



Our Parish COMMUNITY

December 17, 2017

Third Sunday of Advent (B)

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11

1 Thes 5:16-24

Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

John's Joyful Preaching

Why go into the desert and cry out? The voice in the desert is lonesome, heard only by those who go there to listen. Let's leave our routines, go into the spiritual deserts of our hearts, and listen today.

The words of preparation John preaches are joyful. Why? First, to be told you are on the wrong path is good news. Have you ever followed your GPS to the wrong place because of an address typo? "It would have been nice to know this before I traveled across town to the wrong place," you thought.

Second, it is joyful to be told what makes your beloved happy, because you then know what will please him or her.

Good news! John's preaching points us to our destination in Jesus and to what makes him happy. The rose vestments worn by our priests today symbolize that joy. Notice in the painting of Isaiah, he is wearing that color, too.

Another interesting detail is that Isaiah is holding his finger in the book while looking back at a young cherub, who in turn points to his neighbor. Isaiah's finger is in the Gospels, where he is the most quoted prophet of the Old Testament. Jesus reads from the prophet Isaiah, and John the Baptist quotes Isaiah's prophesy about "the voice crying out in the desert."

For Reflection

What makes you joyful? Would those same things make Jesus joyful, too? Do I point people toward the true source of joy with my words and example?

Perhaps the cherub behind Isaiah is John the Baptist. And perhaps the barely visible baby to whom the little John the Baptist is pointing represents Christ, the reason for our joy.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



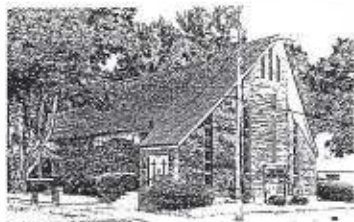
Piece: Prophet Isaiah, 1508-1512

Artist: Michelangelo

Location: Sistine Chapel

I will rejoice heartily in the LORD, my being exults in my God.

(Isaiah 61:10)



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 18, 2017

****No Mass Monday****

Offered For

Tuesday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 12:15pm

† Wayne Jaraczewski

Wednesday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† Dolly Abney

Thursday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 12:15pm

† Mina DeAngelo

Friday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† Pat Pirtch

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

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions

Weekend of December 23-24, 2017

Saturday Vigil:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 4:00 PM

† Catherine Zanarini

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† Dato & Marian Olivero

Sunday:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30 AM

† For The Parishioners

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM

† Catherine Hunter

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

****No Mass Due To Christmas Eve Masses**

****Christmas Mass Schedule Inside Bulletin****

Ministry Schedule
For Next Weekend

Holy Trinity

LECTOR

Saturday - 4:00PM - Carol Lauer

Sunday - 8:30AM - Jeff Pinter

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday - 4:00PM - Bill Lauer

Sunday - 8:30AM - Kathy Bonucchi

SERVERS

Saturday - 4:00PM -

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Sunday - 8:30AM -

?

St. Patrick

LECTOR

Sunday - 10:30AM - Linda Beattie

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sunday - 10:30AM - John Kapraun

SERVERS

Sunday - 10:30AM -

Ella Cherry & Brooke Lovgren

St. Thomas More

ROSARY

Sat 5:30PM - Mary Ann Schoening

LECTOR

Sat 5:30PM - Mary Ann Schoening

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sat 5:30PM - Judy Szymowicz

SERVERS

Sat 5:30PM - ?

UPCOMING
CHURCH EVENTS

December 17 & 18 - St. Patrick
Christmas Choir Practice - 6PM

December 20 - Rosary Against Evil
- St. Patrick's Church - 5:30pm
(Confessions Following Rosary)

December 21 - Confessions - Holy
Trinity - 6pm

December 22 - Confessions - St.
Thomas More - 6pm

Last Sunday's Offering

Holy Trinity - \$2483.00

Needed Weekly - \$1700

St. Patrick - \$1449.00

Needed Weekly - \$700

St. Thomas More - \$1933.00

Needed Weekly - \$700

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve

Holy Trinity (Cherry) - 4PM

St. Patrick (Arlington) - 10PM

(Christmas Music at 9:30PM)

Christmas Day

St. Thomas More -

10AM & 5:30PM

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 W L P O (1220AM) for cancellations.

The Rosary Against Evil

The rosary that we continue to pray on Wednesday nights at 5:30PM will be prayed at St. Patrick Church during the month of December in Arlington. 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!

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Weeks of Collections

For The Week

This is the Sunday when we should all rejoice because Jesus is almost here! This is the second time during the year when you will see Father wearing the Rose Vestment. But as the excitement continues to build for Christmas Day, so does our need to continue our preparations of our souls through going to confession and our home preparations for our guests.

In a rare occasion, the Fourth Week of Advent is 4-1/2 hours long this year until the first Christmas Eve Mass is celebrated. And with that, MANY THANKS to everyone who helped put up the Christmas decorations at each church. 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 18
Advent Weekday
Jer 23:5-8
Mt 1:18-25

Tuesday

December 19
Advent Weekday
Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a
Luke 1:5-25

Wednesday

December 20
Advent Weekday
Is 7:10-14
Lk 1:26-38

Thursday

December 21
Advent Weekday
Sg 2:8-14
Lk 1:39-45

Friday

December 22
Advent Weekday
1 Sm 1:24-28
1 Lk 1:46-56

Saturday

December 23
Advent Weekday
Mal 3:1-4, 23-24
Lk 1:57-66

Sunday

December 24
Fourth Sunday of Advent
2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12,
14a, 16
Rom 16:25-27
Lk 1:26-38

Dear Padre,

Once again I feel overwhelmed by the commercial hype of Christmas. Any suggestions for keeping a Christ-centered Christmas amid the shopping and gift expectations?

It's our Advent task to make Christ, Emmanuel, present in our lives. We do this by centering on the love and peace that is within us and offering that to others. By staying centered and at peace, we'll find the Christ Child even in the midst of the mania!

- **Take time to pray.** In Advent, church decorations accent the sense of longing during this season. Make it a part of your schedule to stop in daily for quiet time and prayer.
- **Spend less money.** Buy fewer gifts, ones that you really enjoy buying. Let your family know that you intend to spend less money and want to enjoy your purchasing experience. Ask them to help you select gifts that have meaning.
- **Be inspiring.** Give gifts that focus more on Christ and Christmas. They could be inspirational books, a Christian music CD, or tickets to a Christmas play or concert.
- **Start a tradition.** Make it a point to find a new Christmas tradition from a different culture and adopt that tradition for this season.
- **Volunteer.** Give someone a gift of unexpected kindness, compassion, and unconditional love. Visit the sick, help in a soup kitchen, buy and wrap presents that will be given to the poor.

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A Word From Pope Francis

To celebrate Christmas in a fruitful manner, we are called to pause in "places" of astonishment....The first place is the other, in whom we recognize a brother or sister, because since the birth of Jesus occurred, every face is marked with a semblance to the Son of God. Above all when it is the face of the poor, because God entered the world poor, and it was to the poor, in the first place, that he allowed himself to draw near.

—Angelus, December 20, 2015