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Second Sunday of Advent

Thoughts on Today's Liturgy

Reading 1: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the Lord.

Reading 2: 2 Peter 3:8-14 Be eager to be found without spot or blemish before him.

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8 Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.

Theme: Prepare the way of the Lord-Christ will come again.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

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
Tuesday	12	9:00 a.m.	ML	Elmer Angell, Jr.	✠	
Wednesday	13	8:30 a.m.	SH	Bishop Joseph	✠	
Thursday	14	8:30 a.m.	KW	Ig and Martina Flax	✠	
Friday	15	9:00 a.m.	ML	Elmer Angell, Jr.	✠	
Saturday	16	5:30 p.m.	ML	Frances Larkin	✠	Third Sunday of Advent
Sunday	17	8:30 a.m.	SH	Ig and Martina Flax	✠	Third Sunday of Advent
Sunday	17	10:30 a.m.	KW	Parishioners		Third Sunday of Advent

Sacrament of Reconciliation 30 minutes prior to Mass or by appointment

Sacrament of Reconciliation for Christmas:

Sunday, December 17th 7:00 p.m. ML

Wednesday, December 20th 6:30 p.m. SH

Friday, December 22nd 7:00 p.m. KW

Reflection: A Gift Beyond Compare. John was setting forth the anticipatory and ancillary value of his own baptism, showing that it had no other purpose than to lead to repentance. He did not say he baptized with water of forgiveness, but of repentance. He pointed toward Christ's baptism, full of inexpressible gifts. John seems to be saying: "One being told that he comes after me, you must not think lightly of him because he comes later. When you understand the power of Christ's gift, you will see that I said nothing lofty or noble when I said 'I am unworthy to untie the thong of his sandal.' When you hear, 'He is mightier than I,' do not imagine that I said this by way of comparison. For I am not worthy to be ranked so much as among Christ's servants, no, not even the lowest of his servants, nor to receive the least honored portion of his ministry." Therefore John did not simply say, "[I am not worthy to untie] his sandals," he said "the thong of his sandals," the part counted the least of all. ~St. John Chrysostom

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

PLEASE EMAIL BULLETIN ITEMS TO WALINDA BY NOON TUESDAY TO ccbc@sctelcom.net

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., Frances 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.

Living Nativity

St. John the Apostle Church in Kiowa would like to invite you to their live Nativity on Sunday, December 17th at 5:00pm with a soup supper to follow.

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

Counseling

No one needs to go through life's most difficult challenges alone. Catholic Charities of Southwest Kansas is offering free professional counseling services in Dodge City, Garden City and Great Bend for adults, children, couples, families and seniors, regardless of race, religion or socioeconomic status. Contact Amy Falcon at 620-227-1590 or afalcon@CatholicCharitiesSWKS.org for more information and/or to schedule an appointment.

Ministry Schedule December 16-17

Week 3	St. Boniface	St. John the Apostle	Holy Rosary
Lector 1	Marilyn Traffas	Pam Malone	John Hagood
Cantor	Choir	Choir	Mike Rogers
Lector 2	Sandy Ricke	Danny Archuleta	John Hagood
General Intercessions	Sandy Ricke	Danny Archuleta	Kyla Alojacin
Eucharistic Ministers	Scott Dohm Heather Rankin Sandy Ricke Doug Schmidt Karin Traffas	Marlene Kruckenberg Rick Hitchcock Cindy Summers	Brandon Warner Barbara Hagood Susan Ricke Jerome Ricke Kathleen Pennock
Servers	Rachel Fischer Cole Fischer Branden Fischer	Volunteer	Jhayla Alojacin Karlyle Alojacin
Musician	Ruth Schmidt or Kathy Dohm	Takira Blick	Ruth Schmidt or Kathy Dohm
Greeters		Archuleta Family	Roger and Twila Angell
Sacristan	John & Kathy Dohm	Bev Miller	Brandon Warner/Volunteer
Rosary	Shirley Ditgen		Jerome Ricke