

Catholic Churches of Barber County, Kansas

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The Second Sunday of Advent

Thoughts on Today's Liturgy

Reading 1: The coming Messiah will act with justice for afflicted people:

Reading 2: The promise of God is that through Jesus people may receive the gift of mercy :

Gospel: Repent, the kingdom of God is at hand:

Theme: Repentance is a necessary step for becoming part of the reign of God

Sacrament of Reconciliation 30 minutes before Mass or by appointment

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Sat.	3	5:00 p.m.	SH	Parishioners		Second Sunday of Advent
Sun	4	8:30 a.m.	KW	Fern Beckerman	✠	Second Sunday of Advent
Sun	4	10:30 a.m.	ML	Elmer "Taffy" McIntosh	✠	Second Sunday of Advent
Tue	6	9:00 a.m.	ML	Darlene Becker	✠	
Wed	7	6:00 p.m.	SH	John Dohm		Immaculate Conception
Thur.	8	6:00 p.m.	KW	Dwayne Kruckenbert	✠	Immaculate Conception
		7:30 p.m.	ML	Art and Omaha Tatera	✠	Immaculate Conception
Fri,	9	8:30 a.m.	SH	Pete Swingle		
Sat.	10	5:00 p.m.	SH	John Dohm		Third Sunday of Advent
Sun	11	8:30 a.m.	KW	Parishioners		Third Sunday of Advent
Sun	11	10:30 a.m.	ML	Albert Blahut	✠	Third Sunday of Advent

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

December 7/8 Holy Day

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

SHARON 6:00 p.m.	KIOWA 6:00 p.m.	Medicine Lodge 7:30 p.m.
Marilyn Traffas	Chris Tharp	Mary Ohl
Choir	Choir	Rodney Ringer
Karin Traffas	Tom Tharp	Laura Nittler
Margie Eck	Tom Tharp	Volunteer
Scott Dohm Jacque Totty Marilyn Traffas Eileen Schmidt Carol Ricke	Cindy Summers Marlene Kruckenber Mike Hiltner	John Hagood Barbara Hagood Joe Hagood Mike Rogers Chad Boyce
Brandon Fischer Mindy Wells Jacob Eck	Bailey Roberts	Kyla Alojacin Karllye Alojacin Jhayla Alojacin
Ruth/Kathy	Donita Ragan	Ruth/Kathy
	Graves Family	Herb & Nora Durant
Jacque Totty	Bev Miller	John Hagood
John Hern		Volunteer
	Bill Bogner/Carl Helfrich	

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

December 10/11-2nd Sunday

Third Sunday of Advent

	SHARON 5:00 p.m.	KIOWA 8:30 a.m.	Medicine Lodge 10:30 a.m.
Lector	Karin Traffas	Chris Tharp	
CANTOR	Choir	Choir	Cheri Dohrman
Lector	John Hern	Tom Tharp	Brian Withrow
GEN INT	Brayden Schmidt	Tom Tharp	Malia Clouse
OEM	Eileen Schmidt Carol Ricke Robin Inslee Marilyn Traffas Michelle Eck	Linda Forester John Forester Delores Moreno	Norman Clouse Frances Land Michael Lynch Diane Seiler Leroy Seiler
SERVERS	Brayden Schmidt Cali Scripsick Cauy Scripsick	Bailey Roberts	Dasik Clouse Grady Clouse
MUSIC	Ruth/Kathy	Donita Ragan	Ruth /Kathy
GREETER		Hoch Family	Norman and Becki Clouse
Sacristan	Eileen Schmidt	Linda Pulliam	Brian Withrow
ROSARY	John Hern		Leroy or Diane Seiler
Collection		Chris Tharp	

Reflection: Advent is a word meaning “arrival” or “coming.” It also reveals how differently Christians tell time. We believers reset our clock with advent; time begins anew. (*History is divided into two epochs –BC and AD. We number the years over with “anno Domini” – the year of the Lord*). Yes, the Church’s anticipation of Christmas resets her calendar. New Year’s Day for the Church came early – on the first Sunday of Advent. At the center of Advent, uniting all different and some-times opposing aspects, is our longing for a Savior- for one (a) who came to redeem us (b) who comes in our hearts and (c) who will arrive at the end of the ages.

