



God's Promise of Real Treasure

If anyone can keep a promise, it's God. His very nature is to be faithful to his promises and to fulfill all he has foretold. His promise after the fall of Adam and Eve was to send us a Redeemer, to bring peace to Jerusalem, and to reestablish his reign on earth. The prophets continually reminded the chosen race of God's fidelity and, although things looked far from their fulfillment, they insisted that God is faithful and would deliver.

Jesus, the ultimate fulfillment of God's promise, comes in two phases. First, by coming as a baby in Bethlehem. This Incarnation and his arrival as Savior

is what we're preparing to receive this Advent. Extra prayers, generous giving of your time, and special sacrifices are the best way to ready your soul for his coming.

Jesus' Second Coming will bring to completion what he started on the cross. His glorious return, which all of creation will foretell in those last days, is when the full effects of Christ's victory on the cross will be seen at the judgment of all living creatures.

The advice for all Christians in this period of waiting and preparation is to keep watch; to not allow the delay to lead us to drowsiness. Don't let the vanities of this world dazzle us, for in time, they will become dust.

God promises real treasures that will endure forever, and as we know, God keeps his promises.
— Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Piece: *Vanitas Vanitatum*, 1967-1968
Artist: Gregorio Sciltian
Location: Vatican Museums



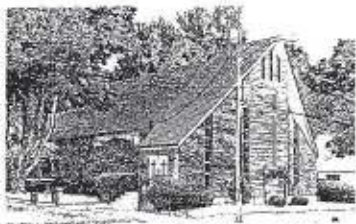
For Reflection

Am I preparing my soul for Christ's coming by prayer, fasting, and almsgiving?

Have I settled on which concrete acts I will do?

[Jesus said,] "Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life."

Luke 21:34



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 - 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 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 3, 2018

Offered For

<u>Monday</u>	St. Patrick, Arlington - 5:30pm	† No Mass
<u>Tuesday</u>	Holy Trinity, Cherry - 12:15pm	† Wayne Jaraczewski
<u>Wednesday</u>	St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am	† The Picatto Family
<u>Thursday</u>	Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30am	† Ann Doyle
<u>Friday</u>	St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am	† Madelyn & Art Hahn
	**Holy Trinity, Cherry - 6:00pm (Holy Day Obligation Vigil)	† For The Parishioners
<u>Saturday</u>	**St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 9:00am (Holy Day Obligation)	† Purgatorial Society

**** Divine Mercy - Every Friday at 3PM (St. Thomas More Adoration Chapel)**

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions

Weekend of December 8-9, 2018

<u>Saturday Vigil:</u>	Holy Trinity, Cherry - 4:00 PM	† Dec Memb Yukas' & Shevokas'
	St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM	† Zita & Dante Guerrini
<u>Sunday:</u>	Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30 AM	† For The Parishioners
	St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM	† Christopher & Rosaria Taylor
	St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM	† Julie Taliani

Ministry Schedule
For Next Weekend

Holy Trinity

LECTOR

Saturday - 4:00PM - Heather Linnig
Sunday - 8:30AM - Mary Jane Marincic

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday - 4:00PM - Tina Dominy
Sunday - 8:30AM - Mary Jo Brust
Saturday - 4:00PM -
Payton & Berklee Linnig
Sunday - 8:30AM -
?

St. Patrick

LECTOR

Sunday - 10:30AM - Steve Sondgeroth

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sunday - 10:30AM - Richard Pommier

SERVERS

Sunday - 10:30AM -
Dylan & Brandon Tornow

St. Thomas More

ROSARY

Sat 5:30PM - TBD

LECTOR

Sat 5:30PM - TBD

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sat 5:30PM - Mary Ann Schoening

SERVERS

Sat 5:30PM - ?

UPCOMING
CHURCH EVENTS

December 5 - Rosary Against Evil - St. Patrick (Arlington) - 6pm

December 6 - Bereavement Group Meeting - Holy Trinity Hall - 2PM

December 17 - Mass Reparation Sins/Rosary - St. Patrick (Arlington) - 5:30pm (St. Thomas More Ravs made 643 lbs. in October, Outstanding!)

Last Sunday's Offering

Holy Trinity - \$1556.00
Needed Weekly - \$1700 (-\$16714.00)
St. Patrick - \$554.00
Needed Weekly - \$700 (-\$4747.00)
St. Thomas More - \$592.00
Needed Weekly - \$900 (\$4697.00)

** (Parentheses) = Overage/Deficit of Collection

****Holy Day Of Obligation**
This Week

The end of this week we celebrate the Immaculate Conception of our Blessed Mother. The following are the Masses for the Holy Day which is on Saturday, December 8th.

