

Our Chance to Start Anew

Who has not been asked, at the dawning of young adulthood, “What do you want to be when you grow up?” Today there are so many options for both girls and boys. How does one decide? Money and security are very tempting, as are fame and reputation. And then there is the other side of the story when, in the quiet of our thoughts later in life, we wonder if we became everything we might have been. Did we choose the right path or the easy one? Did we rise to the occasion when life challenged us or did we stay where it was comfortable? Did we really grow up or did we just get older?

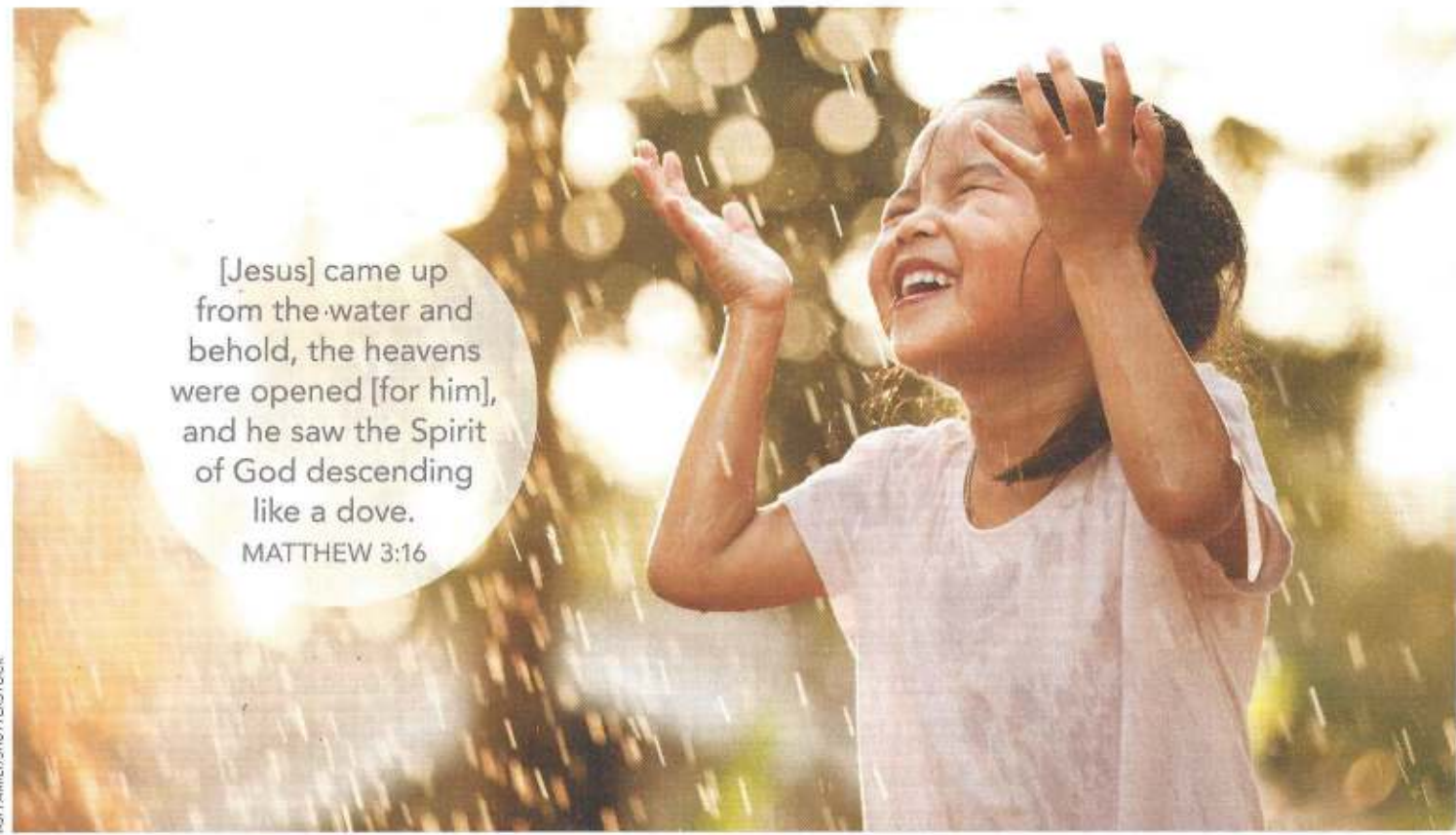
Today we cross the threshold of Christmastime and step into Ordinary Time when the readings focus on discipleship. What kind of disciples do we want to be? Regardless of the past, today we have a chance to start anew. The readings place two models before us—the servant in Isaiah and Jesus at his baptism.

