

Reaching Far and Wide

A mysterious scene barely comes to light before us. Are we inside or outside of a Roman portico? What is going on in the background? The central scene clearly shows the Child Jesus perched in the Virgin's arms and surrounded by swaddling clothes. A glow emanates from the Child that enlightens the three Wise Men processing toward Jesus. Their whole caravan chaotically crowds around and strains to see the king they have come to worship. A dalmatian wanders behind while a camel appears in the back lighting with a knowing smirk. The Ethiopian sage sympathetically stares out from the center of the painting and seemingly asks us if we understand the significance of their travels.

The arrival of these astronomers from the East sends a very important message for all of us at Mass

today. Jesus is the light of the whole world, and all peoples—no matter how far or how lost—are invited by his attractive and saving light. This light came to the Chosen People and will be fully consumed in Jerusalem as Isaiah prophesies. Yet he will proclaim that all peoples are invited to be members of the same family and coheirs to the treasures of God's love and mercy. Faith in him and acceptance of his gospel truth is all he asks. So no matter how far you or anyone you know seems from Jesus and his truth, he loves them and wants them around his table to experience his love.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection Do I trust that Jesus wants to and can reach any soul, no matter how far away? Will you renew your prayer and gentle testimony to invite those who are still searching?

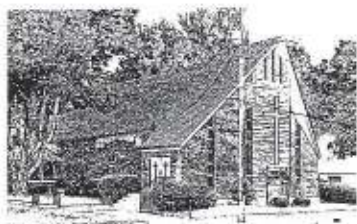
Piece: *The Adoration of the Magi*, 1645-1650

Artist: Vincent Malo

Location: Vatican Pinacoteca



Arise! Shine, for your light has come, the glory of the LORD has dawned upon you.
(Isaiah 60:1)



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 - 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) 8:30 AM (Summer)

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 8, 2018

Offered For

Monday

† No Mass

Tuesday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 12:15pm

† No Mass

Wednesday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† No Mass

Thursday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 9:00am** (Changed)

† August & Frances Bernardoni

Friday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† Purgatorial Society

** Divine Mercy Chaplet - Fridays at 3PM

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions

Weekend of January 13-14, 2018

Saturday Vigil:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 4:00 PM

† For The Parishioners

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† Pat Pirtch

Sunday:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30 AM

† Elsie Meyer

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM

† Lilley Meyer

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† Mildred Downie

Ministry Schedule
For Next Weekend

Holy Trinity

LECTOR

Saturday - 4:00PM - Heather Linnig

Sunday - 8:30AM - Gerald Schlenz

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday - 4:00PM - Sheila Campbell

Sunday - 8:30AM - Mary Jo Brust

SERVERS

Saturday - 4:00PM -

Payton & Berkleee Linnig

Sunday - 8:30AM -

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St. Patrick

LECTOR

Sunday - 10:30AM - Bernice Keutzer

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sunday - 10:30AM - ?

SERVERS

Sunday - 10:30AM -

Luke Lovgren & Brandon Tornow

St. Thomas More

ROSARY

Sat 5:30PM - Joelle Crockett

LECTOR

Sat 5:30PM - Joelle Crockett

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sat 5:30PM - Cheryl Stowe

SERVERS

Sat 5:30PM - ?

UPCOMING
CHURCH EVENTS

January 10 - Rosary Against Evil - St. Thomas More - 5:30pm

January 12 - Mercy Prayers - St. Thomas More Chapel - 3pm

Last Sunday's Offering

Holy Trinity - \$1386.00

Needed Weekly - \$1700 (-\$314.00)

St. Patrick - \$819.00

Needed Weekly - \$700 (\$119.00)

St. Thomas More - \$724.00

Needed Weekly - \$700 (\$24.00)

** (Parentheses) = Overage/Deficit of Collection

Holy Trinity

Thursday Mass Change

Due to Father's ministerial needs, the Thursday Mass time has been changed from 12:15pm to 9am.

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

The Magi make it to the newborn King this weekend as we celebrate the Epiphany. The star over Bethlehem was different from any other star. The Magi knew that it was worth following to find what great gift would be underneath. The gift we all know today was Jesus. The moon, stars and planets still provide clues to what is happening today for us and our relationship with God.

The prophets before Jesus' birth were even told of the star as it relates to Jesus' birth. Today, God is warning us to turn to and love Jesus, God in the way we live our lives. And so it is up to us as we begin this new year to put Jesus first, make Him the most important gift we follow! May God always be with us and bless us with His 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 8

Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or

Is 55:1-11 or

Acts 10:34-38 or

1 Jn 5:1-9

Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday

January 9

Weekday

1 Sm 1:9-20

Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday

January 10

Weekday

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20

Mk 1:29-39

Thursday

January 11

Weekday

1 Sm 4:1-11

Mk 1:40-45

Friday

January 12

Weekday

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a

Mk 2:1-12

Saturday

January 13

Weekday

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1

Mk 2:13-17

Sunday

January 14

Second Sunday in

Ordinary Time

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19

1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20

Jn 1:35-42

Dear Padre,

What is the real meaning of the visit of the three kings to Jesus, and does that visit have meaning for us today?

At the most fundamental level, the three kings represent all of the world's nations. These nations come and share their treasures with Jesus. In this context, the mission of the three kings can be seen as a challenge to all nations to recognize Jesus and share the treasures they have.

We can link the story of the three kings with another in Scripture—the multiplication of the loaves (see Matthew 14:13-21). In this story, the disciples represent the three kings. The disciples ask Jesus: “How can we possibly provide food for all these people?” But Jesus insists: “You yourselves give them food to eat.” So the disciples divide up their five loaves and two

fish, and everyone has enough to eat.

The Gospel message is that when we share what we have, then we will have enough for all. We can look at it from a broader viewpoint: When one nation shares with another, there is enough for all. We all work toward this sense of sharing in our own lives by not accumulating more than we need and by

trying to share with those who have less. We can contribute on another level by being heard through our political choices and through our involvement in local, national, and international issues.

We are not perfect, but the Lord does not demand perfection. The Lord asks for progress and an honest effort. May the Lord strengthen us to share more at home and internationally, so that all of us may royally sit together at our king's banquet.

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A Word From Pope Francis

Continue to overcome apathy, offering a Christian response to the social and political anxieties, which are arising in various parts of the world. I ask you to be builders of the world, to work for a better world....Don't be observers, but immerse yourself in the reality of life, as Jesus did.

—Vigil, July 27, 2013