

Waiting Expectantly

Most of us are not good at waiting. We want things right away and would rather arrive just on time than stand around uselessly. Few things are as annoying as waiting in a doctor's office, a government office, or being stuck in traffic.

Yet waiting can also be an exciting and busy time, like a bride and groom preparing for their wedding. There is no time to waste, since the date is approaching and there is so much to do in order for everything to be prepared perfectly. Advent waiting should be more like this expectant waiting.

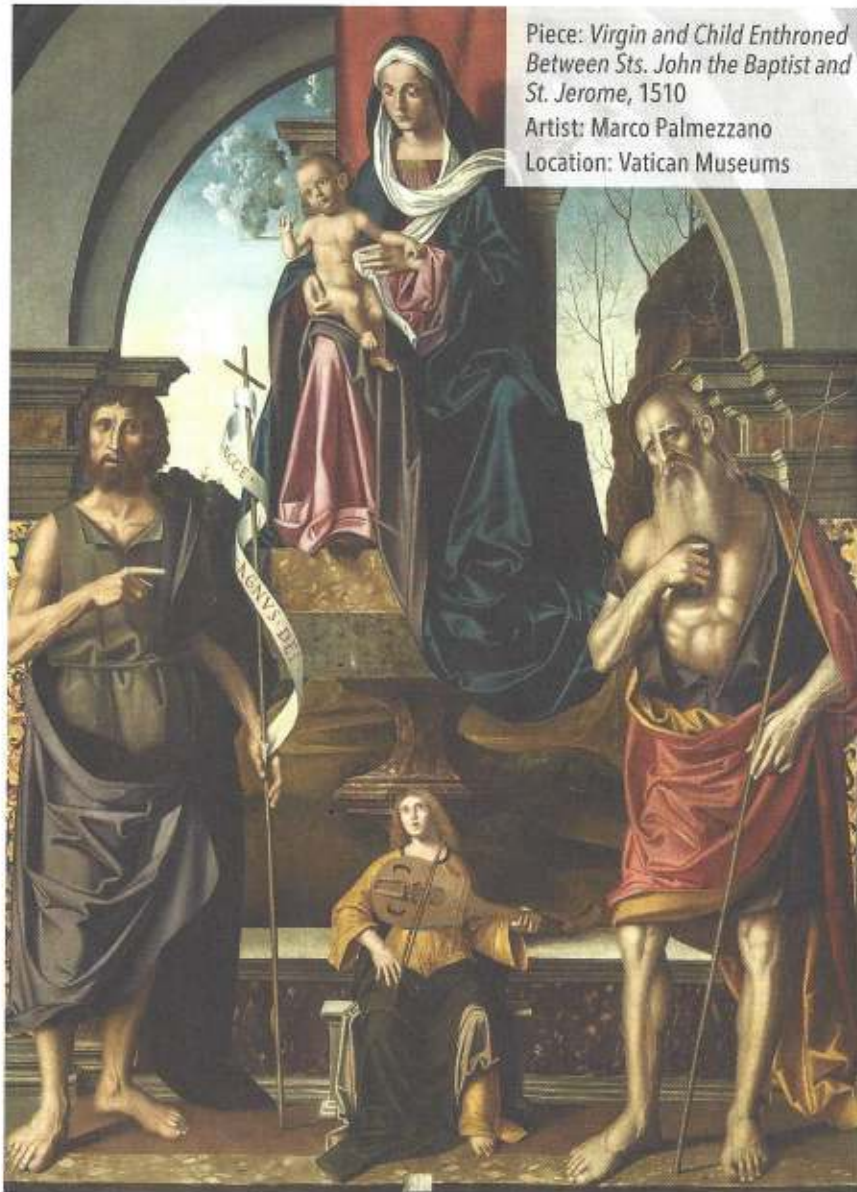
John the Baptist was sent to point toward Christ and invite the people to their wedding with God. The divine spouse was coming back to his beloved and sent the groom ahead to let everyone know he was coming.

Thus John preached preparation, conversion, and setting aside everything that would distract people from getting the heart ready for Jesus. Loving, active planning was as necessary for those who listened to John the Baptist as it is for us.

This means going up the mountain and into the desert. Set aside normal distractions and dedicate more time to think about Christ, preparing our hearts and minds for the big day of his arrival.

Advent isn't a nervous time of sitting around and hoping the line goes quickly. It is an active, engaged, and hopeful anticipation of one we eagerly await.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



Piece: *Virgin and Child Enthroned Between Sts. John the Baptist and St. Jerome, 1510*

Artist: Marco Palmezzano

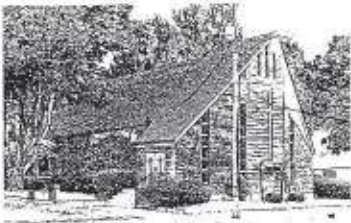
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For Reflection

What distractions am I setting aside to make this Advent time like my little wedding preparation? The Church invites me to a special time of repentance, fasting, and almsgiving. How is it going?

