



*[Jesus] went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart.*

LUKE 2:51

## All in the Family

**S**o many family-oriented television programs today feature the antics of dysfunctional families. They're often so well produced that we laugh at the blundering exploits, thus giving them credibility. The readings for today's feast show us what a real family looks like. Parents worry about the security of their children (Luke); brothers and sisters are told to be compassionate, kind, humble, gentle, and patient (Colossians); elders are respected and cared for in their need (Sirach). Even the psalm response sketches the profile of a flourishing family as understood at that time.

We can only guess what the Holy Family must have been like. There is no indication that their neighbors saw them as anything more than an average family. Jesus learned Joseph's trade and, most likely, would take over the business after he died. Instead, he launched out as an itinerant preacher. Even that does not seem to have been so exceptional for that time. Nor was Mary's widowhood reason for him to stay home. The Gospels indicate that she was part of a protective family unit. This did not appear to be an exceptional family. But how exceptional it was!

The lesson is that even an average family has the potential to be a holy family. What we should do is pattern our lives after Paul's exhortation to the Colossians. If we live like this, we will discover that holiness is all in the family.

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

### FOR Reflection

- ★ What might you do to make family life easier for those with whom you live?
- ★ Do you show gratitude to your family for their respect and care of you?





### **Holy Trinity Catholic Church**

#### **\*\*Main Office\*\***

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"Bureau Catholic Churches".

#### **Mass Schedule**

Weekdays - Wednesday 5:30pm and

Thursday - 9:00am

Saturday Confessions - 10:30-11:15

AM or by appointment

Sunday Mass - 8:30am

#### **\*Pastor of the Three Churches**

Fr. Thaddeus Tran

#### **\*\*Upcoming Events At Church\*\***

CCD In-Person @Hall



### **St. Thomas More Catholic Church**

#### **For All Three Churches**

#### **Emergency Number**

779-248-2164

#### **St. Thomas More Church**

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Dalzell, IL 61320

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#### **Mass Schedule**

Weekday Mass -

Tues. & Fri. - 8:00am

Saturday Vigil Mass - 4:00 PM

Sunday Mass - 5:00pm

#### **Adoration Room**

#### **TIME CHANGE**

Open Monday-Sunday 9AM-6PM

#### **\*\*Upcoming Events At Church\*\***

Ravioli Making—Call to order

Phone # 815-252-2215

\*CCD Classes @HT Church Hall



### **St. Patrick Catholic Church**

#### **St. Patrick Church**

(Office at Holy Trinity Church)

106 Church St.

Arlington, IL 61312

Phone: (815) 894-2006

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#### **Mass Schedule**

Sunday Mass - 10:30 AM

#### **\*3 Churches Pastoral Assistant**

Julie Hollinger

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#### **\*\*Office Hours\*\***

Holy Trinity - Tues, Thurs, & Fri.

- 9AM-12PM

St. Thomas More (Hrs may vary)

Wed - 9AM - 12PM

**\*\*Facebook:** Use Link on Home Page - [www.bureaucatholic.org](http://www.bureaucatholic.org)

#### **\*\*Upcoming Events At Church\*\***

CCD Class time 9:30-10:30

### **Daily Mass Intentions for Masses the Week of Dec. 27, 2021**

#### **Monday**

#### **Tuesday**

12/28\*\* 8:00AM \*\*STM

#### **Wednesday**

12/29\*\*5:30PM \*\*HT Mass/Rosary

#### **Thursday**

12/30\*9:00AM\*\*HT

#### **Friday**

12/31\*\*8:00AM\*\*STM

#### **Offered For**

† No Mass

† NO MASS

† NO MASS

† Doug Samolinski

† Nancy Shaw

### **Next Weekend's Mass Intentions Weekend of Jan. 1-2 2021**

#### **Saturday:**

\*\*1/1\*\*New Years Day 9:00am @HT

Regular 4:00pm @STM

#### **Sunday:**

\*\*[www.bureaucatholic.org/Facebook](http://www.bureaucatholic.org/Facebook) Link - 8:30AM\*\*HT

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM

\*\*St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:00 PM

#### **Offered For**

† Parishioners

† Dec Membs of Bacidore Family

† Alan Hahn

† Daniel Hunter

† For The Parishioners



### Latest Offering's

Weekend Dec. 18-19th

Holy Trinity - \$1564.00  
St. Patrick - \$863.00  
St. Thomas More - \$1503.00

### 2022 Church Envelopes

Please pick up your envelopes in back of churches. If you do not see your box and would like envelopes please let the office know.



### ADA Goals & Update 2021

Holy Trinity—\$14,062  
\$8,125.00  
St. Patrick—\$8,619  
\$6,470.00  
St. Thomas More—\$9,485  
\$4,340.17

### Calendars For 2022

Please pick your calendars up. They are now available in back of the churches at all 3 parishes. These are sponsored by the generosity of The Barto Funeral Home, The Flocchi Funeral Home and The Hurst Funeral Home.