Vigil Mass - Fri., Dec 7th -
Holy Trinity - 6PM

Holy Day - Sat., Dec 8th -
St. Thomas More - 9AM

Christmas For The Needy

Project Success in Spring Valley is collecting gifts for boys and girls ages 2 through 8th grade. They are looking for toys, games, building kits, dolls and books. Our boxes will be collected on Thursday, December 6th. Thank you!

New Bereavement Group
Postponed To December 6th

Losing someone close is always very difficult as it changes our lives totally. So beginning Thursday, December 6th, at 2PM, in the Holy Trinity Hall we will have a bereavement meeting. They will continue periodically for anyone who has lost someone close and is interested in support from our Catholic community.

Weather Warning Notice

With the winter's unpredictable snowfall, which is hard to plan on or prepare for, please 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 will be cancelled and my parishioners will be dispensed. But please us by putting 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) for cancellations.

****New Mass Intention Policy For 2019****

One of the big problems is fitting in Saturday evening and Sunday Mass intentions for everybody. Also per Canon Law, Father has to offer one Mass a weekend for "The People", also known as a "Pro Populo" Mass, which we rotate between Holy Trinity and St. Thomas More. Starting January 1st, 2019, for all Masses scheduled after that date, we can only accept three (3) Masses per family for Sundays. If we have an opening on a Sunday, we will be keeping a special list to fill spots. All other Masses will have to be for weekday Masses.

Special Event In Area

December 3rd - Cherry Pie & Coffee - Christmas Open House - Holy Trinity Hall - 10:30am - 3:30pm

For The Week

Special Notice To St. Patrick's Parishioners: There has been a credible allegation of sexual misconduct with a minor against George Hiland, formerly assigned to St. Patrick Parish, Arlington. If anyone has any information regarding such misconduct, please contact the Victim Assistance Coordinator, at (309) 677-7082.

This week we begin our next Liturgical Year C, Year I as we begin the Holy period of Advent. Christ's coming was pronounced long before He came to earth to lead us from our slavery to sin. Today many modern prophets share words from Heaven that we are the generation to see Him return on clouds from Heaven.

So this is a great time during Advent to live or get back to our faith and show our love of the very one, Jesus, who will let us into Heaven. Have a wonderful and prayerful week!

ADA Goals 2018-19

Holy Trinity - \$16,421.00
Pledges To Date \$5255 (32%)
St. Patrick - \$11,340.00
Pledges To Date \$5570 (49%)
St. Thomas More - \$10,917.00
Pledges To Date \$4520 (41%)

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 3

St. Francis Xavier, Priest

Is 2:1-5

Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday

DECEMBER 4

Advent Weekday

Is 11:1-10

Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday

DECEMBER 5

Advent Weekday

Is 25:6-10a

Mt 15:29-37

Thursday

DECEMBER 6

Advent Weekday

Is 26:1-6

Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday

DECEMBER 7

St. Ambrose, Bishop and
Doctor of the Church

Is 29:17-24

Mt 9:27-31

Saturday

DECEMBER 8

Immaculate Conception of
the Blessed Virgin Mary

Gn 3:9-15, 20

Eph 1:3-6, 11-12

Lk 1:26-38

Sunday

DECEMBER 9

Second Sunday
of Advent

Bar 5:1-9

Phil 1:4-6, 8-11

Lk 3:1-6

Dear Padre,

I noticed in our Sunday bulletin that our parish is setting up a Jesse tree and a giving tree for Advent. What are these trees?

Parishes and families use the Jesse tree and the giving tree as two distinct ways to prepare for the coming of Jesus, the child king.

We use the Jesse tree to remember Jesus' own royal family tree. The Gospel of Matthew traces Jesus' genealogy back to Abraham (1:1-17), while Luke lists his ancestors back to Adam (3:23-28). The purpose is to connect Jesus to Abraham and Adam, and convey the historical longing of the Chosen People for a messiah. Throughout Advent, names of significant figures in Israelite history and quotations from the Hebrew Testament are hung on the branches. Usually, the Jesse tree is placed in a prominent position, in church or at home, so all can see the history of Jesus unfold as we get ever closer to Christmas.

The giving tree challenges each parish family or member to buy a gift for someone in need. The parish sets up a tree that is decorated with tags suggesting gifts for those in need. Clothing sizes and children's ages are connected with the requests on the tree, so that the givers can easily get the needed items and take their gifts to the church by a designated date. The gifts are then distributed before Christmas. The giving tree unites us to the great message Jesus continues to give us at Christmas: Whatever you do to the least of these, you do to me (see Matthew 25:40).



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A Word From Pope Francis

Christmas is near, the signs of his approach are evident along our streets and in our houses....These outward signs invite us to welcome the Lord who always comes and knocks at our door, knocks at our heart, in order to draw near to us.

—Angelus, December 11, 2016



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