



Our Parish COMMUNITY

December 24, 2017

Fourth Sunday of Advent (B)

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

Rom 16:25-27

Lk 1:26-38

Extreme Makeover: Home Edition

King David wants to build God a home! He had first built his own palace and afterward realized that he hadn't built a space for God—a place of worship and family communion.

It is admirable that David wants to give back, but do we have to take care of God or, rather, is it God who cares for us? Obviously, God doesn't need David to build him a house. The whole world is his. Didn't God build up David all along, bringing him to a place where he might consider offering God something in return? It is like children who want to give their parents a gift. First they ask a parent for money or a gift idea. On their own, they cannot give.

God turns the tables on David, saying that God

will build David a house—an everlasting lineage to rule over the people.

God will build something much bigger than anything David had ever dreamt of. He will build David a kingdom that will become a nation and give birth to a worldwide universal Church.

In the painting, Mary stands in front of an ornate house. She stands like us, at the entrance, welcoming God's coming. It was her yes that allowed the master builder to enter into our world to begin building this house, which became a Church.

Like Mary, we await Jesus. With her, let us say yes to him, celebrating the one who has established that house where we celebrate today!

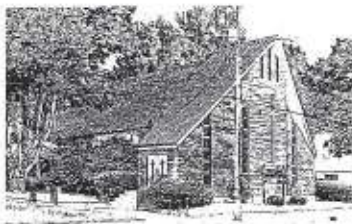
—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



Piece: *The Annunciation With City by the Sea*, circa 1530
Artist: Marco Palmezzano
Location: Vatican Museums

***For Reflection** God wants to give me more than I ever dreamed of. Is giving myself to him in prayer a way to let him accomplish that dream in me? How can I offer hospitality in my heart, my home, my work and my Church so that others can encounter God's love?*

*The LORD also declares to you that the LORD will make a house for you.
(2 Samuel 7:11)*



Holy Trinity - Cherry

St. Patrick - Arlington

St. Thomas More - Dalzell

3 Church Website: www.bureaucatholic.org

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St. Patrick Catholic Church Is Located At:
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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 25, 2017

Offered For

**** Christmas Eve & Christmas Masses Are Offered For The People And The Deceased Members Of Our Families**

<u>Tuesday</u>	Holy Trinity, Cherry - 12:15pm	No Mass
<u>Wednesday</u>	St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am	No Mass
<u>Thursday</u>	Holy Trinity, Cherry - 12:15pm	† Charlie & Hazel Keutzer
<u>Friday</u>	St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am	† James Venterelli

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

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions
Weekend of December 30-31, 2017

<u>Saturday Vigil:</u>	Holy Trinity, Cherry - 4:00 PM	† For The Parishioners
	St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM	† Zita & Dante Guerrini
<u>Sunday:</u>	Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30 AM	† Jack McCallum
	St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM	† William & Florence McDonald
	St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM	† William Fixsen

Ministry Schedule
For Next Weekend

Holy Trinity

LECTOR

Saturday - 4:00PM - Heather Linnig

Sunday - 8:30AM - Gerald Schlenz

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday - 4:00PM - Tina Dominy

Sunday - 8:30AM - Mary Jo Brust

SERVERS

Saturday - 4:00PM -

Payton & Berkle Linnig

Sunday - 8:30AM -

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St. Patrick

LECTOR

Sunday - 10:30AM - Ernie Bartoli

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sunday - 10:30AM - John Kapraun

SERVERS

Sunday - 10:30AM -

J Vander Meersch & Brooke Lovgren

St. Thomas More

ROSARY

Sat 5:30PM - Joelle Crockett

LECTOR

Sat 5:30PM - Joelle Crockett

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sat 5:30PM - Mary Jean Goodrick

SERVERS

Sat 5:30PM - ?

UPCOMING
CHURCH EVENTS

December 27 - Rosary Against Evil -
Pray At Home

January 3 - Rosary Against Evil - St.
Thomas More - 5:30pm

January 5 - Mercy Prayers - St.
Thomas More Chapel - 3pm

Last Sunday's Offering

Holy Trinity - \$1452.00

Needed Weekly - \$1700

St. Patrick - \$767.00

Needed Weekly - \$700

St. Thomas More - \$1008.00

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 & 10:30PM

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 WLPO (1220AM) for more about cancellations.

The Rosary Against Evil

The rosary that we continue to pray on Wednesday nights at 5:30PM will be prayed at St. Thomas More Church during the month of January in Dalzell. 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!

For The Week

On this last weekend of Advent, and celebration of Christmas, we are reminded that God has a great plan for our salvation! The House of David was part of the beginning of the lineage that would bring us to realize that being part of God's people was a saving grace. For all of us who are faithful to God's teachings, Ten Commandments and sacraments; God through Jesus Christ will forever look after us.

Mary was the great example of what we need to do to follow God's will in our lives. It was through a great life of prayer that she learned how much God loved her. And that same love was passed on through Jesus Christ to each of us who live prayerful lives. 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 25

Christmas

Is 52:7-10

Heb 1:1-6

Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Tuesday

December 26

St. Stephen,

The First Martyr

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59

Mt 10:17-22

Wednesday

December 27

St. John,

Apostle and Evangelist

1 Jn 1:1-4

Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Thursday

December 28

The Holy Innocents,

Martyrs

1 Jn 1:5-2:2

Mt 2:13-18

Friday

December 29

Fifth Day in the

Octave of Christmas

1 Jn 2:3-11

Lk 2:22-35

Saturday

December 30

Sixth Day in the

Octave of Christmas

1 Jn 2:12-17

Lk 2:36-40

Sunday

December 31

The Holy Family of

Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or

Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3

Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17

or Heb 11:8, 11-12,

17-19

Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

Dear Padre,

An antiphon in the Christian breviary states, "The angel Gabriel was sent to the Virgin Mary, who was engaged to be married to Joseph" (December 20). Was she married or not when Jesus was conceived?

Much of the confusion is due to what constituted marriage at the time of Jesus.

Mary was betrothed to Joseph when she was found to be pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit. During the usual betrothal period of a year, the woman remained with her family. However, the bond between the couple was already as permanent as marriage. That's why Mary was legally known

as Joseph's wife, even though they didn't yet live together or have all the rights belonging to a husband and wife. In fact, the arrangement during betrothal was so binding that it could only be terminated in divorce.

Moreover, in that patriarchal society, a betrothed woman who had sexual relations

with anyone other than her husband was accused of adultery. Had Joseph ended this betrothal in disgrace, Mary would have been deprived of marriage for the rest of her life and dependent on her extended family upon her father's death. But Joseph was an upright man who intended to divorce her quietly without publicly stating the reason, in order to spare Mary and her family's reputation. That's when an angel appeared to him in a dream and told him to have no fear about taking Mary as his wife, for the Child was conceived by the Holy Spirit (Matthew 1:20).

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A Word From Pope Francis

[Joseph and Mary in Bethlehem]....were alone, in a strange land, just the three of them. Then, all of a sudden, people began to appear: shepherds, people just like them who had to leave their homes to find better opportunities for their families. Their lives were also affected by harsh weather, but by other kinds of hardship, too. When they heard that Jesus had been born, they went to see him. They became neighbors....they became a family to Mary and Joseph, the family of Jesus. This is what happens when Jesus comes into our lives....Faith brings us closer. It makes us neighbors.

—Address in Bañado Norte, a slum in Paraguay, July 12, 2015