

*Having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod,
they departed for their country by another way.*

MATTHEW 2:12

A Christ for Every Nation

"Go back where you came from!" What if the Magi heard this when they came to the house where the Child was, and they heeded that deriding message? The "signs of the times" that they read told them a king had been born. They might not have known exactly where to look, but they knew what they were looking for, and they recognized that king when they found him. These righteous men were not Israelites, yet God revealed this great mystery to them. Furthermore, there is no indication that they eventually became Israelites. Rather, "they departed for their country" (Matthew 2:12). God really does not play favorites.

Then how are we to understand the claim of being God's Chosen People, whether ancient Israelites or the Christian community? What's the point of being chosen if you are not the favorite? While acknowledging God's special love for his Chosen People, both Isaiah and Paul answer this question.

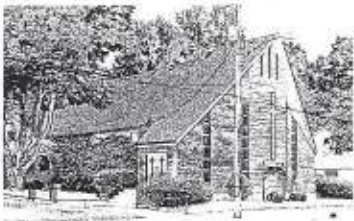
The prophet claims that "nations will walk by your light, kings by the radiance of your dawning" (Isaiah 60:3), and Paul says "the stewardship of God's grace... was given to me for your benefit" (Ephesians 3:2). In other words, some have been chosen by God to bring the light of God's love to others.

The feast of the Epiphany celebrates two important realities—the revelation of God to all people and the responsibility to reveal that astounding mystery to others. The Magi personify both realities. They were men of another faith tradition to whom God revealed the mystery of the Incarnation, and they returned home and probably proclaimed to others the wonder of that mystery.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ★ *How respectful are you of the religious quests of others?*
- ★ *In what ways might your life shine the light of God's love on others?*



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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 6, 2020

Offered For

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| <u>Monday</u> | Holy Trinity, Cherry - 5:30pm | † No Mass |
| <u>Tuesday</u> | Holy Trinity, Cherry - 12:15pm | † No Mass |
| <u>Wednesday</u> | St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am | † No Mass |
| <u>Thursday</u> | Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30am | † No Mass |
| <u>Friday</u> | St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am | † No Mass |

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions

Weekend of January 11-12, 2019

Offered For

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| <u>Saturday Vigil:</u> | Holy Trinity, Cherry - 4:00 PM | † Alan Hahn |
| | St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM | † For The Parishioners |
| <u>Sunday:</u> | Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30 AM | † Mina DeAngelo |
| | St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM | † Michael Bickett |
| | St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM | † James Lusietto |

Ministry Schedule
For Next Weekend

Holy Trinity

LECTOR

Saturday - 4:00PM - Carol Lauer
Sunday - 8:30AM - Mary Jane Marincic

SERVERS

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

COUNTERS

Sunday - 8:30AM -
Nancy Lowry & Nancy Floroplus

St. Patrick

LECTOR

Sunday - 10:30AM - Bernice Keutzer

SERVERS

Sunday - 10:30AM -
Brandon & Dylan Tornow

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

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| Monday - Friday | 12pm - 2pm |
| Saturday | 3pm - 6pm |
| Sunday | 9am - 2pm |

UPCOMING
CHURCH EVENTS

January 8 - Rosary Against Evil - Holy Trinity (Cherry) - 6PM

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

Last Sunday's Offering

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| Holy Trinity - | \$3750.00 |
| St. Patrick - | \$1962.00 |
| St. Thomas More - | \$2681.00 |

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

On Monday, 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

Last week we celebrated the Holy Family. This week we celebrate the arrival of the Magi who have traveled a great distance to worship Jesus and bring Him the gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. In case we forget, the gifts symbolized who Jesus was. The gold symbolized kingship on earth, the frankincense symbolized deity or God, and the myrrh symbolized death as it was used for anointing.

So here we are today, as we celebrate the star that led the Magi to Jesus, God still uses the heavens to signal changes for humanity. If we go back to October 1917 in Fatima, God gave the people the miracle of the sun. It was meant to help push people to realize the importance of the forgiveness of their sins. And also that the end of the world was in sight. We have concluded the 100 years to repair the evil in society through our prayer. Now our lives are more than ever in God's hands. May God always bless us with His Real Presence!

ADA Goals 2019-20

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| <u>Holy Trinity</u> - \$17589.00 |
| Pledges To Date \$4210.00 (24%) |
| <u>St. Patrick</u> - \$9902.00 |
| Pledges To Date \$5289.00 (53%) |
| <u>St. Thomas More</u> - \$12554.00 |
| Pledges To Date \$1265.00 (10%) |

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 do we know about the Three Kings?

Your question reminds us how much human tradition has embellished some of the events described in sacred Scripture. Historically, the name Magi designates members of an ancient Near Eastern priestly caste. In Matthew's Gospel, they are presented as noble wise men and astrologers.

The number three has long been associated with the Magi. However, the Gospel narratives never mention their number (though they did offer three gifts—gold, frankincense, and myrrh). Saint Matthew is also silent about their names. However, in the eighth century, Western traditions began calling them Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. Other Christian traditions use different names.

Though their gifts indicate they were from South Arabia, it's doubtful that they represented particular nations or the major racial families. At the very least, the Magi represent the Gentile peoples coming from afar to find the true God in Jesus Christ. This contrasts with King Herod and Israel. Both neglected this manifestation of God's presence in their midst.

Astrology permeated ancient cultures, so it isn't strange that astrologers appear in the Bible. The Church responded by "Christianizing" aspects of astrology. For example, the Church deliberately called Christ the "Sun of Justice," thus replacing the pagan god Sol with one true God. In the fourth century, the Church placed the celebration of Christ's Nativity on December 25, the birthday of the sun. We emphasize Jesus as the Light of the World and celebrate his feast every week on Sunday.

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Calendar

Monday

JANUARY 6

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 3:22—4:6

Mt 4:12–17, 23–25

Tuesday

JANUARY 7

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 4:7–10

Mk 6:34–44

Wednesday

JANUARY 8

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 4:11–18

Mk 6:45–52

Thursday

JANUARY 9

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 4:19—5:4

Lk 4:14–22

Friday

JANUARY 10

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 5:5–13

Lk 5:12–16

Saturday

JANUARY 11

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 5:14–21

Jn 3:22–30

Sunday

JANUARY 12

Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1–4, 6–7

Acts 10:34–38

Mt 3:13–17



A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Do we know how to dream, to long for God, ...or do we let ourselves be swept along by life, like dry branches before the wind? The Magi were not content with just getting by, with keeping afloat. They understood that to truly live, we need a lofty goal and we need to keep looking up.

—EPIPHANY HOMILY, JANUARY 6, 2018

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