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First Sunday of Advent

Thoughts on Today's Liturgy

Reading 1: Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7 We are the clay and you the potter; we are all the work of your hands.

Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 God is faithful and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son.

Gospel: Mark 13:33-37 What I say to you, I say to all: Watch.

Theme: Watching with hopeful expectation and vigilance for Christ's return.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday	02	5:30 p.m.	ML	Elmer Angell, Jr.	†	First Sunday of Advent
Sunday	03	8:30 a.m.	SH	Parishioners		First Sunday of Advent
Sunday	03	10:30 a.m.	KW	Dan Ring	†	First Sunday of Advent
Tuesday	05	9:00 a.m.	ML	Francis Larkin	†	
Wednesday	06	8:30 a.m.	SH	Dan Ring	†	
Thursday	07	5:30 p.m.	SH	Parishioners		Immaculate Conception, Vigil
Friday	08	6:00 p.m.	KW	Dan Ring	†	Immaculate Conception
Friday	08	7:30 p.m.	ML	Francis Larkin	†	Immaculate Conception
Saturday	09	5:30 p.m.	ML	Dan Ring	†	Second Sunday of Advent
Sunday	10	8:30 a.m.	SH	Parishioners		Second Sunday of Advent
Sunday	10	10:30 a.m.	KW	Dan Ring	†	Second Sunday of Advent

Sacrament of Reconciliation 30 minutes prior to Mass or by appointment

Reflection: Willing to Begin Again. Advent is my favorite liturgical season, as its readings encompass so much of both the Old and New Testaments. In order to prepare to celebrate the birth of the infant Jesus, we revisit the whole of salvation history. With Isaiah as our guide, we can't go wrong. We journey forth on a highway where even fools can't go astray. But advent is also a challenge, as it requires us to begin again. We go to great lengths to attain status as experts, and not beginners. We regard repetition, going back to stories we've heard a thousand times over, as a waste of our precious time. The familiarity of the readings of Advent and Christmas can deaden our hearts. Maybe that's why today's readings insist that we wake up from our self-absorbed stupor. The Collect asks us to "run forth" towards Christ; Isaiah asks God to return to us with awesome deeds. The psalmist prays to God: "rouse your power, and come to save us." St. Paul reminds us that our job is to wait, not only for the incarnation of Jesus but for his second coming. And in the Gospel Jesus says: "Be watchful! Be alert!" Advent reminds us that God's ways are not our own. It asks us to take a realistic look at who we are, people in need of God's grace, beginners who must start all over again in this season to be reminded of the good news that is our salvation in Jesus Christ. ~Kathleen Norris

VIBRANT MINISTRIES

Response to call. Appeal reaches \$9.6 million. Holy Rosary Catholic Church reached 65%, 55 gifts totaling \$66,820. St. Boniface reached 47%, 46 gifts totaling \$61,200. St. John reached 48%, 32 gifts totaling \$82,860. To offer a gift: online donations, go to www.dcdiocese.org/vibrant-ministries or you can mail your pledge to Vibrant Ministries Appeal, Catholic Diocese of Dodge City, 910 Central Avenue, Dodge City, KS. For donations of grain or stock contact Mark Roth at 620-227-1535 or mroth@dcdiocese.org

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PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Sick and Shut-Ins:

Gladys Christensen, Deven Leis, Lawrence Rausch, Sister Catherine Therese, Laurie Hiltner, Sue Smith, Miles Sheldon, Sammy Flyingout, Norman Fischer, Alice Burenheide, Edna Swayden, John Dohm, Cindy Archuleta

For the Faithful Departed:

Grace Burenheide, Elmer Angell Jr., Francis Larkin, Art Tatera, Gary Noland, Ray Schmidt, Ted Brown, Patricia Graves, Elizabeth Terry, Pete Swingle, Robert Loewenstein, Tom Doherty, Dennis Hammersmith, Luke Hendricks, Omaha Tatera and all the souls in Purgatory. May they rest in perfect peace.

