

Catholic Churches of Barber County, Kansas

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Second Sunday of Advent Thoughts on Today's Liturgy

- Reading 1:** Baruch 5:1-9 Jerusalem, God will show your splendor.
Reading 2: Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11 Show yourselves pure and blameless for the day of Christ.
Gospel: Luke 3:1-6 All flesh shall see the salvation of God.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday	08	5:00 p.m.	SH	For the Sharon Choir		Second Sunday of Advent
Sunday	09	8:30 a.m.	ML	Herb Durant	✠	Second Sunday of Advent
Sunday	09	10:30 a.m.	KW	Parishioners		Second Sunday of Advent
Tuesday	11	9:00 a.m.	ML			Memorial of Saint Damasus I
Wednesday	12	8:30 a.m.	SH	Donald Prosser	✠	Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
Thursday	13	8:30 a.m.	KW			Memorial of Saint Lucy
Friday	14	9:00 a.m.	ML	Herb Durant	✠	Memorial of Saint John of the Cross
Saturday	15	5:00 p.m.	SH	Clarence Hrencher	✠	Third Sunday of Advent
Sunday	16	8:30 a.m.	ML	Parishioners		Third Sunday of Advent
Sunday	16	10:30 a.m.	KW	Boyd and Sally Forrester	✠	Third Sunday of Advent

Sacrament of Reconciliation 30 minutes prior to Mass or by appointment

Reflection: The Smooth Path of Love. I stood on the heights in Jerusalem last March and looked to the east. I saw the Mount of Olives, Christian pilgrims trickling up toward Gethsemane and Muslim residents streaming down for Friday prayers. Beyond the reach of my sight was the region of the Jordan, where John preached and baptized, where the Israelites long ago entered the Promised Land. Farther still, over 700 miles to the east, is present-day Hillah, in Iraq, where ancient Babylon was. To look eastward, longing for the return of the captives, is to imagine that mountains, deserts, and chasms, political borders and religious differences, might be overcome by love. Perhaps we can't fully understand Baruch's promise without remembering a time we have waited anxiously for a child who comes home late, or for a callback from an important job interview, or for the results of a serious medical test. Then with the psalmist we may have said, "The Lord has done great things for us; we are glad indeed." In Advent we wait to joyfully reap what Christ has sown. Painfully aware of our failures and factions, we look eastward, longing for the return of Christ who lays the smooth path of love. His Incarnation proves that even the division between God and sinful humanity is not too great for love to overcome. And if that chasm can be bridged, we can both hope for and work toward peace and justice that will triumph over our political, our ethnic, and our religious divisions. Word-made-flesh, come again and heal us. ~Kimberly Hope Belcher

Word of Life

"Perhaps one of your friends has become pregnant unexpectedly. As someone who has been there, I encourage you to support your friend in her new journey of being a mother. Not sure how to help or what to say?" Learn ten tips at www.usccb.org/support-her."

"10 Ways to Support Her When She's Unexpectedly Expecting" USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

PLEASE EMAIL BULLETIN ITEMS TO WALINDA BY NOON TUESDAY TO ccbc@sctelcom.net

PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Sick and Shut-Ins:

June Terwert, Walter Sedlak, Peyton Theis, Wanda Harding, Helena Rempel, Carl Schield, Ronnie Ringer, Kay Rankin, Steve Eck, Helen Eck, Betty Schmidt, Sandy Ricke, Ruth Blick, Gladys Christensen, Deven Leis, Lawrence Rausch, Sister Catherine Therese, Laurie Hiltner, Sue Smith, Miles Sheldon, Sammy Flyingout, Norman Fischer, Edna Swayden, John Dohm, Cindy Archuleta

For the Faithful Departed:

Herb Durant, Bishop Gerber, Sister Philamenia Hrencher, Lorena Angell, Ron Swonger, Donna Rowe, Susie Reed, Alice Burenheide, Jerry Arensdorf, Marilyn Eck, Eddie Schmidt and all the souls in Purgatory. May they rest in perfect peace.

