



December 9, 2018

Second Sunday of Advent (C)

Bar 5:1-9

Phil 1:4-6, 8-11

Lk 3:1-6



Piece: *Virgin and Child Surrounded by Saints*
(detail), 1537

Artist: Marco Palmezzano

Location: Vatican Museums

The Time Is Right

Saint Luke loves to be precise in his Gospel, so he documents the exact time and place of the appearance of John the Baptist, the precursor to Jesus. Tiberius was the second emperor of Rome, and the fifteenth year of his reign corresponds to AD 27. Pontius Pilate was prefect from the years 26 to 36. Herod Antipas, son of Herod the Great, ruled in Galilee until his death in the year 39 and is the Herod who had John the Baptist beheaded. On the Jewish side, Caiaphas was high priest, and his influential father-in-law Annas was considered a leader of Jewish religious life.

These historical dates align with Luke's explanation, as well as other events described in his Gospel. Ours is a faith based on real people and events. No doubt there is a great appreciation for the supernatural in our faith, but it is never *against* nature, just *beyond* it.

Jesus praised John the Baptist (see Matthew 11:2-9) for his strong will and dedication. Humility, austerity, courage, and a spirit of prayer are also a large part of the testimony John left us. Palmezzano dresses him in the martyr's red and camel skin to accent his supreme virtue. So dedicated and heroic was he in his fulfillment of the mission entrusted to him, Jesus acclaimed "among those born of women there has been none greater" (Matthew 11:11). "He was a burning and shining lamp" (John 5:35) to illuminate the path toward the true light who was coming into the world. Once that divine light arrived, John receded into the shadows.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

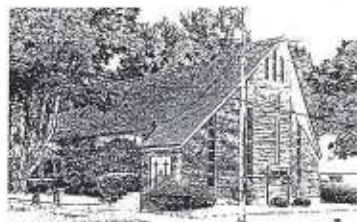
For Reflection

Do I lead people to Jesus through my dedicated testimony?

Do I speak easily and naturally of Jesus with colleagues, family, or friends?

He went throughout [the] whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

Luke 3:3



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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9:00AM to Noon

Closed Holidays & Holy Days of Obligation

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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 10, 2018

Offered For

Monday

St. Patrick, Arlington - 5:30pm

† No Mass

Tuesday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 12:15pm

† Nellie Cattani

Wednesday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† Ray Sever

Thursday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30am

† Bernice Schneider

Friday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† Sylvester Pyszka

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

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions

Weekend of December 15-16, 2018

Saturday Vigil:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 4:00 PM

† Ricco Fonderoli

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† Eugene Weberski

Sunday:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30 AM

† Lacy Lehn

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM

† Ella Flanagan

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† For The Parishioners

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**HOLY TRINITY CHURCH
ST. PATRICK CHURCH
ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH**

All Three Parish Communication Information

To help notify parishioners of cancellations and information on events we will be using the Bureau County Republican app BCR Alerts. This will allow you to receive updates on your cell phone. Just go to bcnews.com and click on [bcrbriefs](#). You will need to sign up. Scroll to Community Cancellations/Notices and click on HTSPSTM Parishes. Let us know if you have any questions or concerns. We will be happy to help sign you up.

Ministry Schedule For Next Weekend

Holy Trinity

LECTOR

Saturday - 4:00PM - Kathy Pullam

Sunday - 8:30AM - Gerald Schlenz

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday - 4:00PM - Sheila Campbell

Sunday - 8:30AM - Jeff Pinter

Saturday - 4:00PM -

Katelyn Pullam & Emily Robbins

Sunday - 8:30AM -

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St. Patrick

LECTOR

Sunday - 10:30AM - Linda Beattie

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sunday - 10:30AM - John Kapraun

SERVERS

Sunday - 10:30AM -

J VanderMeersch & T Schroeder

St. Thomas More

ROSARY

Sat 5:30PM - TBD

LECTOR

Sat 5:30PM - Mary Ann Schoening

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sat 5:30PM - Judy Szymowicz

SERVERS

Sat 5:30PM - ?

UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

December 12 - Rosary Against Evil - St. Patrick (Arlington) - 6pm

December 17 - Mass Reparation Sins/ Rosary - St. Patrick (Arlington) - 5:30pm

December 17 - St. Patrick's Choir Practice - 6:15pm (After Mass)

(St. Thomas More Rags made 420 lbs. in November, Outstanding!)

Last Sunday's Offering

Holy Trinity - \$1255.00

Needed Weekly - \$1700 (-\$17159.00)

St. Patrick - \$582.00

Needed Weekly - \$700 (-\$4865.00)

St. Thomas More - \$813.00

Needed Weekly - \$900 (\$4610.00)

** (Parentheses) = Overage/Deficit of Collection

**Christmas Confessions s Starting Next Week

Confessions will be at 3-4pm on the following days at the three churches:

December 11 - St. Patrick, Arlington

December 12 - Holy Trinity, Chery

December 13 - St. Thomas More. Dalzell

**Next Week they will be from 6-7pm.

Christmas For The Needy

Thank you for your help for the children of the Hall Township with your donations!

Thank You To Kyle Pinter

We should all give a big thanks to Kyle Pinter for doing his Eagle Scout Project to fix up the area around the Holy Trinity Cemetery statue. The two new flag poles look great with the brick and stone. The dedication of it will take place on Memorial Day next year. Thank you and may God always be with Kyle!

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

None Scheduled

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.

John the Baptist, the one who told us that Jesus Christ is coming, also announced His arrival to be with the people. John also preached the need for repentance so we could see Jesus for who He was and why we need Him in our lives.

The Blessed Mother of Christ just announced that Jesus is making His final preparations for His Second Coming! So it is up to all of us to not just live our lives but live HOLY LIVES! That is what will separate us from heaven and hell. 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 10

Advent Weekday

Is 35:1-10

Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday

DECEMBER 11

Advent Weekday

Is 40:1-11

Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday

DECEMBER 12

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

Thursday

DECEMBER 13

St. Lucy,

Virgin and Martyr

Is 41:13-20

Mt 11:11-15

Friday

DECEMBER 14

St. John of the Cross,

Priest and Doctor
of the Church

Is 48:17-19

Mt 11:16-19

Saturday

DECEMBER 15

Advent Weekday

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11

Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday

DECEMBER 16

Third Sunday

of Advent

Zep 3:14-18a

Phil 4:4-7

Lk 3:10-18

Dear Padre,

Why doesn't the word *immaculate* also refer to Jesus' birth?

According to Webster's Dictionary, *immaculate* comes from the Latin *immaculatus*, which breaks down further into *in* (meaning "not") and *maculatus* (meaning "spotted"). It means "without stain or blemish" and is commonly associated with the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception, which was solemnly defined as a dogma of the Catholic faith in 1854 by Pope Pius IX. The dogma states that Mary was conceived in the womb of her mother without the stain of original sin.

Catholics sometimes mistakenly think that this doctrine refers to Jesus' birth and not to the conception of Mary in the womb of her mother. In a way, it refers to both. Everything about Mary ultimately leads to her Son—including the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception. How so? The Church argues both from Scripture and tradition that God deemed it proper and fitting that humanity's Redeemer should enter the world through a womb totally unblemished by sin. Mary, in other words, was free of the effects of original sin so she could be a proper dwelling place for the birth of the Son of God.

That is not to say, however, that Mary herself was not in need of redemption. On the contrary, the dogma clearly states that she was conceived without the stain of original sin *in anticipation* of the fruits of Christ's redemptive action manifested in his passion, death, and resurrection.

—Fr. Dennis J. Billy, CSsR
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THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, BARTOLOMÉ ESTEBAN MURILLO / WIKI COMMONS



A Word From Pope Francis

The Immaculate Conception leads us to contemplate Our Lady who, by unique privilege, was preserved from original sin from the very moment of her conception. Even living in a world marked by sin, she was not touched by it: Mary is our sister in suffering, but not in evil or in sin.

—Angelus, Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, December 8, 2015