

Leave the Mountain

Our walk with Jesus is full of contrasts: human and divine, grace and nature, sin and mercy. *The Transfiguration* by Raphael Sanzio, like the Scripture that inspires it, is also full of contrasts. The composition is in two registers. Up above we have the heavenly glory of Christ enveloped in a fantastic aura of divine light symbolizing his divine Sonship. The power of the experience leaves the disciples prostrate while the two Old Testament figures of Moses and Elijah float in suspended adoration. Down below, we have the other apostles, dealing ineffectively with a possessed boy. There is obvious chaos, with fingers pointing everywhere and faces turning in all directions. There is the serenity of heavenly white against the diabolic and earthly darkness.

This contrast is present in our own lives. We feel a call to the beauty of God's life, we want it wholeheartedly, and we resolve to make that beauty a reality. But we also know that when we come down the mountain and into our daily lives, we struggle with confusion, temptation, and earthly concerns. It is easy in Christ's glorious presence, but when we get into traffic, our offices, or the trials of raising toddlers or teenagers, it isn't so simple.

Here is where we need the power of God's mercy and love. Peter wanted to stay in Christ's presence and enjoy it, soak it up, remain, and never go down the mountain again. He heard the Father's voice, knew he should listen to the Son, and was resolved to do so! Although



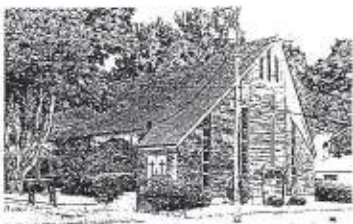
Piece: *The Transfiguration*, circa 1518
Artist: Raphael Sanzio
Location: Pinacoteca, Vatican Museums

he wants to stay, listen, and learn, Christ touches him and tells him to not fear, get up, and get going. We need to go down the mountain and into our lives. That is where the faith and love we learn from Jesus in prayer is needed. He lets us see his glory so we can go down and bring that glory into a needy world.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection Do you spend enough time in prayer to face your daily activities with serenity? Are there days when you would rather stay in prayer than face your earthly commitments?

“‘This is my Son, my beloved, with whom I am well pleased.’ We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven while we were with him on the holy mountain” (2 Peter 1:17–18).



Holy Trinity - Cherry

St. Patrick - Arlington

St. Thomas More - Dalzell

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Mass & Confession Schedule

Holy Trinity Catholic Parish

Weekend Masses

Sunday Vigil (Saturday) - 4:00 PM

Sunday Mass - 8:30 AM

Daily Mass (Weekdays) & Holy Days

Tuesday & Thursday - 12:15 PM

Confessions

Saturday - 3:15 - 3:45PM or By Appointment

Mass Schedule

St. Patrick Catholic Parish

106 Church St.

Arlington, IL

Sunday Mass - 10:30 AM

Holy Days of Obligation Refer To Schedule

Mass Schedule

St. Thomas More Church - Dalzell, IL

Vigil Mass (Saturday) 5:30 PM

Weekday Mass (Wednesday & Friday) 8:30 AM (Summer)

Sunday Last Chance Mass 5:30 PM

Confessions Every 2nd & 4th Sunday - 4:45-5:15pm

Holy Day of Obligation Refer To Schedule

****First Saturday Mass - 8:30AM (Devotions Following)**

Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel - Open 8am - 8pm (M-Sat)

Sunday - Open 8am until conclusion 5:30pm Mass

****Divine Mercy Chaplet - Every Friday at 3 PM**

Daily Mass Intentions for
Masses the Week of August 7, 2017

Monday

† No Mass

Tuesday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 12:15pm

† Dec Memb Lavern Eiten Family

Wednesday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:30am

† Ed & Mary Mersch

Thursday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 12:15pm

† Monica Kozel

Friday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:30am

† Stan Reynolds

***** Divine Mercy Chaplet every Friday at 3PM in Divine Mercy Chapel at St. Thomas More**

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions

Weekend of August 12-13, 2017

Saturday Vigil:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 4:00 PM

† Ron & Lynn Raef

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† John Potthoff

Sunday:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30 AM

† Leroy Pinter

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM

† Florence McDonald

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† For The Parishioners

Ministry Schedule
For Next Weekend

Holy Trinity

LECTOR

Saturday - 4:00PM - Tina Dominy
Sunday - 8:30AM - Gerald Schlenz

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday - 4:00PM - Sheila Campbell
Sunday - 8:30AM - Jeff Pinter

SERVERS

Saturday - 4:00PM -
Tanner Dominy
Sunday - 8:30AM -
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St. Patrick

LECTOR

Sunday - 10:30AM - Ernie Bartoli

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sunday - 10:30AM - Ann Kapraun

SERVERS

Sunday - 10:30AM -
Katelyn & Jerrick Kapraun

St. Thomas More

ROSARY

Sat 5:30PM - Joelle Crockett

LECTOR

Sat 5:30PM - Frank Magana

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sat 5:30PM - Jyll Pozzi

SERVERS

Sat 5:30PM - ?

UPCOMING
CHURCH EVENTS

August 4 & 5 - Cherry Car Show Ice
Cream Social - HT Hall (Starts Fri @
4:30pm, Sat @ 1pm)

August 9 - Rosary Against Evil -
Holy Trinity (Cherry) - 5:30PM

September 10 - St. Thomas More
Chicken Dinner - STM Hall - 11-2PM

Last Sunday's Offering

Holy Trinity - \$964.00
Needed Weekly - \$1700
St. Patrick - \$327.00
Needed Weekly - \$700
St. Thomas More - \$540.00
Needed Weekly - \$700

St. Patrick's
Annual Chicken Dinner
Thank You

The turnout may not have been great but the dinner is!! Thanks to everyone who helped prepare, cook, cleanup and eat the wonderful meal. See you next year!

