



Our Parish COMMUNITY

December 8, 2019

Second Sunday of Advent (A)

Is 11:1-10

Rom 15:4-9

Mt 3:1-12

Creating God's Peaceable Kingdom

At times, God's presence among us is so unspectacular that we need someone else to point it out, someone with a loud voice. That seems to have been the role of John the Baptist. His lifestyle and his message certainly caught everyone's attention. But when he caught their attention, he directed it away from himself to the kingdom of heaven.

He called it a kingdom because that was the government those of his time knew. (Jesus, too, often spoke of his kingdom.) However, the kingdom John referred to is not one of military power and privilege but a "peaceable kingdom," where animals that are normally feared as predators live with each other in peace. A beautiful picture, but is it a possibility or just fantasy? The people believed that some day one would be born who would rule this way, thus enabling them to become a genuine peaceable kingdom. This

kingdom would not be made of animals, but of women and men of different races, cultures, and beliefs; women and men who would recognize each other's God-given uniqueness and would create genuine unity from this diversity.

John the Baptist declared that this kingdom "is at hand." Is it? Do we strive to live peacefully with the great diversity of people of our world? Or are we smug as we proclaim: "We have Abraham as our father" (Matthew 3:9), so we are right and you are wrong. The people of John's time should have known better. We should, too. John cries out to them—and to us: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" (Matthew 3:2).

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

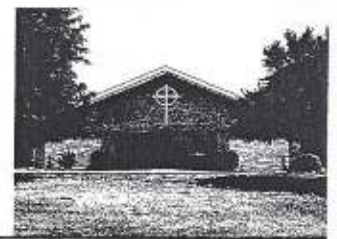
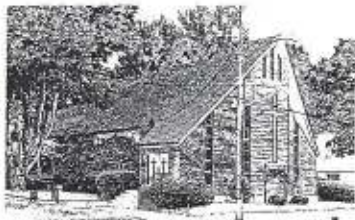
FOR *Reflection*

- ★ How open are you to people of different faiths, races, or nations?
- ★ What can you do to make real the peaceable kingdom of heaven?

[John the Baptist said,] "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." MATTHEW 3:3



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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 9, 2019

Offered For

Monday**

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - Noon

† Purgatorial Society

Tuesday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 12:15pm

† Dorothy Flaherty

Wednesday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† Dec. Memb. Picatto Families

Thursday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30am

† Purgatorial Society

Friday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† No Mass

** - Holy Day

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions

Weekend of December 14-15, 2019

Saturday Vigil:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 4:00 PM

† Betty Corsolini

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† John Micheli

Sunday:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30 AM

† Ricco Fonderoli

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM

† Virginia Lucas

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† For The Parishioners

Ministry Schedule
For Next Weekend

Holy Trinity

LECTOR

Saturday - 4:00PM - Tina Dominy

Sunday - 8:30AM - Mary Jane Marincic

SERVERS

Saturday - 4:00PM -

?

Sunday - 8:30AM - ?

COUNTERS

Sunday - 8:30AM -

Pat Pinter & Nancy Floroplus

St. Patrick

LECTOR

Sunday - 10:30AM - Bruce Galloway

SERVERS

Sunday - 10:30AM -

Brandon & Dylan Tornow

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 11 - Rosary Against Evil - St. Thomas More (Dalzell) - 6PM

December 12 - St. Patrick - Confessions - 5:15-6PM

December 12 - St. Patrick Christmas Choir Practice - SP Church - 6PM

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

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

Last Sunday's Offering

Holy Trinity - \$1156.00

St. Patrick - \$965.00

St. Thomas More - \$578.00

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. 12 & Dec. 19. All voices are welcome!

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!

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!

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-3PM - Holy Trinity Hall

For The Week

This week we remember the one who was sent by God to prepare the way of the Messiah to do God's work in the world, John the Baptist. The Prophet Isaiah was one of the great prophets to describe Jesus' coming into the world. Isaiah also described the gifts from God to Jesus which mirror the seven gifts we receive at Confirmation.

The Gospel takes us to the beginning of Jesus' ministry with His baptism. Like Jesus, our baptism typically begins our life of faith but we don't usually use it until we reach the age of reason. But with our life with Christ, we are expected to do the difficult things in life which challenge us. We have to have hope and the trust in God that we can bring much good to the world through our love of God. Even today, God is judging us by the good we do with our lives for those around us. So for us, this needs to be our focus doing good with our lives for God and neighbor. 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.

Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
DECEMBER 9	DECEMBER 10	DECEMBER 11	DECEMBER 12	DECEMBER 13	DECEMBER 14	DECEMBER 15
Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Gn 3:9-15, 20 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 Lk 1:26-38	Advent Weekday Is 40:1-11 Mt 18:12-14	Advent Weekday Is 40:25-31 Mt 11:28-30	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	St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr Is 48:17-19 Mt 11:16-19	St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 Mt 17:9a, 10-13	Third Sunday of Advent Is 35:1-6a, 10 Jas 5:7-10 Mt 11:2-11

Dear Padre,

An intellectual friend told me that she loves the great dogmas of Advent. I smiled and agreed, but I don't have the faintest idea what she meant!

Dogma refers to Church teachings defined by an ecumenical council, including the pope, or by the pope alone acting as head of the Church. The magisterium, the Church's teaching authority, tells us these must-be-believed truths have been divinely revealed to us. During Advent, we celebrate two dogmas: the immaculate conception of Mary, which we honor tomorrow,

and the Incarnation, which includes the birth of Christ that we prepare for now.

Both dogmas speak of God's extraordinary connection with humanity. God specially gifted Mary because of her role in becoming the Mother of God. Mary, from the instant of her conception, was free from original sin. Her closeness to Jesus was established from the earliest moments of her existence.

The dogma of the Incarnation is defined simply by St. John. "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us" (John 1:14). During the year, we first celebrate the Incarnation on March 25, at the solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. Scripture and Tradition hold that Jesus was conceived in

Mary's womb when she accepted God's will by answering yes to the angel's announcement that she would bear the "Son of the Most High" (Luke 1:32). During Advent, we eagerly anticipate the result of that Incarnation, Jesus' birth.

Dogmas can sometimes seem disconnected from our lives. The customs of Advent put an everyday face on the book definitions and remind us that God lives in our midst.

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

It is the mystery of Christ's flesh: one doesn't understand love for thy neighbor, one doesn't understand love for thy brother if one doesn't understand this mystery of Incarnation. I love my brother because he too is Christ, is Christlike, is the flesh of Christ.

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