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3rd Sunday in Advent

Thoughts on Today's Liturgy

Reading 1: Zephaniah 3:14-18a The Lord will rejoice over you with gladness.

Reading 2: Philippians 4:4-7 The Lord is near.

Gospel: Luke 3:10-18 What should we do?

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday	11	5:00 p.m.	ML	Evan Withrow	✠	3 rd Sunday in Advent
Sunday	12	8:30 a.m.	SH	Roman Blick	✠	3 rd Sunday in Advent
Sunday	12	10:30 a.m.	KW	Jerry Blevins	✠	3 rd Sunday in Advent
Tuesday	14	9:00 a.m.	ML	No Mass		Memorial of St. John of The Cross
Wednesday	15	5:30 p.m.	ML	No Mass		3 rd Wednesday in Advent
Thursday	16	8:30 a.m.	KW	No Mass		3 rd Thursday in Advent
Friday	17	8:30 a.m.	SH	No Mass		3 rd Friday in Advent
Saturday	18	5:00 p.m.	ML	James & Loretta Lunder	✠	4 th Sunday in Advent
Sunday	19	8:30 a.m.	SH	Jerry Ricke	✠	4 th Sunday in Advent
Sunday	19	10:30 a.m.	KW	Rick Junger	✠	4 th Sunday in Advent

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment

Reflection: "What Should We Do?" Well, in the end, it always comes down to this question, doesn't it? John, a key player in our Advent readings, had preached repentance and offered a washing ritual to ratify that repentance. For those who had submitted to this ritual, presumably their question was sincere: "Okay, we regret our sinful past; we were willing to have you plunge us into the river as a sign of our repentance, weren't we? But what do we do now?" Later Jesus will provide more radical responses to this kind of question, but John, ever practical, tells his audience to start with what's right in front of them. It's as if he were saying, "Look, the time may come when something bigger, something more dramatic, may be demanded of you. But for right now, as you go about your daily routine, do you come across people in need? Well, respond to that need. So, you're a tax collector? It's simple: Don't cheat people. You're a soldier or in law enforcement? Don't abuse your authority."

These answers seem so obvious, so straightforward. Indeed, they were in complete accord with Jewish law. John wasn't suggesting these simple answers exhausted the moral obligations of the crowds; he was just telling them to start with basic acts of compassion and integrity and see where they lead. Living virtuously rarely begins with heroic deeds; more often it's a matter of responding to the simple moral demands that are right before us. So let's start there and see where God leads us.

Richard R. Gaillardetz

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:

Lennes Rankin, Mark Huffles. Greg Pennock, Adalynn Amerin, Myra Dick, John Dohm, The Ringer Family, Earl Kuhn, Cortlyn Hill, Ella Rundle, Eileen Schmidt, Jerome Ricke, John Eck, Herb Landwehr, Jaunita Ricke, John Harding, Pete Eck, Hugh Rankin, Corona Hoch, Charlie Jo Warner, Mary Eck, Helen Eck, Sandy Ricke, Ruth Blick, Miles Sheldon

For the Faithful Departed:

Jerry Blevins, Mary Contrell, Phillip Simpson, Mike Lynch, Dennis Larkin, Joyce Ditgen, KaSondra Mantey, Mabel Boor, Amari Allen, William “Bud” Becker, Gwen Spade, Vernon Rinke, 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:

Triston Boor, Austin Stull, Jackson Petit, Christopher Coggins, Dylan Allison, Sheldon Hart, Bianca Lewis, Luke Fisher

Church News

Holiday Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve Vigil, December 24, 2021 4:30 pm at St Boniface and 6:30 pm at St John the Apostle

Christmas Day, December 25, 2021 9:00 am at Holy Rosary

Mary, Mother of God Vigil, December 31, 2021 4:30 pm at St Boniface and 6:30 pm at St John the Apostle

Mary, Mother of God January 1, 2022 9:00 am at Holy Rosary

Red Kettle Bell Ringers Needed

The majority of the proceeds are used by the ministerial alliance for those in immediate need. Please be generous with your time; it's only one hour, once a year. Sign up sheets are in the back of the church. Only a few slots are left.

St John Live Nativity

St John presents their Live Nativity December 19, 2021 5:00 PM At the St. John Catholic Church in Kiowa, KS. Please join us after for soup, dessert, and fellowship!

New Calendars and Books

New calendars and “*At Home with the Word*” are available in the back of the church.

Holy Rosary PSR

Holy Rosary PRS will be having their Christmas program on December 15th at 6:30 pm. Meat will be provided. Everyone is asked to bring a side dish. The program will take place first and we will eat after. Please join us!

Ministry Schedule December 18th – 19th

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	John Hagood
General Intercessions	Sandy Ricke	Danny Archuleta	Volunteer
Eucharistic Ministers	Sandy Ricke	Marlene Kruckenberg	Brandon Warner
	Darrin Hern	Rick Hitchcock	Barbara Hagood
	Todd Fischer	Cindy Summers	Susan Ricke Jerome Ricke Kathleen Pennock
Servers	Rachel Fischer Cole Fischer Branden Fischer	Volunteers	Jhayla Alojacin
Musician	Kathy Dohm	Nikki Brattin	Kathy Dohm
Greeters			Roger and Twila Angell
Sacristan	John & Kathy Dohm	Bev Miller	Brandon Warner
Rosary	Shirley Ditgen		Jerome Ricke