



Our Parish COMMUNITY

December 15, 2019

Third Sunday of Advent (A)

Is 35:1-6a, 10

Jas 5:7-10

Mt 11:2-11

The Splendor of God

"Here is your God!" Who wouldn't run to see this marvel? Isaiah 35 tells us what to look for: nature will explode with excitement and splendor, and the hardships of life will no longer hold us captive. Is this really possible, or is it merely hopeful poetry? Jesus tells the disciples of John the Baptist that it's possible. In fact he, Jesus, is the one who has ushered in the kingdom of heaven. Since that is true, why don't you and I see it?

The reading from James sheds light on this. There is something truly wondrous about earth bringing forth "precious fruit" (James 5:7). Our understanding of how the development and emergence of fruits occur does not make the fact of natural growth any less wondrous. Farmers know this well. They also know that such growth will occur only when human labor cooperates with the laws of nature designed by God. In other words, the farmer provides the labor while God provides the life-giving sun and rain.

If our world does not resemble Isaiah's astonishing portrait or the healing that Jesus was able to accomplish, might it be that we have not done what we can to remedy the hardships of life that hold so many captive? When God enters our lives, he provides us with the power we need to change our world, but we must be willing to allow that power to work through us. If we are open to God in our midst, our world will be rich with life and healing, and everyone will know that God is really here.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA



*Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God,
he comes with vindication;
With divine recompense he comes to save you.*

ISAIAH 35:4



FOR *Reflection*

- ★ On what ways might you enrich the life of another?
- ★ What can you do to heal broken relationships in your life?



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 - See Schedule)

Tuesday - 12:15 PM & Thursday - 8:30 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) - 8:00 AM*

Sunday Last Chance Mass 5:30 PM

Confessions By Appointment

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 16, 2019

Offered For

Monday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30pm

† Catherine Hunter

Tuesday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 12:15pm

† Charlie & Hazel Keutzer

Wednesday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† Fred Buck Sr.

Thursday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30am

† Purgatorial Society

Friday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† No Mass

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions

Weekend of December 21-22, 2019

Saturday Vigil:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 4:00 PM

† Alex Wiltse

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† Madonna Mini

Sunday:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30 AM

† For The Parihioners

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM

† Albert Untz

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† Corrine Manning

Ministry Schedule For Next Weekend

Holy Trinity

LECTOR

Saturday - 4:00PM - Carol Lauer

Sunday - 8:30AM - Gerald Sclenz

SERVERS

Saturday - 4:00PM -

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Sunday - 8:30AM - ?

COUNTERS

Sunday - 8:30AM -

Scott Shilkuski & Kathy Bonucchi

St. Patrick

LECTOR

Sunday - 10:30AM - Ernie Bartoli

SERVERS

Sunday - 10:30AM -

? & ?

St. Thomas More

ROSARY

Sat 5:30PM - TBD

LECTOR

Sat 5:30PM - TBD

SERVERS

Sat 5:30PM - ?

Visit Venerable Fulton Sheen

At Cathedral in Peoria

Monday - Friday 12pm - 2pm

Saturday 3pm - 6pm

Sunday 9am - 2pm

UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

December 16 - Mass for Reparation of Sins - St. Thomas More - 5:30PM

December 19 - Holy Trinity - Confessions - 5:15-6PM

December 19 - St. Patrick Christmas Choir Practice - SP Church - 6PM

December 24 & 25 - Mass Schedules In Back Of Each Church

January 8 - Rosary Against Evil - Holy Trinity (Cherry) - 6PM

Last Sunday's Offering

Holy Trinity - \$1213.00

St. Patrick - \$406.00

St. Thomas More - \$1174.00

St. Patrick's Events Christmas Choir & A&R Dinner

There will be practices for the Christmas Choir before the Christmas Eve Mass at 9:30PM. The practices will be at St. Pats Church starting at 6PM on Thursday, Dec. 19. All voices are welcome!

Mass for Reparation of Sins Every Third Monday

On Monday, December 16th at 5:30PM at St. Thomas More in Dalzell, there will be the celebration of Holy Mass followed by the recitation of the Creed and praying of the Holy Rosary. With the rosary prayed on Monday we will not meet that week on Wednesday for rosary. It repeats every third Monday at whatever church we are praying the rosary for that month. Our Blessed Mother wants this from us so people 9 months out of the year can receive the following gifts; we will receive peace, consolation from pain, stopping of hiding sins, not being arrogant, more humility, and the blessing of our homes. Please come!

