

God's Patient Call

This painting of Jonah in the Sistine Chapel is directly above *The Last Judgment*. Michelangelo chooses to depict Jonah for his theological connection to Jesus, who said, "Just as Jonah was in the belly of the whale three days and three nights, so will the Son of Man be in the heart of the earth three days and three nights" (Matthew 18:40).

Unlike Jesus, Jonah initially balks at God's call until he grudgingly accepts and preaches to the city of Nineveh. In his rebellion, he gets in a boat and goes the opposite direction from where God was calling. Eventually he was thrown overboard and swallowed by the fish, seen painted at his side. After a three-night stomachache, the fish spewed Jonah up on the shore, back where he had started.

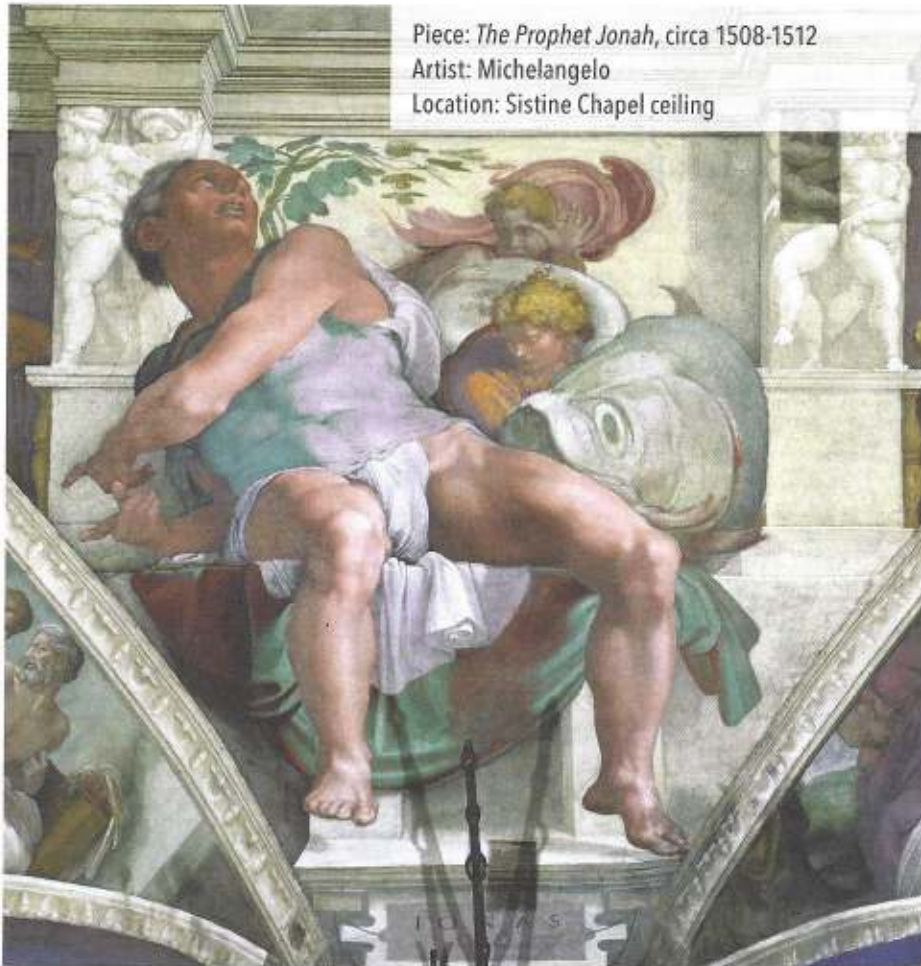
Jonah looks up to heaven with a weary longing, which might denote his melancholy personality. The fig tree further reinforces his weakness because it recalls the episode when Jonah lay under the fig tree in depression and

lethargy.

Like Peter and Andrew, James and John, God entered Jonah's life and called him. Unlike the apostles, it took him a while to say yes. We can also be slow to respond to the invitation of God in our soul, whether in big or small things. Perhaps the attraction of the world or fear of sacrifice keeps us from saying yes. Yet his voice is constant and persistent.

Michelangelo paints Jonah dangling above *The Last Judgment* as if to subtly say, you are cordially invited to say yes to God's patient callings...while you still have time.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



Piece: *The Prophet Jonah*, circa 1508-1512

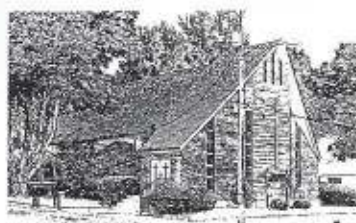
Artist: Michelangelo

Location: Sistine Chapel ceiling

For Reflection

Do I understand that putting off the voice of God is also putting off all the good, joy, and peace he wants to bring about by what he is asking?

*Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."
Then they abandoned their nets and followed him.
(Mark 1:17-18)*



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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 - 12:15 PM & Thursday - 9:00 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 Every 2nd & 4th Sunday - 4:45-5:15pm

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 22, 2018

Offered For

Monday

† No Mass

Tuesday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 12:15pm

† Mary Jane & Frances Smith

Wednesday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† Pat Pirtch

Thursday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 9:00am

† Joseph & Della Shevokas

Friday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† Purgatorial Society

**** Divine Mercy Chaplet - Fridays at 3PM**

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions

Weekend of January 27-28, 2018

Saturday Vigil:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 4:00 PM

† Dec, Member Soldati Family

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† Natalie Ceresa

Sunday:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30 AM

† Leroy & Lucille Pinter

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM

† Barb Olson

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 - Bill Lauer
Sunday - 8:30AM - Jeff Pinter

SERVERS

Saturday - 4:00PM -
Tanner Dominy
Sunday - 8:30AM -
?

