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Third Sunday of Advent Thoughts on Today's Liturgy

Reading 1: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10 God himself will come to save us.

Reading 2: James 5:7-10 Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand.

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11 Are you the one who is to come or should we look for another?

Mass Schedule and Intentions

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
Tuesday	17	9:00 a.m.	ML	Hugh Rankin		Tuesday of the Third Week of Advent
Wednesday	18	5:30 p.m.	ML	Ray Land	✠	Wednesday of the Third Week of Advent
Thursday	19	8:30 a.m.	KW	Anita Patterson	✠	Thursday of the Third Week of Advent
Friday	20	8:30 a.m.	SH	Sue Smith	✠	Friday of the Third Week of Advent
Saturday	21	5:00 p.m.	ML	Jim Ricke	✠	Fourth Sunday of Advent
Sunday	22	8:30 a.m.	KW	Corona Hoch		Fourth Sunday of Advent
Sunday	22	10:30 a.m.	SH	Parishioners		Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sacrament of Reconciliation 30 minutes prior to Mass or by appointment

Reflection: Joyful Anticipation “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.” How we can be commanded to rejoice? Nothing is more depressing than being told to cheer up. But an experience can be transformed if seen in a new context. Imagine that you are trudging through the rain, tired and hungry. This would usually be a sad experience. But the moment you realize that a mile away there is a pub with a log fire and someone ready to serve you a hearty meal, the experience of dreary lack becomes one of joyful anticipation. Hunger becomes a receptivity to what is to come. You are decentered. You forget your misery and open yourself to what is to be given.

John the Baptist is sure that someone “is to come” even if he needs confirmation that it is Jesus. John is not a reed bent by the wind, which in Judaism represented someone with no fixity of purpose. Nor is he a royal courtier who has everything that is needed. John lives in anticipation. Surely he was beheaded because of his irrepressible joy, an irritating sign that the powers that oppressed the people were not to be around for much longer. It was one way to get that smile off his face!

Every one of us has in our center a void—for love, for health, and ultimately for God. We hunger for more. But our faith may sometimes transform that experience of harsh lack into expectant happiness. And so: Rejoice! Fr. Timothy Radcliffe

Word of Life

“Those who die in God's grace and friendship live forever with Christ. Heaven is not an abstract idea, but a true and lasting relationship with God that is beyond all earthly description and understanding. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead and everlasting life by preparing now, in hope, for our passage from this life into eternal life.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities “Catholic Considerations for Our Earthly Passing”

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

PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Sick and Shut-Ins:

Ron Ringer, 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. Envelopes are available 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 21st – 22nd

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	Rachel Fischer	Steve Roberts	Diane Seiler
Eucharistic Ministers	Daryl Eck Margie Eck Anne Schreiner Todd Fischer Doug Schmidt	Deb Helfrich Carl Helfrich Tammy Graves	Daryl Honas Charlotte Ringer Cheri Dohrman Marge Wright Leroy Seiler
Servers	Sidney Swingle Brenna Ricke Jace Cox	Allie Hoch	Derrek Randels Emma Randels Kassidy Rambat
Musician	Ruth Schmidt or Kathy Dohm	Nikki Brattin	Ruth Schmidt or Kathy Dohm
Greeters		McMoran Family	Mark and Loretta Boor
Sacristan	Doug Schmidt	Deb Helfrich	Daryl Honas
Rosary	Shirley Ditgen		Charlotte Ringer

