

Herod Was Correct

King Herod, the most powerful man in the region, was greatly troubled to hear about the birth of a king. Why would a reigning king fear a little child? Perhaps because he believed if word spread that a future messiah had been born, the Jews would be harder to control. They were easier to dominate when they were without hope, without a leader.

Herod was correct. Wise men from the East looking for the King of the Jews fulfilled prophecies that foretold all nations would come to Israel looking for a messianic leader.

Herod was also troubled because, if indeed this newborn was a king, he had a pretender and a competitor right under his royal nose. King Herod was correct again.

Although Jesus did not pretend to overthrow the Romans, he did come with authority and would upend the existing order. Jesus would preach to the heart and demand that no one sit on that throne except God his Father.

Pseudo Domenico presents the arrival of the Magi as a procession of vassals showing homage to their king. Kneeling, bowing, and standing erect with gifts in hand, authorities from far away are showing reverence to the newborn royalty who sits on Mother Mary's lap. His royal hall is the hillside, his scepter a baby finger, his royal family is Joseph and Mary.

These Gentile kings were the first to do what all of creation and all of history have been doing since then—bending their knee to the King of the Universe. Herod was right to worry.

— Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Piece: *Adoration of the Kings*, 1450s
Artist: Pseudo Domenico di Michelino
Location: Vatican Museums

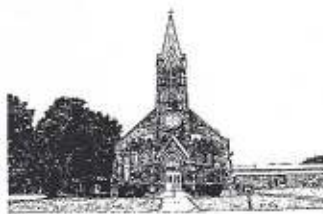


For Reflection

Jesus' reign comes to give security to those who love him. Does his authority and care give me security? Do I seek earthly securities aside from the treasures he offers me: his will, protection, and grace?

*When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled,
and all Jerusalem with him.*

Matthew 2:3



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 - 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 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 7, 2018

Offered For

Monday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:30am

† No Mass

Tuesday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 12:15pm

† Connie Lauer

Wednesday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† Sy Pyszka

Thursday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30am

† Wayne Jaraczewski

Friday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† For The Sick

**** Divine Mercy - Every Friday at 3PM (St. Thomas More Adoration Chapel)**

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions

Weekend of January 12-13, 2019

Saturday Vigil:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 4:00 PM

† Corrine Manning

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† Alan, Kate, Winfield, Norm Goodrick

Sunday:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30 AM

† Dec. Memb. Shevokas' & Yucas'

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM

† Lilley "Bonnie" Meyer

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† For The Parishioners

(See Next Page For New Mass Intention Policy)

Ministry Schedule For Next Weekend

Holy Trinity

LECTOR

Saturday - 4:00PM - Carol Lauer

Sunday - 8:30AM - Jeff Pinter

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday - 4:00PM - Bill Lauer

Sunday - 8:30AM - Mary Jo Brust

Saturday - 4:00PM -

RJ Talbot

Sunday - 8:30AM -

?

St. Patrick

LECTOR

Sunday - 10:30AM - Linda Beattie

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sunday - 10:30AM - ?

SERVERS

Sunday - 10:30AM -

Dylan Hunter & Thomas Schroeder

St. Thomas More

ROSARY

Sat 5:30PM - TBD

LECTOR

Sat 5:30PM - TBD

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sat 5:30PM - Mary Ann Schoening

SERVERS

Sat 5:30PM - ?

UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

January 9 - Rosary Against Evil - St. Thomas More (Dalzell) - 6PM

January 21 - Mass Reparation Sins/
Rosary - St. Thomas More (Dalzell) -
5:30pm

(St. Patrick's made over 10,000 lbs. of
sausage this last year!) Outstanding!

(St. Thomas More Ravens Group made
2932 lbs. of Ravens in 2018, and 379 lbs.
of Tortlasch.) Outstanding!

Last Sunday's Offering

Holy Trinity - \$0.00

Needed Weekly - \$1700 (-\$15992.00)

St. Patrick - \$0.00

Needed Weekly - \$700 (-\$4664.00)

St. Thomas More - \$0.00

Needed Weekly - \$900 (\$5704.00)

** (Parentheses) = Overage/Deficit of
Collection

Holy Trinity Trivia Night

We are having a Trivia Night at Holy Trinity Hall on January 19th, unless there is a snow storm it will be postponed to January 26th. But we need help to get the games set up, with the food and refreshments, and setting up the hall. So if you can help we will have a meeting at Holy Trinity Church at 5pm on January 9th. So please come!

