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Third Sunday of Advent

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Thoughts on Today's Liturgy

Reading 1: Is 35:1-6a, 10 "God himself will come to save us"

Reading 2: Ps146: 6-7, 8-9, 9-10 "Lord, come and save us."

Gospel: Jas 5:7-10 "Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand."

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday	13	5:00 p.m.	ML	Sandy Ricke	✠	Third Sunday of Advent
Sunday	14	8:30 a.m.	SH	KoC Members & Families		Third Sunday of Advent
Sunday	14	10:30 a.m.	KW	Rose Baier	✠	Third Sunday of Advent
Tuesday	16	8:30 a.m.	ML	Charlotte Ringer	✠	Tuesday of the Third Week of Advent
Wednesday	17	6:00 p.m.	ML	Charlotte Ringer	✠	Wednesday of the Third Week of Advent
Thursday	18	9:00 a.m.	KW	Kristin Strasser	✠	Thursday of the Third Week of Advent
Friday	19	8:30 a.m.	SH	John Dohm	✠	Friday of the Third Week of Advent
Saturday	20	5:00 p.m.	ML	Thanksgiving		Fourth Sunday of Advent
Sunday	21	8:30 a.m.	SH	Parishioners		Fourth Sunday of Advent
Sunday	21	10:30 a.m.	KW	Beau & Mary Forester	✠	Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sacrament of Reconciliation is available 30 Minutes Before Each Mass

Third Sunday of Advent

Today, we celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent, known as Gaudete Sunday. The celebration and readings of today invite us to reflect on the special gift of joy brought to humanity by Jesus Christ, the Son of God. There are gifts that we receive which make us happy and there are some which make us sad. In the same vein, our encounter with certain personalities in life brings joy into our lives but sometimes, our encounter with others makes us sad because such people invoke unpleasant memories in us. Therefore, our knowledge about the personality we are preparing to encounter creates a conducive atmosphere for us to properly receive our guests. The readings of the Second Sunday exposed to us the personality of Jesus. Now that the time of his arrival gets near, our scripture readings invite us to be joyful as we intensify our preparation for his coming. Our entrance antiphon sounds this clarion call loudly to us: **"Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near." (Phil. 4:4)**

In our second reading, St. James gives us the mood in which we should be as we await the coming of the Lord. He says to us, **"Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand." (Ja. 5:7-8)** Let us be patient as we prepare ourselves in anticipation of receiving our Lord Jesus Christ who brings us joy, and be ready to meet him at his second coming and share in the fullness of his joy forever.

CHURCH NEWS

The **Holy Rosary PSR CHRISTMAS program** will be on Wednesday, December 17th, beginning at 6:45. The program will be followed by a parish dinner. Everyone is asked to bring a dish or two for the potluck meal. Drinks and table service will be provided. Let's enjoy food and fellowship as a church family.

Please consider praying for a loved one with a Mass Intention. Medicine Lodge is needing more Mass Intentions.

Break/Break: Gentry Heimerman and his family is hosting an evening of games, food, and prayer for college students. Arriving late and/or leaving early is fine! It is simply a chance to connect with other students from around the diocese and enjoy an evening in the spirit of Advent. Dinner provided. Please email him to RSVP and get directions. (gheimerman@dcdiocese.org) **December 22nd, 7-9:30pm, Dodge City.**

Help us start Catechesis of the Good Shepherd: Contact Allison Ricke (620-213-1984) or Mary Pat Eck (314-681-0255) or visit our registry at <https://www.myregistry.com/giftlist/StBonifaceCGS>

The Heartland Center for Spirituality invites you to embark a transformative two-year program beginning on January 10, 2026, dedicated to restoring humanity to the likeness of Christ. For more information visit our website at <https://heartlandspirituality.org/a-pilgrimage-of-the-heart/>

Catholic Charities of Southwest Kansas thanks you for your generosity for providing much needed food, housing, and utility assistance to those experiencing homelessness, hunger, and hardship. Your gift – no matter the size – helps Catholic Charities remain a source of light, hope, and tangible support for our community. Donations can be made using the envelopes located at the back of the church or visit www.CatholicCharitiesSWKS.org.

Support Life, Reduce your Taxes. Please consider taking advantage of the **Kansas Pregnancy Tax Credit**. Donations to Catholic Charities programs that support pregnancy and struggling parents can be used to reduce your Kansas income tax by a 70% credit on your state taxes. For more information look for the Catholic Charities fliers available at all three parishes, visit the Catholic Charities website (www.CatholicCharitiesSWKS.org), or call Brian Withrow (620-213-0391).

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:

Dick Austin, Brad Mantooth, Bob and Lori Schrock, Eileen Schmidt, Charlotte Ringer, Rayann Rucker, Jacqueline Woods, Alicia J. Widdows, Kelly Capansky, Sandy Ricke, Bill Nittler, 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 December 20th-21st

Week 3	St. Boniface	St. John the Apostle	Holy Rosary
Lector 1	Marilyn Traffas	Bev Miller	John Hagood
Cantor	Choir	Choir	Cheri Dohrmann
Lector 2	Randie Landwehr	Danny Archuleta	John Hagood
General Intercessions	John Hern/Mason Eck	Danny Archuleta	Volunteer
Eucharistic Ministers	Lawrence Smith Scott Dohm	Marlene Kruckenberg Rick Hitchcock Cindy Summers	Brandon Warner Barbara Hagood Jerome Ricke
Servers	Volunteers	Volunteer	Jhayla Alojacin
Musician	Kathy Dohm	Nikki Brattin	Kathy Dohm
Greeters			Roger and Twila Angell
Sacristan	Lawrence Smith	Bev Miller	Brandon Warner/Volunteer
Rosary	Shirley Ditgen		Jerome Ricke

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