### Fundraising Update

HT- Pick 3 Winner was  
Tom Yerly— who generously donated \$500 back to the church!  
STM Ravs/Tort YTD total 1065  
Sold net Profit \$9,002.01



Feast of the Holy Family Dec. 26th

### Embracing the Holy Family

To best learn how to live as the Holy Family did, we must incorporate Jesus, Mary and Joseph into our lives through affection. As within our own families, analysis and reason are insufficient when it comes to enduring trials. Only love, supplemented by faith and hope, will suffice. As human beings, love is a choice that we are always free to make. Thus the Gospels and the Church, particularly in her liturgy, stress Jesus' total freedom in giving his life for us.

Embracing the Holy Family means accepting them as they are — and ourselves as well. We (re)discover the Holy Family through the process of *lectio divina* on the Scriptures, by which we invite them into our lives and open ourselves to the Spirit. Traditional devotions such as the Rosary and the Stations of the Cross are proven ways of entering into the mystery. We embrace them as we would a family member, and in a different way they are no less challenging. They long to become a part of us, related by adoption through human and divine choice. The feast of the Holy Family is a wonderful time for Catholics across the theological spectrum to renew their devotion to them.

Devotion to the Holy Family and love of family are complementary practices as the former is the model of the local and universal human family. Embracing the Holy Family means entrusting ourselves to them like a child, in the manner proposed by Jesus (cf. Lk 18:16-17). Through emulation in prayer, service and obedience, we cultivate this enthusiastic disposition

### Confessions

The next confessions will be  
Saturday - Jan 8th 10:30-11:15- at St.  
Thomas More in the hall



### Solemnity Of Mary Jan 1st

The feast is a celebration of Mary's motherhood of Jesus. The title "Mother of God" is a western derivation from the Greek Theotokos, which means "God-bearer". On this day, we are reminded of the role that the Blessed Virgin played in the plan of our salvation. Through the Holy Spirit, God the Father prepared Mary to be the dwelling place where His Son and His Spirit could dwell among men. Christ's birth was made possible by Mary's fiat, or sanctioning of God's plan with her words, "Be it done to me according to thy word". Calling Mary "Mother of God" is the highest honor we can give to her. Just as Christmas honors Jesus as the "Prince of Peace", the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God honors Mary as the "Queen of Peace". New Year's Day is also designated as the "World Day of Peace", further acknowledging the role of Mary in our hearts and in our world.

### Holy Family Prayer

O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practicing the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.



# Dear Padre,

**I've been trying to teach my children about the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Any advice?**

**I**t's easy to teach young children about the works of mercy if you keep it simple and call their attention to what they're doing.

When they set the table and pour drinks, tell them they're feeding the hungry and giving drink to the thirsty. When they bring homework to a sick classmate, they're visiting the sick. If they go to a funeral, they're helping bury the dead. When they make up with their siblings after a fight, they bear wrongs patiently and forgive all injuries. Siblings who help each other with their homework are instructing the "ignorant."

A child who soothes someone who's been hurt is comforting the sorrowful. Praying for anyone, living or dead, is a spiritual work of mercy. Listening when someone confides in them is counseling the doubtful. Talking a friend or sibling out of doing something wrong is admonishing the sinner.

As your children get older, volunteer as a family with organizations that build homes for low-income families and help the children of prisoners.

Performing the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, whether for each other or with each other, will bring you closer as a family as well as closer to God.

*Fr. Rick Potts, CSSR / [Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org](mailto:Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org)*

**Do you have a question for the Padre?**

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about Dear Padre.



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## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*The works of mercy reawaken in us the need, and the ability, to make the faith alive and active with charity. I am convinced that, through these simple, daily actions, we can achieve a true cultural revolution....If every one of us, every day, does one of these, this will be a revolution in the world!*

GENERAL AUDIENCE, OCTOBER 12, 2016

## Calendar

### Monday

DECEMBER 27

St. John,

Apostle and Evangelist

1 Jn 1:1-4

Jn 20:1a, 2-8

### Tuesday

DECEMBER 28

The Holy Innocents,  
Martyrs

1 Jn 1:5-2:2

Mt 2:13-18

### Wednesday

DECEMBER 29

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 2:3-11

Lk 2:22-35

### Thursday

DECEMBER 30

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 2:12-17

Lk 2:36-40

### Friday

DECEMBER 31

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 2:18-21

Jn 1:1-18

### Saturday

JANUARY 1

Blessed Virgin Mary,  
the Mother of God

Nm 6:22-27

Gal 4:4-7

Lk 2:16-21

### Sunday

JANUARY 2

Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

Mt 2:1-12e

### Know Someone Overly Anxious About Sin?

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