

Piece: *The Calling of the First Apostles*, circa 1481–83
Artist: Domenico Ghirlandaio
Location: Sistine Chapel



His First Followers

We began the Church year with the foundations of our Christian life. We focused on our baptismal call to preach the word of God. Now we focus on the call of the first apostles.

Today's painting is again from the Sistine Chapel, where Ghirlandaio based this scene on today's Gospel. The Sea of Galilee spreads out behind Jesus, who is once again front and center. Several towns line the shore and remind us of Capernaum, where Jesus lived and near where he called his first followers.

Two apostles kneel in front of Jesus; another pair stand behind him. Their gestures and postures reveal their interior attitudes. One apostle crosses his arms in acceptance while another prayerfully looks up at

Jesus. The third apostle, behind Jesus, has his hand at his chest as if to say, "Are you sure you want me?" The fourth seems to look away. Many others surround Jesus, but not all of them are called to be apostles.

The call of Jesus is real. He may not ask us to leave behind our business or family, but he does ask for the same totality of trust and following. The result of fully saying "yes" to this call is what the first reading proclaims: "You have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing; They rejoice before you as people rejoice at harvest..." (Isaiah 9:2). The "joy of the

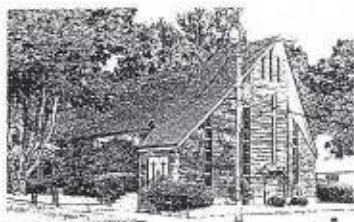
gospel" that Pope Francis proclaimed in his 2013 apostolic exhortation is exactly this: that joy that comes from a sincere and generous "yes" to Jesus' call to be a disciple.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

Jesus asks us to leave all and put him first. How can I do that better this week?

"At once they left their nets and followed him" (Matthew 4:20).



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)

8:00 AM

Sunday Last Chance Mass 5:30 PM

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

Holy Day of Obligation *Refer To Schedule*

****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 January 23, 2017

Monday

Offered For

† No Mass

Tuesday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 12:15pm

† Renee Klein McAllister

Wednesday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† Jack McCallum

Thursday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 12:15pm

† Edmund & Kathryn Flaherty

Friday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† Parishioners

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

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions

Weekend of January 28-29, 2017

Saturday Vigil:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 4:00 PM

† Ann Dinges

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† Stan Reynolds

Sunday:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30 AM

† Mark Lorenzi

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM

† Angelina Pommier

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† Special Intention (Sick)

Ministry Schedule
For Next Weekend

Holy Trinity

LECTOR

Saturday - 4:00PM - Carol Lauer

Sunday - 8:30AM - Gerald Schlenz

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday - 4:00PM - Bill Lauer

Sunday - 8:30AM - Jeff Pinter

SERVERS

Saturday - 4:00PM -

Antonia Cattani

Sunday - 8:30AM -

Kerri Herrmann

St. Patrick

LECTOR

Sunday - 10:30AM - Bruce Galloway

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sunday - 10:30AM - Ann Kapraun

SERVERS

Sunday - 10:30AM -

Dylan Lovgren & Casen Cherry

St. Thomas More

ROSARY

Sat 5:30PM - Mary Jean Goodrick

LECTOR

Sat 5:30PM - Annie Thompson

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sat 5:30PM - Judy Szymovicz

SERVERS

Sat 5:30PM - ?

UPCOMING
CHURCH EVENTS

March 1 - Ash Wednesday

Dates To Be Determined

Fish Fry's Coming Up In March

St. Joseph's Table Also In March

Last Sunday's Offering

Holy Trinity - \$1371.00

Needed Weekly - \$1700

St. Patrick - \$524.00

Needed Weekly - \$700

St. Thomas More - \$1152.00

Needed Weekly - \$700

St. Margaret's Hospital
Volunteers Needed

St. Margaret's Hospital Volunteer program is looking for volunteers for the Red Coat Service, Gift Shop and Surgical Waiting Room. Shifts are flexible and a free meal is offered with each shift. If interested, please contact Cindy at (815) 664-1130 for more information.

Weather Warning Notice

With the winter's unpredictable snowfall, it has been hard to plan or prepare for 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 plowed because of fresh snow, the immediate Mass to be celebrated 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. Check with WLPO (1220AM) for cancellations.

Mass Ministry Help Is
Needed At All Churches

We always have a need at all the Masses for all the churches for Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Servers. If you can help, please let Julie know in the office.

Upcoming Area Events

For The Week

As I mentioned over last weekend, the new website for all three churches is up on the web. The address is www.bureaucatholic.org. It has been designed to keep available the needed information on each church like Masses, ministry schedules, religious education, and parish organizations but with more to be added. The Catholic Website company is also adding things periodically to help with keeping it fresh. It is my plan to do that as possible. But if you have any ideas of other additions, please feel free to let Father know!

May God, through Jesus Christ, help us to be His best of witnesses to our faith! May everyone have a very Blessed and a Happy New Year in 2017!

ADA Goals 2016-17

Holy Trinity - \$17,472.00

Pledges To Date \$10,965.00 (63%)

St. Patrick - \$11,841.00

Pledges To Date \$11,841.00 (100%)

St. Thomas More - \$9,262.00

Pledges To Date \$9,262.00 (100%)

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 23

Day of Prayer for
the Legal Protection
of Unborn Children

Heb 9:15, 24-28

Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday

January 24

St. Francis de Sales,
Bishop and

Doctor of the Church

Heb 10:1-10, Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday

January 25

The Conversion of
St. Paul the Apostle

Acts 22:3-16

or Acts 9:1-22

Mk 16:15-18

Thursday

January 26

Sts. Timothy and
Titus, Bishops

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

Mk 4:21-25

Friday

January 27

Weekday

Heb 10:32-39

Mk 4:26-34

Saturday

January 28

St. Thomas Aquinas,
Priest and

Doctor of the Church

Heb 11:1-2, 8-19

Mk 4:35-41

Sunday

January 29

Fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Zep 2:3; 3:12-13

1 Cor 1:26-31

Mt 5:1-12a

Dear Padre,

1 Corinthians 10:13 states, "God...will not let you be tried beyond your strength; but with the trial he will also provide a way out...." My brother committed suicide, and I wonder why he wasn't "able to bear it." Please help me to understand.

The death of a family member is never easy to deal with. I pray for your peace and your brother's eternal rest.

We can't be sure what your brother was thinking when he ended his life, but we can be certain God was with him. God remains faithful to his covenant and will never disappoint the hope and trust of his children. Does this mean your brother failed to trust in God? We don't know that. Only God and your brother know the extent of his condition and suffering.

When we recall Jesus' lament from the cross—"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Matthew 27:46; Psalm 22:2)—we see that in his darkest moment, his Father was with him. In the same way, God was present in the worst of your brother's trials. Why he was nevertheless unable to bear them is a question we may never have the answer to on this side of heaven. It's important to remember that the Church has great compassion for those who commit suicide. To leave your brother in God's merciful hands is to act with the conviction of our faith.

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A Word From Pope Francis

"To evangelize...it is necessary to open ourselves once again to the horizon of God's Spirit, without being afraid of what he asks us or of where he leads us."

—General audience, May 22, 2013