

# Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 14,  
2014

## Our Lady of Peace

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**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**Our Lady of Peace:**

**Saturday 4:15-4:45 pm**

**You may also contact Msgr. Pilon  
as needed for Reconciliation**

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Council Member: David Groven

Council Member: Dan Keating

Liturgy Rep: Karen Gapp

DRE: Samantha DeLong

### MESSAGE FROM MONSIGNOR

#### PRAY WITHOUT CEASING

In today's reading St. Paul urges us to rejoice always, to pray without ceasing. At first this might seem like an unreasonable request. How can we find the time to pray when we need to earn a living? How can we always be in a mood to rejoice? St. Paul was certainly not an unrealistic man. As he went around the various cities in the area to preach about Jesus, he refused to presume upon the generosity of his listeners. He supported himself by being a tentmaker. Besides supporting himself this was probably also a good way to connect with people and get conversations about Jesus started. So he knew hard work. He also mentions in his letters about being stoned and left for dead. He went through storms on the sea as he traveled. He experienced rejection by his own people the Jews which is why he focused on preaching to the Gentiles. Going through physical dangers and emotional turmoil would seem to raise challenges to prayer and joy.

Clearly St. Paul is describing more than feelings influenced by exterior events. St. Paul is speaking about a life-changing experience he had which committed him to Christ. He recognized that Jesus had chosen him to proclaim the gospel to the nations. At times he must have been discouraged. At other times he would have been very focused on his work. So he must be talking about an attitude, a commitment that influenced his whole life. He probably had to remind himself why he was doing the work he was doing. Deep within his spirit he was so aware of God's that he could be proclaiming Jesus' redeeming work even while he was making or mending tents.

This is what prayer is about for us as well. We take moments during the day to recall our experience of God in our own lives. In these moments we deepen our appreciation for God and our commitment to him. We do not consciously always think of praying or rejoicing. Rather it becomes an ingrained part of our selves. Our sub-consciousness awareness of God's presence in our lives is really much more important. These beliefs and attitudes ingrained into our bodies are very effective ways of communicating our joy and love for God.

We still need moment of conscious prayer. If God is truly part of our bodily experience, it will only happen when we consciously choose to be open to his presence. It is important that we do give thanks to God and rejoice in him explicitly. Through these moments we allow God to change us into people always filled with joy and aware of God speaking to us.

### Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for December

#### Christmas, hope for humanity

That the birth of the Redeemer may bring peace and hope to all people of good will.

**Parents** That parents may be true evangelizers, passing on to their children the precious gift of faith.

#### Our Lady of Peace Stewardship December 7, 2014

Adult Env.	1583.00
Children's Env.	28.20
Plate	108.00
Votive	4.00
Mission Church	1,100.00
PEACE Fellowship	1,600.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,423.20</b>

### WEEKLY LITURGY SCHEDULE

			Mass	Intention	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Psalm	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Gospel
12/15	Mon				Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17	25:4-9		Matthew 21:23-27
12/16	Tue	OLP	9 am		Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13	34:2-3, 6-7, 17- 19, 23		Matthew 21:28-32
12/17	Wed				Genesis 49:2, 8-10	72:1-4, 7-8, 17		Matthew 1:1-17
12/18	Thurs	OLP	9 am		Jeremiah 23:5-8	72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19		Matthew 1:18-25
12/19	Fri	LMH	9:30 am		Judges 13:2-7, 24- 25	71:3-6, 16-17		Luke 1:5-25
12/20	Sat	OLP	5:00 pm	+Beda MacDonald	Isaiah 7:10-14	24:1-6		Luke 1:26-38
12/21	Sun	St. Ag	8:30 am		Samuel 7:1-5, 8- 12, 14, 16	89:2-5, 27, 29	Romans 16:25-27	Luke 1:26-38
		OLP	11:00 am	People of the Parish				

	Sat. 5:00 PM December 20	Sun. 11:00 AM December 21
<b>Sacristan</b>	Marge	Peg
<b>Lector</b>	G Wolden	C Angen
<b>Euch. Minister</b>	K & C Elliott	S Dickey N Capouch
<b>Servers</b>		Z & D Agnes
<b>Cross-bearer</b>	C Mager	
<b>Ushers</b>	L Scallon R Rising	B Angen J Piatz
<b>Gift Bearers</b>	R & J Flaten	J Lorenz M Reiter
<b>Music</b>	Dee	Kriegers

### NEXT FEW WEEKS

Today, December 14, will be our Communal Penance Services. St. Agnes will have theirs at 12 noon after the 11:00 AM Mass. Our Lady of Peace will be at 7:00 PM Sunday evening. There will be several priests to assist at that one.