Filled with the Spirit of God, Jesus is now ready to go out into the world to proclaim God’s love and mercy and to give evidence of that love and mercy in the way he treats others. The servant in the Isaiah reading was also filled with the spirit of God in order to “bring forth justice to the nations” (Isaiah 42:1). By baptism, we, too, are filled with God’s spirit. How are we going to use it? What do we want to be when we grow up?

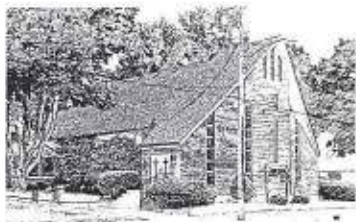
—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ What can you do to make your part of the world a better place?
- ★ Look within yourself. To what might God be calling you?



[Jesus] came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened [for him], and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove.
MATTHEW 3:16



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 - See Schedule)

Tuesday - 12:15 PM & Thursday - 8:30 AM

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) - 8:00 AM*

Sunday Last Chance Mass 5:30 PM

Confessions *By Appointment*

Holy Day of Obligation *Refer To Schedule*

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 January 13, 2020

Offered For

Monday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 5:30pm

† No Mass

Tuesday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 12:15pm

† Doris Schwamberger

Wednesday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† Purgatorial Society

Thursday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30am

† Lucille Pinter

Friday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† Memb Tom & Ray Pigati Fam

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions

Weekend of January 18-19, 2019

Offered For

Saturday Vigil:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 4:00 PM

† Norma Templeton

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† John Micheli

Sunday:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30 AM

† For The Parishioners

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM

† Lilly "Bonnie" Meyer

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† Fred Buck Sr.

Ministry Schedule For Next Weekend

Holy Trinity

LECTOR

Saturday - 4:00PM - Tina Dominy

Sunday - 8:30AM - Jeff Pinter

SERVERS

Saturday - 4:00PM -

?

Sunday - 8:30AM - ?

COUNTERS

Sunday - 8:30AM -

Lisa Clinton & Scott Shilkuski

St. Patrick

LECTOR

Sunday - 10:30AM - Bruce Galloway

SERVERS

Sunday - 10:30AM -

? & ?

St. Thomas More

ROSARY

Sat 5:30PM - TBD

LECTOR

Sat 5:30PM - TBD

SERVERS

Sat 5:30PM - ?

Visit Venerable Fulton Sheen At Cathedral in Peoria

Monday - Friday 12pm - 2pm

Saturday 3pm - 6pm

Sunday 9am - 2pm

UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

January 15 - Rosary Against Evil - Holy Trinity (Cherry) - 6PM

January 20 - Mass for Reparation of Sins - Holy Trinity (Cherry) - 5:30PM

Last Sunday's Offering

Holy Trinity - \$0.00

St. Patrick - \$0.00

St. Thomas More - \$0.00

The Rosary Against Evil

The rosary that we continue to pray on Wednesday nights at 6PM will be prayed at Holy Trinity Church during the month of January in Cherry. The weeks where Mass and Rosary is prayed together on Monday there is no Wednesday rosary. It is our time to show God, Jesus, Mary how much we need their help to fight the evil around us. Praying as a community has great strength to get God's attention for our needs and His help. And the rosary is and always has been our greatest weapon against evil! So please come and join us!

Mass for Reparation of Sins Every Third Monday

Coming up on January 20th at 5:30PM at Holy Trinity in Cherry, there will be the celebration of Holy Mass followed by the recitation of the Creed and praying of the Holy Rosary. With the rosary prayed on Monday we will not meet that week on Wednesday for rosary. It repeats every third Monday at whatever church we are praying the rosary for that month. Our Blessed Mother wants this from us so people 9 months out of the year can receive the following gifts; we will receive peace, consolation from pain, stopping of hiding sins, not being arrogant, more humility, and the blessing of our homes. Please come!

