

Get Ready

As we near the end of the liturgical year and prepare for Advent, the readings get us ready for the Second Coming of Jesus by addressing our own final encounter with him. The Church summarizes the last realities each person must reflect on: death, judgment, heaven, and hell. In short, when we die we will face personal judgment. If our response has been to return Jesus' love, the reward will be heaven. But if we reject Jesus, the result will be hell.

This should not be a source of anxiety or fear, but rather faith, serenity, and hopeful confidence. If we are not quite ready, now is the age of mercy, and God's grace abounds for those who seek it. It is a healthy thing to be prepared and wise. All of us know our final encounter with Jesus at the end of life is coming. It would be foolish to ignore it or not maturely reflect on its implications.

Oil is the natural resource mentioned in the Gospel because without the light and warmth that an oil lamp provided, the guests could get lost in the dark or need to abandon the wait because of the cold. As we journey through this life, awaiting the marriage feast of Jesus, our hearts can get dimmed and icy if we are not lit by the oil of love and the warmth of the Spirit. We don't know the day or the hour when Jesus will come take us into the eternal banquet, but we know for sure that day is coming.

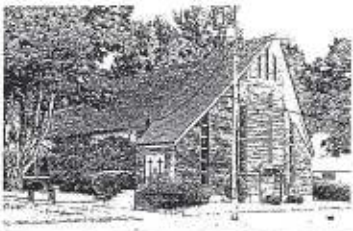
The wise guest is the person fueled by the oil of love and ready for any eventuality. As the Boy Scout motto goes—Be Prepared.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

Am I constantly in contact with the mercy of God so I am always ready? How am I living now so that I am always prepared for the final encounter with Jesus?

[Jesus said,] "Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour" (Matthew 25:13).



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) 8:30 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 November 13, 2017

****No Mass Monday****

Offered For

Tuesday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 12:15pm

† Lois Anderson

Wednesday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† The Picatto Family

Thursday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 12:15pm

† James DiPerri

Friday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† Purgatorial Society

**** Divine Mercy Chaplet - Fridays at 3PM**

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions

Weekend of November 18-19, 2017

Saturday Vigil:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 4:00 PM

† Hilary & Betty Klein

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† Harry Leggett

Sunday:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30 AM

† Paula Washkowiak

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM

† Eddy Cassidy

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† For The Parishioners

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 - Kathy Bonucchi

SERVERS

Saturday - 4:00PM -
Antonia Cattani
Sunday - 8:30AM -
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St. Patrick

LECTOR

Sunday - 10:30AM - Bruce Galloway

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sunday - 10:30AM - John Kapraun

SERVERS

Sunday - 10:30AM -
Ella Cherry & Brooke Lovgren

St. Thomas More

ROSARY

Sat 5:30PM - Cheryl Stowe

LECTOR

Sat 5:30PM - Frank Magana

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sat 5:30PM - Cheryl Stowe

SERVERS

Sat 5:30PM - ?

UPCOMING
CHURCH EVENTS

November 15 - Rosary Against Evil -
Holy Trinity (Cherry) - 5:30PM

Last Sunday's Offering

Holy Trinity - \$1489.00
Needed Weekly - \$1700
St. Patrick - \$651.00
Needed Weekly - \$700
St. Thomas More - \$1319.00
Needed Weekly - \$700

Missalette Advertising

Both Holy Trinity and St. Patrick's Churches have had advertising on the back of the missalettes available to help defray the cost of the missalettes. And we need some help with that if possible. Also available is using the space for memorials for families or family members. The cost runs around \$220.00 per year. And if you are interested please let us know and we will have someone from the Sunday Missal company get in touch with you.

Also we can do the same at St. Thomas More Church if anyone is interested.

St. Patrick's Smorgasbord
Thanks

Thank you to the St. Patrick's Altar & Rosary Society for putting on another delicious smorgasbord dinner! If we miss the coming Thanksgiving turkey dinner we will have had an excellent one this last Sunday. Thanks to everyone who helped!

The Rosary Against Evil

The rosary we continue to pray on Wednesday nights at 5:30PM will be prayed at Holy Trinity Church during the month of November in Cherry. 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

This week the readings are all about being prepared for the end of our lives. These readings are not meant to scare us but to provide hope that if we have left this earth living our faith, we will be forever with God.

There are plenty of people here, in the country, and around the world who have let the secular world rule their life and not God. These are the people we need to pray for and those who only partly embrace our faith. Too often we place conditions on how we believe but Jesus will judge us on the depth of our belief. The world has many signs of the end times so prepare your soul for the worst but pray for peace and a strong faith among all people! May God always be with us and bless us!

ADA Goals 2017-18

Holy Trinity - \$16,569.00
Pledges To Date \$5,920.00 (36%)
St. Patrick - \$10,065.00
Pledges To Date \$4,815.00 (48%)
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

November 13

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini,
Virgin

Wis 1:1-7

Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday

November 14

Weekday

Wis 2:23-3:9

Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday

November 15

Weekday

Wis 6:1-11

Lk 17:11-19

Thursday

November 16

Weekday

Wis 7:22b-8:1

Lk 17:20-25

Friday

November 17

St. Elizabeth of Hungary,
Religious

Wis 13:1-9

Lk 17:26-37

Saturday

November 18

Weekday

Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9

Lk 18:1-8

Sunday

November 19

Thirty-Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Prv 31:10-13,

19-20, 30-31

1 Thes 5:1-6

Mt 25:14-30 or

25:14-15, 19-21

Dear Padre,

How will it happen that Jesus will come again and lead us “through the gates”? Do you think that this will happen any time soon?

We have it from the best of authorities that the date of the world's end is hidden. Jesus said: “But of that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone” (Matthew 24:36).

In spite of Christ's admonition that the day of his Second Coming is known but to God, there have been countless false prophets who have confidently but incorrectly predicted a date for the end of the world. Most of these foolish forecasters based their claims on their misinterpretation of the Book of Revelation.

Throughout history, many have attempted to use the Book of Revelation as a timetable. They misinterpreted symbols and numbers as a forecast of what would happen in their own century. Over and over again, such people have used Revelation to predict the end of the world.

The world might end tomorrow, in five billion years, or somewhere in between. Jesus tells us we can't know for sure. We are sure, however, that this world will pass away. And for each one of us the world will end at the moment of death. What matters is that we should always be ready to meet Christ, our Judge. And we shall be ready if we follow Christ, our Shepherd. Jesus leads us safely through this life by his teaching, his example, and his grace.

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A Word From Pope Francis

Dear brothers, unless we train ministers capable of warming people's hearts, of walking with them in the night, of dialoguing with their hopes and disappointments, of mending their brokenness, what hope can we have for our present and future journey? Isn't true that God's presence has been dimmed in them.

—Address to Bishops of Brazil, July 27, 2013