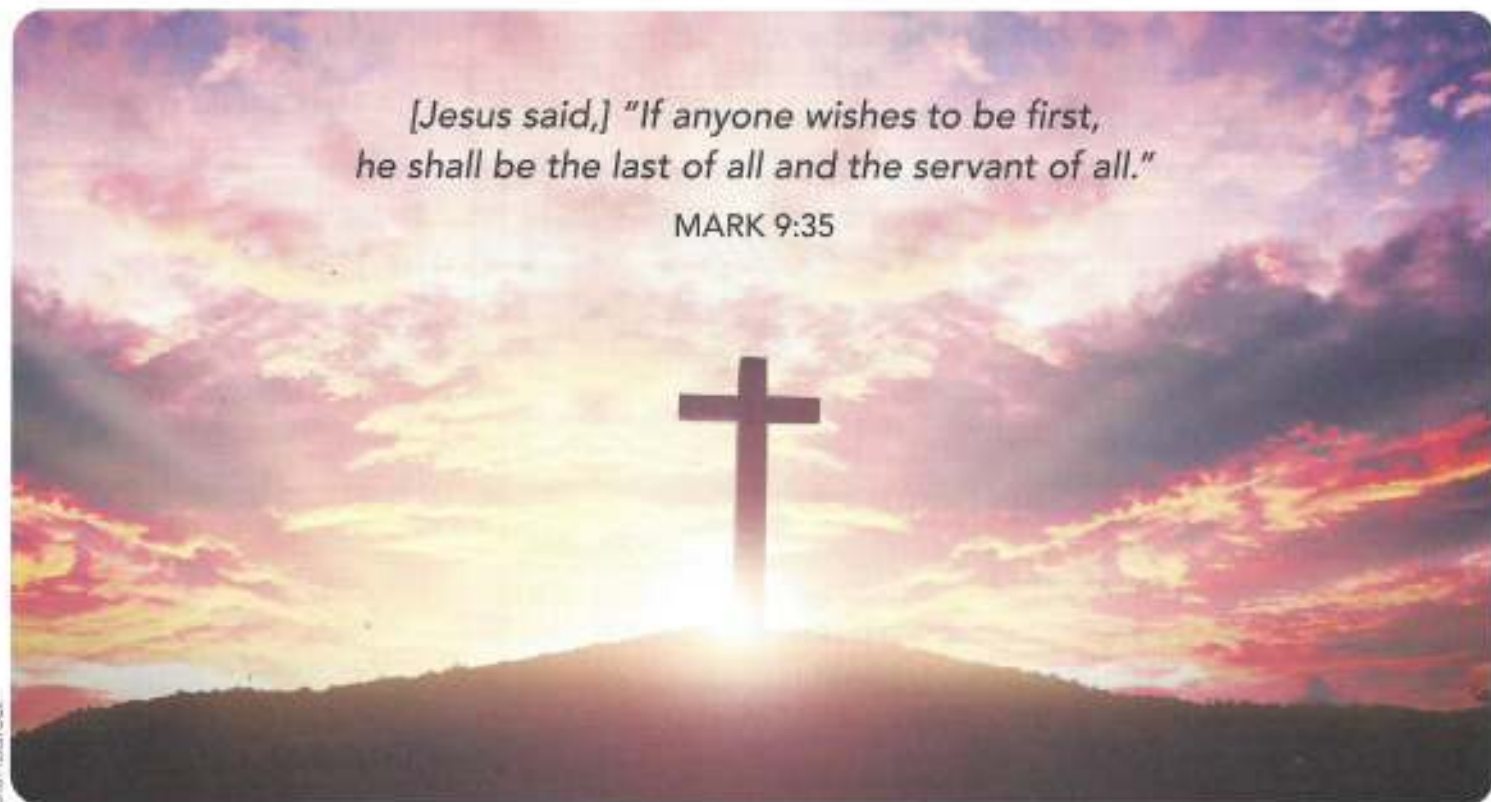
Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ✦ *Where in your life do your religious values conflict with social norms?*
- ✦ *Do you ever resent the goodness of others? If so, what might you do about it?*