#### There will be no mass Thursday.

The Christmas schedule will be as usual since I have heard no objections: 5:00 PM December 24 @ Our Lady of Peace, 8:30 AM December 25 @ St. Agnes, and 11:00 AM @OLP. January 1 being a HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION will have the same schedule as Christmas.

#### Monsignor Needs Rides

The sign-up sheet to give Msgr. rides to Hunter during December and January is up on the parlor door.



#### Support Religious Communities

“Your generous contribution helps us to care for our retired sisters and enables our younger sisters to continue in active ministry,” writes a religious sister. Your gift to today’s collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious provides vital support for the retirement needs of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. It also helps ensure that younger members can continue the good works of their elders!

#### Christmas Liturgy

Please sign up for Mass Ministries for the Christmas season if you will be here. Signup sheets are on parlor door.

#### Christmas flowers

If you would like to donate toward flowers for the Christmas season there are envelopes on the table in the entry for this. Please add if the flowers are in memory or honor of someone and who it is from. We will try to get a list of the memorials and honor s in the bulletin after Christmas.



#### Offering Envelopes

Offering Envelopes for 2015 are now available. Let Faith know if you did not get envelopes and want them. Also, check your address on the top of the envelopes to make sure it is right. If it is not correct let Faith know the changes. Thank you!

#### Christmas Colors...do you know their meaning?

Some parishioners have questioned why we always use green, red and white in decorating our sanctuary at Christmas time. Well, there is meaning behind those colors. The color green came from the green wreathes that symbolize eternity of God, the immortality of the soul and everlasting life. The red is symbolic of the blood Jesus shed when he died for our sins and the white stands for purity. There is also the connection with the Garden of Eden in the Christmas tree. People believe the red ornaments and the Christmas tree symbolize the tree of Life in the Garden of Eden and the apples that were picked from it. Using candles are also symbolic of the light of the risen Christ and hope in the darkness.

We are blessed with a faith that is rich with symbolism and tradition. Some consider using the colors of red and green “old-fashioned” but in a world that is ever changing it is comforting to know there are some things that remain constant.

#### Thank You!

Thank you so very, very much to all those who came and assisted with the Christmas decorating on December 3rd! And thank you, also, to the Priscilla group ladies who donated food and their time serving and cleaning up that night. You were much appreciated! The rest of the decorations will be going up in the next week or two before Christmas. Wishing all of you a blessed and joyful Advent and Christmas! Luanne Scallon, Environment committee



**Condolences** to Lee Scallon and family on the death of his mother.

Adoration is being honored 9:00-10:00 a.m. every Saturday	<b><u>St. Agnes Parish</u></b> PO Box 32, Hunter, ND 58048	<b><u>St Agnes Stewardship</u></b> December 7, 2014	
Sacrament of Reconciliation First Sunday of Month 8:10 – 8:25 Before Mass	DRE: Jessica Shultz Lay Director: Conray Griesbach Lay Director Connie Lerew Council Member: Kristin Olstad Council Member: Bryon Mitzel Christian Women: Sheila Sherritt Liturgical: Jill Moore	<b>Adult's Env.</b>	720.00
		<b>Children's Env.</b>	37.00
		<b>Plate</b>	56.00
		<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	35.00
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$848.00</b>

### ST. AGNES LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 14		Sunday, December 21	
<b>Lector</b>	Jill	<b>Lector</b>	Sharon
<b>Communion</b>	Conray/Charlet	<b>Communion</b>	Roger/Sheila
<b>Servers</b>	Jack/Cierra	<b>Servers</b>	Jack/Brandon
<b>Cross Bearer</b>	Emma	<b>Cross Bearer</b>	Hunter
<b>Greeters/Offering</b>	Steve/Michelle	<b>Greeters/Offering</b>	Roger/Sheila
	Children's Program Followed by potluck	<b>Breakfast</b>	Ken/Lois, Tracy/Randy, Ross

### **Birthdays & Anniversaries**

We will be blessings all the birthday people of each month on the first Sunday of the month. On the Third Sunday we will bless all those celebrating anniversaries that month. If someone has a special birthday or anniversary they wish to be recognized, let us know and we can bless it.

### **Mayo Report**

I got pretty good news from the Mayo clinic. They confirmed that there is no tumor left and no compression of the optic nerve. I went to the optometrist to look into Prism

glasses. My field of vision has improved about 10% from when I last saw him in August. The Mayo clinic says that my vision would probably continue to heal but I would probably never get back to where I was before. With my peripheral vision still limited, I cannot drive. He did prescribe some single vision glasses that should help me with reading.

