

Third Sunday of Advent

This Sunday the readings tell us where to look for the Lord's coming: when the blind see and the lame walk; and when the dead are raised to life and the poor have good news preached to them. In our day the Lord's presence is seen when walls of oppression fall, when enemies seek avenues of fellowship and trust, when the poor and homeless find care and the forgotten are included. The Kingdom is among us, are we acting as Kingdom people?

Here is Your God: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Third Sunday of Advent

John questions Jesus from prison in today's Gospel-for his disciples' sake and for ours.

He knows that Jesus is doing, "the works of the Messiah," foretold in today's First Reading and Psalm. But John wants his disciples-and us-to know that the Judge is at the gate, that in Jesus our God has come to save us.

The Liturgy of Advent takes us out into the desert to see and hear the marvelous works and words of God-the lame leaping like a stag, the dead raised, the good news preached to the poor.

The Liturgy does this to give us courage, to strengthen our feeble hands and make firm our weak knees. Our hearts can easily become frightened and weighed down by the hardships we face. We can lose patience in our sufferings as we await the coming of the Lord.

As James advises in today's Epistle, we should take as our example the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Jesus also points us to a prophet-holding up John as a model. John knew that life was more than food, the body more than clothing. He sought the kingdom of God first, confident that God would provide. John did not complain. He did not lose faith. Even in chains in his prison cell, he was still sending his disciples-and us -to our Savior.

We come to him again now in the Eucharist. Already He has caused the desert to bloom, the burning sands to become springs of living water. He has opened our ears to hear the words of the sacred book, freed our tongue to fill the air with songs of thanksgiving.

Once bowed down, captives to sin and death, we have been ransomed and returned to His Kingdom, crowned with everlasting joy. Raised up we now stand before His altar to meet the One who is to come: "Here is your God."

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

NATIVITY

The Nativity will be set up December 15th after 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

12-3 Christ the King-Belton, 12-4 St Joseph-Cyclone, 12-5 St Joseph-Killeen, 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)

Dynamic evening with Kevin Dunn

Holy Trinity of Corn Hill invites you to a dynamic evening with Kevin Dunn on Saturday January 11 @ 6:30pm

Details are on fliers at the back of Church and the 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.

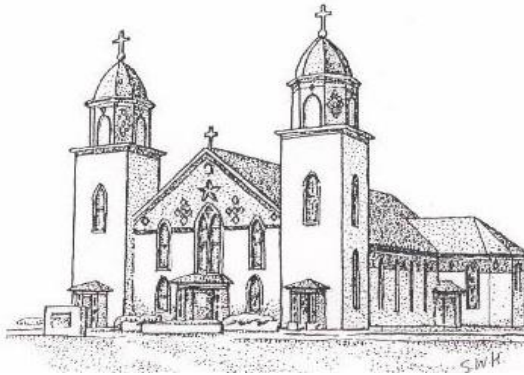
MASS INTENTIONS & LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK				
	Sat, 12-14 6:00 pm RE Bldg	Sun, 12/15 – 9.00am	Sat, 12-21-6:00pm RE Bldg	Sun, 12/22 – 9.00am
Weekend Mass Intentions	3rd Sunday of Advent	3rd Sunday of Advent	4th Sunday of Advent	4th Sunday of Advent
	<i>Special Intentions +Laurie Hoelscher</i>	<i>Parishioners</i>	<i>Herbert F Hoelscher John & Helen Lingnau</i>	<i>Parishioners</i>
	<i>Carson Kahlig Addison Wilde Mason Wilde</i>	<i>Brooke Skala Madison Skala Parker Peters</i>	<i>Brooke Skala Madison Skala Parker Peters</i>	<i>Carter Kleypas Tamryn Stock Easton Green</i>
Altar Server	<i>Carson Kahlig Addison Wilde Mason Wilde</i>	<i>Brooke Skala Madison Skala Parker Peters</i>	<i>Brooke Skala Madison Skala Parker Peters</i>	<i>Carter Kleypas Tamryn Stock Easton Green</i>
Lector	<i>Mark Bartek</i>	<i>Shawna Ranly</i>	<i>Youth</i>	<i>Renae Willberg</i>
Gift Bearer		<i>Bradley Rudloff Family</i>		<i>Neal Ryan Family</i>
Ushers	<i>Walter Carson Edward Ranly</i>	<i>Randy Frei Hagen Hoelscher</i>	<i>Walter Carson Edward Ranly</i>	<i>Maverick Cannon Joseph Doskocil</i>
EMHC to the sick	<i>Janet Loden</i>	<i>Geraldine Kahlig</i>	<i>Kerri Meier</i>	<i>Marilyn Rudloff</i>
Rosary Leader	<i>Janet Loden Joyce Wimberley</i>	<i>Terry & Tammy Frenzel</i>	<i>Janet Loden Joyce Wimberley</i>	<i>Terry & Tammy Frenzel</i>
Money Counter	<i>Jerry & Janet Loden Sharon Herwald and Janet Ferguson</i>		<i>David & Mandy Alexander Paula Niemeyer and Marilyn Rudloff</i>	
Vocation Cross	<i>Deacon Bill & Carol Smetana</i>		<i>Charles and Renae Willberg</i>	
Church Cleaner	<i>12-14 & 12-21 Misty Stock, Donna Heese, Becki Price, Cindy Moeller, Amanda Moeller</i>			
	Tue 12/17 8.00am	Wed 12/18 7:20 am	Thu 12/19 8:00am	Fri 12/20 8:00 am
Weekday Mass Intentions	<i>+Helen W Hoelscher +Anton Fuchs +Bertha Fuchs +Frances Brenek Chuck Felderhoff</i>	<i>+Robert Brenek Sr +Leona Brenek +Joe Willberg +Katie Willberg +John J Willberg</i>	<i>+Charlotte Ann Thornton</i>	<i>+Bernard Bartek +Clothilda Kahlig +Joseph Kahlig</i>

The Sick and the Suffering requesting our prayers: Gary Locklin, John Macha, Eva-Ann Greger, Rachel Rudloff, Charles Thornton, Annette Hoelscher, Layla Grace Evetts, JoeAnn Kalmbach, Pattie Kalmbach, Jeff Bernsen, Josie Kleypas, Dennis Fuchs, Beatrice Arnold, Mike Meyer, Bobby Bulls, Charles Ordner, Don Drake, Al Buckholt, Gene Kreger, Edwin Green, Craig Thornton, Terri Wilheit, Fran Greger, Gary Herzog, Barron Shoemaker, Skylar (Savage) Wolfe & Amy Drake
Sanctuary Candle: In Memory of Herbert & Helen Hoelscher

Daily Prayer Service begins 6:00 pm R E Building	12-07 & 12-08 2019 OFFERINGS:
UPCOMING EVENTS:	Regular 1856.00
Sun 12-15 HS Rel Ed help decorate Hall/Church	Retired Clergy & Religious 445.00
Wed 12-18 @6:00 pm Youth Meeting	Immaculate Conception 109.00
	Upcoming 2nd Collections:
	12-29 Feast of the Holy Family

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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 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
 DECEMBER 15, 2019**