*[Jesus said,] "If anyone wishes to be first,
he shall be the last of all and the servant of all."*

MARK 9:35





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Mass Schedule

Weekdays - Wednesday 5:30pm and

Thursday - 9:00am

Saturday Confessions - 10:30-11:15

AM or by appointment

Sunday Mass - 8:30am

***Pastor of the Three Churches**

Fr. Thaddeus Tran

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

CCD Sept. In-Person

CCD 9/19 1st Class K-4th

CCD 9/26 1st Class 5th-8th



St. Thomas More Catholic Church

For All Three Churches

Emergency Number

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St. Thomas More Church

302 Chestnut St.

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-

5:00 PM

Adoration Room

Open Monday-Saturday 9AM-8PM

Sunday - 9AM - 6PM

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

Ravioli Making—Call to order

Phone # 815-252-2215

*CCD Classes @HT Church Hall



St. Patrick Catholic Church

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**

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****Office Hours****

Holy Trinity - Tues, Thurs, & Fri.

- 9AM-12PM

St. Thomas More (Hrs may vary)

Wed - 9AM - 12PM

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Page - www.bureaucatholic.org

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

CCD Sept Class time 9:30-10:30

Daily Mass Intentions for Masses the Week of Sept. 20, 2021

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

**** 9:00AM**STM**

****5:30PM**HT Mass/Rosary**

****9:00AM**HT**

**** 9:00AM**STM**

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions Weekend of Sept. 25-26, 2021

Saturday:

Sunday:

****4:00PM**STM**

****www.bureaucatholic.org/Facebook Link - 8:30AM**HT**

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM

****St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:00 PM**

Offered For

† No Mass

† Purgatorial Society

† Connie Lauer

† Sr. Marie Martin

† Audrey Sebben

Offered For

† Alan Hahn

† Ron Floroplus

† Laurence Fonderoli

For The Parishioners

Online masses WILL CONTINUE to be available @HT www.bureaucatholic.org

Latest Offering's

Holy Trinity -	\$1157.00
St. Patrick -	\$669.00
St. Thomas More -	\$578.00



Caring for Our Parishioners Sick and Homebound

*If you or someone you know is
at home or hospitalized and
would like to receive a visit and
communion please let us know*

UPDATE HT MASS ONLINE

Due to reinstated mask mandate HT Masses will continue to be able to be viewed on the website bureaucatholic.org by clicking watch the mass or facebook link

ADA Goals & Update 2021

Holy Trinity -\$14,062

St. Patrick-\$8,619

St. Thomas More -\$9,485

Fundraising Updates

STM Ravioli/Tortellini and/or
Tortellacci for \$8 per bag



people Helping People



IV PADS are in need of assistance
Please consider some of the ways
you can assist. Together we can help
the homeless in our communities.

* Being a volunteer @ shelter or store

* Providing meals and supplies which
can be found @ www.ivpads.com

* Praying for those front line workers

* Giving monthly or yearly financial
gifts.

Religious Education



CCD Sept. in-person Classes begin
today. It is not too late to sign up. If
you know someone interested in
registering or volunteering, please tell
them to do so.

Sun. 9/19 First Class K-4th

Sun. 9/26 First Class 5th-8th

All in the name of Jesus

The 2021 Annual Diocesan Appeal
is now underway in our parish. Your
support of this year's Appeal ensures
that essential charitable, educational
and pastoral ministries of the
Diocese of Peoria are continued and
carried forward.

Thanks to all who made a pledge to
the Annual Diocesan Appeal. No
gift is too small.

If you have not yet made a gift to the
ADA, we invite you to do so today.

