

Second Sunday of Advent

Today's Psalm is "Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace forever." How are we working towards justice and peace today?

Kingdom Come: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Second Sunday in Advent

"The kingdom of heaven is at hand," John proclaims. And The Liturgy today paints us a vivid portrait of our new king and the shape of the kingdom He has come to bring.

The Lord whom John prepares the way for in today's Gospel is the righteous king prophesied in today's First Reading and Psalm. He is the king's son, the son of David—a shoot from the root of Jesse, David's father (see Ruth 4:17).

He will be the Messiah, anointed with the Holy Spirit (see 2 Samuel 23:1; 1 Kings 1:39; Psalm 2:2), endowed with the seven gifts of the Spirit—wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord.

He will rule with justice, saving the poor from the ruthless and wicked. His rule will be not only over Israel—but will extend from sea to sea, to the ends of the earth. He will be a light, a signal to all nations. And they will seek Him and pay Him homage.

In Him, all the tribes of the earth will find blessing. The covenant promise to Abraham (see Genesis 12:3), renewed in God's oath to David (see Psalm 89:4, 28), will be fulfilled in His dynasty. And His name will be blessed forever.

In Christ, God confirms His oath to Israel's patriarchs, Paul tells us in today's Epistle. But no longer are God's promises reserved solely for the children of Abraham. The Gentiles, too, will glorify God for His mercy. Once strangers, in Christ they will be included in "the covenants of promise" (see Ephesians 2:12).

John delivers this same message in the Gospel. Once God's chosen people were hewn from the rock of Abraham (see Isaiah 51:1-2). Now, God will raise up living stones (see 1 Peter 2:5)—children of Abraham born not of flesh and blood but of the Spirit.

This is the meaning of the fiery baptism He brings—making us royal heirs of the kingdom of heaven, the Church.

Poinsettias for Christmas

Donations will be taken the weekends of Dec 7-8 and Dec 14-15.

Anyone wishing to donate \$10 toward the purchase of poinsettias in memory of a loved one is encouraged to use the Christmas flower envelope to enclose your donation and write the name of who is making the donation and in memory of whom. All donations received for flowers in memory of loved ones will be used to purchase poinsettias and future flowers to decorate our altar for Mass.

CLEANING CHURCH

Reminder---Check the bulletin for your time to clean Church.

Instructions are in the supply closet between the bathroom and kitchen near the altar.

Christmas CEF Cards

This project helps with education for diocese seminarians. Cards are \$2.00 each.

Contact Mary Jane Hubik if you are interested.

Killeen/Temple Deanery Advent Penance Services-All services are at 7:00pm

12-11 Sts Cyril & Methodius-Marak, 12-11 St Stephen-Salado, 12-12 St Ann-Rosebud, 12-16 St Paul Chong-Harker Heights, 12-17 Holy Family-Copperas Cove, 12-18 Our Lady Guadalupe-Temple, 12-18 St Monica-Cameron, 12-19 St Luke -Temple,

12-20 St Mary-Temple, 12-22 Church of Visitation (in RE Building)

PRAYER FOR OUR NEW PARISH CHURCH

Heavenly Father, author and inspirer of all things holy, hear our prayers for our new church. Send forth Your Spirit that we may humbly be guided by Your Divine Will. Touch our hearts with true generosity to raise up a house of God for the inspiration and renewal of all Your faithful. May it be a home where all are welcomed, nourished, and empowered to be Christ to others. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS & LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK				
	Sat, 12-07 6:00 pm RE Bldg	Sun, 12/8 – 9.00am	Sat, 12-14-6:00pm RE Bldg	Sun, 12/15 – 9.00am
Weekend Mass Intentions	2nd Sunday of Advent	2nd Sunday of Advent	3rd Sunday of Advent	3rd Sunday of Advent
	<i>Living and Deceased Members Altar Society +Robert Hoelscher +Charlotte Ann Thornton</i>	<i>Parishioners +Marietta Brenek</i>	<i>Special Intentions +Laurie Hoelscher</i>	<i>Parishioners</i>
	<i>Colton Ranly Grant Meyer Maverick Cannon Jr.</i>	<i>Carson Kahlig Addison Wilde Mason Wilde</i>	<i>Carson Kahlig Addison Wilde Mason Wilde</i>	<i>Brooke Skala Madison Skala Parker Peters</i>
Altar Server	<i>Mary Jane Hubik</i>	<i>Ray Rabroker</i>	<i>Mark Bartek</i>	<i>Shawna Ranly</i>
Lector		<i>Jay Reid Family</i>		<i>Bradley Rudloff Family</i>
Gift Bearer	<i>Walter Carson Edward Ranly</i>	<i>Paul Daskocil Jeff Hering</i>	<i>Walter Carson Edward Ranly</i>	<i>Randy Frei Hagen Hoelscher</i>
Ushers	<i>Donna Hoff</i>	<i>Mark Bartek</i>	<i>Janet Loden</i>	<i>Geraldine Kahlig</i>
EMHC to the sick	<i>Janet Loden Joyce Wimberley</i>	<i>Terry & Tammy Frenzel</i>	<i>Janet Loden Joyce Wimberley</i>	<i>Terry & Tammy Frenzel</i>
Rosary Leader	<i>Horest & Bernice Weaver Louis & Jerlene Vrana</i>		<i>Jerry & Janet Loden Sharon Herwald and Janet Ferguson</i>	
Money Counter	<i>Jerry & Janet Loden</i>		<i>Deacon Bill & Carol Smetana</i>	
Vocation Cross	<i>Jerry & Janet Loden</i>			
Church Cleaner	<i>12-14 & 12-21 Misty Stock, Donna Heese, Becki Price, Cindy Moeller, Amanda Moeller</i>			
Weekday Mass Intentions	Tue 12/10 8.00am	Wed 12/11 7:20 am	Thu 12/12 8:00am	Fri 12/13 8:00 am
	<i>+Gilbert & Pauline Wilde +Poor Souls</i>	<i>+Charlotte Ann Thornton</i>	<i>+Leonard Hoelscher +Cecil Hoelscher +Katherine Zeig</i>	<i>+Cecil A Hoelscher</i>

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Deacon Bill Smetana (Retired)

Deacon Charlie Wright

Deacon Julian Tyboroski (Retired)

MASSSES: Saturday – 6:00 pm, Sunday – 9:00 am
Tues 8:00am, Wed 7:20am, Thurs 8:00am, Fri 8:00am

RECONCILIATION: Prior to Weekend Mass

**THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 8, 2019**

Daily Prayer Service begins 6:00 pm R E Building

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sun 12-8 after Mass **HS Rel Ed, First Recon Class**

Wed 12-11 @ 6:00 pm **Youth Meeting**

Thur 12-12 @6:30 pm **Finance Council**

12-01-2019 OFFERINGS:

Regular 2,161.26

Thanksgiving 125.00

Building Fund 922.00

Pover Line/ Camp Hum Dev 115.00

Upcoming 2nd Collections:

12/8 Retired Clergy and Religious

12/9 Immaculate Conception -no mass