



Our Parish COMMUNITY

December 5, 2021

Second Sunday of Advent (C)

Bar 5:1-9

Phil 1:4-6, 8-11

Lk 3:1-6

*Jerusalem, take off your robe
of mourning and misery;
put on forever the splendor
of glory from God.*

BARUCH 5:1



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And the Word Was Made Flesh

Many of us grew up thinking that this life doesn't amount to much. It's full of pitfalls and enticements that threaten our eternal salvation. Such disdain often boils over into contempt for the world. According to this thinking, it is only the next life that is important, which will unfold in a much better place. Today's readings challenge such extreme thinking. They assure us that the glory of God is partially revealed to us even within this life. They astound us by insisting that God speaks to us through life's events—events that often appear to be quite mundane.

Baruch tells of Jerusalem, the city loved passionately by every Israelite. This was a city like so many other cities. However, God dwelt there and wherever God dwells is, for that reason, a holy city—be it Jerusalem, Munich, or Detroit. God dwells in our midst, right here, right now. Hence, this imperfect life and this damaged world are holy.

The Gospel situates John the Baptist in the middle of the ancient Near Eastern world. It was a Roman world controlled by Caesar and a Jewish province ruled over by Herod. John stated that it was to that place at that time that the Promised One would come, and it was up to John to "prepare the way of the Lord" (Isaiah 40:3; Luke 3:4).

Most importantly, we must never forget that God took on the troubles and sins of this world and entered our life, making it his life. This is the real reason that this world is holy.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ★ *Incarnation means that Jesus is made of the stuff of this world, just as we are. Think about this.*
- ★ *Nothing is too common that it can't be holy. What does that mean?*



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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 December In-Person @Hall

CCD 12/12-K-4th

CCD 12/19—5th-8th



St. Thomas More Catholic Church

For All Three Churches

Emergency Number

779-248-2164

St. Thomas More Church

302 Chestnut St.

Dalzell, IL 61320

Phone: (815) 663-6201

Email: StTMoreDalzell32@gmail.com

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

Mail To: P.O. Box 159 Cherry 61317

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

****Upcoming Events At Church****

CCD Class time 9:30-10:30

Daily Mass Intentions for Masses the Week of Dec. 6, 2021

Monday

Tuesday

12/7** 4:00PM Immaculate Conception Eve**STM

Wednesday

12/8 **5:30PM Immac. Concept**HT Mass/Rosary

Thursday

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

Friday

12/10** 8:00AM **STM

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions Weekend of Dec 11-12, 2021

Saturday:

**4:00PM **STM

Sunday:

www.bureaucatholic.org/Facebook Link - 8:30AMHT

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM

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

Offered For

† No Mass

† John Micheli

† The Parishioners

† Regina Pommier

† Medie Guisti Luckey

Offered For

† Betty Newhalfen

† Rita Hoscheid

† Dec Membs of Hunter Family

† For The Parishioners

Online masses WILL CONTINUE to be available @HT www.bureaucatholic.org

Latest Offering's

Weekend Nov. 21st

Holy Trinity - \$825.00
St. Patrick - \$602.00
St. Thomas More - \$643.00



Volunteers needed for decorating at
all three parishes

SP—Sat. Dec. 18th 9:00am

HT & STM Weekend of 18th&19th
Contact office for more info



Christmas Flower Collection For All 3 Parishes

Donations may be marked and
put in collection baskets or sent
to church office. Thank you.



A BIG Thank you to ALL
the Volunteers who help fundraise
for our churches. SP Sausage
Makers/Sellers—STM Rav/Tort/
AntiPasto Makers/Sellers—HT—
Ticket Sellers!! You are helping to
make a Difference!



Christmas Eve

HT—4:00pm - SP 10:00pm

STM— Christmas Morning 10:00am



Holy Day of Obligation

Feast of The Immaculate
Conception of The Blessed Mary
December 8th
Immaculate Conception
Masses

Tues. Eve Dec 7th @STM 4pm
Wed. Dec 8th @HT 5:30pm

If you were given a saint's name at
Baptism, that saint is your patron
saint. Countries also have patron
saints. Who is the patron saint of
the United States?

If you answered, "Mary, the mother
of Jesus," you are correct. In 1846,
the bishops of the United States
asked Mary to watch over our
country and its people in a special
way. They also chose one particular
title and feast of Mary—her
Immaculate Conception.