### **Job Opening: Full-Time Sustained Giving Officer**

St. Paul's Catholic Newman Center on the NDSU campus, Fargo, ND is seeking a Sustained Giving Officer to build relationships with individuals who have the capacity to give anywhere from \$50 - \$250/month. This position will be expected to increase the monthly giving program anywhere from \$650 - \$900 each month. Along with managing the monthly giving program, the Giving Officer will work side by side with our Campus Missions team to assist them in building up the student campus account through parish talks and all large scale conference fundraising initiatives. Additional responsibilities will include: working with and overseeing all aspects of the newly formed Newman Alumni Board to make connections through alumni socials and gift solicitations. Candidates must have excellent written and verbal communication skills and a desire to grow in understanding of the fund development field. Must be able to work as an effective team member and be results orientated. Compensation will commensurate with experience and qualifications. Please send a cover letter, resume and three references to: [bisoncatholic@gmail.com](mailto:bisoncatholic@gmail.com) Visit: [www.bisonCatholic.org](http://www.bisonCatholic.org) Position open until filled.

### **Elementary School Principal – Trinity Elementary**

St. John Paul II Catholic Schools Network is seeking a dynamic educational leader to serve as Principal at our new Trinity Elementary School opening Fall 2015 in West Fargo with the position to start July 1st. The school will serve children age 3 "Little Deacons" through grade 5. The Principal is the administrative and instructional leader of the total school program who supervises, observes and evaluates staff and the instructional program, establishes a positive school climate, promotes positive communications between the school and community, and manages school resources and budget. Responsibilities will include other duties as assigned. Successful candidate must be a practicing Catholic with knowledge of the Catholic teachings. Candidates also must hold and be able to obtain current ND Teaching Certificate and ND Principal's Credential. Deadline: January 5, 2015. Submit Cover letter, Resume, Administrator Application, Licensures, Transcripts and three letters of recommendation to: Human Resources, JPII Catholic Schools, 5600 25th Street South, Fargo, ND 58104 or [Human.Resources@jp2schools.org](mailto:Human.Resources@jp2schools.org).

## Study the New Testament via TV or internet

Free Catholic Bible Study Resources created by Dr. Jan George. The videos can be viewed for free at [www.sacredheartproductions.org](http://www.sacredheartproductions.org), where accompanying lessons can be downloaded. Sacred Heart Productions is an apostolate dedicated to producing a Bible Study that can be used by individuals or study groups who desire to read Scripture and grow in knowledge and the love of God through His Word.

The New Testament Letters: Part I covering the early letters of St. Paul is currently being aired on local access television on Midcontinent. For more information please see the doors. Lessons can be downloaded at [www.sacredheartproductions.org](http://www.sacredheartproductions.org) under NT Letters Part I. The 15-part schedule can also be found under "Television Programming."

## World Youth Day

The Diocese of Fargo Youth and Young Adult Ministry Department is still looking for anyone 16 and older to attend World Youth Day in July, 2016. World Youth Day is in Krakow, Poland and our pilgrimage truly walks in the footsteps of St. John Paul II. Please think about sending your student and/or come along with them on this fantastic pilgrimage of a lifetime. For further information, please contact Kathy Loney at 701-356-7902 and she will send out or email a brochure to you explaining the pilgrimage and the fee schedule.

## Next Sunday

Next Sunday we will be recognizing Anniversaries for the month. Next Sunday is also the day we collect food pantry items. Bring them in and put them in the box in the entry.



### Stewardship Moment

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*"Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."* – 1 Thessalonians 5:16 – 18

This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. "Rejoice always" means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. "Pray constantly" means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. "Give thanks in all circumstances" means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations.

	<p><b>Pizza Shop</b>                  Mayville                  786-3273</p>	<p><b>SANCTUARY CANDLE</b>                  You may have the Sanctuary Candle burn for your intention.                  We ask a donation of \$3.00. Envelopes are available on the entry table.</p>
 <p>Mayville 788-3110                  Hillsboro 636-5500                  Hatton 543-3013</p>		 <p>Portland 788-3791                  Mayville 788-9030                  www.ffbnk.com</p>
 <p>www.mayportinsurance.com                  1-800-448-7999</p>		<p><b>Securian Financial Advisor of ND, Inc.</b>                  124 Center Ave SO (located in First &amp; Farmers Bank,                  Mayville, ND) 701-788-6100</p>