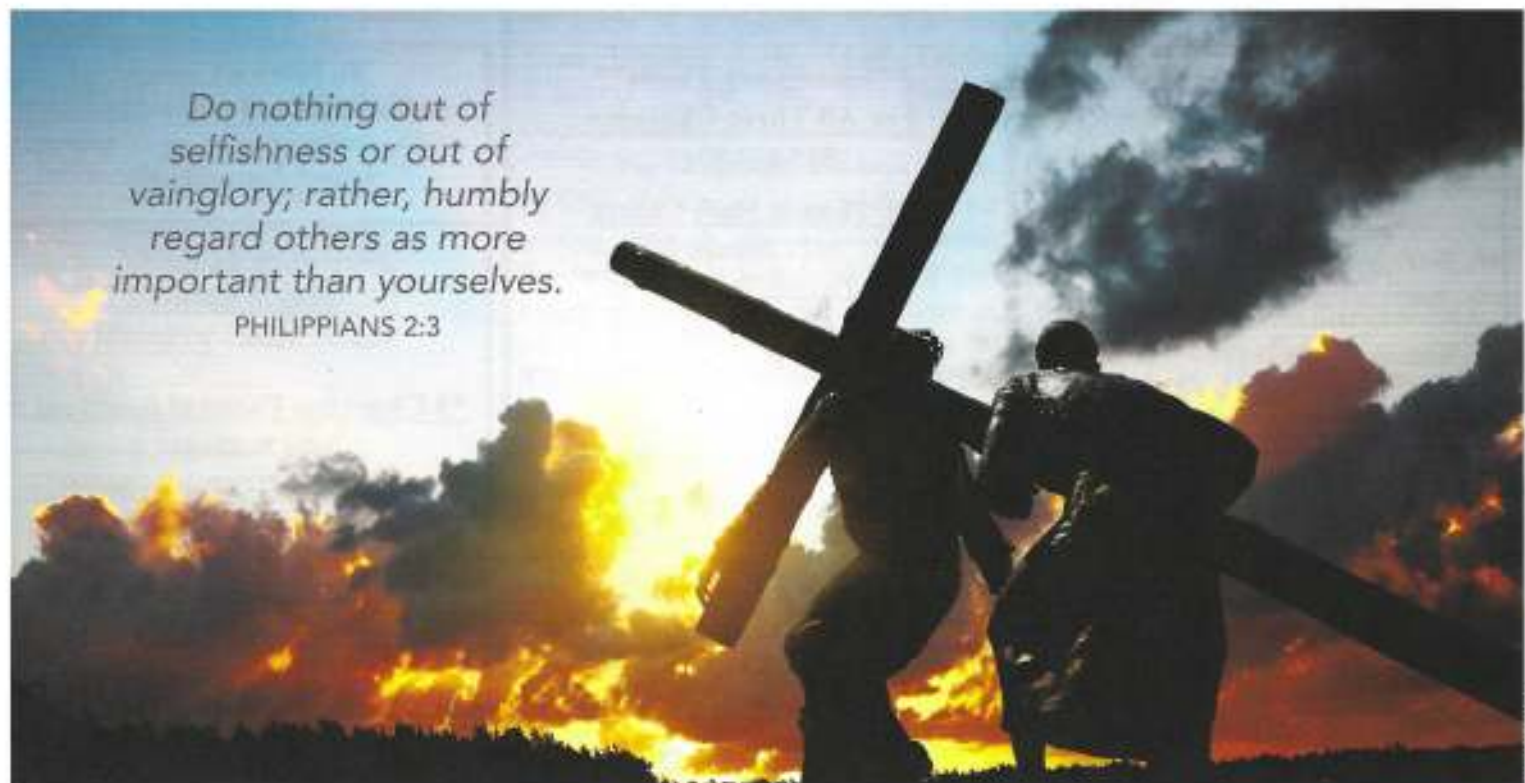




Do nothing out of
selfishness or out of
vainglory; rather, humbly
regard others as more
important than yourselves.

