

MASS INTENTIONS: Dec. 9th - Dec. 17th

Sat	5:00pm	†Jim Smith (Susie Smith)
Sun	7:30am	†Dennis Brungardt (Rose Brungardt)
	9:00am	For the People of St. Patrick Parish
Tue	5:30pm	†Margaret Mizer (Dr. Gary Yarbrough)
Wed	8:00am	†Paula Flynn Worsham (Peggy Flynn)
Thur	8:00am	†Herbert A. Yarbrough (Dr. Yarbrough)
Fri	8:00am	†Mary Malissa Forbes (Tom & Beth Westhoff)

NEXT WEEKEND'S INTENTIONS

Sat	5:00pm	†Thomas Lavin (Lavin Family)
Sun	7:30am	†Niginio Munoz (Mary Munoz)
	9:00am	For the People of St. Patrick Parish

**THIS WEEK AT ST. PATRICK'S:**

Tue	Dec. 12th	Mass	5:30pm
		K of C meeting	7:00pm
Wed	Dec. 13th	Mass	8:00am
		PSR	5:30pm
		EDGE	6:00pm
Thur	Dec. 14th	Mass	8:00am
Fri	Dec. 15th	Day of Penance: abstinence from meat. Prayer and works of mercy	
		Reading of Sacred Scripture for an Outpouring of God's mercy and The Holy Spirit's gifts of holiness and Strength upon the church.	
		Mass	8:00am
Sat	Dec. 16th	Confessions	4:30am
		Vigil Mass	5:00pm
Sun	Dec. 17th	Mass	7:30am
		Mass	9:00am

**Join us this Sunday December 10th**  
**Our Lady of Guadalupe Pot Luck Dinner**  
 In the Parish Hall, Noon to 2:00pm.

Parish Posada:  
 Los Posadas will begin on Sunday Dec.16th.  
 The schedule for the Posadas may be found on the tables, behind the back pews of the church.  
 For more information, call Delores Shaw @ 423-5198.

Adopt-A-Family Tree  
 The St. Patrick's Pro-Life Group is once again sponsoring the Adopt-A-Family Christmas Tree. You may bring your new wrapped gift and place under Tree or bring to Rectory.

Don't forget to pick -up your 2024 Catholic Calendar and Advent Companion, they are on the back tables of the church.

**Welcome to St. Patrick Catholic Church**  
**Parish Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday 8am to 3:30pm**

**YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH**

	<b>12-03-2023</b>	<b>NEEDED:</b>
<b>WEEKLY COLLECTION:</b>	<b>\$16,665.11</b>	<b>\$17,500.00</b>

**NEXT WEEK MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

<b>Sat: Dec. 16th</b>	5:00pm Mass	<b>Advent Penance Service Sunday, December 10th 6:00pm to 7:00pm.</b>
Servers:	Drew Schibi / Blaise Schibi	
Lector:	Julia Bradbury	
Greeters /Gifts	Paul & Dana Yanez & JR and Zane Allen	
<b>Sun: Dec. 17th</b>	7:30am Mass	
Servers:	Sebastian Aita / Raphael Aita	
Lector:	Jeff Perez	
Greeters/Gifts	Tony & Connie Adams Family	
<b>Sun: Dec. 17th</b>	9:00am Mass`	
Servers:	Adrian Ortiz / Jackson Shultz	
Lector:	Rick Goodyear	
Greeters /Gifts	David & Karen Wheat	

**Christmas Call to Sharing 2023**  
 Priest play an essential role of sanctifying, teaching and leading. They are servants to all. Very soon you will be receiving an invitation from Bishop Kemme asking you to consider a gift to the Christmas Call to Sharing. Your gift is used to benefit the 53 men currently studying for the priesthood in the Wichita Diocese and the 20 priests in retirement. I would ask you to prayerfully consider a special gift this year to support our priests.

We can't fully practice our Catholic faith without the life and ministry of priests.

