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Fourth Sunday of Advent Thoughts on Today's Liturgy

Reading 1: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 The kingdom of David shall endure forever before the Lord.

Reading 2: Romans 16:25-27 The mystery kept secret for long ages has now been manifested.

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38 Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

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
Tuesday	22	9:00 a.m.	ML	Bob and Pat Graves	✠	4th Tuesday of Advent
Wednesday	23	9:00 a.m.	ML	Ernie Young	✠	4th Wednesday of Advent
Thursday	24	4:30 p.m.	SH	St Boniface Choir		The Nativity of the Lord
Thursday	24	6:30 p.m.	KW	Joe and Gertrude Jaso	✠	The Nativity of the Lord
Friday	25	9:00 a.m.	ML	Holy Rosary Choir		The Nativity of the Lord
Saturday	26	5:00 p.m.	SH	Steve Eck	✠	The Feast of the Holy Family
Sunday	27	8:30 a.m.	KW	Lauri Anspach	✠	The Feast of the Holy Family
Sunday	27	10:30 a.m.	ML	Parishioners		The Feast of the Holy Family

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment

Reflection: The Devastating Humility of God Mary's virginity at the time of the Annunciation is poverty and emptiness, but an emptiness that is waiting and a poverty that is unimpeded openness to God. The Lover of Israel, the Lover of humankind, asks and waits. The humility of God is devastating, and he will not force consent; he asks for the body he needs, of the flesh and blood of Israel. Mary consents, and the last barrier is down. Salvation is pure gift. Where human resources, human potency, human self-sufficiency are lacking, but there is humble, hopeful faith, Love gives itself finally and utterly. . . .

The Word made flesh is Son of God and Son of Mary. Salvation is wholly from above, the gift of heaven, yet it truly springs from our human soil. Second Isaiah heralded it in a verse which liturgical tradition has made into a theme song for Advent:

Rain righteousness, you heavens, let the skies above pour down;
let the earth open to receive it,
that it may bear the fruit of salvation.
(Isa. 45:8, NEB)

Into the weary old creation the new thing has broken. The old creation was a first sketch of the new, a genuine icon, and there is bodily connection between them; nevertheless the new is more, infinitely more, than the old promised, and Mary's childbearing in virginity is a sign of this "more."

Sr. Maria Boulding, *The Coming of God*

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." Learn ten tips at respectlife.org/support-her. USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "10 Ways to Support Her When She's Unexpectedly Expecting"

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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:

Austin Stull, 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 5:00 pm in front of the church. Hot chocolate and cookies following.

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.

Holy Rosary Nativity

Many thanks to Lisa Withrow for organizing the update of the inside nativity & for to the women of Holy Rosary for footing the bill.

The Search

Classes will continue after the holidays.

Ministry Schedule December 26th – December 27th

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	Jacob Eck	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 Dohrmann Marge Wright Leroy Seiler
Servers	Sidney Swingle Brenna Ricke Kendall Nelson	Allie Hoch	Derrek Randels Emma Randels
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	Volunteer		Charlotte Ringer