



Our Parish COMMUNITY

November 29, 2020

First Sunday of Advent (B)

Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7

1 Cor 1:3-9

Mk 13:33-37



*Be watchful! Be alert!
You do not know
when the time will come.*

MARK 13:33

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Hurry Up and Wait!

We've all had this experience. We rush to get ready...and then we wait: at the doctor's office, for a train, at a restaurant. For what do we hurry up and wait this Sunday? Some might say we are waiting for the birth of Jesus. But today's readings don't say this. The first reading describes people waiting for relief from the guilt of their sinfulness. Paul talks about waiting for "the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ" at the end time (1 Corinthians 1:7). The people in the Gospel are waiting for the return of the householder to settle accounts. There's no waiting for Christmas—yet.

For what should we wait if not Christmas? Isaiah tells us to hurry up and change our lives of pettiness, selfishness, and arrogance, and then to wait for the graciousness of God to "rend the heavens and come down" (Isaiah 63:19). Paul tells us to hurry up and

embrace "the grace of God bestowed on [us] in Christ Jesus" (1 Corinthians 1:4), and then to wait for the final revelation of his glory. The Gospel tells us to hurry up, be alert and ready for Christ's return, and then to wait for it to happen.

If we don't prepare ourselves for the coming of God in the reality of our own lives, we might not recognize this salvation when it comes. We're not waiting for an event that happened in the past; we are waiting for the grace of God that is calling us into the future. So, hurry up and wait!

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ★ *If you are waiting for salvation, from what weakness or sin must you be saved?*
- ★ *How are you readying yourself for that salvation to take root in your life?*



Holy Trinity Catholic Church



St. Thomas More Catholic Church



St. Patrick Catholic Church

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Mass Schedule

Weekdays - Tuesday 12:15pm and

Thursday - 8:30am

Saturday Confessions - 3:15-3:45 PM
or by appointment

Saturday Vigil Mass - 4:00 PM

Sunday Mass - 8:30 AM

***Pastor of the Three Churches**

Fr. Patrick Fixsen

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

All Events On Hold

****Emergency Phone****

For All Three Churches

815-664-8241

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Dalzell, IL 61320

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Mass Schedule

Weekday Mass -

Wednesday & Friday - 8:00AM

Saturday Vigil Mass - 5:30 PM

**Sunday (Last Chance) Mass-
5:30 PM**

Adoration Room

Open Monday-Saturday 9AM-8PM

Sunday - 9AM - 6PM

Divine Mercy Prayers

Every Friday 3:00PM

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

**Dec. 5 & 12 - Chicken Dinner
(Will Call and Limited Delivery)**

**St. Patrick Church
(Office at Holy Trinity Church)**

106 Church St.

Arlington, IL 61312

Phone: (815) 894-2006

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 -

Wed - 9AM - 12PM

****Facebook:** Use Link on Home
Page - www.bureaucatholic.org

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

**Dec. 12 - Sausage Making
(Order Forms Back Of Church)**

**Daily Mass Intentions for
Masses the Week of November 30, 2020**

Offered For

Monday

† No Mass

Tuesday

****Facebook Link - 9:00AM**STM**

† Purgatorial Society

Wednesday

****www.bureaucatholic.org/Facebook Link - 5:30PM**HT**

† Anna Marie Jeggli

Thursday

****www.bureaucatholic.org/Facebook Link - 9:00AM**HT**

† Thomas & Rheta Jeppson

Friday

****Facebook Link - 9:00AM **STM**

† Madelyn & Art Hahn

**Next Weekend's Mass Intentions
Weekend of December 5-6, 2020**

Offered For

Saturday:

****Facebook Link - 4:00PM **STM**

† Julie Taliani

Sunday:

****www.bureaucatholic.org/Facebook Link - 9:00 AM**HT**

† For The Parishioners

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM (No Streaming)

† Dec Mem Frances Smith Fm

****St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 6:00 PM (Last Chance Communion) † No Mass (Only Holy Communion)
(**Recommendation Watch Our Mass Online Or EWTN Mass Before Receiving Communion)**

Latest Offerings

Holy Trinity - \$0.00
St. Patrick - \$0.00
St. Thomas More - \$0.00

Visit Venerable Fulton Sheen
At Cathedral in Peoria

Monday - Friday 12pm - 2pm
Saturday 3pm - 5pm
(Re-Opened Again)

Ministry Schedule
For Next Weekend

Holy Trinity

LECTOR

Saturday - 4:00PM - ?
Sunday - 8:30AM - ?

SERVERS

Saturday - 4:00PM -
?

Sunday - 8:30AM - ?

COUNTERS

Sunday - 8:30AM -
? & ?

****Mass Intentions****

We are in need of Mass Intentions for weekday Masses. The Masses on the web are a great occasion for family members not living in this area to pray with us for family members who have died. Please consider having a weekday Mass for a deceased member of your family and thank you. Mass intentions can be paid through our online giving program, mail or dropping by our office.

****Recurring Special
Church Events****

Wednesday's - Rosary - 6PM

(On Website)

(After Wednesday HT Evening Mass)

Friday's - Divine Mercy Chaplet -

On Facebook- 3PM -

St. Thomas More Adoration Chapel

In This Month

Beginning The Advent Season

Food Events Coming Up

St. Thomas More will be having 2 Chicken & Spaghetti Dinners by calling in your order and will call and/or delivery for Dalzell people only. The Chicken will be fried and a limited number will be baked. Please call 815-252-4377 or 815-993-7043 to order from 4:30 to 7PM on December 5th & 12th.

