

# DECEMBER 17TH ~ THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## Please Pray For:

Jenny Robinson George Zavala

### Those in the Military:

Michael Gomez Kyle Weaver Cody Reichenberger  
Jeremiah Hitt Nathan Garner

## Christmas & New Years Mass Schedule

### Christmas Eve:

6:00 p.m., Caldwell (Fr. Pham)  
7:00 p.m., Wellington (Fr. Beat)

### Christmas Day:

10:00 a.m., Wellington (Fr. Pham)

### Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

### New Year's Eve:

**Correction.** Due to the Solemnity falling on Monday, the Holy Day of Obligation is abrogated. You are only required to attend the regular Sunday Mass.

### New Year's Day:

9:00 a.m., Wellington

**Parish Penance Service:** Sunday Dec. 17th, 7:00 p.m., several priests will be available to hear confessions. Please make an effort to attend this service since the schedule of additional services in the area is very limited this year.



## Parish Penance Services in Our Area

**Sunday Dec. 17th Conway Springs 4:00 p.m.**  
**Sunday Dec. 17th Wellington 7:00 p.m.**  
**Tuesday Dec. 19th Caldwell\* 3:30 p.m.**  
**Thursday Dec. 21st Winfield 7:00 p.m.**

\*Caldwell is normal Confession, not a service



## Reminder!

There are several bowls/dishes from donated food that are in the vestibule. Please check and pick up any dishes that belong to you.



## St. Anthony/St. Rose Calendar

Dec. 17 Decorate church for Christmas, 11:30a.m.  
Parish Reconciliation Service, 7:00p.m.  
Dec. 19 Adult Christmas Choir Practice, 7:00p.m.  
Dec. 20 Adoration, 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.  
RCIA, 2:30-4:30, Parish Hall  
**No PSR, Christmas Break!**  
Dec. 24 Normal morning Masses for 4th Sun of Advent  
Evening Mass for Christmas Vigil, see notice

### Rosary

Thursdays, following 8:10 a.m. Mass  
Fridays at 7:30 a.m.  
Before each weekend Mass

## Church Decorating

St. Anthony/St. Rose Parish  
Sunday, December 17th  
After 10:30 Mass



We need help bringing trees and decorations into the church, as well as help with decorating.  
Many hands make like work!

This is a Confirmation class service project!

## Our Gifts to God

	Last Week	July 2017 to date
Contributions	\$ 5,415.00	\$137,004.18
Operating Budget	\$ 5,885.00	\$141,240.00
	\$ -470.00	\$ -4,235.82

## Rosary Leaders

7 p.m. Heather Jensen 8:30 a.m. No Rosary  
10:30 a.m. No Rosary

## St. Anthony/St. Rose Church Cleaning

**Sweep/Mop:** Melissa Janzen  
**Vacuum:** Peggy Ternes  
**Bathrooms:** Elizabeth Fristoe  
**Pews:** Cathy Giefer & Shirley Weber

## Liturgy Assignments for December 23rd and 24th, 2017

Time	Servers	Reader	Music Ministers	Extraordinary Ministers	Sacristan	Ushers
7:00 pm	Christian Buckman Trent Langford Thalia Garcia	Levi Burden	Elisha Stone Pam Montenegro	H-Janice Horsch C-Kim Langford C-Lisa Zavala	Loretta Viramontes	Alex Hernandez Fred Linnebur
8:30 am	Brady Russell Ben Russell Hank Shinliver	Helen Marshall	Taylor Heasty Pam Montenegro	Candy Soria	Kristi Horsch	Ramon Reyes Mike Horsch
10:30 am	Claire Jenkins Logan Swingle Luke Swingle	Carol Weigand	Julie Dvorak Pam Montenegro	Joel Weigand	Carol Weigand	Colby Zeka Jacob Wetta

# ST. MARTIN OF TOURS PARISH

## Please Pray For:

Megg Lebeda  
Larry Wolff  
Susan Dvorak  
Gene Struble

Amy Jo Stover  
Marion Metzinger  
Verna Schmidt

## Those in the Military:

Daniel Delain

## Dec. 17th ~ Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn

### Straighten the Path

[Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11](#)      [Luke 1:46-50, 53-54](#)  
[1 Thessalonians 5:16-24](#)      [John 1:6-8, 19-28](#)

The mysterious figure of John the Baptist, introduced in last week's readings, comes into sharper focus today. Who he is, we see in today's Gospel, is best understood by who he isn't.

He is not Elijah returned from the heavens (see [2 Kings 2:11](#)), although like him he dresses in the prophet's attire (see [Mark 1:6](#); [2 Kings 1:8](#)) and preaches repentance and judgment (see [1 Kings 18:21](#); [2 Chronicles 21:12-15](#)).

Not Elijah in the flesh, John is nonetheless sent in the spirit and power of Elijah to fulfill his mission (see [Luke 1:17](#); [Malachi 3:23-24](#)).

Neither is John the prophet Moses foretold, although he is a kinsman and speaks God's word (see [Deuteronomy 18:15-19](#); [John 6:14](#)). Nor is John the Messiah, though he has been anointed by the Spirit since the womb (see [Luke 1:15, 44](#)).

