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First Sunday of Advent Thoughts on Today's Liturgy

Reading 1: Isaiah 2:1-5 The Lord will gather all nations into the eternal peace of the kingdom of God.

Reading 2: Romans 13:11-14 Our salvation is nearer.

Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44 Stay awake, that you may be prepared!

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday	30	5:00 p.m.	ML	Herb Durant	✠	First Sunday of Advent
Sunday	01	8:30 a.m.	KW	Corona Hoch		First Sunday of Advent
Sunday	01	10:30 a.m.	SH	Parishioners		First Sunday of Advent
Tuesday	03	9:00 a.m.	ML	Herb Durant	✠	Memorial of St. Francis Xavier
Wednesday	04	5:30 p.m.	ML	Hugh Rankin		Wednesday of the First Week of Advent
Thursday	05	8:30 a.m.	KW	For Vocations		Thursday of the First Week of Advent
Friday	06	8:30 a.m.	SH	Sue Smith	✠	Friday of the First Week of Advent
Saturday	07	5:00 p.m.	ML	Parishioners		Second Sunday of Advent
Sunday	08	8:30 a.m.	KW	Anita Patterson	✠	Second Sunday of Advent
Sunday	08	10:30 a.m.	SH	Brian Traffas	✠	Second Sunday of Advent

Sacrament of Reconciliation 30 minutes prior to Mass or by appointment

Reflection: A Pilgrimage of Stillness Advent is a short season, but it is the long road of a soul from Nazareth to Bethlehem. It is such a short distance as we are accustomed to thinking of distances. Yet it is a road into infinity, into eternity; it has a beginning, but no end. In truth, Advent is the road of the spiritual life, the pathway all of us must take if we wish to get to heaven. It is the place from which we must start if we do not want to miss our destination. We must start with a *fiat* that re-echoes Mary's *fiat*. A *fiat* that each of us should say in the quiet of our hearts, and preferably at eventide when all creation is still. Let us then arise and shake the sleep from our eyes, the sleep of our emotions run amuck, the sleep of indifference, of tepidity, of self-pity, of fighting God. Let us arise from that sleep with its dark nightmares, and journey to Bethlehem. But let us understand that Bethlehem is *our own* souls, hearts, minds. Advent is a time of standing still, and yet making a pilgrimage. A pilgrimage in which we don't use our feet. A pilgrimage in which we stand still and yet walk a thousand miles across the world . . . So let's enter, you and I, into the pilgrimage that doesn't take us from home. Ours is a journey of the spirit, which is a thousand times harder than a journey of the feet. Let us go. ~Catherine de Hueck Doherty, in *Grace in Every Season*

Word of Life

"When we encounter Christ, experience his love, and deepen our relationship with him, we become more aware of our own worth and that of others."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "How to Build a Culture of Life"

PLEASE EMAIL BULLETIN ITEMS TO JULIE BY NOON WEDNESDAY TO secretary@barbercountycatholic.org

PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Sick and Shut-Ins:

Ted Hauser, Pete Eck, Chuck Hobson, Hugh Rankin, Corona Hoch, Charlie Jo Warner, Mary Eck, Helen Eck, Sandy Ricke, Ruth Blick, Gladys Christensen, Deven Leis, Lawrence Rausch, Miles Sheldon

For the Faithful Departed:

Jim Ricke, Laura Seiler, Anita Patterson, Sue Smith, Mary Traffas, Betty Ricke, Walter Sedlak and all the souls in Purgatory. May they rest in perfect peace.

For the Military:

Captain Rebecca Wright Lopez, Christopher Coggins, Nicholas Noland, Dylan Allison, Sheldon Hart, Bianca Lewis

Church News

Upcoming Holiday Mass Times

Christmas Masses

December 24th 4:30 p.m. at Sharon

December 24th 6:30 p.m. at Kiowa

December 25th 9:00 a.m. at Medicine Lodge

Mary Mother of God Masses

December 31st 4:30 p.m. at Sharon

December 31st 6:30 p.m. at Kiowa

January 1st 9:00 a.m. at Medicine Lodge

Women of St. John

The Women of St. John's Christmas party will be Wednesday December 4th, 2019. All women in the parish are invited. This will be held in our Parish Hall from 5:30-8:00. It's come and go, so come enjoy some good snacks and conversation.

St. Boniface Alter Society

We will have a Christmas party, Sunday, Dec. 8 @ 5:00 p.m. Bring a snack and gift (\$5-8) for gift exchange. Come join the fun and games and fellowship.

Salvation Army Bell Ringers

We need bell ringers for December 14th, there will be a sign up sheet in the back of the church.

Ministry Schedule December 7th – 8th

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 Calli Scripsick Cauy Scripsick	Volunteer	Volunteer
Musician	Ruth Schmidt or Kathy Dohm	Nikki Brattin	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

Around the Diocese

March for Life Topeka

Stand up for life in our state and join us on the 47th anniversary of Roe vs. Wade Pro-Life Pilgrimage to Topeka. The bus will depart from the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe parking lot at 5pm on January 21 and travel to Prince of Peace in Great Bend to pick up additional passengers and then arrive in Topeka for an overnight stay. On January 22, the day begins with the Ignite Event at the Topeka Performing Arts Center, Mass with the Kansas Bishops, march to the Capitol steps and tours of the Capitol. There will be a dinner stop in Salina and the group should arrive back in Dodge City around 10pm. Cost is \$65 and does not include the dinner stop or additional snacks. Please contact the Respect Life coordinator in your parish, your DRE and or go online to: <https://www.dcdiocese.org/respect-life> and fill out the registration form. Deadline is January 13. For more information call Gayla Kirmer, Respect Life Ministry, at 620-227-1525 or gkirmer@dcdiocese.org.

March for Life Pilgrimage to Washington, DC January 22-26, 2020

Join the Catholic Diocese of Dodge City on the March for Life Pilgrimage to Washington, DC, January 22-26. Trip will include a public Rosary at Planned Parenthood, daily Mass, including Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, "Life is Very Good" rally, tour of Arlington National Cemetery and monuments. Cost per participant is \$450 which includes the cost of the hotel accommodations and transportation. Cost does not include meals. For more information, contact Tom or Lisa Ridder at lridd68@gmail.com or call 620-874-0447 or 620-874-8599. Last year the bus filled quickly so make your plans soon.