

**Mass Schedule**

Monday, 6:30am  
 Tuesday, 6:30am  
 Wednesday, 6:30pm  
 Thursday, 6:30am  
 Friday, 8:00am  
 Saturday, 8:00am  
**Saturday, 5pm**  
**Sunday, 8am**  
**Sunday, 10:30am**

**Confessions**

30 min. before Sunday and Holy Days Masses  
 20 minutes before Daily Masses and by appt.

**Exposed Eucharistic Adoration**

Thursday 7pm to 8pm.  
**Benediction at 7:50pm**

**CCD** PK-12 Classes are from 9:00am to 10:20am on scheduled days



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## December 13, 2020 Third Sunday of Advent

“Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.”

*1 Thessalonian 5:16-17*

**Dec 14 Mon:**

**John of the Cross, p, dr M**

*Nm 24: 2-7. 15-17a/ Ps 25: 4-5ab. 6 and 7bc. 8-9/ Mt 21: 23-27*

**Dec 15 Tue:**

*Zep 3: 1-2. 9-13/ Ps 34: 2-3. 6-7. 17-18. 19 and 23/ Mt 21: 28-32*

**Dec 16 Wed:**

*Is 45: 6c-8. 18. 21c-25/ Ps 85: 9ab and 10. 11-12. 13-14/ Lk 7: 18b-23*

**Dec 17 Thu:**

**Advent Weekday (O Sapientia)**

*Gn 49: 2. 8-10/ Ps 72: 1-2. 3-4ab. 7-8. 17/ Mt 1: 1-17*

**Dec 18 Fri:**

**Advent Weekday (O Adonai)**

*Jer 23: 5-8/ Ps 72: 1-2. 12-13. 18-19/ Mt 1: 18-25*

**Dec 19 Sat:**

**Advent Weekday (O Radix Jesse)**

*Jgs 13: 2-7. 24-25a/ Ps 71: 3-4a. 5-6ab. 16-17/ Lk 1: 5-25*

**Dec 20 SUN:**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (O Clavis David)**

*2 Sm 7: 1-5. 8b-12. 14a. 16/ Rom 16: 25-27/ Lk 1: 26-38*

### Readers Schedule

Mass Times	Dec 12-13	Dec 19-20	Dec 26-27	Jan 2-3
Sat. 5:00 pm	Jerry Lentfer	Michelle Milke	Diana McCown	Jerry Lentfer
Sun. 8:00 am	Chris Hytrek	Larry Etmund	Joe Vinton	Chris Hytrek
Sun. 10:00 am	Shirley Yates	Frank Pytlik	Karl Gramann	Shirley Yates

**MATT TALBOT KITCHEN**-It is St. James turn to serve supper at Matt Talbot Kitchen on Thursday, December 31st. They are only serving take-out meals. We are also requesting that for desserts we only get cookies and bars without frosting, so we can just put them in a napkin to hand out. You can always send a check to the church for a donation that will be used to purchase the items or use the online one time gift with a note that it is for Matt Talbot Kitchen. This money will also be used the purchase the pulled pork and salads. Items needed to the church by noon on Thurs, Dec. 31st.

**Bananas** – 4 people to bring 10 pounds ea

**Hamburger Buns** – 6 people to bring 2 dozen each

**Bush's Beans** - 6 people to bring 1 gallon

**Cookies or Bars (NO FROSTING)** – 8 people to bring 2 doz

Please email me at [ebbers@windstream.net](mailto:ebbers@windstream.net) if you want to donate something from above so I know where I stand. If you have questions please let me know by email or call me at home 402.787.2385 or cell 402.440.0029.