PHILIPPIANS 2:3



He Emptied Himself

In the Gospels, Jesus seldom teaches doctrine. Rather, the stories themselves provide examples of how we are to model our lives after him. He was a man for others, a compassionate healer, an understanding friend. As clear as such stories might be, because we can be selfish people, the example they offer us is difficult to follow. If it is hard to follow a man who lived a human life with others, how are we to follow the example sketched by Paul in today's second reading?

Paul declares in Philippians: "Have among yourselves the same attitude that is also yours in Christ Jesus" (2:5). What attitude is he talking about? Jesus emptied himself of the preeminence that was rightly his as possessing "equality with God" (2:6). He did not demand that they treat him with the reverence and veneration that was due him. Rather, "he emptied himself...he humbled himself" (2:7, 8).

Why does Paul insist on this? It seems the Philippians were having internal problems that were threatening their unity. Various forms of arrogance were tearing them apart: *Don't you know who I am? I am a celebrity. I have more money. I know the right people. And who are you? Who do you know? What can you do?* These attitudes of arrogance infect our communities even today. To this Paul proclaims: If Jesus, who "though he was in the form of God" (2:6) could empty himself of such dignity for the sake of others, you certainly should be able to put aside your trivial vainglory and be "united in heart" (2:2).

Can we?

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ★ In what circumstances does your arrogance raise its ugly head? What do you do about that?
- ★ What might you do to strengthen the bonds of unity in your family? Your workplace? Your parish?



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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****

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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

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

All Events On Hold

St. Patrick Church

(Office at Holy Trinity Church)

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Mass Schedule

Sunday Mass - 10:30 AM

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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 September 28, 2020**

<u>Monday</u>	No Mass
<u>Tuesday</u>	**www.bureaucatholic.org/Facebook Link - 9:00AM**HT
<u>Wednesday</u>	**Facebook Link - 9:00AM**SP
<u>Thursday</u>	**www.bureaucatholic.org/Facebook Link - 9:00AM**HT
<u>Friday</u>	**Facebook Link - 9:00AM **STM

Offered For

- † Purgatorial Society
- † Dean Abney
- † Archbishop John Myers
- † Dominic & Dorothy Orlandi

**Next Weekend's Mass Intentions
Weekend of October 3-4, 2020**

<u>Saturday:</u>	**Facebook Link - 4:00PM **STM
<u>Sunday:</u>	**www.bureaucatholic.org/Facebook Link - 9:00 AM**HT St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM (No Streaming)

Offered For

- † Mary Nave & Family
- For The Parishioners
- † Monica Dwyer

****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 - \$3087.00
St. Patrick - \$2610.00
St. Thomas More - \$1723.00

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)

(Rotates Between 3 Churches)

Friday's - Divine Mercy Chaplet - On Website -

3PM - St. Thomas More Adoration Chapel

Third Monday of the Month -

Mass for Reparation of Sins & Rosary -

5:30PM (No Wednesday Rosary That Week)

Our Limited

Church Reopening

We have two churches being used for Masses presently on the weekends but all three for Masses during the week. The occupancy for the three is as follows: St. Thomas More (Dalzell) - 40, Holy Trinity (Cherry) - 30 and St. Patrick (Arlington) - 45.

For weekends, it is best to sign up for a place to sit in social distancing seating through our website. During the weekdays, it is helpful but if you forget to sign up or call in, there is plenty of seating so just come. At St. Thomas More, come through the front door of the church. At Holy Trinity, come through the doors on the parking lot side of the church. And at St. Patrick, come through the front doors unless there is a physical impairment then use side door.

Please remember, masks are to be worn during Mass, except when receiving Holy Communion, and then when leaving the Church. There are arrows in the aisles for the flow of people traffic during Holy Communion. And Holy Communion will be offered after the Final Blessing at each Mass. And we have been asked to not congregate in Church after Mass or in the parking lot. (And yes I know this is one of joys of coming to Holy Mass!)

Next Sunday, October 4th, Holy Mass will continue to be celebrated at St. Patrick at 10:30AM. It will not be available by streaming because of a poor signal.