You will receive an invitation to consider a gift to the Christmas Call to Sharing - a gift of gratitude to support retired priests and the education of seminarians. God has blessed us this year with 43 men in the seminary and continues to bless us with so many retired priests who serve the Church in many ways. I would ask that you be as generous as you possibly can be at this most holy time of year.

**December 2023 Prayer List:**  
 Tammy Goodyear, Carilyn Bernd, Mandy Venegas, Raef Stanford, Bristel & Reagan Bernd, April & Natalie Stanton, Janie Schibi, Caleb Fent, Lorie Nutter, Dave Turk, Matthew Carrillo, Rafael Munoz, Joaquin Castellanos, Tim & Chris Hurley, Lashall Snider, Terry Payne, Donna George, JoAnn George LaForge, Dr. Gary Yarbrough & Diane Yarbrough, Loise Lubbers, Linda Crabtree, Angel Reyes, Frank Reyes, Valerie Carnahan, Brian Merchant, MaryJo Howard, Rita Schauf, Jason Langston, Charlie Smith, Carter Stephens, Montell White, Steven Minor, Kris Vitt, Nicona Nordquist, Jim Vitt, Jerry & Sylvia McKinney, Glenn Linnebur, Jackie Hudson, Millie Drabenstot, Audrey Mihich, Lois Johnsen, Craig Forbes, Lee Ziegler, Mary Brooks, Tommie Forbes, Betty Duling, John & Nell Ball, Richard Martinez, Ron & Jeannie McDaniel, Ridger Robbins & family, Sherlina Brown, Lois Carlson, Harry & Diana Conway, Cole Kyle, Dan Bogner, Jean Keller Lowe & Gary Keller, Carl Yockey, Charles Brian (Chucky) Cervantes, Suzi Kuffler, Peggy Pryor, Owen Ragsdale

**Advance Stewardship Reflection**  
 Second Sunday of Advent - December 10th, 2023  
 We serve a merciful and patient God. In His kindness, He warns us that we will be called to make an account one day for the way in which we made use of the gifts He has given us. The most precious gift He has given us is His own Son, Whose birth we are preparing to celebrate. St. Peter describes the loving kindness of the Father in our Second Reading today, saying God "is patient with you, not wishing that anyone should perish but that all should come to repentance." Yet, in the same passage we receive this warning: "The Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar... and the earth and everything on it will be found out." How are we to assimilate these two truths — the merciful love of God and the responsibility that comes with the privilege of living as His disciple? St. Peter tells us we should conduct ourselves "in holiness and devotion." Indeed, this is the goal of our Advent "reset" — to return to living lives focused on Christ, in gratitude for all He has done for us. In our Gospel passage from Mark, John the Baptist instructs us to "prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." We must make good use of the gift of time we have been given this Advent season. Let's be sure to get to Confession, prioritize a daily reading the of Scriptures, and reach out to someone in need with a word of comfort or an act of service. In this way, we will honor both the mercy and justice of our God, and we will be prepared to celebrate the birth of Christ and give account for all His gifts to us.

**Dearest Lady of Guadalupe**, fruitful Mother of holiness, teach me your ways of gentleness and strength. Hear my humble prayer offered with heartfelt confidence to beg this favor

Then follow with 1. Our Father..... 1. Hail Mary .....1. Glory Be...  
 In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirt. Amen

**Christmas Mass Schedule**

<b>5:00pm</b>	<b>Dec. 24th Christmas Eve Vigil Mass</b>
Altar Servers:	Tanner Nolting, Landon Wheat, Aiden Wheat
Lector:	Annette Bradbury
Usher/Gifts:	Mark Mall Family
<b>Midnight</b>	<b>Christmas Midnight Mass</b>
Altar Servers:	Zach Collins, Owen Feess, Drew Schibi
Lector:	John Keene
Usher / gifts:	John & Maggie Keene Family
<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Dec. 25th Christmas Day</b>
Altar Servers:	Cole Manners & Micky Manners
Lector:	Rick Goodyear
Usher/ gifts:	Frank & Elaine Chandler Family