For the Military:

Christopher Coggins, Nicholas Noland, Dylan Allison, Sheldon Hart, Bianca Lewis

CHURCH NEWS

Upcoming Holy Day Mass Times & Locations

Christmas Eve Vigil, Monday, December 24th – 4:30pm Sharon and 6:30pm Kiowa

Christmas, Tuesday, December 25th – 9:00am Medicine Lodge

Mary, Mother of God Vigil, Monday, December 31st – 4:30pm Sharon and 6:30pm Kiowa

Mary, Mother of God, Tuesday January 1st 2018 – 9:00 am Medicine Lodge

Christmas Sing-A-Long

The St. Boniface PSR students will host a “Christmas Singalong”, immediately after the 5:00 p.m. Mass on December 8th at the Parish Center. Cookies and drinks will be served. Please plan to attend.

St. Boniface Alter Society Christmas Party

St. Boniface Altar Society Christmas Party will be Sunday, Dec. 9 at 5:00 p.m. Bring a snack and \$10 gift. Decorations/Activities leaders - Shirley Ditgen and Vicki Hutfles. Come join the fun.

St. Boniface Penance Service

St. Boniface penance service will be held, Dec. 12th at 7:00 p.m. The students making their first confession will begin at 7:00 p.m., followed by the other classes in their turn. Adult confession will start around 7:45 p.m. This is a great opportunity to prepare for the Christmas season.

South Barber Ministerial Alliance Christmas Baskets

South Barber Ministerial Alliance Food Bank will be assembling Christmas baskets on Saturday, Dec 15, 10:00am at the Community Building. Volunteers are needed. Please come and help spread the Christmas spirit.

St. John Live Nativity & Soup Supper

Live Nativity, Sunday December 16, 5:00pm in front of the church. Soup supper following in the Parish Hall. Contact Lindsay to donate soup or desserts. 620-582-2822 linardf15@yahoo.com

Holy Rosary PSR CHRISTmas Play

The Holy Rosary PSR CHRISTmas Play and parish supper will be held on Wednesday evening, December 19th. The play will begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by a parish supper. The Church will provide the meat and potatoes and everyone else is asked to bring a side dish, salad, or dessert for the gala. From all of us "the Wednesday evening gang", - MERRY CHRISTMAS and A HAPPY AND BLESSED 2019.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Advent Marriage In Christ Resources

Advent is a hectic time. This is a free series designed to help you and your spouse stay connected during this busy Advent season. You are invited to take a short time - about 20 minutes a day- to do something for your marriage. Come Christmas, you will find greater unity, an increased appreciation for one another and gratitude for the small ways you've chosen to show your love and affection. Visit the website and download your free workbook today!" <https://marriageinchrist.com/resources/>

Ministry Schedule December 15th – 16th

Week 3	St. Boniface	St. John the Apostle	Holy Rosary
Lector 1	Marilyn Traffas	Pam Malone	John Hagood
Cantor	Choir	Choir	Mike Rogers
Lector 2	Sandy Ricke	Danny Archuleta	Brandon Warner
General Intercessions	Sandy Ricke	Danny Archuleta	Kyla Alojacin
Eucharistic Ministers	Scott Dohm Heather Rankin Sandy Ricke Doug Schmidt Karin Traffas	Marlene Kruckenberg Rick Hitchcock Cindy Summers	Brandon Warner Barbara Hagood Susan Ricke Jerome Ricke Kathleen Pennock
Servers	Rachel Fischer Cole Fischer Branden Fischer	Takira Blick	Jhayla Alojacin
Musician	Ruth Schmidt or Kathy Dohm	Nikki Brattin	Ruth Schmidt or Kathy Dohm
Greeters		Archuleta Family	Roger and Twila Angell
Sacristan	John & Kathy Dohm	Bev Miller	Brandon Warner
Rosary	Shirley Ditgen		Jerome Ricke