Three Church

BCR Alert System

As Father mentioned last week, we are implementing an alert system for Mass cancellations or Church Event changes. It can either be by phone text or email alert. Go to bcrnews.com and click on bcrbriefs. Then sign up and scroll to Community Cancellations/Notices and click on HTSPSTM Parishes. And if you need help please let us know. Thank you!

Weather Warning Notice

With the winter's unpredictable snowfall, which is hard to plan on or prepare for, please 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 us by putting 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.

New Mass Intention Policy For 2019

One of the big problems is fitting in Saturday evening and Sunday Mass intentions for everybody. Also per Canon Law, Father has to offer one Mass a weekend for "The People", also known as a "Pro Populo" Mass, which we rotate between Holy Trinity and St. Thomas More. Starting January 1st, 2019, for all Masses scheduled after that date, we can only accept three (3) Masses per family for Sundays. If we have an opening on a Sunday, we will be keeping a special list to fill spots. All other Masses will have to be for weekday Masses.

Special Event In Area

None Scheduled

For The Week

As we celebrate the Epiphany, we remember the Magi reaching and giving homage to Jesus. They knew He was someone very special. John the Evangelist states that when Jesus came into the world *the world knew him not and his own people received him not.*

So as we begin this new year, as God did great things with the Magi at Jesus' birth, God wants to do great things with us at Jesus' Second Coming. And it is our relationship with the Most Holy Trinity that will be of the greatest assistance to us in the days ahead. So if we haven't spent much time in knowing who Jesus is in our lives and why we need Him more than ever. Now would be the most advantageous time for us to do so. Have a Blessed and Happy New Year!

ADA Goals 2018-19

Holy Trinity - \$16,421.00

Pledges To Date \$5255 (32%)

St. Patrick - \$11,340.00

Pledges To Date \$5570 (49%)

St. Thomas More - \$10,917.00

Pledges To Date \$4520 (41%)

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 7

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 3:22–4:6

Mt 4:12–17, 23–25

Tuesday

JANUARY 8

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 4:7–10

Mk 6:34–44

Wednesday

JANUARY 9

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 4:11–18

Mk 6:45–52

Thursday

JANUARY 10

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 4:19–5:4

Lk 4:14–22a

Friday

JANUARY 11

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 5:5–13

Lk 5:12–16

Saturday

JANUARY 12

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 5:14–21

Jn 3:22–30

Sunday

JANUARY 13

Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1–4, 6–7 or

Is 40:1–5, 9–11

Acts 10:34–38 or

Ti 2:11–14; 3:4–7

Lk 3:15–16, 21–22



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Dear Padre,

I'm having an argument with a fundamentalist friend who insists the Epiphany happened exactly as it says in the Bible. I keep saying there's no way it could have. Who is right?

Catholics believe that each book of the Bible needs to be appreciated according to the principles of its own literary genre. We don't look to the Gospels for modern critical history or unbiased biographical/reportorial fact-telling.

The four Gospels were written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Each Gospel writer uses human skill to craft a true story, presenting the saving mystery of our Lord's life, death, and resurrection so that readers may come to know Christ, share his life, and be saved.

Every story in the Gospels is shaped to communicate saving truth, but not every story is told as a direct "just the facts, ma'am" report of sequential events. So there's saving sense in which, yes, the Epiphany happened exactly as it says in Matthew 2:1–12. And there's a more literal sense in which, no, the Epiphany probably didn't happen exactly as it's recounted.

What is most certain is the Gospel's saving message of the birth of our true King, the Light of the World, before whom we offer homage and who, when we encounter him, will change our lives and send us home in a new path.

—Fr. Matthew Allman, CSsR
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A Word From Pope Francis

How many stars there are in the sky! And yet the Magi followed a new and different star, which for them shone all the more brightly.... They listened to a voice deep within, which led them to follow that light. It was the voice of the Holy Spirit, who works in all people.

—Homily, Epiphany of the Lord, January 6, 2016



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