St. Patrick

LECTOR

Sunday - 10:30AM - Ernie Bartoli

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sunday - 10:30AM - Ann Kapraun

SERVERS

Sunday - 10:30AM -
Jerrick Kapraun & Dylan Tornow

St. Thomas More

ROSARY

Sat 5:30PM - Cheryl Stowe

LECTOR

Sat 5:30PM - Mary Ann Schoening

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sat 5:30PM - Cheryl Stowe

SERVERS

Sat 5:30PM - ?

**UPCOMING
CHURCH EVENTS**

January 24 - Rosary Against Evil -
St. Thomas More - 5:30pm

January 26 - Mercy Prayers - St.
Thomas More Chapel - 3pm

March 3 - St. Patrick Sausage
Making

March 9 - St. Thomas More Lent
Fish Fry

Last Sunday's Offering

Holy Trinity - \$2405.00
Needed Weekly - \$1700 (-\$1309.00)
St. Patrick - \$1056.00
Needed Weekly - \$700 (-\$225.00)
St. Thomas More - \$1772.00
Needed Weekly - \$700 (\$366.00)

**** (Parentheses) = Overage/Deficit of
Collection**

**Right To Life
Candlelight Prayer Vigil**

On Monday, January 22nd at 7PM at Queen of the Holy Rosary Shrine at 529 4th St. in La Salle, there will be a prayer vigil to commemorate the 45th Anniversary of the tragic Roe vs. Wade decision legalizing abortion. A local speaker who will share her abortion story and a presentation on Rachel's Vineyard post abortion healing ministry will take place. Please come!

Weather Warning Notice

With the winter's unpredictable snowfall, it can be hard to plan or prepare for them. So 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 cleared because of high snowfall, the immediate Mass in Dalzell will be celebrated but at Cherry and Arlington they will 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. And please check with WLPO (1220AM) for more about cancellations.

The Rosary Against Evil

The rosary that we continue to pray on Wednesday nights at 5:30PM will be prayed at St. Thomas More Church during the month of January in Dalzell. It is our time to show God, Jesus, Mary how much we need them to fight the evil around us. As we pray through Our Lady of Fatima, 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. With the evil in the world the church should be full, so where is everybody!

Upcoming Area Events

For The Week

We are to "repent and believe" in order to be part of God's Kingdom. For all of us we are to remember that we are to live for what comes after this life on earth, the heavenly life. More and more, we should be feeling the sense of unhappiness that this world gives. The peace and joy of being with Jesus at Holy Mass prefigures what it will be like in heaven in the presence of God.

So when Jesus says "Repent and believe", we are to repent of how much this world has taken over our lives rather than Jesus. But we are also to believe in and live for Jesus and what He taught while on this earth. May God always be with us, help us, and bless us with His Loving Presence!

ADA Goals 2017-18

Holy Trinity - \$16,569.00
Pledges To Date \$6,120.00 (36%)
St. Patrick - \$10,065.00
Pledges To Date \$7,476.00 (74%)
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

January 22

Day of Prayer for the
Legal Protection of
Unborn Children

2 Sm 5:1-7, 10

Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday

January 23

Weekday

2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19

Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday

January 24

St. Francis de Sales,
Bishop and Doctor
of the Church

2 Sm 7:4-17

Mk 4:1-20

Thursday

January 25

Conversion of St. Paul,
Apostle

Acts 22:3-16 or

Acts 9:1-22

Mk 16:15-18

Friday

January 26

Sts. Timothy and Titus,
Bishops

2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5

Mk 4:26-34

Saturday

January 27

Weekday

2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17

Mk 4:35-41

Sunday

January 28

Fourth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Dt 18:15-20

1 Cor 7:32-35

Mk 1:21-28

Dear Padre,

Whenever I try to pray, I'm plagued with a thousand distractions. How can I learn to control my mind better?

Maybe you're trying too hard. You've heard how some baseball hitters press when they're trying to come out of a slump. Their very effort to overcome their problem makes them tighten up more. They are so worried about the mechanics of their swing, stance, or grip that they can't hit the ball. That's why their coach might advise them to stay loose in the batter's box. We could use the same advice in our approach to prayer. Do your best to pray well, but don't be too upset if your prayer is not "perfect."

Some scrupulous Catholics will repeat a prayer if their mind wanders the first time through, but this isn't advisable. I suggest that you make a good intention, say your prayer and, even if your mind wanders, don't repeat it. Remember that distractions are as natural as breathing, and even the saints couldn't pray without them. When a distraction comes, treat it as you would a fly buzzing around your head. Occasionally shoo it away, but don't spend all your time and concentration on it. The good Lord can read your heart. He loves you just as you are, distracted mind and all.

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A Word From Pope Francis

For every Christian, the proclamation and witnessing of the Gospel is never an isolated act. This is important....No evangelizer acts, as Paul VI recalled, "in virtue of a...personal inspiration, but in union with the mission of the Church and in her name."

—Address to International Union of Superiors General,
May 8, 2013

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