



# ST. HELENA ST. PATRICK *E*

WELCOME TO OUR PARISHES!



## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT



A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him.  
- Jn 1:6-7

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### Holiday Mass Times O Come Let Us Adore Him

Thursday 12/24—Christmas Eve, 5:00 pm, St. Patrick

Thursday 12/24—Christmas Eve, 9:00 pm, St. Helena

Friday 12/25—Christmas Day, 8:30 am, St. Helena

Sat-Sun 12/26-27—Holy Family, *Regular Sunday Schedule*

Thursday 12/31—Mary Mother of God, 5:30 pm, St. Helena

Friday 1/1—Mary Mother of God, 9:00 am, St. Patrick

Sat-Sun 1/2-3—Epiphany of the Lord, *Regular Sunday Schedule*

Should I get vaccinated? Insert included in this bulletin.



## ST. HELENA PARISH

### Mass Schedule

**Saturday** (vigil) 5pm, St. Helena

**Sunday** 8:30am (1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays)

10:30am (2nd, 4th Sundays)

**Tue–Fri** 8:00am

### Confession Schedule

**Saturday** 3:30–4:30pm

**Sunday** Before 8:30 am mass (1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays)

**Tuesday** 7:00–8:00pm

**Tues–Fri** Before 8:00 am daily Mass | By appointment, call parish office



## ST. PATRICK PARISH

### Mass Schedule

**Sunday** 10:30am

(1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays)

8:30 am (2nd, 4th Sundays)

**Thursday** 9:00am

### Confession Schedule

**Sundays** after 10:30 am Mass

By appointment - call parish office

## FROM OUR PASTOR

### Away with Advent (II)

Dear friends in Christ,

*Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay close by me forever, and love me, I pray.*

The third verse of *Away in a manger* reminds me of cling-wrap (no brand names here!) If you are like me, the box of wrap sometimes ends up on the floor and the intended piece is balled-up and thrown across the kitchen like a touchdown pass! A better invention to cut the plastic wrap could make millions.

Silliness aside, let's consider the words of this verse in light of the third week of Advent. The rose-colored candle on the wreath, the bright-colored garb of the priest may well seem trivial. Small things might go unnoticed; yet seemingly insignificant things can have a big impact (like a good cutter on a box of cling-wrap!)

When singing the third verse of *Away in a manger*, think about that box of cling-wrap: the product is sometimes useful, other times it becomes a source of frustration. We desire Jesus to be near us, and then life happens, the balled-up mess of everything gets in the way!

Three words from this Christmas song

are significant: near, close, forever.

Consider Joseph and Mary, and how they were near to each other in difficulties, and how Joseph's closeness to Mary was a protection for her. Also, I wonder if they knew their Son would impact the world forever? This word game is more than just play.

Today's Scripture readings challenge us. The prophet Isaiah speaks about the spirit of the Lord resting upon him; Saint Paul exhorts us to rejoice always, pray without ceasing and to give thanks in all circumstances. John the Baptist answers a battery of personal identity questions in the Gospel. Is it possible to integrate all of this in my own spiritual life?

*Enable, complete, cleanse.* These words are found in the prayers at Mass today. We begin by asking God to enable us to attain the joys of salvation. We ask Him to complete what he began in mystery. And we conclude with the petition to be cleansed from our faults.

So today we see a touch of pink, a dash of rose. unnoticed, insignificant, or trivial? Perhaps. But sometimes a little touch of color goes a long way.

Fr. Asselin



# ADVENT



HOPE. LOVE. JOY. PEACE.

## PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR |

- 12/15—Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions, 7:00-8:00 pm (St. H)
- 12/16—Parish Penance Service 6:30 pm (St. H)
- 12/22—Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions, 7:00-8:00 pm (St. H)

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You think life has a purpose? Either life is an accident or a beautiful mystery. Does prayer change me or change God's plans?

