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Third Sunday of Advent Thoughts on Today's Liturgy

Reading 1: Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11 I rejoice heartily in the Lord.

Reading 2: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 May you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28 There is one among you whom you do not recognize.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday	12	5:00 p.m.	SH	Butch Criser	†	Third Sunday of Advent
Sunday	13	8:30 a.m.	KW	Parishioners		Third Sunday of Advent
Sunday	13	10:30 a.m.	ML	Ernie Young	†	Third Sunday of Advent
Tuesday	15	9:00 a.m.	ML	Gladys Christensen	†	3rd Tuesday of Advent
Wednesday	16	9:00 a.m.	ML	Albert Eshelbrenner	†	3rd Wednesday of Advent
Thursday	17	8:30 a.m.	KW	No Mass		3rd Thursday of Advent
Friday	18	8:30 a.m.	SH	No Mass		3rd Friday of Advent
Saturday	19	5:00 p.m.	SH	Parishioners		Fourth Sunday of Advent
Sunday	20	8:30 a.m.	KW	Charles & Josephine Inslee	†	Fourth Sunday of Advent
Sunday	20	10:30 a.m.	ML	Evan Withrow	†	Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment

Reflection: Joy Creeping In The joy proper to Advent is a clear-eyed joy. Advent calls us to look directly at the world's brokenness, to see the plight of the hungry, the poor, and the prisoner, and to cry out for the coming of the day of justice and salvation. Listening to the season and the Scriptures (as we have done for the last two weeks), we feel joy creeping in. As we become aware of what the world is not, of what the world ought to be, we begin to rejoice in our knowledge of God: "The one who calls you is faithful, and he will also accomplish it."

But what is our role? The world is experiencing pain and suffering. God is bending tenderly like a nurse to bind its wounds. What do we do? Our example comes from John the Baptist, who refuses to take to himself an exalted name and the expectations that come with it. To the question, "Who are you, and what have you to say for yourself?" we answer, "I am the voice of hope: the day of the Lord is coming."

It is our joy to proclaim glad tidings, to heal the brokenhearted, to free those in prison, to baptize the repentant. This is how we tend the garden that Christ, the gardener, has sown with justice, peace, and praise. The seeds were sown in the Incarnation; the harvest is coming, and with it, the fullness of the vision and joy that we now experience only in part.

Kimberly Hope Belcher

Word of Life

"O St. Bakhita, assist all those who are trapped in a state of slavery; Intercede with God on their behalf so that they will be released from their chains of captivity. Those whom man enslaves, let God set free." USCCB, "Prayer to St. Josephine Bakhita"

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PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Sick and Shut-Ins:

Ruth Schmidt, Earl Kuhn, Cortlyn Hill, Ella Rundle, Eileen Schmidt, Jerome Ricke, Charlotte A. Ringer, John Eck, Herb Landwehr, Jaunita Ricke, John Harding, Mike Lynch, Ronald Ringer, Pete Eck, Hugh Rankin, Corona Hoch, Charlie Jo Warner, Mary Eck, Helen Eck, Sandy Ricke, Ruth Blick, Miles Sheldon

For the Faithful Departed:

Eric Junger, Joe Hrencher, Gerard Ricke, Evan Withrow, Gladys Christensen, Victor Blick, Roman Blick Jr, Eulanda(Butch) Criser, Steve Eck, Ernest Young, Deven Leis, Art Junger, Ted Hauser, 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:

Jackson Petit, Captain Rebecca Wright Lopez, Christopher Coggins, Dylan Allison, Sheldon Hart, Bianca Lewis, Luke Fisher

Church News

Upcoming Holiday Mass Time

Christmas Eve Vigil, December 24, 2020 4:30 pm at St Boniface and 6:30 pm at St John the Apostle

Christmas Day Mass, December 25, 2020 9:00 am at Holy Rosary

Mary, Mother of God Vigil December 31, 2020 4:30 pm at St Boniface and 6:30 pm at St John the Apostle

Mary, Mother of God Mass January 1, 2021 9:00 am at Holy Rosary

St. John's Live Nativity

The annual live Nativity will be held December 20th at 5:30 pm in front of the church. Hot chocolate and cookies following.

Holy Rosary

The annual PSR Christmas program and parish dinner has been cancelled this year. Regular classes will take place December 16th.

Low Gluten Communion Hosts

Low gluten hosts are now available. The gluten content is less than 20 parts per million making it almost gluten free. Please see the priest before Mass.

Ministry Schedule December 19th – December 20th

Week 3	St. Boniface	St. John the Apostle	Holy Rosary
Lector 1	Marilyn Traffas	Pam Malone	John Hagood
Cantor	Choir	Choir	Cheri Dohrmann
Lector 2	Sandy Ricke	Danny Archuleta	Brandon Warner
General Intercessions	Sandy Ricke	Danny Archuleta	Kyla Alojacin
Eucharistic Ministers	Scott Dohm Heather Rankin Sandy Ricke Doug Schmidt Karin Traffas	Marlene Kruckenberg Rick Hitchcock Cindy Summers	Brandon Warner Barbara Hagood Susan Ricke Jerome Ricke Kathleen Pennock
Servers	Rachel Fischer Cole Fischer 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 & Kathy Dohm	Bev Miller	Brandon Warner
Rosary	Shirley Ditgen		Jerome Ricke