John prepares the way for the Lord (see [Isaiah 40:3](#)). His baptism is symbolic, not sacramental. It is a sign given to stir our hearts to repentance.

John shows us the One upon whom the Spirit remains (see [John 1:32](#)), the One who fulfills the promise we hear in today's First Reading (see [Luke 4:16-21](#)). Jesus' bath of rebirth and the Spirit opens a fountain that purifies Israel and gives to all a new heart and a new Spirit (see [Zechariah 13:1-3](#); [Ezekiel 36:24-27](#); [Mark 1:8](#); [Titus 3:5](#)).

John comes to us in the Advent readings to show us the light, that we might believe in the One who comes at Christmas. As we sing in today's Responsorial, the Mighty One has come to lift each of us up, to fill our hunger with bread from heaven (see [John 6:33, 49-51](#)).

And as Paul exhorts in today's Epistle, we should rejoice, give thanks, and pray without ceasing that God will make us perfectly holy in spirit, soul, and body – that we may be blameless when our Lord comes.

## Weekly Collections

December 9th \$ 600.00

## St. Anthony & St. Martin Mass Intentions December 19th-December 25th, 2017

Tues	C	4:30 PM	† Janet Eckberg
Wed	W	8:10 AM	† Herminia Zavala
Thurs	C	8:10 AM	♥ Special Int. of Altar Society
Fri	W	8:10 AM	♥ Julian Assange
Sat	C	5:00 PM	† Justin Young
Sat	W	7:00 PM	† Patricia and Jeremy Struempfler
Sun	W	8:30 AM	† Andy Castaneda
Sun	W	10:30 AM	♥ People of St. Anthony/St. Rose & St. Martin Parishes
Sun	C	6:00 PM	♥ Julian Assange
Sun	W	7:00 PM	† Clara Weigand
Mon	W	10:00 AM	† Salvador Jaramillo

## St. Martin of Tours Calendar

Dec. 19	<b>Pre-Christmas Confession starting 3:30 p.m.</b> Mass, 4:30 p.m. PSR, 4:00 p.m., Parish Center
Dec. 23	Rosary, 4:40 p.m. Mass, 5:00 p.m.

## Liturgy Assignments for Dec. 23, 2017

<b>Extraordinary Minister:</b>	Al Schmidt
<b>Rosary:</b>	Al Schmidt
<b>Lector:</b>	Shawna Schneider
<b>Servers:</b>	Courtney Hall & Lucy Schneider
<b>Greeters &amp; Offertory:</b>	Dave Schmidt

## Christmas Flower Offering



If you would like to make an offering for a Christmas poinsettia to remember a friend or loved one: deceased (In Memory Of) or living (In Honor Of), you may put your offering in the collection basket. Suggested offering is \$15.

## Pre-Christmas Confession in Caldwell



Father will be in Caldwell to hear Confessions for extended time on Tuesday, Dec. 19, starting at 3:30p.m.

## Christmas Flower Offering



If you would like to make an offering for a Christmas poinsettia to remember a friend or loved one: deceased (In memory Of) or living (In Honor Of), you may bring your offering to the parish office or put it in the collection basket. Offering envelopes can be found on the table in the vestibule. Suggested offering is \$15. Please make your donation by December 20th.

## Parish Reconciliation Service

Part of Advent preparation includes the Sacrament of Reconciliation. On December 17 at 7:00 p.m., we will hold a penance service for the entire church community. There will be several priests available to hear confessions. I encourage you to take time to attend this service as part of your preparation during this Advent season.

~Fr. Hung Q. Pham

## Why is the Christmas Mass Schedule Different this year?

The Christmas Mass schedule is different this year because a priest has the faculty to say (is only allowed to say) up to 3 Masses on any given day. Normally, this isn't a problem.

However, since Christmas Eve is also the 4th Sunday of Advent this year, it is a problem. By the time we have our 2 regular Masses Sunday morning for the 4th Sunday of Advent, Father Pham can only say one more Mass that day. In order to meet the needs of both Caldwell and Wellington, Father Pham had to ask for help. Father Beat agreed to come to Wellington for a Mass while Father Pham goes to Caldwell for a Mass.

Thank you for your understanding.

## Ministers Needed for Holy Days



Extraordinary Ministers, Lectors, Ushers, Sacristans and Mass Servers are needed for Christmas Masses. A sign-up sheet is located in the back of the church or email Kim Langford at [klangford@usd353.com](mailto:klangford@usd353.com).

## Calendars



There are 2018 Catholic calendars available in the back of the Church. Please feel free to take one!

**Thank you to Cornejo/Day Funeral Home** who sponsors the calendars each year.

## Christmas Call to Sharing

One of the greatest blessings in the Diocese of Wichita is that a young man is free to enter seminary without worrying about the cost of his private education.

Please consider a gift this year for Christmas Call to Sharing to support our 46 seminarians and 23 retired priests.

~Bishop Kemme

At the normal Masses for the 4th Sunday of Advent, December 23 and 24, two seminarians, Matthew Cooke and Dillon Cott, will be here to express their thanks on behalf of all seminarians for our gifts to the Christmas Call to Sharing and to talk about what our gifts mean to them.

My soul rejoices in my God

Luke 1:46