The Search is a 7-part series to answer these questions and the deepest longings of our hearts. Join us at 10am on Saturday mornings, beginning January 2<sup>nd</sup>. Interested in forming a small study group with friends? Resources are available for you. Contact Fr. Asselin for information.

### The upcoming Mass Schedule...

#### *A short word from father*

As we approach the celebration of Christmas and the Christmas season, I offer the following

clarifications. As I write this, the Bishop of Fargo has not changed the COVID guidelines. Thus the Sunday obligation remains lifted. Thankfully our state government hasn't strong-armed us out of being able to gather for Mass! Therefore, some considerations include: Christmas is a distinct Holy Day from Sunday, the Holy Family. Therefore, attending both is the proper way to fulfill the requirement (although that requirement is lifted this year). The same rule applies for the Holy Day of Mary, Mother of God on Jan. 1 and the Epiphany of the Lord. The Mass schedule is listed above. What a blessing we have to participate in the Mass—the greatest prayer this side of heaven!

### REDEEMED Trusted Sisters Women's Conference:

Mark your calendar: The REDEEMED Women's Conference

has been rescheduled for Feb 19-20, 2021 at the Delta Hotel in Fargo. Featured speakers will include Dr. Helen Alvaré, Dr. James Link, Marcie Stockman (foundress of Well Read Mom), and Andrea Thomas of the Vigil Project. The event will also include performances and worship led by the Vigil Project. This conference will be available to attend both in person as well as via livestream. More information at: [fargodiocese.org/redeemedwom](http://fargodiocese.org/redeemedwom)

### Connect with us on FLOCKNOTE

Our parish is using Flocknote to communicate important information about parish events. Receive text messages or emails, join the groups you want. You can Text to Join. Text the word: Helena to: 84576 Uno the sheep is waiting for you to join!



## ST HELENA MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Dec 19 & Dec 20 5:00pm 8:30am

Usher	Matt Thorpe	Austin Flynn
Collection		Rick Ulmer
Lector	Volunteer	Daryl Monette
EMHC		
Gift Bearers		
Altar Servers	Courtney D, Carson D	Anton C, Ivan C

## WEEKLY GIVING

December 6

Adult	\$2902.
Children	\$5.
Plate	\$10.
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2917.</b>

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## ST. PATRICK MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday December 20 (10:30 am)

Lector	Gene
Gift Carriers	Allen and Pat
Altar Servers	Kate , Liam

For the Month of December

Breakfast Server	Alana and Linda
Collection Counters	Allen Glynn and Steve
Church Cleaners	Megan, Geri and Ruby
Altar Society Meeting	Following Mass on Dec 13

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## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

### Tue. Dec 15

8:00 am †Jarmin Bohl

### Wed. Dec 16

8:00 am Bernie Leclerc

### Thu. Dec 17

8:00 am (St. H) Brecken Fettig

9:00 am (St. P) Masyn Gross

### Fri. Dec 18

8:00 am †Bert Schumacher

### Sat. Dec 19

5:00 pm †Dianne Schlichtmann

### Sun. Dec 20

8:30 am (St. H) †Margaret Gross

10:30 am (St. P) For the Parishioners

### God's Gift Appeal 2020

#### *Seek First the Kingdom of God*

Report as of 12/4/2020

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### Please Pray

*...for all who are sick, elderly or alone*

Dennis Horsager, Joanne Brokaw,  
 Loretta Dingwall, Linda Siro, Cindy Kelly  
 Heupel, Edna Scherman, Val Hunt,  
 Carla Engelstad, Susan Lacina, Richard  
 Rodlund.

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 added to, or removed from this list please  
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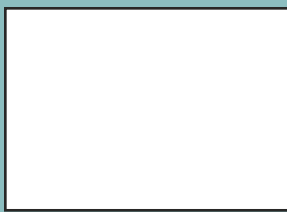
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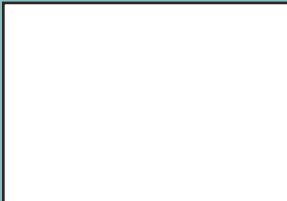
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