

Wise Humility

An amazing thing happens in today's Gospel: Representatives from the farthest ends of the earth follow a heavenly light and end in the humble cave of Bethlehem. The Wise Men first consult with King Herod, Galilee's civil authority. He checks with the high priest and rabbis to determine when and where the Messiah is to be born. The Jewish leadership is able to read the Scriptures and give Herod and the Wise Men all the information they need. Yet only the Eastern travelers go to adore the Lord. The priest and lawyers lack faith to see in those Scriptures a fulfillment of their hopes, while King Herod is blinded to Christ's salvific mission and moved by a will to power, as the killing of the

Innocents will make clear. They all have ears to hear and eyes to see but few pay heed to the signs of the times.

The Wise Men from the East, merely following their study of the stars and asking help from others, travel months in search of Jesus. Raphael shows the moment when they finally find what they have been looking for. The band of travelers—complete with horses, guards, and royalty—arrives at a broken-

down stall. One of the Wise Men kneels, removes his crown, and offers Jesus his treasure. This small gesture shows an internal attitude that Herod and the chief priests were missing: the humility to lay aside power, wealth, and status to bend the knee before the king born in their midst.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

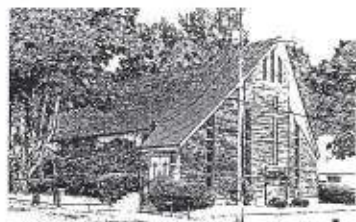
For Reflection

*Am I willing to humbly accept Jesus for who he is: the Son of God?
From what must I detach myself in order to accept Jesus more fully?*



Piece: *The Adoration of the Magi*, sixteenth century
Artist: Raphael
Location: Pinacoteca (Vatican City)

*"Raise your eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you—
Your sons from afar" (Isaiah 60:4).*



Holy Trinity - Cherry

St. Patrick - Arlington

St. Thomas More - Dalzell

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St. Patrick Catholic Church Is Located At:
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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 9, 2017

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 12:15pm

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

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

Offered For

† No Mass

† Monica Kozel

† H Newhallen, E James & E Stegen

† Wayne Jaraczewski

† William Fixsen

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions

Weekend of January 14-15, 2017

Saturday Vigil:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 4:00 PM

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

Sunday:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30 AM

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† Patricia Cogdal

† Dominic Nanni

† Hilary Klein

† Barb Oleson

† Brad & Jackie Ratkiewicz

Ministry Schedule
For Next Weekend

Holy Trinity

LECTOR

Saturday - 4:00PM - Heather Linnig

Sunday - 8:30AM - ?

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday - 4:00PM - Bill Lauer

Sunday - 8:30AM - Kathy Bonucchi

SERVERS

Saturday - 4:00PM -

Payton & Berkleee Linnig

Sunday - 8:30AM -

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St. Patrick

LECTOR

Sunday - 10:30AM - Ernie Bartoli

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sunday - 10:30AM - Ann Kapraun

SERVERS

Sunday - 10:30AM -

Luke Flanagan & Carter Cherry

St. Thomas More

ROSARY

Sat 5:30PM - Joelle Crockett

LECTOR

Sat 5:30PM - Annie Thompson

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sat 5:30PM - Alice Berogon

SERVERS

Sat 5:30PM - KT Pyszka / Isabel Pozzi

UPCOMING
CHURCH EVENTS

40-10-50 Raffle

Pot is at \$1845.00

40-10-50 Raffle To Be Drawn

On Epiphany

At St. Thomas More 5:30PM

After Mass

Last Sunday's Offering

Holy Trinity - \$1610.00

Needed Weekly - \$1700

St. Patrick - \$332.00

Needed Weekly - \$700

St. Thomas More - \$961.00

Needed Weekly - \$700

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.

Hall Township
Food Pantry

There is a constant need for baby wipes for mothers in this area. So if you see any on sale and would like to donate some, they would appreciate your help! They can be put in the vestibules of our three churches. Thank you!

Upcoming Area Events

For The Week

Epiphany originally celebrated four different events, in the following order of importance: the Baptism of the Lord; Christ's first miracle, the changing of water into wine at the wedding in Cana; the Nativity of Christ; and the visitation of the Wise Men or Magi. Each of these is a revelation of God to man: At Christ's Baptism, the Holy Spirit descends and the voice of God the Father is heard, declaring that Jesus is His Son; at the wedding in Cana, the miracle reveals Christ's divinity; at the Nativity, the angels bear witness to Christ, and the shepherds, representing the people of Israel, bow down before Him; and at the visitation of the Magi, Christ's divinity is revealed to the Gentiles—the other nations of the earth.

May we always live in appreciation and with great love of this great gift! May everyone have a very Blessed and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year in 2017!

ADA Goals 2016-17

Holy Trinity - \$17,472.00

Pledges To Date \$5,965.00 (34%)

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 9

The Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or

Acts 10:34-38

Mt 3:13-17

Tuesday

January 10

Weekday

Heb 2:5-12

Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday

January 11

Weekday

Heb 2:14-18

Mk 1:29-39

Thursday

January 12

Weekday

Heb 3:7-14

Mk 1:40-45

Friday

January 13

Weekday

Heb 4:1-5, 11

Mk 2:1-12

Saturday

January 14

Weekday

Heb 4:12-16

Mk 2:13-17

Sunday

January 15

*Second Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

Is 49:3, 5-6

1 Cor 1:1-3

Jn 1:29-34

Dear Padre,

If God wants everyone to believe in him, why doesn't God offer undeniable proof of his existence? Surely more would join the Church if adequate proof were available.

Perhaps what is missing is the ability to perceive and understand the evidence before our eyes. In the *Catechism* we are taught that God "provides men with constant evidence of himself in created realities" (CCC 54).

Despite the evidence, however, God does seem to be hidden from the sight of some. Why might this be? Again, the *Catechism* offers an important truth: While faith is a grace, it is also dependent on the "free assent" of the human person to accept what God has revealed (CCC 150). Faith is a gift, but it is also a human act: "Believing is an act of the intellect assenting to the divine truth by command of the will moved by God through grace" (CCC 155; see *Summa Theologica*, II-II.2.9).

In the parable of the rich man and Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31), Abraham declares to the rich man, "If they [his brothers] will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead" (16:31). So evidence of God's presence, the witness of the Church, and even the most persuasive arguments might not be enough to convince every person to come to faith.

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A Word From Pope Francis

"Religious man is a wayfarer; he must be ready to let himself be led, to come out of himself and to find the God of perpetual surprises."

—On Faith (*Lumen Fidei*), 35