

From the Pastor: The Liturgy of the Word, Part 1

by Fr. Joseph Evinger

I will be covering the section of the Liturgy of the Word in two parts as I continue this series on the Holy Mass—one this week and the other after Christmas.

The biblical readings at Mass are assigned by the Church in relation to the season which she is celebrating: Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, Ordinary Time and Feast Days. On Sundays the first reading is usually taken from the Old Testament, followed by a Psalm, a reading from the New Testament, and then finally a reading from one of the Gospels. These are identical at every Roman Catholic Church across the world.

Because of its necessity to convert and nourish our hearts Sacred Scripture fills the first portion of the Mass. “In Sacred Scripture, the Church constantly finds her nourishment and her strength, for she welcomes it not as a human word, ‘but as what it really is, the word of God.” (CCC, 104) Paul, addressing the Hebrews, states this about Scripture, “Indeed, the word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating even between soul and spirit, joints and marrow, and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart.” (Hebrews 4:12) Oh, the importance of this first part of Mass that we may be always nourished and reminded of the call to conversion. Yet unless we have faith in God we could week after week hear these readings from Scripture without changing our lives in the least way. God’s grace would bounce off us like water off a duck’s back. Faith and attentiveness to God’s word is quite essential for his grace to penetrate our soul and body that we may be formed into holy men and women. May we allow his word to penetrate us this week and always.



Rejoice: Meditations with Joseph: Join us each Sunday morning during Advent for this program which help experience the first Advent with Joseph and Mary, as they await the birth of their son, Jesus, the Savior of the world. We will meet at 9:15 a.m. in the St. Joseph, Killdeer Gathering Space for discussion & a short video. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Wheeling or Nancy Tuhy.

3rd Sunday of Advent



*St. Joseph’s Church – Twin Buttes
St. Paul’s Church – Halliday*



St. Joseph’s Church – Killdeer

December 15, 2019



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If you would like to know more about any of our parishes feel free to check us out at stjosephkilldeer.com to obtain additional information. We are glad you are here!

Clergy and Staff:

Pastor Fr. Joseph Evinger
Deacon Dan Tuhy
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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE & MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, December 16

No Mass

TUESDAY, December 17

Eucharistic Exposition 6:00 PM

Mass (Killdeer) +Bertha Kralicek by Mary & Bob Wheeling 7:00 PM

Wednesday, December 18

Mass (Killdeer) +Ruby Benz by Deacon Dan & Nancy Tuhy 7:30 AM

Advent Penance Service (Killdeer) 7:00 PM

THURSDAY, December 19

Mass(Killdeer) +Mary Hansen by Sharon Hansen 7:30 AM

Mass(Hilltop)..... +Jack & Margaret Mittelstadt by Beverly Mittelstadt10:30 AM

FRIDAY, December 20

Mass (Killdeer) +Marjorie Hanson by Regina Romanyshyn 7:30 AM

SATURDAY, December 21

Confessions (Killdeer) 4:45 – 5:15 PM

Mass (Killdeer)..... +Lena Naumann by Tom & Deanna Steffan 5:30 PM

SUNDAY, December 22

Confessions (Halliday) 7:30 - 7:50 AM

Mass (Halliday) Rolly and Maggie Gleich 8:00 AM

Confessions (Killdeer) 10:00 - 10:15 AM

Mass (Killdeer) Parishioners of St. Joseph's Parishes and St. Paul's 10:30 AM

Mass (Twin Buttes) Diana Tomlin 2:00 PM Central

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, Dec. 21- Killdeer

Reader: David Leier

EME: Dona Lowman, Jim Lowman

Altar Servers: Andrew, Matthew, Grace Fritel

Sunday, Dec. 22

Halliday

Reader: Charlotte Rohde

EME: Charlotte Rohde, Charlotte Neurohr

Killdeer

Readers: Erika Bauer, Sarah McFadden

EME: Janet Schmalz, Jerry Tuhy

Altar Servers: Keith Dukart, Michael Dukart,

Aerol Palingpingan

Twin Buttes

Reader: Lori Fredericks

EME: Diana Tomlin

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Sunday Offering Dec. 8, 2019

St. Joseph's, Killdeer.....	\$3704.65
St. Paul's, Halliday.....	\$702.00
St. Joseph's, Twin Buttes.....	\$5201.00

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

Holy Father's Intention: That every country take the measures necessary to prioritize the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.

Living: Richard Jambor, James Miller, Brenda Zastoupil, Matthew Rambur, Jeff Kilzer, Tim Knopik, Carolyn Neurohr, Alicia Benz, Mike Lee, Gladys Spelevoy, Don Dukart, Pat Hawkinson, Sadie Ridl, Darryl Binstock, Roland Gleich, Brenda Kralicek, Josh Sand, Garrett Houghton, JoAnn Schillo, Lila Kalvoda, Dale Ell.

Parish Council: St. Joseph's, Killdeer Parish Council will meet Tues. evening, Dec. 17, after the 7:00 p.m. Mass.

Warm Hands, Warm Hearts: There will be handmade mittens for sale following the two weekend Masses in Killdeer. Suggested donation is \$25.00 per pair and all proceeds go to help with costs for sending our youth to the 2020 March for Life in Washington D.C.

Catholic Classes: Next class will meet Thursday, December 19 at 6:30 p.m.

Advent Confessions: Our Advent Penance Service at St. Joseph's, Killdeer will be at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, December 18. Priests from Dickinson will be here to assist in the hearing of confessions. Please mark your calendars for this beautiful opportunity of grace.

2020 Calendars Available: The Official Catholic Calendars featuring Feasts and Saints have arrived. They are available at the entrance of the church. Please take one home.

Special Collection - Retirement Fund for Religious: Envelopes are available at the entrance of the church through December 15th. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide prescription medications, nursing care, and more. Please be generous and give to those who have given for a lifetime.

End of Year Giving: With the tax year coming to a close, some of you may be interested in giving to your parish. At St. Joseph's in Killdeer we have two projects we're working on, the parish life center and new rectory project, and the stained glass windows. If you would like to give to either cause just simply write in the memo on the check Building Fund or Stained Glass Windows to whichever you wish to give. At St. Paul's in Halliday we will have to solve the bathroom accessibility situation in the near future. Simply write Building Fund in the memo if you wish to give to this cause. At St. Joseph's in Twin Buttes we have the building of the addition projected to begin in April. Simply write Building Fund in the check memo. Thank you for your generosity.

Christmas Mass Schedule:

Vigil Mass - Dec. 24

Killdeer 4:00 PM

Twin Buttes 7:30 PM CT

Christmas Day - Dec. 25

Killdeer 12:00 Midnight

Halliday 8:30 AM

Killdeer 10:30 AM

Jan. 1 - Mary Holy Mother of God

(Holy Day of Obligation)

Vigil Mass - Dec. 31

Killdeer 5:30 PM

January 1

Halliday 8:00 AM

Killdeer 10:30 AM

Twin Buttes 2:00 PM CT