The Rosary Against Evil

The rosary that we continue to pray on Wednesday nights at 6PM will be prayed at St. Thomas More Church during the month of December in Dalzell. The weeks where Mass and Rosary is prayed together on Monday there is no Wednesday rosary. It is our time to show God, Jesus, Mary how much we need their help to fight the evil around us. Praying as a community has great strength to get God's attention for our needs and His help. And the rosary is and always has been our greatest weapon against evil! So please come and join us!

Weather Warning Notice

With the winter's unpredictable snowfall, it is always hard to plan or prepare for, so just 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 could 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), WZOE (1490AM) and BCR Alerts for cancellations. If you aren't signed up for BCR alerts, check with Julie in the office.

Special Event In Area

December 17 - Christmas Pie & Coffee - Noon-3:30PM - Holy Trinity Hall (Potluck at Noon)

For The Week

Is anything more important for us than preparing to be with the Lord? No! Entertainment, shopping or sports have nothing for us to gain if we don't first prepare ourselves for the Lord. And it is because the Lord can help the blind to see, the crippled to walk, and the deaf to hear. These things we can't do without the Lord's help! This is why we need Him!

With a little under two weeks to go before we celebrate Christmas, we need to make sure we are ready to meet the Lord. Interestingly, God will be doing something for us to help us in our life with Him. We will soon be shown the state of our soul. With both the good and the bad things we have done shown to us. Anything that needs to be confessed will then be up to each of us after our Guardian Angel reviews our life with us and we see where we stand with God. It sounds like science fiction but when it happens we will know God truly loves us and wants us to be with Him. May God always bless us with His Real Presence!

ADA Goals 2019-20

Holy Trinity - \$17589.00

Pledges To Date \$4210.00 (24%)

St. Patrick - \$9902.00

Pledges To Date \$5289.00 (53%)

St. Thomas More - \$12554.00

Pledges To Date \$1265.00 (10%)

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.

Dear Padre,

The Church is steeped in symbolism, tradition, and “living metaphors,” but it sometimes forgets common sense. Why smell up the church with incense? Why gussy up the Mass with horns, flutes, and guitars, at times turning holy Mass into a pseudohootenanny?

The Mass is our high point of worship. All other sacred actions and activities of the Christian life “are bound up with it, flow from it, and are ordered to it” (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 16). The dignity and importance of worshipping the Father in and through Christ at Mass is expressed in communion with fellow believers, and ideally through a full sensory experience with all our heart, mind, and soul. In short, if something is worth doing, it’s worth doing well—especially if “doing” opens us to the mystery of God’s presence through what we see, hear, smell, touch, and taste. “In the liturgy the sanctification of women and men is given expression in symbols perceptible by the senses and is carried out in ways appropriate to each of them” (*Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy [Sacrosanctum Concilium]*, 7).

Not all Mass occasions call for “smells, bells, toots, and flutes,” but the visual beauty of the sacred surroundings, the sounds of sacred music, and the sacred words and actions that connect us to our traditions and to Christ’s memorial institution, are intended to elevate us in our collective prayer to God. At times, such a sublime experience of the transcendent may be inhibited by sheer practicality, efficiency, and mundanity!



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—Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR
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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Your music and your song are a true instrument of evangelization insofar as you witness to the profoundness of the Word of God that touches the hearts of people, and allows a celebration of the sacraments, especially of the Holy Eucharist, which makes one sense the beauty of paradise.

—INTERNATIONAL MEETING OF CHOIRS, NOVEMBER 24, 2018

Calendar

Monday

DECEMBER 16
Advent Weekday
Nm 24:2–7, 15–17a
Mt 21:23–27

Tuesday

DECEMBER 17
Advent Weekday
Gn 49:2, 8–10
Mt 1:1–17

Wednesday

DECEMBER 18
Advent Weekday
Jer 23:5–8
Mt 1:18–25

Thursday

DECEMBER 19
Advent Weekday
Jgs 13:2–7, 24–25a
Lk 1:5–25

Friday

DECEMBER 20
Advent Weekday
Is 7:10–14
Lk 1:26–38

Saturday

DECEMBER 21
Advent Weekday
Sg 2:8–14 or
Zep 3:14–18a
Lk 1:39–45

Sunday

DECEMBER 22
Fourth Sunday
of Advent
Is 7:10–14
Rom 1:1–7
Mt 1:18–24