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Third Sunday of Advent

Thoughts on Today's Liturgy

Reading 1: Isaiah 61:1-2a, 12-11 There is no greater joy than doing God's work.

Reading 2: Thessalonians 5:16-24 St. Paul admonishes us to always live in joy, praying and giving thanks to God.

Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28 Make straight the way of the Lord.

Theme: As we are waiting for the coming of Jesus, everything we do and say should be inspired by the spirit.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

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
Tuesday	19	9:00 a.m.	ML	Elmer Angell, Jr.	✠	
Wednesday	20	8:30 a.m.	SH	Ernie and Connie Hoch	✠	
Thursday	21	8:30 a.m.	KW	Ernie and Connie Hoch	✠	
Friday	22	9:00 a.m.	ML	Elmer Angell, Jr.	✠	
Saturday	23	5:30 p.m.	ML	Bob and Pat Graves	✠	Fourth Sunday of Advent
Sunday	24	8:30 a.m.	SH	Parishioners		Fourth Sunday of Advent
Sunday	24	10:30 a.m.	KW	Ruth Slater (ill)		Fourth Sunday of Advent
Sunday	24	5:30 p.m.	ML	Parishioners		Christmas Eve Vigil
Sunday	24	7:30 p.m.	KW	Joe and Gertrude Jaso	✠	Christmas Eve Vigil
Monday	25	8:30 a.m.	SH	St. Boniface Choir		Christmas Mass

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: Instruments of Joy. At this midpoint in Advent, we might ask ourselves: What or who is "the joy of my soul?" Do we rejoice in the victory of a favorite football team, in the performance of a grandchild at a Christmas concert, in a political victory? John the Baptist experienced joy in the womb when Mary greeted Elizabeth, his mother. St. Paul experienced joy in his great calling to be an evangelist, proclaiming God's love and mercy revealed in Jesus. Pope Francis has given the world his papal smile, and expression of his interior joy and faith. Joy has fallen on hard times in this turbulent world. Too easily is our soul overwhelmed by the sheer volume of suffering of so many innocent people. Is joy possible in such a broken world? St. Paul was keenly aware of a turbulent, messy, chaotic world. Yet he tells us to rejoice always, to pray day in and day out, to be grateful. Paul's faith in God's presence enabled him to have joy and peace far beyond our limited understanding. The Holy Spirit empowered Paul to be prayerful, grateful, and yes, joyful. As we reflect on human joy we might also ask about divine joy. Does God rejoice? In several of his great parables – the stories of the lost son, the lost coin, the lost sheep – Jesus tells us how much his Father rejoices when the lost are found. It's all about relationships being restored; it's all about realizing that redemption is the restoration of unity and oneness. Herein lies our joy. As we draw closer and closer to the feast of the Nativity, let us recommit ourselves to being instruments of God's joy. ~Bishop Robert F. Morneau

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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

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, Omah Tatera and all the souls in Purgatory. May they rest in perfect peace.

CHURCH NEWS

Upcoming Holy Day Mass Times & Locations

As per the ORDO from the Archdioceses of Kansas City, The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God is not a holy day of obligation in the United States. We will resume regular Mass schedules following the Christmas Day Mass.

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.

Pancake Breakfast

Holy Rosary Catholic Church will be serving a pancake breakfast after the morning service on Tuesday, December 19th.

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.

First Saturdays Devotion

All are invited to the First Saturdays Devotion on January 6th at St. Stanislaus Church, Ingalls. 8:15 a.m. confessions begin; 8:30 a.m. rosary; 9:00 a.m. Mass; Meditation, confessions, and refreshments after Mass. The Great Promise of Our Blessed Mother: "I promise to assist at the hour of death, with the graces necessary for salvation, all those who, on the first Saturday of five consecutive months, shall confess, receive Holy Communion, recite five decades of the Rosary and keep me company for fifteen minutes while meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary, with the intention of making reparation to me."

Ministry Schedule December 23-24

Week 4	St. Boniface	St. John the Apostle	Holy Rosary
Lector 1	Carol Ricke	Londa Fischer	Loretta Boor
Cantor	Choir	Choir	Rodney Ringer
Lector 2	Daryl Eck	Steve Roberts	Daryl Honas
General Intercessions	Volunteer	Steve Roberts	Dakota Dohrmann
Eucharistic Ministers	Daryl Eck Margie Eck Anne Schreiner Todd Fischer Doug Schmidt	Deb Helfrich Carl Helfrich Tammy Graves	Daryl Honas Charlotte Ringer Cheri Dohrmann Diane Seiler Leroy Seiler
Servers	Sidney Swingle Brenna Ricke Kendall Nelson	Volunteer	Derrek Randels Emma Randels Kassidy Rambat
Musician	Ruth Schmidt or Kathy Dohm	Donita Ragan	Ruth Schmidt or Kathy Dohm
Greeters		McMoran Family	Mark and Loretta Boor
Sacristan	Doug Schmidt	Deb Helfrich	Daryl Honas
Rosary	Volunteer		Charlotte Ringer