The Lord...is patient with you, not wishing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

(2 Peter 3:9)



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 December 11, 2017**

****No Mass Monday****

Offered For

Tuesday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 12:15pm

† Carl Jaraczewski

Wednesday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† William Adrian

Thursday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 12:15pm

† Connie Lauer

Friday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† Ron & Lynn Raef

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

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions

Weekend of December 16-17, 2017

Saturday Vigil:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 4:00 PM

† Alex Wiltse

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† Ray Sever

Sunday:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30 AM

† Ron Floroplus & Mina DeAngelo

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM

† Ella Flanagan

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† For The Parishioners

Ministry Schedule
For Next Weekend

Holy Trinity

LECTOR

Saturday - 4:00PM - ?

Sunday - 8:30AM - Mary Jane Marincic

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday - 4:00PM - Sheila Campbell

Sunday - 8:30AM - Terry Templeton

SERVERS

Saturday - 4:00PM -

?

Sunday - 8:30AM -

?

St. Patrick

LECTOR

Sunday - 10:30AM - Bruce Galloway

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sunday - 10:30AM - Richard Pommier

SERVERS

Sunday - 10:30AM -

T Schroeder & Dylan Hunter

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

December 13 - Rosary Against Evil -
St. Patrick's Church - 5:30pm

December 14 - LaSalle-Peru
Penance Service - St. Joseph's
Catholic Church - 4:30-5:30pm
and 7-8pm

December 15 - Holy Trinity Altar &
Rosary Society Christmas Cookie
Orders Are Due

Last Sunday's Offering

Holy Trinity - \$1027.00

Needed Weekly - \$1700

St. Patrick - \$563.00

Needed Weekly - \$700

St. Thomas More - \$2377.00

Needed Weekly - \$700

Holy Trinity Christmas
Cookie Sale

The Holy Trinity Altar & Rosary Society is once again selling Christmas cookies which can be picked up on on the Saturday's, December 16th and 23rd. Forms are in the bulletin and the cookies are \$8 a dozen.

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 cancellations.

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. If you can help them we would like to have it in the vestibule by next weekend. 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.

For The Week

John the Baptist is back with us this weekend to remind us to remind us to prepare our lives, our souls, for Jesus's coming. But even if Jesus does as He says which is to return soon, how many people will really be ready with a clean soul and having lived first with God or Jesus Christ, in their heart, and as someone they have truly lived for?

Father will be adding some extra confession times in the week before Christmas. In the second week of Advent, confessions will be heard at St. Pats 45 minutes before rosary on Wednesday night. The third week of Advent confessions will be in next weekends bulletin. 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

December 11

Advent Weekday

Is 35:1-10

Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday

December 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a;

12:1-6a, 10ab

Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Wednesday

December 13

St. Lucy,

Virgin and Martyr

Is 40:25-31

Mt 11:28-30

Thursday

December 14

St. John of the Cross,

Priest and

Doctor of the Church

Is 41:13-20

Mt 11:11-15

Friday

December 15

Advent Weekday

Is 48:17-19

Mt 11:16-19

Saturday

December 16

Advent Weekday

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11

Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday

December 17

Third Sunday
of Advent

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11

1 Thes 5:16-24

Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Dear Padre,

Especially before Christmas, I appreciate times of silence at Mass but seldom find them. Priests ask the congregation to open their missalettes after Communion to recite the daily antiphon, which seems more trouble to locate and say than to simply remain silent. Please advise.



SHUTTERSTOCK: ZONECREATIVE

Before Mass, it's commendable that silence be observed in the church, sacristy, vesting room, and adjacent areas so that all may "carry out the sacred celebration in a devout and fitting manner" (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 45).

During Mass, "Let us pray" is an invitation to observe a moment of silence for the congregation to "place themselves in God's presence and make their personal petitions" (*Introduction to the Order of Mass*, 35). Communal silence is also observed within the penitential act for people to recollect themselves, at the end of a reading or the homily for all to meditate briefly on what they've heard, then after Communion to praise and pray to God in their hearts (*GIRM* 45). In other words, there's a silence that reflects shame before God for our sins, a silence that reflects our need to ponder his word, and a deep silence before God that reflects awe and incapacity for words after receiving the Body of Christ!

If there's no singing after Communion, the antiphon "may be recited either by the faithful, or by some of them, or by a reader; otherwise, it is recited by the priest himself after he has received Communion and before he distributes Communion to the faithful" (*GIRM* 87).

Without liturgical silence, "the celebration can become perfunctory in its haste or burdensome in its unrelieved sound and song" (*Introduction* 48).

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A Word From Pope Francis

Isaiah's invitation must resound in our hearts: "Comfort, comfort my people" (40:1) and this must lead to mission. We must find the Lord who consoles us, and go to console the people of God.... People today need words, but most of all they need us to bear

witness to the mercy and tenderness of the Lord, which...attracts people toward the good.

—Mass with seminarians, novices, and those discerning their vocation, July 7, 2013