



# Our Parish COMMUNITY

September 5, 2021

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Is 35:4-7a

Jas 2:1-5

Mk 7:31-37



*And [immediately] the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly.*

MARK 7:35

## He Has Done All Things Well

**D**eep in the heart of each of us is a desire for a perfect world—a world of peace and harmony, where life flourishes and people care for one another. From beginning to end, our religious tradition promises that such a world is just ahead of us. Today's readings assure us that physical obstacles will not prevent its accomplishment, because the graciousness of God is stronger than any other power.

Today's reading from Isaiah instructs us: "Be strong, do not fear!" (35:4). It encourages us to believe in this promise of ultimate fulfillment and to trust that God will see it through. Our focus changes slightly in the Gospel passage. What was a promise of the future for Isaiah bursts forth as a reality in the Gospel, where the healing of broken bodies and troubled lives is realized by the warm words and gentle touch of Jesus.

Do such miracles really happen? Or are these fanciful stories that provide hope for people with little scientific understanding? Are miracles real? Of course they are. However, their true meaning might be much more profound than we realize. A miracle is a manifestation of divine power far beyond human control or comprehension. It is an experience of being made whole again, an occurrence in which peace and harmony are reestablished. Sometimes a miracle is spectacular; at other times it is far too deep to be seen. But always it is God working in our lives to create us anew.

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

### FOR *Reflection*

- ★ *Where does your life need healing? What are you doing about it?*
- ★ *How might you be a source of healing in the lives of others?*



**Holy Trinity Catholic Church**

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"Bureau Catholic Churches".

**Mass Schedule**

Weekdays - Wednesday 5:30pm and

Thursday - 9:00am

Saturday Confessions - 10:30-11:15  
AM or by appointment

Sunday Mass - 9:00AM (9/12 start  
time @ 8:30)

**\*Pastor of the Three Churches**

Fr. Thaddeus Tran

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

CCD Registration All 3 Parish at  
HT church hall on Sept. 12th @  
9:30am



**St. Thomas More Catholic Church**

**For All Three Churches**

**Emergency Number**

779-248-2164

**St. Thomas More Church**

302 Chestnut St.

Dalzell, IL 61320

Phone: (815) 663-6201

Email: StTMoreDalzell32@gmail.com

**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 Registration @HT Sept. 12th



**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**

Julie Hollinger

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**\*\*Office Hours\*\***

Holy Trinity - Tues, Thurs, & Fri.  
- 9AM-12PM

St. Thomas More (Hrs may vary)

Wed - 9AM - 12PM

**\*\*Facebook:** Use Link on Home  
Page - www.bureaucatholic.org

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

CCD Registration @HT Sept. 12th

**Daily Mass Intentions for  
Masses the Week of Sept. 6, 2021**

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

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

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

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

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

**Offered For**

† No Mass

† Olivero Families

† Clifford Sondgeroth

† James & Teresa Martin

† Sandra Ruiz

**Next Weekend's Mass Intentions  
Weekend of Sept. 11-12, 2021**

Saturday:

Sunday:

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

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

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM

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

**Offered For**

† Betty Newhallen

† Wayne Pinter

† Tom Hewitt & Mary Jane Smith

For The Parishioners

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



### Latest Offering's

Holy Trinity -	\$778.00
St. Patrick -	\$684.00
St. Thomas More -	\$493.33



### *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](http://bureaucatholic.org)

### **\*\*Last Chance Mass @ STM\*\***

Last Chance Mass in Dalzell has been resumed on Sundays at 5:00pm. The 6pm Communion time has been discontinued.

### HT MASS TIME CHANGE

#### Next Weekend

HT will be going to its regular Sunday mass time of 8:30am. Starting on Sunday Sept. 12th.

### Fundraising Updates

STM Ravioli Fund. Starting Sept.



## All in the name of **Jesus**

### 2021 ADA NEXT WEEKEND

In May, after years of study, four men will be ordained to the transitional diaconate for the Diocese of Peoria. During their years of preparation for this vocation, they were supported by family and friends - and by everyone who made a gift to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. When you make a gift to the Appeal, you help meet the cost of priestly formation and education, since a portion of Appeal funds are used for this purpose. Please support our seminarians by making a gift to the Annual Diocesan Appeal next weekend.