**Our Lady of Guadalupe is celebrated on December 12th.** Juan Diego's Vision.  
 On December 9, 1531, Mary appeared to Juan Diego on Tepeyac Hill while he was on his way to Mass. She asked him to approach the bishop and request that a shrine be built to her there, where she would bless those who called upon her. However, when Juan Diego requested this of the bishop, the bishop demanded proof of the vision. Juan Diego returned to the hill, where roses were blooming, though it was almost winter. He picked some of the flowers and brought them in his cloak to the bishop. When he opened his cloak, the flowers fell out and an image of the Blessed Mother was imprinted on it. The Bishop then gave his blessing, and a chapel was built on the hill. Juan Diego's cloak was placed in the chapel, and he lived in a small dwelling near the chapel for the rest of his life, serving as its caretaker, greeting pilgrims, and spending time in prayer and devotion. In 1548, he passed away and was buried in the chapel.

Please pray for: Carilyn Bernd, Tammy Goodyear & Owen Ragsdale

**Accept Divine Forgiveness by True Repentance**  
 An attempt was made in 1985 by some fans of O Henry, the short-story writer, to get a pardon for their hero who had been convicted a century before of embezzling \$784.08 from the bank where he was employed. But a pardon cannot be given to a dead man. A pardon can only be given to someone who can accept it. Back in 1830, George Wilson was convicted of robbing the U.S. Mail in Pennsylvania and was sentenced to be hanged. At the request of Wilson's friends, President Andrew Jackson issued a pardon for Wilson, but he refused to accept it. The matter went to Chief Justice Marshall who concluded that Wilson would have to be executed. "A pardon is a slip of paper," wrote Marshall, "the value of which is determined by the acceptance of the person to be pardoned. If it is refused, it is no pardon. Hence, George Wilson must be hanged." It remains unclear whether Wilson was ever actually executed. For some, the pardon comes too late. For others, the pardon is not accepted. - Today's readings remind us that the Advent season is the acceptable time for repentance and the acceptance of God's pardon and renewal of life.

**Advent Penance Service - Sunday Dec 10th**  
 "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight His paths". This is the message that John the Baptist preached to the people to lead them to a life of conversion and prepare them for the coming of Jesus. These words should also resonant with us this Advent Season as we prepare for Christmas and are reminded of the need to prepare ourselves for the second coming of Christ in our lives. May we too, recognize the need for conversion and repentance in our lives and make straight the path this season by visiting our Lord in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. To assist you in making that straight path in your life, we will have an **Advent Penance Service on December 10th from 6:00pm to 7:00pm.** There will be several Priests present for you to choose from, to hear your confession. So mark your calendars.

Saint Lucy is the patron saint of the blind and those with eye-trouble. She is also the patron saint of the Caribbean island of Saint Lucia. **Her feast day is celebrated on December 13.** According to legend, she would carry food and water to Christians who had been forced to hide out in the catacombs of Rome. The catacombs were dark, and Lucy needed her hands free to carry supplies. So, she engineered an ancient version of a headlamp, wearing a wreath of candles on top of her head to light the way.

**Want to listen to a podcast?**  
 The weekly "about four o'clock" podcast is available from all podcast outlets. They are released on Mondays and are about 30 minutes long. A link is available at [CatholicDioceseOfWichita.org/about4-podcast](http://CatholicDioceseOfWichita.org/about4-podcast).