Also St. Patrick's is making Nuco's sausage on December 12th from 8am until 4pm. Order sheets are in back of churches or bulletin boxes at Holy Trinity or St. Thomas More. Or just call in your order.

If we go back to the time of the Passover, Jews were told to put lambs blood on the door jams to escape the angel of death. Today, we have been given Exorcised Water and Salt. All we need to do is pray the prayers for protection of homes along with using Exorcised Salt and Water in the prescribed prayers which are available in the back of the church or by the doors of the church. But the prayers need to be prayed from the heart and not just read. Our Heavenly Father wants to feel our sincere desire for our homes to be protected. And He will help us.

The Exorcised Water and Salt is available in two places: St. Patrick and St. Thomas More halls after Masses. For the water, a clean sprayer that can shoot a tight stream would be best to spray around doorways, windows or other openings (like vents) to outside the home. The salt is in little baggies which should be sufficient to use for the prayers. On the four corners of your land.

As this month is when we prepare ourselves to celebrate God sending us His Only Son, we are getting closer every day for Jesus' Second Coming. As such, more confession times will be added to refresh our souls to the grace of God!

Confessions

The next confessions will be at St. Patrick's on Thursday, December 10th from 5:15-6:00pm. (Location in church will be by BCR alert or website.)

This Week's Update

Advent begins our new liturgical year as we prepare to celebrate the coming of Christ into the world. Now more than ever we need to make sure we are living holy lives, setting aside more time for prayer every day, praying the rosary every day, and living the teachings of the church and Ten Commandments.

As we prepare our souls for Christ in Advent, we also need to be prepared for unrest to consume our country. When the election is finally settled, much unrest is predicted for our country. Big cities will be hit hardest but that unrest will spread out to the smaller towns surrounding them. So with that in mind, please don't give me any gifts this year! I need you to use your money to prepare yourselves with emergency food and supplies. That will make me the happiest. Also I have been so focused on what is coming that will greatly affect our lives, doing the accounting for the three churches (which takes up a fair amount of time), the liturgies for the churches, I haven't even gone through last years cards. And I am truly sorry!! If you gave me a check, please put the money back in your checkbook as I won't cash them for the reasons stated above. I will shred the checks in my possession. I am doing fine financially. If you want to give the money to someone, give it to Pads, an organization feeding the hungry or one of the younger priests with education loans to pay off. Or what I could do is set up a fund for emergency food for each church. Things will be getting real rough for us. All of you have a big place in my heart, so be holy and stay close to Christ!

Dear Padre,

My husband of fifty years has no medical issues with his hearing, but he still doesn't listen to me in conversation. How can I feel heard?

I humbly suggest that your husband read this edition of "Dear Padre." You might leave this bulletin someplace where he will see it.

"Give every man thine ear, but few thy voice," wrote Shakespeare in *Hamlet*. Likewise, the Bible reads, "Everyone should be quick to hear, slow to speak" (James 1:19).

Good listening skills require effort and discipline. Researchers say that only about 10 percent of us listen effectively. Generally, people hear only a fraction of what someone says. Moreover, during an emotional conflict, we tend to hear even less of what another is saying. Nevertheless, Pope Francis said, "We are called to meet others and listen to their life, their cry for help." He called listening "an act of love!" In other words, being available to listen to someone in need is an expression of charity, and being present to others—a spouse, a friend, the bereaved, for example—may actually speak louder than words.

In conversations, people feel heard when their feelings are validated and restated by the listener. But often the listener finds it easier to give advice, fix the problem, or win an argument, than to actively hear what the speaker is trying to communicate. It's advisable to eliminate distractions when someone wants to engage in an important conversation. People don't feel heard when a listener's short attention span wants to resume watching television. Nor do they feel respected during a serious phone conversation while the click of a computer mouse or yawning is overheard!

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR
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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Take time, quality time. This means being ready to listen patiently and attentively to everything the other person wants to say....Often the other spouse does not need a solution to his or her problems, but simply to be heard, to feel that someone has acknowledged their pain, their disappointment, their fear, their anger.

—AMORIS LAETITIA, MARCH 19, 2016

Calendar

Monday

NOVEMBER 30
St. Andrew,
Apostle
Rom 10:9–18
Mt 4:18–22

Tuesday

DECEMBER 1
Advent Weekday
Is 11:1–10
Lk 10:21–24

Wednesday

DECEMBER 2
Advent Weekday
Is 25:6–10a
Mt 15:29–37

Thursday

DECEMBER 3
St. Francis Xavier,
Priest
Is 26:1–6
Mt 7:21, 24–27

Friday

DECEMBER 4
Advent Weekday
Is 29:17–24
Mt 9:27–31

Saturday

DECEMBER 5
Advent Weekday
Is 30:19–21, 23–26
Mt 9:35–10:1, 5a, 6–8

Sunday

DECEMBER 6
Second Sunday
of Advent
Is 40:1–5, 9–11
2 Pt 3:8–14
Mk 1:1–8