St. Thomas More
Chicken Dinner

It is time for another chicken dinner but this time at St. Thomas More on Sunday, September 10, 2017 between 11AM and 2PM. The dinner will include fried chicken, or limited baked chicken, spaghetti, salad, bread and a drink. Adults are \$10, kids 6-10 are \$5, and 5 and under are free. Carry-outs will be available. Looking forward to seeing you!

The Rosary Against Evil

The rosary we are beginning on Wednesday nights at 5:30PM will be prayed at Holy Trinity Church during the month of August in Cherry. It is our time to show God, Jesus, Mary how much we need them to fight evil around us. The rosary is and always has been our greatest weapon against evil! So please come and join us, it will be the most important time you spend.

Holy Day Mass Schedule

Assumption of Mary (Holy Day)
Monday - August 14 - 5:30PM - St. Pat
Tuesday - August 15 - 12:15PM - HT
6:00PM - St. Thomas More

For The Week

The Transfiguration of the Lord was exactly what the close Apostles to Jesus truly needed. For us what we truly need is the celebration of the Mass.

The Apostles were still learning about Jesus and how important he was to them. When the voice spoke from the cloud that Jesus was God's beloved Son and to listen to Him, the Apostles present learned directly why Jesus was so important. For us the Mass, the celebration of the Eucharist, we have the same Jesus who wants to teach us how to live and change our lives to live forever in Heaven. May God always be with us!

ADA Goals 2017-18

Holy Trinity - \$16,569.00
Pledges To Date \$5,920.00 (36%)
St. Patrick - \$10,065.00
Pledges To Date \$4,815.00 (48%)
St. Thomas More - \$9,493.00
Pledges To Date \$5,100.00 (54%)

Sacramental Preparation

Baptisms: Preparation is required for the first child in the family. Baptisms are scheduled on Sundays at noon or by special arrangement. Please contact Father to setup an appointment.

Marriages: Preparations need to be started one year before the Wedding date. Please contact Father for more information.

Rite of Christian Initiation: Per Canon Law of the Catholic Church, anyone over the age of seven years old is to observe the requirements of the RCIA, unless there is a danger of death. If anyone has not received all of the sacraments; baptism, First Communion or Confirmation, please talk to Father.

Calendar

Monday

August 7

Weekday

Nm 11:4b-15

Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday

August 8

St. Dominic,

Priest

Nm 12:1-13

Mt 14:22-36 or

15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday

August 9

Weekday

Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1,

26-29a, 34-35

Mt 15:21-28

Thursday

August 10

St. Lawrence,

Deacon and Martyr

2 Cor 9:6-10

Jn 12:24-26

Friday

August 11

St. Clare,

Virgin

Dt 4:32-40

Mt 16:24-28

Saturday

August 12

Weekday

Dt 6:4-13

Mt 17:14-20

Sunday

August 13

Nineteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a

Rom 9:1-5

Mt 14:22-33

Dear Padre,

Now that I'm retired and my kids are grown I'm feeling directionless. Even my faith life doesn't feel like it used to. How can I recapture a feeling of purposefulness in my faith?

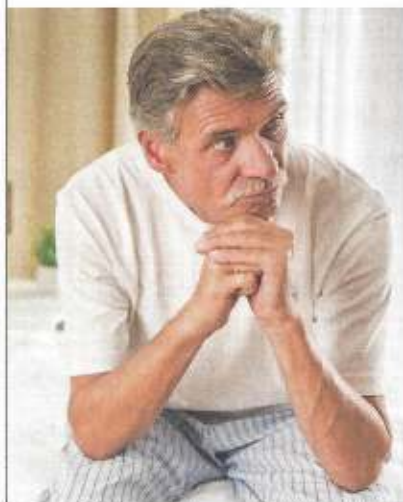
People may long for liberation from their job and for an "empty nest" at home; yet, when some find it, they lose a clear sense of identity, purpose, or fulfillment. This loss can lead to depression, but many people are unable to name it or cope with these life-changing realities.

Is getting through the day more exhausting than a full day's work before your retirement? Do you prefer to live in the past? Are you burdened with lingering feelings of guilt or regret that need healing? Do you feel like a burden? What are your reasons for living?

Faith and spirituality are connected to the physical, mental, and emotional dimensions of our life. It is often easier to recapture vitality in faith when we

recapture a purpose in other dimensions of life. Volunteer for a worthy cause. Balance your active outreach with introspection. Go on a retreat and reflect on what you're grateful for. Your relationship with the Lord in prayer may be affected by your lack of direction and purpose, but even a persistent emptiness in prayer can be an opportunity to have God fill the void—by focusing more on God than on what's presently lacking in your life.

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A Word From Pope Francis



"By [Jesus'] Transfiguration he invites us to gaze at him. And looking at Jesus purifies our eyes and prepares them for eternal life, for the vision of heaven. Perhaps our eyes are a little sick because we see so many things that are not of Jesus, things that are even against Jesus: worldly things, things that do not benefit the light of the soul. And in this way, this light is slowly extinguished, and without knowing it, we end up in interior darkness, in spiritual darkness, in a darkened faith: darkness, because we are unaccustomed to looking and imagining the things of Jesus."

—Homily, second Sunday of Lent, March 16, 2014