

Catholic Churches of Barber County, Kansas

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August 17th, 2025

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Thoughts on Today's Liturgy

Reading 1: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10 "A man of strife and contention to all the land."

Reading 2: Hebrews 12:1-4 "Let us persevere in running the race that lies before us."

Gospel: Luke 12:49-53 "I have come not to establish peace, but rather division."

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday	16	5:00 p.m.	SH	Eileen Schmidt	✠	Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	17	8:30 a.m.	KW	David Lovette	✠	Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	17	10:30 a.m.	ML	Parishioners		Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday	19	8:30 a.m.	ML	Rhonda O'Mara		Tuesday of the Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time
Wednesday	20	6:00 p.m.	ML	Thanksgiving for Countless Blessings		Wednesday of the Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time
Thursday	21	8:30 a.m.	KW	Steve Scheer		Thursday of the Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time
Friday	22	8:30 a.m.	SH	Mr. and Mrs. Francis Traffas		Friday of the Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time
Saturday	23	5:00 p.m.	SH	John Dohm	✠	Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	24	8:30 a.m.	KW	Bob and Lori Schrock	✠	Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	24	10:30 a.m.	ML	Jackie Wood	✠	Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sacrament of Reconciliation is available 30 Minutes Before Each Mass

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In our bid to live a life of righteousness, we are bound to face challenges and oppositions. We will create a lot of enemies for ourselves, just as the Prophet Jeremiah did when he stood by the truth. This is what Jesus meant when he said, he has come to set the earth of fire, and how he wished it was already blazing. Since a life of truth exposes deeds of darkness, even our own people whose lives do not conform to the truth will wage war against us. There are a lot of issues that have divided our families, communities and societies to the extent that we no longer have any true and unique identity of ourselves even as Christians, who are called to stand by the truth in all situations. Truth has been made so relative these days so much that we do not know where we stand in matters of faith. Jesus is the only standard we have to take after. If we decide to be with Jesus and stand by the truth, no matter how deep falsehood will try to push us into the pit of destruction, God will reach out to us with his right hand and draw us to safety. God did it for Jeremiah, so he will surely do it for us also. **"Then the king ordered Ebed-melech the Cushite to take three men along with him, and draw the prophet Jeremiah out of the cistern before he should die."** (Jer. 38:10) The words of the Prophet Isaiah still stand true today: **"Lo, the hand of the Lord is not too short to save nor his ear too dull to hear."** (Is. 59:1)

Jeremiah stood for the truth amid strong opposition but God rescued him from the claws of death. Jesus stood for the truth and eventually was put to death, but God raised him from the dead. This is the reality that Jesus has called us to witness to. Yes, for the course of truth, we will suffer but God will surely vindicate us. When the going becomes tough, let us cry out to him and say, **Lord, come to my aid!** and he will rescue us from the hands of our enemies. Indeed, **"Those who hope in the Lord shall never be disappointed"** (Is. 49:23b) -*Father Emmanuel*

CHURCH NEWS

- **Holy Rosary** – We will be reimplementing the use of the collection baskets during mass. We ask that the Greeters be responsible for distributing baskets during the offertory.
- **10th annual Golf Classic:** Join us **Friday, Sept 5**, at the beautiful **Mariah Hills Golf Club** in Dodge City, for a fantastic day of golf and giving back – supporting our Priest Retirement! Register a team or sponsor by emailing communications@dcdiocese.org
- **Heartland Center for Spirituality presents: “The Practice of Holy Listening”** Join us for a one-day workshop on Saturday, August 30, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Dominican Motherhouse, located at 3600 Broadway, Great Bend, KS. Through teachings, interactive activities, and guided reflection, participants will learn how to cultivate Holy Listening as a meaningful tool for navigating both the challenges and triumphs of life. **Register by August 15th at www.heartlandspirituality.org or by email at ann.axman@heartlandspirituality.org**
- Men and women of all parishes of Barber County: Please consider attending one of the sessions of "Protecting God's Children." All **Parish School of Religion** teachers are required by the diocese to attend a session prior to the beginning of fall classes. Classes listed are in English.
Tuesday, August 19, 6-9 PM at Holy Family School, 4200 Broadway St., **Great Bend**, KS, 620-793-3265
Sunday, August 24, 12:30-3:30 PM at Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe, 3231 14th Ave., **Dodge City**, Ks, 620-227-6532
Wednesday, August 27, 7-10 PM at St. Andrew Church, 10893 St. Andrew Rd., **Wright**, KS, 620-227-3363.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Sick and Shut-Ins:

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

For the Faithful Departed:

Bob and Lori Schrock, Eileen Schmidt, 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, Michael Castaneda.

Ministry Schedule for August 23rd – 24th

Week 4	St. Boniface	St. John the Apostle	Holy Rosary
Lector 1	Carol Ricke	Amanda Ricke	Darryl Honas
Cantor	Choir	Choir	Rodney Ringer
Lector 2	Daryl Eck	Danny Archuleta	Darryl Honas
General Intercessions	John Hern/Mason Eck	Danny Archuleta	Diane Seiler
Eucharistic Ministers	Anne Schreiner Doug Schmidt	Deb Helfrich Carl Helfrich Tammy Graves	Daryl Honas Cheri Dohrmann Leroy Seiler
Servers	Ashtyn Schmidt Lane Crenner Dexton Schmidt	Volunteer	Volunteer
Musician	Kathy Dohm	Nikki Brattin	Kathy Dohm
Greeters			Volunteers
Sacristan	Doug Schmidt	Deb Helfrich	Darryl Honas
Rosary	Steve Eck		Volunteer