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Fourth Sunday of Advent

Thoughts on Today's Liturgy

Reading 1: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14a, 16 Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever.

Reading 2: Romans 16:25-27 We are invited to join in a prayer of praise to God.

Gospel: Luke 1: 26-38 The child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God.

Theme: To say yes to God's invitation in our lives.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

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
Tuesday	26			No Mass		
Wednesday	27			No Mass		
Thursday	28			No Mass		
Friday	29			No Mass		
Saturday	30	5:30 p.m.	ML	Frances Larkin	✠	Holy Family of Jesus
Sunday	31	8:30 a.m.	SH	Parishioners		Holy Family of Jesus
Sunday	31	10:30 a.m.	KW	Broken Families		Holy Family of Jesus

Sacrament of Reconciliation 30 minutes prior to Mass or by appointment

Reflection: Pondering. When I walked into the gallery at the Philadelphia Museum of Art where Henry Ossawa Tanner's luminous painting of the Annunciation is displayed, I took a step back, shocked at its size – six feet long and five feet high! I had seen the image so often in books, and I absently assumed the original was small enough to hold in my hands. Now, listening to Luke's recounting of the Annunciation, I wonder if I have similarly shrunk it to fit tidily onto a page. I've always imagined the dialogue as written, just a few hundred words exchanged, and marvel at Mary's decisiveness. But the Gospel says that Mary pondered the angel's greeting. Was her deliberation really the work of a few seconds, or did Gabriel spend the day with her, walking with her to get water at the well, listening as she pondered what God was stirring up? I am tempted, on this Sunday which begins as Advent and ends in the great feast of the Nativity, to set pondering to the side. Yes, I absolutely believe that the Word was made flesh and born of a virgin, but I have cinnamon buns to bake and Masses to get to. Yet I hear within this Gospel an invitation to walk with God's messengers now, today, to wonder at what God is asking me, even as I knead dough and carry the cross for Midnight Mass: will I make room for the Word to become flesh within me? On this day, of all days, what answer could I give other than yes? ~ Michelle Francl-Donnay

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

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.

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."

Catholic Planned Giving and Estate Planning Seminar

The Catholic Diocese of Dodge City is pleased to sponsor: "Estate Planning for Catholics" presented by Tamara L. Davis, Attorney at Law and Legal Counsel for the Diocese. These seminars are part of the Department of Development's stewardship education program and concentrate on the Christian steward's right to plan for the prayerful and orderly distribution of one's estate. The purpose of these seminars is to inform Catholics within the diocese of their rights to ensure that their wishes and the needs of their family are carried out as intended. At the same time, we will illustrate some gift planning techniques people may use in coordination with their estate plan and to give back to God some of the material blessings He has bestowed on all of us. People generally recognize the importance of giving to their parish and diocesan ministries during their lifetime; not too many consider similar gifts in their estate plans and wills. Our vision is to show you the opportunities!

Please join us at one of the Seminars listed:

January 10th, 2018, 7:00 p.m. Cathedral of our Lady of Guadalupe, Dodge City

January 15th, 2018, 7:00 p.m. St. Anthony Parish Center, Liberal

January 25th, 2018, 7:00 p.m. Prince of Peace Parish Center, Great Bend

January 30th, 2018, 7:00 p.m. St. Dominic Parish Center, Garden City

February 6th, 2018, 7:00 p.m. Sacred Heart School Cafeteria, Pratt

For more information, please contact: Mark W. Roth, Director of Development – mroth@dcdiocese.org or (620)227-1535

Ministry Schedule December 30-31

Week 5/Holidays	St. Boniface	St. John the Apostle	Holy Rosary
Lector 1	Karin Traffas	Chris Tharp	Mary Ohl
Cantor	Choir	Choir	Rodney Ringer
Lector 2	Margie Eck	Tom Tharp	Laura Nittler
General Intercessions	Brayden Schmidt	Tom Tharp	Volunteer
Eucharistic Ministers	Eileen Schmidt Jacque Totty Carol Ricke Marilyn Traffas Scott Dohm	Danny Archuleta Marlene Kruckenberg Cindy Summers	John Hagood Mike Rogers Barbara Hagood Volunteer Volunteer
Servers	Brandon Fischer Mindy Wells Jacob Eck	Volunteer	Brooke Boyce Jhayla Alojacin Karllye Alojacin
Musician	Ruth Schmidt or Kathy Dohm	Donita Ragan	Ruth Schmidt or Kathy Dohm
Greeters		Graves Family	Herb and Norma Durant
Sacristan	Jacque Totty	Bev Miller	John Hagood
Rosary	Shirley Ditgen		Charlotte Ringer