Confessions

The next confessions will be
Saturday - Sept. 25h 10:30-11:15pm -
at St. Thomas More in the hall

Today's Gospel

Mark paints a vivid picture in today's
Gospel. Having arrived at Capernaum,
Jesus and his disciples enter a house.
In this private place, Jesus asks his
disciples about the argument they had
while they were journeying. Again, the
disciples are uncharacteristically silent
and afraid to answer. They have been
found out. Jesus then summons the
Twelve, whom Mark identified earlier
in his Gospel as those chosen by Jesus
to preach and to drive out demons. To
this select group of disciples, Jesus
teaches that those who would be first
in God's kingdom must be servants of
all.

Jesus then calls forward a child and
teaches the Twelve that to receive a
child in Jesus' name is to receive both
Jesus and the One who sent him. We
might easily fail to understand the
significance of this action. In first-
century Palestine, children were
without status or power, possessing no
legal rights. In this action, Jesus is
teaching his disciples and us that when
we serve the least ones among us, we
serve Jesus himself. Who are the
people without power or status in our
society that Jesus is calling us to serve?
Do we do so willingly? Jesus teaches
that God's judgment of us will be
based on this criterion alone.

Prayer For the Week

*"Dear Lord, I pray that you bless me
with true happiness and peace in life.
Lead me away from hate and anger
toward love. From restless mind and
anxiety, give me peace. Lead me from
fear of death to eternal life.*

*Dear Lord when I suffer despair and
lack of confidence, lead me to hope,
faith, and trust. Lead me away from
dishonesty and deceit toward eternal
truth. Allow eternal peace and
tranquility to fill my heart, my mind,
my life, and my world. Amen."*

Dear Padre,

In Bible times why did people sacrifice animals, children, and other living beings for their own sins?

The practice of human and animal sacrifice is at least as old as written history, including in our own Scripture. Few stories are more chilling than when God asks Abraham to sacrifice his son, or when Jephthah sacrifices his daughter (Genesis 22; Judges 11). In scriptural theology, one's sins merited punishment and even death, but an animal or other person could be chosen to take one's place. God, in his mercy, instituted this animal sacrificial system as a symbol, foreshadowing Jesus' sacrifice for our sins (Genesis 8:20; Hebrews 10:1-18). In the New Testament, Jesus understood his mission as sacrificing his own life as a ransom for many (Matthew 20:28). His fidelity to that mission was at the cost of death. However, to say that Jesus' death was payment for



our sins is not to say that a vengeful God was appeased by the sacrifice of his own innocent Son. Rather, Christ was willing to liberate us when he "bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that... by his wounds you have been healed" (1 Peter 2:24).

Thus, "it is love 'to the end (John 13:1)' that confers on

Christ's sacrifice its value as redemption and reparation, as atonement and satisfaction" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 616). It is in this sense that Jesus' death was a payment—not one to be exacted—but a unique sacrifice that "completes and surpasses all other sacrifices" (CCC 614).

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Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about Dear Padre.



A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

The Catechism firmly states that human power has limits and that "it is contrary to human dignity to cause animals to suffer or die needlessly." All such use and experimentation "requires a religious respect for the integrity of creation."

ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME (LAUDATO SI'), MAY 24, 2015

Calendar

Monday

SEPTEMBER 20

Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gön, Priest, and Paul Chông Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs

Ezr 1:1-6

Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday

SEPTEMBER 21

St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
Eph 4:1-7, 11-13

Mt 9:9-13

Wednesday

SEPTEMBER 22

Weekday

Ezr 9:5-9

Lk 9:1-6

Thursday

SEPTEMBER 23

St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

Hg 1:1-8

Lk 9:7-9

Friday

SEPTEMBER 24

Weekday

Hg 2:1-9

Lk 9:18-22

Saturday

SEPTEMBER 25

Weekday

Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a

Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday

SEPTEMBER 26

Twenty-sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Nm 11:25-29

Jas 5:1-6

Mk 9:38-43,

45, 47-48