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December 1st, 2024

First Sunday of Advent

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Thoughts on Today's Liturgy

Reading 1: Jeremiah 33:14-16 "I will raise up for David a just shoot."

Reading 2: 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2 "May the Lord strengthen your hearts at the coming of our Lord Jesus."

Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36 "Your redemption is at hand."

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday	30	5:00 p.m.	SH	Parishioners		First Sunday of Advent
Sunday	01	8:30 a.m.	KW	Caroline Dyke	✠	First Sunday of Advent
Sunday	01	10:30 a.m.	ML	Charlotte Ringer	✠	First Sunday of Advent
Tuesday	03	8:30 a.m.	ML	Ernest Young	✠	Tuesday of the First Week of Advent
Wednesday	04	6:00 p.m.	ML	Sister Mary		Wednesday of the First Week of Advent
Thursday	05	8:30 a.m.	KW	John & Martha Hoatson		Thursday of the First Week of Advent
Friday	06	8:30 a.m.	SH	Rayann Rucker	✠	Friday of the First Week of Advent
Saturday	07	5:00 p.m.	SH	Ron Noland	✠	Second Sunday of Advent
Sunday	08	8:30 a.m.	KW	Parishioners		Second Sunday of Advent
Sunday	08	10:30 a.m.	ML	Charlotte Ringer		Second Sunday of Advent

Sacrament of Reconciliation is available 30 Minutes Before Each Mass

1st Sunday of Advent

In the season of Advent, we commemorate an event which took place in the past, but whose effects remain ever present in our lives. Advent is a season which affords us to prepare ourselves to welcome Christ, born anew in our hearts, homes, families, and communities. He is the friend of the poor and the needy, the rejected in society, the outcast, the marginalized, the downtrodden, and the vulnerable. If we are preparing to welcome Christ, then we should be ready to welcome and accept him with his friends, the vulnerable in society. As we begin the season of Advent, we unite with St. Paul and pray that **"the Lord will make us increase and abound in love for one another"** in fulfillment of his command: **"Love one another as I have loved you."** (1Thes. 3:12a; Jn. 13:34) In Advent, we get ready for the Second Coming of the one who loves us. He wants us to love one another just as he loved us. **Let this Advent not just be one of those Advents that we celebrated in the past, but rather a time to deepen our relationship with the Reason for the Season, Jesus Christ.**

As we prepare for the coming of the Lord, in a way by his incarnation at Christmas, challenges will come our way, but we need to stand firm in doing good just as Jesus encourages us in the gospel: **"But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand."** (Lk. 21:28) We pray that God will grant us the grace not to be engrossed in the anxieties of our daily life, so as to be caught by surprise that day, like a trap. Let us always be vigilant and pray for the strength and grace to love one another, in order to become the other Christ to lighten the world and dispel the darkness that engulfs humanity. - *Father Emmanuel*

CHURCH NEWS

- **Confirmation: Parents and Students Grades 9-11** - Plans for confirmation are in progress. Parents and students, please join us for an organizational meeting, December 8th at 3:00 p.m. at the St. Boniface Parish Hall. You are strongly encouraged to attend this meeting. We need your input. Thank you.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Sick and Shut-Ins:

Edna Swayden, Karma Redgate, Isaac Venters, Theo Miller, Ken Ricke, Kelli Young, Lennes Rankin, Adalynn Amerin, Ralph & Myra Dick, Eileen Schmidt, John Eck, Juanita Ricke, Hugh Rankin, and Mary Eck.

For the Faithful Departed:

Charlotte Ringer, Rayann Rucker, Jacqueline Woods, Alicia J. Widdows, Kelly Capansky, Sandy Ricke, Bill Nittler, Londa Fischer, Beatrice Ricke, Ruth Blick, 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, Luke Fisher, Michael Castaneda.

Ministry Schedule for December 7th – 8th

Week 2	St. Boniface	St. John the Apostle	Holy Rosary
Lector 1	Mason Eck	Chris Tharp	Brian Withrow
Cantor	Choir	Choir	Volunteer
Lector 2	John Hern	Tom Tharp	Brian Withrow
General Intercessions	Mason Eck/John Hern	Tom Tharp	Julie Thompson
Eucharistic Ministers	Carol Ricke Marilyn Traffas Darrin Hern	Linda Forester John Forester Delores Moreno	Norman Clouse Brian Withrow Julie Thompson
Servers	Drake Schmidt Ashtyn Schmidt	Volunteer	Volunteer
Musician	Kathy Dohm	Nikki Brattin	Kathy Dohm
Greeters			Norman and Becky Clouse
Sacristan	Karin Traffas	Linda Pulliam	Brian Withrow
Rosary	John Hern		Leroy and Diane Seiler

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