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Fourth Sunday of Easter

Thoughts on Today's Liturgy

Reading 1: Those who accepted Peter's message were baptized

Reading 2: By his wounds you have been healed

Gospel: Whoever enters through me will be saved

Theme: Jesus is the gate to heaven

Sacrament of Reconciliation 30 minutes before Mass or by appointment

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Sat	06	5:00 p.m.	SH	Pete Swingle	✠	Fourth Sunday of Easter
Sun	07	8:30 a.m.	KW	Parishioners		Fourth Sunday of Easter
Sun	07	10:30 a.m.	ML	Bob and Pat Graves	✠	Fourth Sunday of Easter
Tue	09	9:00 a.m.	ML	Albert Blahut	✠	
Wed	10	8:30 a.m.	SH	Betty Maxey & Deanna Liebl	✠	
Thur.	11	8:30 a.m.	KW	Robert Loewenstein	✠	
Fri.	12	9:00 a.m.	ML	Bob and Pat Graves	✠	
Sat	13	5:00 p.m.	SH	Brian Traffas	✠	Fifth Sunday of Easter
Sun	14	8:30 a.m.	KW	Tom Doherty	✠	Fifth Sunday of Easter
Sun	14	10:30 a.m.	ML	Parishioners		Fifth Sunday of Easter

A BLESSED AND HOLY EASTER SEASON

Reflection: THE GATHERING: Sometimes we act as if our coming together to celebrate Mass, to participate in the liturgy, and the world we live in have little to do with one another. We live in this world; Christ was born in this world, and Christ calls us to gather in him so that we might join him in gathering and redeeming this world. Thus, when we gather for Mass, we bring the world with us – desire for a new sports car, a report that needs to be finished, concern over the behavior of a teenager or the health of a loved one. Yes, we bring thoughts of the hungry and the homeless, the violence and arguments we see on the news, and maybe even that funny sound you thought you heard in the motor of the car. We bring all of that to Christ as we gather with brothers and sisters who have brought their own concerns. We let Christ gather it all up in an offering to the Father. God responds by revealing Christ in the Scripture, nourishing us with his body broken and blood poured out. Truly, when we gather for Mass, God invites us to act out in ritual what we are called to do every day in our life – to share in Christ's paschal mystery – to die to self so as to live for others, to gather and share with friends and neighbors as well as strangers, to reconcile, to nourish, to work for justice, to praise and proclaim God's overwhelming love and mercy in the face of every human terror, and to continue doing this, Sunday after Sunday, season after season, year after year until all the words and actions take root in us – so that the world and all members of Christ's body, past, present, and future may one day live forever in that eighth day, the day of resurrection. This is what Easter is all about.

VIBRANT MINISTRIES APPEAL: We will soon be kicking off the *Vibrant Ministries Appeal* in our Parish. There is a great amount of planning and training currently underway prior to the official launch of the Appeal at our Parish next month. We have assembled a Parish Appeal leadership team that is hard at work organizing this important effort. What will this appeal do for the Catholic Church and communities in southwest Kansas?

Support our Priests: Provide a dignified retirement for our Priests who selflessly commit their lives to the service of our Church, support for missionary Priests, ongoing formation of our Priests & for seminarians studying for future priesthood.

Serve the least among us. Every year, Catholic Charities helps nearly 4,000 people adopt children, recover from addictions, form healthy relationships, give birth to healthy babies, feed the hungry, move from homelessness into housing, take classes, get jobs and achieve goals. Let our generosity be pleasing to the Lord, as the Psalm reminds us to *“praise the Lord who lifts up the poor” (Psalm 113:1).*

Strengthen marriage and family life. A priority of the Diocese- to form & strengthen health marriages by ministering to couples through: Engaged Encounter Program, marriage preparation & enrichment, & Natural Family Planning education.

Enhance faith formation. Strengthen ministry to youth and young adults, provide tuition assistance for our Catholic schools and for parish-based religious education programs, and expand the Pastoral Ministry Formation Program for lay leaders.

Please keep our parish leaders and volunteers in your prayers as we embark on this important and historic effort. In the coming weeks, look for more information on our goal and how you can help us reach it. Most importantly, pray for the success of the Vibrant Ministries Appeal. God bless you for your faithfulness and generosity.