The title of the Immaculate
Conception recognizes Mary's
privilege of coming into the world
free from sin. Through the power
of Jesus' Death and Resurrection,
every human being can be freed
from sin at Baptism. Through that
same power, Mary was always free
from sin, even from that very first
moment of life.

On December 8, the Church
celebrates this special privilege
given to Mary. At the liturgy we
thank God for all his blessings he
has given to the people of our
country. And we can thank Mary
for watching over and protecting
our people. For more info visit
loyolapress.com

WATCH For HT Pick 3
Drawing Sat. Evening
Dec. 11th - Winning No. will
be posted on website

Confessions

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

Advent Candles

The most common Advent candle
tradition, involves four candles around
the wreath. A new candle is lit on each
of the four Sundays before Christmas.
Each candle represents something
different, although traditions vary.
Often, the first, second, and fourth
candles are purple; the third candle is
rose-colored. The first candle
symbolizes hope and is called the
"Prophet's Candle." The prophets of
the Old Testament, especially Isaiah,
waited in hope for the Messiah's
arrival. The purple color symbolizes
royalty, repentance, and fasting.
The second candle represents faith
and is called "Bethlehem's Candle."
Micah had foretold that the Messiah
would be born in Bethlehem, which is
also the birthplace of King David. The
second candle is also purple to
symbolism preparation for the coming
king.

- The third candle symbolizes joy
and is called the "Shepherd's Candle."
To the shepherd's great joy, the angels
announced that Jesus came for
humble, unimportant people like
them, too. In liturgy, the color rose
signifies joy. This candle is colored
pink to represent joyfulness and
rejoicing.

- The fourth candle represents
peace and is called the "Angel's
Candle." The angels announced that
Jesus came to bring peace—He came to
bring people close to God and to each
other again. This color is also purple
to represent the culmination of love
through the Messiah.

The (optional) fifth candle represents
light and purity and is called "Christ's
candle." It is placed in the middle and
is lit on Christmas Day. This candle is
white to represent pure light and
victory.

Dear Padre,

My sister says that singing the *O Antiphons* are her favorite part of Advent. What are they?

An antiphon is a brief refrain, usually from the Bible, either sung or said during worship. An *O Antiphon* is an antiphon that starts with O, as in "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"—each verse of that song is made up of an O Antiphon.

The antiphons are most at home in the Liturgy of the Hours—the collection of psalms, hymns, prayers, and readings that make up the regular rhythm of the Church's prayer at morning, midday, evening, and night. The O Antiphons your sister refers to are verses used during the Church's evening prayer from December 17–23. With one verse spoken or sung before Mary's Magnificat each evening, these antiphons call on the Lord to come to his people using titles taken from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

When the O Antiphons are sung in Latin, they present a sort of acrostic with a hidden message. The first letter of each title in the antiphon spells *sarcore*, which is *ero cras* (Latin for "tomorrow I come" or "tomorrow I shall be") spelled backward.

In their original language and context, the O Antiphons have a particularly rich significance, but they remain beautiful even when sung simply in English as in the verses of "O Come, O Come Emmanuel."

Fr. Matthew Allman, CSsR / Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about Dear Padre.



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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

To prepare the way of the Lord's coming, it is necessary to take note of the requirements of conversion to which the Baptist invites us....First of all we are called to fill the "valleys" caused by coldness and indifference, opening ourselves to others with the same sentiments as Jesus, that is, with affection and fraternal attention.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 9, 2018

Calendar

Monday

DECEMBER 6
Advent Weekday
Is 35:1–10
Lk 5:17–26

Tuesday

DECEMBER 7
St. Ambrose,
Bishop and Doctor
of the Church
Is 40:1–11
Mt 18:12–14

Wednesday

DECEMBER 8
Immaculate
Conception of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
Gn 3:9–15, 20
Eph 1:3–6, 11–12
Lk 1:26–38

Thursday

DECEMBER 9
Advent Weekday
Is 41:13–20
Mt 11:11–15

Friday

DECEMBER 10
Advent Weekday
Is 48:17–19
Mt 11:16–19

Saturday

DECEMBER 11
Advent Weekday
Sir 48:1–4, 9–11
Mt 17:9a, 10–13

Sunday

DECEMBER 12
Third Sunday
of Advent
Zep 3:14–18a
Phil 4:4–7
Lk 3:10–18