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Second Sunday of Advent Thoughts on Today's Liturgy

Reading 1: Isaiah 11:1-10 He shall judge the poor with justice.

Reading 2: Romans 15:4-9 Christ saves everyone.

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12 Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!

Mass Schedule and Intentions

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
Tuesday	10	9:00 a.m.	ML	Ray Land	✠	Tuesday of the Second Week of Advent
Wednesday	11	5:30 p.m.	ML	Elmer Becker	✠	Wednesday of the Second Week of Advent
Thursday	12	8:30 a.m.	KW	Anita Patterson	✠	Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
Friday	13	8:30 a.m.	SH	Betty Ricke	✠	Memorial of Saint Lucy
Saturday	14	5:00 p.m.	ML	Walter Sedlack	✠	Third Sunday of Advent
Sunday	15	8:30 a.m.	KW	Parishioners		Third Sunday of Advent
Sunday	15	10:30 a.m.	SH	Maria Griffin	✠	Third Sunday of Advent

Sacrament of Reconciliation 30 minutes prior to Mass or by appointment

Reflection: Someone old, Someone new John was not clear about what would happen to those who converted. He was more clear on what would happen to those who would not. Their future would be God's wrath, God's anger, God's fury, and God's vengeance. He did not exclude the possibility of being saved, otherwise he would not have asked people to be baptized, but he does not dwell on that theme very much. His message was somber and grim, dark and heavy. John was right; Jesus confirmed his opinion. But John was right in the old way, according to the Old Testament pattern. With John, the Old Testament closed. Jesus made the difference very clear. He spoke about a complete break. He said: "Up to the time of John it was the law and the prophets; since then it is the Kingdom of God." Saint John lamented; Jesus rejoiced. John sang a funeral hymn, Jesus an alleluia verse. John refused to eat bread; Jesus broke his bread. John refused to drink wine; Jesus changed all of the water in the kitchen into wine. John dressed in a camel's skin, Jesus in a customized shirt without a seam. John warned; Jesus invited. They were, in fact, so different that they started to wonder about each other. John sent his disciples to Jesus to ask him: "Are you really the one?" Jesus answered: "You, John, are the greatest of the Old-Timers, but the smallest of the New Timers is greater than you!" Something new had started – the Kingdom of God. We are invited into that Kingdom, the Kingdom of the new era. We are invited not only to profit passively from it, but to build it. ~~~Father Joseph Donders, in *Praying and Preaching the Gospel*

Word of Life

"Perhaps one of your friends has become pregnant unexpectedly. As someone who has been there, I encourage you to support your friend in her new journey of being a mother."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "10 Ways to Support Her When She's Unexpectedly Expecting"

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

PSR Christmas Program in Medicine Lodge

The PSR Christmas program and parish supper will be December 18th with mass beginning at 5:30 pm, followed by the program and then a meal. The church is providing the meat and potatoes. Everyone is asked to bring a side dish or dessert.

St. John Live Nativity

The St. John live nativity will be Sunday, December 15 at 5:00 pm in front of the church. Soup supper following – everyone is invited.

Christmas Flowers

If you would like to remember your loved ones, please donate and place your money in the offering basket noting that it is for Christmas flowers.

EMHC Ministers

There will be a meeting on December 14th after Saturday evening mass in Medicine Lodge for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Father will update the current ministers as well as train new people. If you are interested in this ministry, please attend the meeting. If you are unable to attend, there will be another meeting after the first of the year.

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.

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.

Ministry Schedule December 14th – 15th

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	Brandon Warner
General Intercessions	Sandy Ricke	Danny Archuleta	Kyla Alojacin
Eucharistic Ministers	Scott Dohm Heather Rankin Darrin Hern Sandy Ricke Karin Traffas	Marlene Kruckenberg Rick Hitchcock Cindy Summers	Brandon Warner Barbara Hagood Susan Ricke Jerome Ricke Kathleen Pennock
Servers	Rachel Fischer Jacob Eck Branden Fischer	Takira Blick	Jhayla Alojacin
Musician	Ruth Schmidt or Kathy Dohm	Nikki Brattin	Ruth Schmidt or Kathy Dohm
Greeters		Archuleta Family	Roger and Twila Angell
Sacristan	John Dohm	Bev Miller	Brandon Warner
Rosary	Shirley Ditgen		Jerome Ricke