Church News

Upcoming Holy Day Mass Times & Locations

Christmas Eve Vigil, Sunday, December 24th – 5:30pm
Medicine Lodge and 7:30pm Kiowa

Christmas, Monday, December 25th – 8:30am Sharon

Mary, Mother of God Vigil, Sunday, December 31st – 5:30pm
Medicine Lodge

Mary, Mother of God, Monday January 1st 2018 – 8:30am
Sharon and 10:30am Kiowa

Christmas Boxes

Members of St. John the Apostle, the South Barber Ministerial Alliance will be putting together the Christmas Boxes on Saturday, December 16th at 10:00 am at the Community Building. If you could help please come, we need all the help we can get. Thanks! Anita Patterson

CHRISTmas Program

The Holy Rosary PSR CHRISTmas program and all-church dinner will be held on Wednesday evening, December 13th, with the program beginning at 6:30, followed by the supper. Meat, a potato dish, drinks and tableware for the supper will be provided. All families are asked to bring a side dish and/or a dessert to add to the feast. Let's ring in the season with the story of what CHRISTmas is really all about.

Christmas Program

The St. Boniface Children's Christmas program will be December 17th immediately following Mass. Breakfast items, juice and coffee will be served before the program.

Alter Society Christmas Party

St. Boniface Alter Society Christmas Party will be Sunday, December 10th at 5:30 pm in the church hall. Please bring snack food and a \$5 gift for exchange. Come Join the Fun!

Respect Life: Standing up for Life on the 45th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade.

Register your youth now for the Diocese of Dodge City Pro-Life Pilgrimage to Topeka on Monday, January 22nd, 2018. Join in a day of prayer, activity and public witness to the value of every human life. This is open to High School and College-age youth and sponsors. The bus will depart from the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe parking lot at approximately 5:30 am and stop in Great Bend at St. Patrick Catholic Church. The day will include a tour of the Capitol, Mass at the Topeka Performing Arts Center, lunch, a march to the Capitol and rally on the steps of the Capitol building. We will leave Topeka around 4:00 pm for our return trip with stops in Salina, Great Bend and Dodge City. Cost is \$35 for youth and youth leaders (includes lunch, transportation, rally and Capitol tours). Donations are welcome to cover additional costs. Participants will need \$\$ for supper in Salina on the way home. Registrations with payment will be accepted until the bus is full, and should be directed to: Gayla Kirmer, Catholic Diocese of Dodge City, PO Box 137, Dodge City, KS 67801. If you have any questions, call 620-227-1525 or email: gkirmer@dcdiocese.org.

Retrouvaille

Thinking about Separation or Divorce? – Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend struggling or even heading for divorce? Do you know how to save that marriage? Or do you feel helpless? Retrouvaille is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. It helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust, and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. For confidential information about or to register for the January program beginning with a weekend on January 26-28 call Paul or Patty Miguel at 806-420-1520 or you may email us at retropairamarillo@gmail.com or visit the website at www.HelpOurMarriage.com

Ministry Schedule December 9-10

Week 2	St. Boniface	St. John the Apostle	Holy Rosary
Lector 1	Karin Traffas	Chris Tharp	Brian Withrow
Cantor	Choir	Choir	Cheri Dohrmann
Lector 2	John Hern	Tom Tharp	Brian Withrow
General Intercessions	Brayden Schmidt	Tom Tharp	Julie Thompson
Eucharistic Ministers	Eileen Schmidt Carol Ricke Robin Inslee Marilyn Traffas Michelle Eck	Linda Forester John Forester Delores Moreno	Norman Clouse Frances Land Lisa Withrow Brian Withrow Julie Thompson
Servers	Brayden Schmidt Vondie Landwehr Lane Crenner	Volunteer	Dasik Clouse Grady Clouse
Musician	Ruth Schmidt or Kathy Dohm	Donita Ragan	Ruth Schmidt or Kathy Dohm
Greeters		Hoch Family	Norman and Becky Clouse
Sacristan	Eileen Schmidt	Linda Pulliam	Brian Withrow
Rosary	John Hern		Leroy and Diane Seiler