

Actions Matter

This amazing scene that takes up the whole of the wall of the Sistine Chapel is a reminder of the dramatic moment of Christ's Second Coming, when he will judge the living and the dead. The Father has given all authority to the Son (John 5:22). Michelangelo places in the upper register the symbols of Christ's passion as a way to highlight the instruments of Christ's victory and ours, as well as to show that it was through his loving sacrifice that he has earned the authority to judge the living and the dead.

Christ comes riding on the clouds with his Mother at his side, head turned and eyes cast down, as the days of her intercession have come to an end. Our chance to appeal to his mercy has passed. We will stand naked before him, and our actions will be the gown that dresses us for the feast of the Lamb (Matthew 22:11).

Jesus, in his mercy, wants no surprises and personally reveals the material to be covered by this final exam. Today's passage highlights that our charity and kindness will go a long way toward him recognizing us at the last day. Scripture even goes

so far as to say that this "love covers a multitude of sins" (1 Peter 4:8). Those who know his love and spread it with their actions will be preparing themselves for a blessed judgment.

Jesus makes it clear that our faith will also be a theme upon which he will search our hearts. He desires not mere words but loving listening and the heeding of his will. "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven" (Matthew 7:21).

This is a great source of consolation for those who love him sincerely, even if imperfectly.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



Piece: *The Last Judgment* (detail), 1535-1541

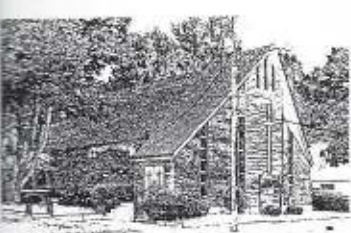
Artist: Michelangelo

Location: Sistine Chapel

For Reflection

Am I ready for that final exam?
What should I do today in order
to be ready for the loving return
of Jesus?

*[Jesus said,] "And he will separate them one from another,
as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats" (Matthew 25:32).*



Holy Trinity - Cherry

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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 27, 2017

****No Mass Monday****

Offered For

Tuesday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 12:15pm

† Mina DeAngelo

Wednesday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† For The Sick

Thursday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 12:15pm

† Lucille Pinter

Friday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† Purgatorial Society

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

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions

Weekend of December 2-3, 2017

Saturday Vigil:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 4:00 PM

† Ray & Adele Sever

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† For The Parishioners

Sunday:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30 AM

† Bill Waite Jr.

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM

† Lois Anderson

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† Dominic Nanni

Ministry Schedule For Next Weekend

Holy Trinity

LECTOR

Saturday - 4:00PM - Tina Dominy

Sunday - 8:30AM - Gerald Schlenz

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday - 4:00PM - Sheila Campbell

Sunday - 8:30AM - Kathy Bonucchi

SERVERS

Saturday - 4:00PM -

Tanner Dominy

Sunday - 8:30AM -

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St. Patrick

LECTOR

Sunday - 10:30AM - Steve Sondgeroth

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sunday - 10:30AM - Ann Kapraun

SERVERS

Sunday - 10:30AM -

Jerrick & Katelyn Kapraun

St. Thomas More

ROSARY

Sat 5:30PM - Mary Jean Goodrick

LECTOR

Sat 5:30PM - Mary Ann Schoening

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sat 5:30PM - Jyll Pozzi

SERVERS

Sat 5:30PM - ?

UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

November 29 - Rosary Against Evil -
Holy Trinity (Cherry) - 5:30PM

December 1 - St. Patrick's Hall
Cleaning - 5:30PM

December 2 - St. Patrick's Sausage
Making - Bp. Franz Hall - Starting
8am

December 9 - St. Thomas More Bake
Sale - 10AM - Noon (St. Thomas More
Hall)

Last Sunday's Offering

Holy Trinity - \$1561.00

Needed Weekly - \$1700

St. Patrick - \$811.00

Needed Weekly - \$700

St. Thomas More - \$0.00

Needed Weekly - \$700

St. Patrick's Sausage Making

As we get closer to the first Saturday of December, we should know that sausage making is coming up! We can always use help with the sausage making both in cleaning up the hall on Friday December 1st at 5:30PM or making the sausage on December 2nd at 8AM. Samples of sausage are available while making the sausage.

To order the sausage, order forms are available in the back of the churches. \$18 per 5lb bag of cased or bulk in plain, garlic or double garlic.

St. Thomas More

Bake Sale

Everybody loves the Christmas goodies! Right! If you come to the St. Thomas More Hall on December 9th between 10:00AM and Noon, you can buy some Italian Specialties and other Christmas items. So please stop by!

Pads Christmas

Food Collection

We are collecting food items that would be individually wrapped, or even monetary donations, to help the people in need at Pads. The collection is being gathered in the front vestibule of St. Thomas More Church. Thank you for any help!

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

As we reach this final weekend of our liturgical year before we begin Advent, Jesus Christ should be at the very center of how we live. Especially today in a world with so much evil, Jesus can bring us so much peace and happiness. And if we haven't done so well, we have this great opportunity starting right now to do better!

And it is up to each of us if we decide to take on the challenge and make the needed changes in our lives. So as we begin this new liturgical year, prayer should be strengthened in all of our lives. Jesus is on His way both as we near Christmas, and in His bodily Presence, but will we be ready? May God always be with us and bless us with His Presence!

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 27

Weekday

Dn 1:1-6, 8-20

Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday

November 28

Weekday

Dn 2:31-45

Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday

November 29

Weekday

Dn 5:1-6, 13-14,

16-17, 23-28

Lk 21:12-19

Thursday

November 30

St. Andrew,
Apostle

Rom 10:9-18

Mt 4:18-22

Friday

December 1

Weekday

Dn 7:2-14

Lk 21:29-33

Saturday

December 2

Weekday

Dn 7:15-27

Lk 21:34-36

Sunday

December 3

First Sunday
of Advent

Is 63:16b-17, 19b;

64:2-7

1 Cor 1:3-9

Mk 13:33-37

Dear Padre,

When I was younger the stance of the Catholic Church was that if you were not baptized, you did not get into heaven. Is this still the case?

The Gospels present to us various passages that, when looked at together, give us a sense of whether or not baptism is necessary for salvation. Jesus says, "No one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit" (John 3:5), and "whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned" (Mark 16:16). These passages show that salvation is the combination of baptism and believing. Those who "see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ," but who also purposely reject it, remain in darkness (see 2 Corinthians 4:3-4, 6).

The First Letter of John 4:7 tells us that "everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God." Here the gift of salvation comes to us in loving. Also, in Matthew 25, we have the great scene of the Last Judgment, where people are saved because they ministered to Christ in the poor and the hungry, even though they might not even have been aware of Christ's presence. Salvation here comes because of kind action. Baptism, then, combined with believing is certainly one of the means to salvation, but it's not the only means. In God's goodness, other roads can lead us into the kingdom. God's mercy and goodness are not limited to the sacrament of baptism (see the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1257-1260).



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A Word From Pope Francis

Mother Church teaches us to give food and drink to those who are hungry and thirsty, to clothe those who are naked... through the example of so many dads and mamas, who teach their children that what we have extra is for those who lack the basic necessities. It is important to know this. The rule of hospitality has always been sacred in the simplest Christian families: there is always a plate and a bed for the one in need.

—General audience, September 10, 2014