St. Thomas More confessions will be in the hall going forward. There is a kneeler in the corner of the hall closest to burn pit outside hall. It is setup for face to face or behind the screen. The kneeler or chair will be sanitized in between penitents. Please wear a mask! Please enter through the adoration room vestibule door. Thank you!

Confessions

The next confessions will be at St. Thomas More in hall in northeast corner on Saturday, October 3rd from 11-11:45am.

This Week's Update

This weekend we conclude the Sacrament of Confirmation for the young men and women of our three churches. A special thanks to Julie for all of her hard work on getting everything organized for the three weekends of confirmations! And Ann and Jennifer Hunter for the music they provided too!

I have received some pricing on some different sized crucifixes out of olive wood. For anyone who is interested in the special graces and protection they bring to the rooms of our residences. They will have a particular importance as we reach the troubles coming to the world to take away many lives. The devil hates the crucifix therefore we gain special protections in a world full of evil today. The crosses range in prices from \$15 - \$49 from 5" to 7" in height. It is recommended after they are blessed to be put above doors in the home. There is a picture of them in the website bulletin or black and white papers in our churches next weekend.

By the way, if you haven't picked up a current missalette, we have them at the churches for you to keep in your possession. But you will have to bring them to Mass with you. Just come to Mass, drive-up communion, or the office, and we will get one to you.

This weekend we celebrate the 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time. The message this week is for us to remember that we may confess our sins but unless we change, undergo the conversion necessary, we still remain sinful. Please stay close to Christ, we need Him now more than ever!

Fr. Pat Fixsen

Dear Padre,

Where does the tradition of praying with your hands together originate? I pray with my fingers intertwined. Is that acceptable?

According to the *Caeremoniale Episcoporum* (The Ceremonial of Bishops, 1985), "palms extended and joined together in the front of the breast, with the right thumb over the left in the form of a cross" (CE 107, n. 80) is the correct Catholic hand posture at Mass and prayer.

The origin of praying with hands folded is not known, but there's mention of it in the Jewish Talmud. Historians have also asserted that it's modeled on the practice of citizens in ancient Rome who joined their hands in the presence of rulers to communicate loyalty and submission to that higher authority.

Gestures and postures should allow our whole body to pray, as well as our heart and mind. Moreover, they are expressions of our faith. For example,

like the early Christians, we stand during prayer and worship to express our readiness for Christ's return, and as a sign of reverence to hear the gospels. Kneeling and striking the breast are expressions of penitence, humility, and our lowliness before God.

Likewise, at Mass the priest assumes the ancient posture of outstretched arms and hands, slightly elevated, to symbolize surrender in a gesture that reverences Christ's outstretched arms on the cross. When we join hands together in prayer, it's a gesture of supplication and a symbol of total submission to God, our supreme authority.

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Today let us look at our hands, so often empty of love, and let us try to think of some free gift that we can give without expecting anything in return. That will please the Lord. And let us ask him: "Lord, let me rediscover the joy of giving."

—EPIPHANY SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 2018

Calendar

Monday

SEPTEMBER 28

Weekday

Jb 1:6–22

Lk 9:46–50

Tuesday

SEPTEMBER 29

Sts. Michael, Gabriel,
and Raphael,
Archangels

Dn 7:9–10, 13–14

or Rv 12:7–12a

Jn 1:47–51

Wednesday

SEPTEMBER 30

St. Jerome,
Priest and

Doctor of the Church

Jb 9:1–12, 14–16

Lk 9:57–62

Thursday

OCTOBER 1

St. Thérèse of the
Child Jesus, Virgin and
Doctor of the Church

Jb 19:21–27

Lk 10:1–12

Friday

OCTOBER 2

Holy Guardian Angels

Jb 38:1, 12–21; 40:3–5

Mt 18:1–5, 10

Saturday

OCTOBER 3

Weekday

Jb 42:1–3, 5–6, 12–17

Lk 10:17–24

Sunday

OCTOBER 4

Twenty-seventh Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Is 5:1–7

Phil 4:6–9

Mt 21:33–43