**ANNUAL MASS OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS** will be celebrated on Monday, December 28th. All are invited to attend this Memorial Mass, especially those families who have suffered the loss of a baby through miscarriage, stillbirth, infant death or abortion. Reading of names will begin at 6:30pm with Mass at 7:00pm at Cathedral of the Risen Christ Church due to the pandemic and social distancing measures. The Cathedral is located at 3500 Sheridan Blvd., Lincoln. If you would like your child's name to be remembered & placed on the banner, please call the Office of Family Life at 473-0620 before 5:00 p.m. on Fri. Dec. 18th. If you placed your child's name previously, it will remain on the list.

**Increased Train Traffic Through Lancaster & Otoe County**-Beginning January 1, 2021, BNSF Railway will begin operating trains on the tracks that run along Highway 2 from Lincoln through Bennet, Palmyra, Unadilla, Syracuse and Dunbar to Nebraska City. On average, you can expect to see two trains a day on these tracks. With rail service resuming, it is critical to remember trains can run at any time and in any direction.

**Notes from Father Walsh...**

**Christmas Mass Schedule.** Here is the schedule:

- 3pm on Christmas Eve.
- 5pm on Christmas Eve.
- Midnight.
- 9am on Christmas Day.

**Christmas Confession Schedule.** Here is the additional confession schedule

- Sunday, December 20, 4-5pm
- Monday, December 21, 7-8pm
- Tuesday, December 22, 7-8pm
- Wednesday, December 23, 7-8pm
- Thursday, December 24, 8-9am and 12-1pm

**Eucharistic Adoration.** My plan is to expose the Blessed Sacrament during these special confession times. If you wish to come and pray during this time, you are welcome.

**December 16 through 18.** I am scheduled for a special retreat with the leadership team of the Chancery during these days. I will offer a 6:30am Mass on Wednesday December 16 but will be unable to provide Mass for you on Thursday and Friday, December 17 and 18. The Thursday night holy hour will also have to be cancelled. As you can see from my confession plan above, I'm trying to make up for this unfortunate loss with an additional 6 hours of adoration time during the days leading up to Christmas.

**A Story.** When I was a very young priest, I gave a homily on the First Sunday of Advent and the theme was, if you want to find Christ in Christmas, you'll find him in the poor. Do an act of charity for someone you know is in need and since Christ is in the poor, you will find him this Christmas. What I didn't tell the people was that I planned to do this and then preach about my experience on Christmas. Aren't young assistants clever?

The days of Advent flew by, and the last days before Christmas were upon me. I hadn't selected the recipient for the gift and the pressure was on. My Christmas homily hung in the balance, and I needed to take action.

There was a young teenager in the parish who had gotten in trouble at school earlier in the fall, and had been dismissed from our Catholic School. I decided I would do something special for him. I went down to the local sports store and bought him a Chicago Bears sweat shirt. I remember it cost me \$25, which in 1986 was a quality piece of clothing. The Bears had won the Super Bowl that year. Their gear was special. I got it wrapped up with beautiful wrapping paper and a big huge bow (thank you store attendant!) and took it over to the young man's house. I knocked on the door, and when he came to answer, I handed him the gift and said, "Merry Christmas." I didn't explain what I was doing; I just gave him the gift and told him it was for him. His response was "Father, I'm so sorry for what I did." I assured him it was okay, to let it go, and I wished him Merry Christmas again.

Walking down the sidewalk to my car, I asked myself, Where was Christ in this encounter? There was no jolt, no tingling experience, no *aw haw moment*. I didn't see it on this kid's face, or in my encounter with him. And then it came to me: Christ was in me, offering this young man mercy. He needed someone to tell him that he was forgiven. I bet his heart was healed in that encounter and that he experienced a very Merry Christmas.

Christ comes in many disguises at Christmas. Look and see. You will find him in the most unexpected places.

**Please pray for the Seminarians every week throughout the year. Listed below is the Seminarian for this week. Thank you from the Seminarians and their Families!**

20-21	First Name	Last Name	Year Entered	Seminary of Study	Year of Study
Dec 13-19	Peter	Foley	2018	St. Gregory the Great Seminary	College 3