Weather Warning Notice

With the winter's unpredictable snowfall, it is always hard to plan or prepare for, so just be cautious. Please stay home if you have health or physical difficulties dealing with the extreme weather. If the roads are too icy or not plowed because of fresh snow, the immediate Mass to be celebrated could be cancelled and my parishioners will be dispensed. But please put into the collection the following week what you would have put in for the cancelled Mass. Unfortunately, the bills still keep coming in! A good rule is if the weather is good enough to go the store, sports event, or otherwise, you should go to Mass. Check with WLPO (1220AM), WZOE (1490AM) and BCR Alerts for cancellations. If you aren't signed up for BCR alerts, check with Julie in the office.

Special Event In Area

None

For The Week

After Christ was born, and 30 years passed, it was time for Jesus to begin His public ministry. And the best way to begin was by a public consecration to God through His baptism in the River Jordan. John the Baptist had fulfilled his ministry by proclaiming that Jesus was here. So it was now Jesus' time to begin to work and bring people closer to God.

For us, the Christmas season is not officially over until Jesus is presented in the temple. So we can keep the Christmas joy alive in our churches with the beautiful decorations put up by beautiful people. But as Jesus came to prepare us for a life in Heaven, we are also in that time to prepare, really prepare ourselves for Jesus' second coming. We do this by living prayerful lives, praying the rosary, living the Commandments, and doing good in the world with our lives. May God always bless us with His Real Presence!

ADA Goals 2019-20

Holy Trinity - \$17589.00

Pledges To Date \$9210.00 (52%)

St. Patrick - \$9902.00

Pledges To Date \$9989.00 (100%)

St. Thomas More - \$12554.00

Pledges To Date \$9265.00 (74%)

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.

Dear Padre,

What does holy water do, and why is it near the entrance to the church?

Blessed water is a sacramental—a sign of spiritual effects and favors from God. The Church admonishes us to use sacramentals, like holy water, crucifixes, and rosaries, with reverence and respect.

Water is full of mystery. Although material, it can express something spiritual. It cleanses us from filth and impurities; therefore, water is a symbol

of interior cleansing and purifying. It also symbolizes life. The scarcity of water in many regions, including the Holy Land, gives it special value. What's more, water is necessary for the existence of all plants, animals, and people.

In Matthew's Gospel, John the Baptist baptized with water as an outward sign of inner sorrow for personal sins. In the sacrament of baptism instituted

by Christ, we are washed completely and born again of water and the Spirit. Water here symbolizes the grace of God washing away our sins, purifying our souls, and giving us new life in Christ.

The custom of placing a holy water font near the church doors is quite old. As you enter a Catholic church, making the sign of the cross with holy water reminds you of your baptism and of cleansing yourself before you approach God's presence. As you leave, bless yourself again and recall that baptism has marked you for eternal life. When we bless ourselves with holy water, we do it "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

In baptism, your life was already immersed in the mystery of the Trinity and you belong to Jesus. And if one day you should be taken by fear, or you think that evil is too great to be challenged, simply consider that Jesus lives within you.

—GENERAL AUDIENCE, SEPTEMBER 20, 2017

Calendar

Monday

JANUARY 13

Weekday

1 Sm 1:1–8

Mk 1:14–20

Tuesday

JANUARY 14

Weekday

1 Sm 1:9–20

Mk 1:21–28

Wednesday

JANUARY 15

Weekday

1 Sm 3:1–10, 19–20

Mk 1:29–39

Thursday

JANUARY 16

Weekday

1 Sm 4:1–11

Mk 1:40–45

Friday

JANUARY 17

St. Anthony,
Abbot

1 Sm 8:4–7, 10–22a

Mk 2:1–12

Saturday

JANUARY 18

Weekday

1 Sm 9:1–4, 17–19;
10:1

Mk 2:13–17

Sunday

JANUARY 19

Second Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Is 49:3, 5–6

1 Cor 1:1–3

Jn 1:29–34