If you wish to make a donation on your pledge next weekend or to pay your contribution in full, please make your check payable to the Catholic Diocese of Peoria. Reminder statements are sent monthly from December-July. Donations may also be made by signing up for automatic deduction by credit or debit card, by direct debit or online. May God continue to bless our Diocese and the services and programs provided by the ADA.

## Religious Education

### CCD Registration Next Weekend

Sunday Sept. 12th at 9:30-10:30

At the Holy Trinity church hall.  
Masks will be required

### Confessions

The next confessions will be  
Saturday - Sept. 11th 10:30-11:15pm  
- at St. Thomas More church hall.

### Today's Gospel

In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah speaks an uplifting word to the Israelites: "Thus says the Lord: Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes with vindication; with divine recompense he comes to save you." These comforting words strengthened the Israelites in times of hardship, persecutions and the loss of their common identity.

God's comforting words are always matched by God's powerful deeds. Isaiah brings hope to those crippled by fear when he speaks the promise of God that "the eyes of the blind (will) be opened, the ears of the deaf (will) be cleared."

This promise of God makes the psalmist sing out loud, "Praise the Lord, my soul!" for "the Lord sets captives free!"

In the Gospel, the people bring a deaf man with a speech impediment to Jesus. They beg Jesus to heal him. The details in Mark's account of this healing story are striking.

For we are told that Jesus puts his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue, then looked up to heaven and prayed, "Ephphatha! — that is, 'Be opened!'" The man's ears were opened instantly. His physical healing released him from the grip of fear to become a fearless witness to God's mighty deeds in his community.

God desires to free you from fear. The word of God invites us to place into God's loving hands all that instills fear in us. God's love is infinitely more powerful than our strongest fears.

"Be not afraid!" are words that God speaks into the depths of our fears, spoken and unspoken. Our small and big fears can dissolve in the light of God's healing love and mercy. For freedom from fear may we pray with confident faith, "speak to me, Lord."



# Dear Padre,

**Martyrs and people who commit suicide willingly sacrifice their lives, so how are they different? If I deliberately put myself in a position to be killed—even for a worthy cause—isn't that a form of suicide?**

**L**ife is a gift from God. While both martyrdom and suicide contradict the natural human disposition to preserve and perpetuate life, the former is a totally self-giving act; the latter, a self-inflicted one.

The early Church believed that martyrs went directly to heaven because their sacrifice of life was the ultimate Christlike expression. Their courageous endurance of indignities and tortures—their heroic willingness to die in defense of the faith or to save another's life—demonstrates a supreme love of God and neighbor over love for life itself (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2473).

Those who take their own lives to end personal suffering or despair make a decision that belongs to God alone. It's an action that can revolve totally around the "self," often with little thought given to its consequences. It's a sin against hope (CCC 2091) that reveals a lack of faith and trust in God.

Conversely, martyrdom is a profound expression of faith, trust, and hope in God. Nevertheless, our compassionate God fully knows the intensity of suffering that triggers suicide and "can provide the opportunity for salutary repentance" (CCC 2283).

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR / [Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org](mailto:Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org)

**Do you have a question for the Padre?**

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about Dear Padre.



## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*Remember that story about the poor widow lady...Her husband had committed suicide; he jumped from the bridge into the river. And she wept. She said, "I am a sinner, a poor woman. But my poor husband! He is in hell."...And the Curé of Ars said, "But wait a moment, ma'am, because between the bridge and the river, there is the mercy of God."*

HOMILY, MARCH 18, 2019

## Calendar

**Monday**

SEPTEMBER 6

Weekday

Col 1:24–2:3

Lk 6:6–11

**Tuesday**

SEPTEMBER 7

Weekday

Col 2:6–15

Lk 6:12–19

**Wednesday**

SEPTEMBER 8

*The Nativity of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary*

Mt 5:1–4a or

Rom 8:28–30

Mt 1:1–16, 18–23, or  
1:18–23

**Thursday**

SEPTEMBER 9

*St. Peter Claver,  
Priest*

Col 3:12–17

Lk 6:27–38

**Friday**

SEPTEMBER 10

Weekday

1 Tm 1:1–2, 12–14

Lk 6:39–42

**Saturday**

SEPTEMBER 11

Weekday

1 Tm 1:15–17

Lk 6:43–49

**Sunday**

SEPTEMBER 12

*Twenty-fourth  
Sunday in  
Ordinary Time*

Is 50:4c–9a

Jas 2:14–18

Mk 8:27–35