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**With great joy, the Catholic Diocese of Dodge City announces the Ordination of Rev. Mr. Jacob Schneider and Rev. Mr. Mark Brantley to the ORDER OF PRESBYTER through the imposition of hands and the invocation of the Holy Spirit by The Most Reverend John B. Brungardt, 10 am Saturday, June 3, Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Dodge City. Please join in celebrating the Ordination Mass and sharing in the reception that follows**  
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Prayer Intentions for the Sick and Shut-Ins: Sammy Flyingout, Norman Fischer, Jim Fischer, Ella Rundle, Alice Burenheide, Edna Swayden, John Dohm, Gary Noland, Raymond Schmidt, Cindy Archuleta
Prayer Intentions: for the members of our parish family who are serving our country in the armed forces.
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**For the Faithful Departed:** Patricia Graves, Elizabeth Terry, Pete Swingle, Robert Loewenstein, Tom Doherty, Dennis Hammersmith, Dwayne Kruckenberg, Luke Hendricks, Fern Beckerman, Omaha Tatera, Agnes Eck, Larry Traffas, William (Bill) Hitchcock, John Ditgen, Dave Rausch, Albert Blahut, the souls in Purgatory. May they rest in perfect peace.  
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Parish News:

ST JOHN THE APOSTLE – Kiowa:

Parish School of Religion: May 7: Final Class after Mass

May 14: Mothers' Day and Senior Recognition: Join us for this celebration

TACOS TO GO: Sunday, May 7, 5-7 p.m. 1218 Main-K of C Hall - Support students attending NCYC
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**ST BONIFACE - SHARON**

**RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES:** **Seniors:** Zackery Barker, Kendra England, Emily Hrencher, Brady Ricke.

**Eighth Grade:** Cali Scripsick, Madeline Wells A reception follows Mass today

**ST. BONIFACE ALTAR SOCIETY:** Monday, May 8, 6:30p.m.- parish center. Hostesses - officers. Roll call...dish towel exchange. Last meeting until fall; Come, share your ideas for next year  
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HOLY ROSARY-MEDICINE LODGE:

PASTORAL COUNCIL: Tuesday, May 9, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday- May 10, 5-7:30 p.m. First Christian Church. Beef & Noodle dinner. Free will donation. Support for Shane Doman & Brandon Warner. Brandon recently

donated a kidney to Shane. We support them and pray for continued recovery. ~~~~~

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT: Jesus says, “I came that they may have life, and have it to the full.” Good stewards are grateful for the gift of life and joyfully share their abundance with others

VOCATION VIEWS: Whose voice will you follow – the Good Shepherd’s or a stranger’s? Pray for a listening heart. (John 10:1-10). Do you hear Jesus’ call to you? Act on it! If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact Fr. Wesley Schawe at 620-227-1533 or visit our website at www.dcdiocese.org/vocations
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**MAY:** The month of May is set aside to honor Mary in a special way. Many Catholics find the rosary a wonderful personal prayer. Those who would like to recite this prayer together are invited arrive 30 minutes before weekend Mass at Holy Rosary & St Boniface. Because this is a private devotion, we say this prayer at a time that does not interrupt the personal prayer of others; we allow 15 minutes of quiet prayer time to prepare for Mass.

**THE ROSARY:** Around the year 1700, the thoughts used in the rosary started to become narratives. St. Louis de Montfort composed the most common set of narratives that eventually became used as meditations for each decade of the rosary. These narratives were divided into five Joyful, five Sorrowful, five Glorious meditations that are referred to as "mysteries". (more to come)

**GRADUATES:** We pray for them as they prepare for graduation: “To the Father, who can give us the strength to live according to the Gospel and the message of Jesus Christ...May God our Father strengthen you until the last day so you may be without blame on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ! He is faithful who calls you to fellowship with his Son Jesus, our Lord.” (1 Cor 1) Do not follow where the path may lead. Go, instead, where there is no path and leave a trail (Ralph Waldo Emerson) and we pray that the trail you leave is in keeping with the faith you have received.