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**LORDS DAY MASS SCHEDULE**  
Vigil Mass: 5:00pm  
Sunday: 7:30am & 9:00am

**WEEKDAY MASSES**  
Tuesday: 5:30pm  
Wed, Thur, Fri: 8:00am

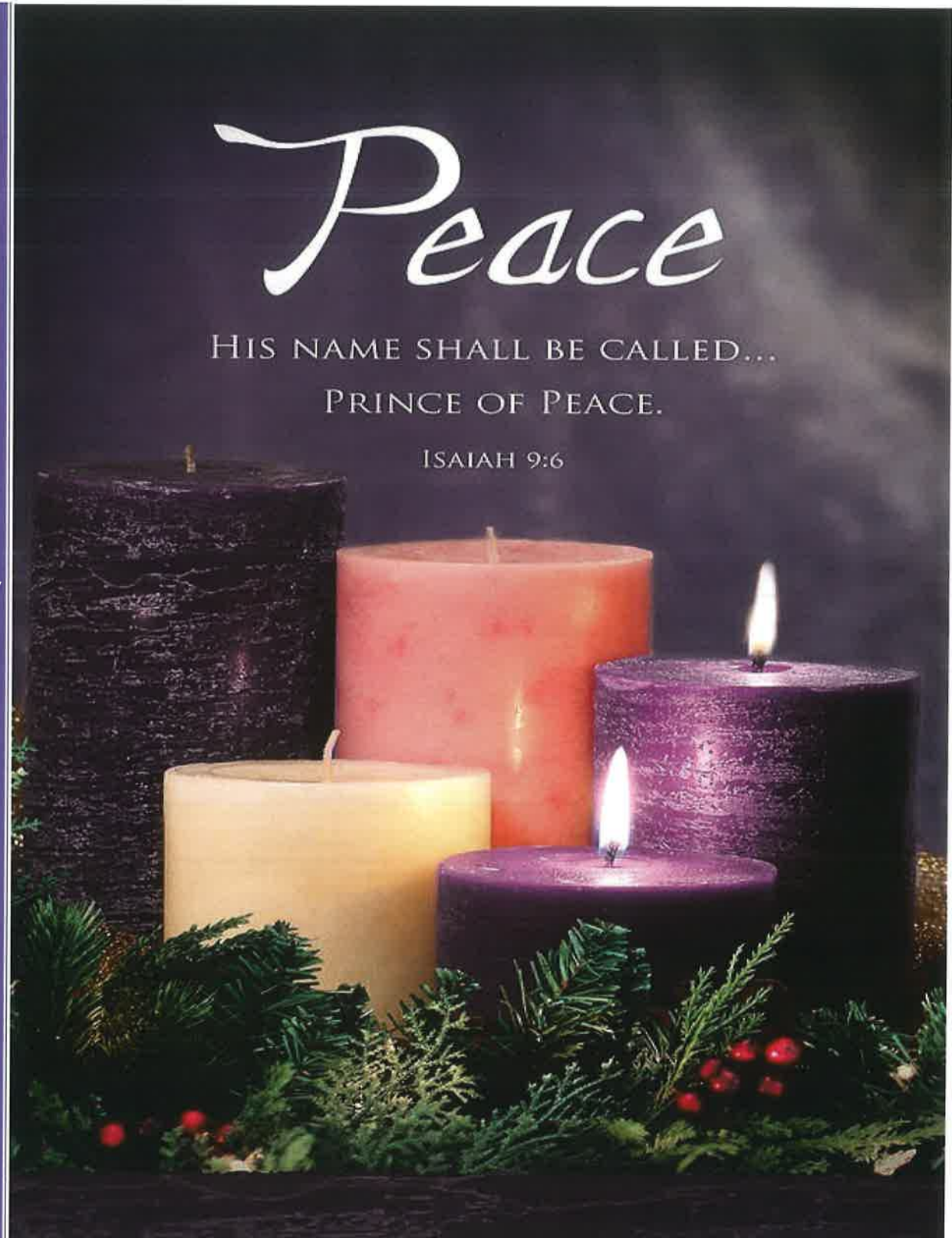
**CONFESSION SCHEDULE**  
Saturdays 3:30pm to 4:30pm  
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## Peace

HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED...  
PRINCE OF PEACE.

ISAIAH 9:6

St. Patrick parish family, grounded and united in our love of Jesus Christ, seeks to Know, Love, and Serve God through prayer, education, worship at the Holy Mass, hospitality, stewardship, and evangelization of our community.