The sooner we realize that Advent has little to do with Christmas and is in no way a make-believe preparation for the birth of Christ (***we cannot prepare for something that has already happened!***), the more quickly we will see the intense practicality of Advent: four weeks that invite us to open up ourselves more fully to the Lord who is coming to us in hundreds of ways in the present -- and will come in judgment at the end of time.

Advent reminds us that the prayer of “**your kingdom come**” in the Our Father will be answered only if we perform the penance necessary to clear away the barriers to that coming. “Your kingdom come” means that we want Jesus to come into us:

- (a) in the power of the Eucharist
- (b) in his teachings on social justice,
- (c) in the challenges of scripture,
- (d) in the renewal mapped out in Vatican II.

We want the Lord’s love and truth and mercy to visibly overpower the evil in our world.

Advent arouses a holy impatience in us for such comings. The holy season encourages us to fill the valleys and to build the bridges required if He is to come quickly. These days prompt an enthusiastic hope that the Christ who once came in history will continue to come now in grace-filled mystery, in preparation for his majestic coming in the last days.

Prayer Intentions for the Sick and Shut-Ins: Edna Swaden, John Dohm, Elizabeth Terry, Lori (Hughes) Wilcox, Gary Noland, Raymond Schmidt, Pete Swingle, Daniel Traffas

Prayer Intentions: for the members of our parish family who are serving our country in the armed forces.

For the Faithful Departed: Dwayne Kruckenberg, Luke Hendricks, Agnes Paulie, Fern Beckerman, Omah Tatera, Agnes Eck, Larry Traffas, William (Bill) Hitchcock, John Ditgen, Dave Rausch, Albert Blahut, Richard Jaso, Gene Garrett, Max Rynerson, Floyd Spade, Elizabeth Schreiner and the souls in Purgatory. May they rest in perfect peace, Amen

Parish News:

We pray in gratitude -- John Dohm was able to receive a kidney—May his healing continue successfully!

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY: It is in the mail! A resounding word of thanks to all the people who had pictures taken or who submitted pictures! An even louder ‘thank you’ to those who organized, set up appointments, called for information, served as host and hostess, and helped in any way to complete this undertaking in time to receive an increased number of directories (with the hope that we can have a directory for each household). A huge thank you to Mary Ohl who went beyond the call of stewardship in learning the intricacies of “Story Builder.” Truly, a community project! Next step will be proofreading after the company submits the material to us for one last check. Then, Easter and the directory!

WEBSITE: Watch for news of our formal launching-- hopefully on December 18. Anyone wanting a peek at the work in progress can access barbercountycatholic.com Training was November 28 – Thank you: John Hagood, Kay Koger, Amanda Ricke, Carol Ricke, Brian Withrow.

DEAR FRIENDS AND FAMILY: We would like to say a big Thank You to all that have helped in fund-raising and support for our family. We have been so blessed to have wonderful, generous people in a community that we love and call home. *Pete Swingle Family*

Parish School of Religion:

Holy Rosary: Dec 7: Practice for CHRISTmas Program

St Boniface: Dec 7- Students will attend Mass –6:00 pm

St John the Apostle: Class on December 4 will be after 8:30 a.m. Mass –Enrollment of our Confirmation students takes place at Mass

ADVENT: Attachments to the bulletin these weeks-- take a moment each day to reflect on what is happening in our day to day preparation for Christmas. Can it be possible to take some moments to prepare our hearts-- before our meal – a few moments at the end of our day — in the midst of our busy time of preparing our homes?

VOCATION VIEWS: How are you preparing the way for the Lord? What needs straightening in your life? Call on God in prayer to help you. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact Fr. Wesley Schawe at 620-227-1533 or vocations@dcdiocese.org

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: In addition to all we hold as Catholic faithful, the patroness of the United States is Mary under the title of her Immaculate Conception. Every Catholic is obligated to attend Mass.

HOLY ROSARY: Council meeting. Tuesday -6:30 pm

ST. BONIFACE ALTAR SOCIETY CHRISTMAS PARTY - Sunday, Dec. 11 @ 5:00 PM at the Parish Center. Hostesses are Vicki Hutfles and Elaine Trantham. Bring a snack and \$5 gift to exchange.