

# Saint George Church Morse Bluff

260 Short Street  
Weekend Masses: Saturday @ 6:00 p.m.  
1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays @ 10:00 a.m.  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays @ 8:00 a.m.  
**Coffee and rolls: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month**

# First Sunday of Advent December 2, 2018

*To Know, Love, and Serve God*

# Sacred Heart Church Cedar Hill

2750 County Road 27  
Sunday Masses:  
1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays @ 8:00 a.m.  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays @ 10:00 a.m.  
**Coffee and rolls: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month**

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## LITURGY SCHEDULE:

## MASS INTENTIONS:

## FEAST DAY:

Day	Date	Time	Parish	Intention	Feast Day
Monday	3 Dec	6:00 p.m.	St. George	+Lorin, Nadine & Larry Racek, and Lorna Pelan	St. Francis Xavier
Tuesday	4 Dec	7:00 a.m.	St. George	+Bob & Dorothy Meduna	
Wednesday	5 Dec	7:00 a.m.	St. George	+All Souls Day Intention	
Thursday	6 Dec	7:00 a.m.	St. George	+All Souls Day Intention	
Friday	7 Dec	7:00 a.m.	Sacred Heart	+Loretta Snitily	St. Ambrose
		6:00 p.m.	St. George	For our parishioners (Missa pro populo)	Immaculate Conception
Saturday	8 Dec	8:00 a.m.	Sacred Heart	Sanctification of Families	of Blessed Virgin Mary
		6:00 p.m.	St. George	Diane Brabec Intention	Second
Sunday	9 Dec	8:00 a.m.	St. George	For our parishioners (Missa pro populo)	Sunday of
		10:00 a.m.	Sacred Heart	Sacred Heart Altar Society Living/+Deceased	Advent

**Parish Confession Schedule:** Confessions usually heard 30 minutes before all weekend Masses, ending 5-10 minutes before Mass. (Confessions before the 10:00 a.m. Mass may be shortened because of priest's travel time between parishes.)

**Please indicate -Bulletin- in the Subject line to:** [dhunt@gtmc.net](mailto:dhunt@gtmc.net), [st.gmb@nntc.net](mailto:st.gmb@nntc.net)

**Mass Times for USA parishes:** <http://www.masstimes.org/>

**Parishes:** <http://stgmbne.com>



## SUNDAY LITURGICAL MINISTERS/SERVERS:

Parish	Date	Time	Reader	Acolyte	Server(s)
St. George	Saturday	8 Dec 6:00 pm	Steve Minarick		
St. George	Sunday	9 Dec 8:00 am	Linda Minarick	Dan Bauer	
Sacred Heart	Sunday	9 Dec 10:00 am	Jim Nemeč	Jeff Bauer	

## Announcements

### Class in the Catholic Faith – Symbolon (Formed.org)

Monday: December 3, 6:45 – 8:00 pm (Q&A 7:45 pm)  
Session 9: **Catholic Social Teaching – Building a Civilization of Love**  
Have you ever heard the expression “Actions speak louder than words?”  
Christians have believed that since the very beginning. In the Acts of the Apostles, we read how Jesus’s disciples served the poor, aided the sick, tended to the widows and orphans, confronted the evils of the day, and generally went about building a civilization of love.  
Then, as the Faith spread and became more accepted, people began to reflect more on the reasons behind their actions to discuss what makes Christian living so different from the rest of the world. Over the next 2,000 years, this combination of practical action and contemplation has formed the basis of what is called Catholic social teaching. This tradition has much to offer the world today as it faces a wide range of social, economic, and cultural issues such as abortion, poverty, immigration, healthcare, and marriage in the family. Catholic social teaching affects the way we act every day in our families, our places of work, our communities, and ultimately in the entire world. What’s more, Catholic social teaching isn’t just for Catholics. It embodies Christ’s message to serve and is meant for the entire world. It is the love of neighbor in concrete action, united to build a civilization of love. **This Session Will Cover**



- How the Church’s social teaching helps us love one another as Christ loves us
- How we are called to imitate Jesus in serving the people around us: in our families, workplaces, churches, and local communities
- How serving and caring for others, especially the poor, is a key characteristic of being a disciple of Christ
- How some of the greatest poverty in the world is not material poverty, but a poverty of love, or what Pope Francis calls a “poverty of relationships”
- The ways that Catholic social teaching affects our lives today and helps us to apply the Gospel to the many social issues we face
- The call to responsibility to encounter and care for the poor and the most vulnerable around us

**The Bishop’s Appeal for Vocations,** I sent a letter with a copy of the vocation brochure and a copy of your donation card. I hope you will display the vocation brochure. It can remind us for the need to pray for seminarian and religious. Our prayer for their holiness also grows the love of God in us. Please, use the donation information as a reminder to help support the education of seminarians. It is good that we have everyone involved and the prayers and financial assistance of our seminarians. Remember how Jesus observed the poor widow’s gift of two small coins into the treasury: “It is not the greatness of the gift but the greatness of the sacrifice.” Thank you for your generosity.

**Please pray for:** Philip Thomas Hanigan, St. Gregory the Great Seminary, College 4 3S, Richard & Linda Hanigan b. 2/24/97

--- Postponed --- **St. John the Baptist, Prague, “Sip ‘n Shop”**  
Holiday Craft Fair & Wine Tasting: **Sunday, December 9** at St. John’s Parish Hall from 9 am to 3 pm. The hall will be full, with over 40 crafters and vendors! Come enjoy the wine tasting. Bottles of wine will also be available for sale – perfect for Christmas gifts and your holiday meals. The coffee will be on early so drop by for a kolache in the morning. Lunch will be served throughout the day. Free Admission!

**Update: Pro-Life Collection for those in Need** – new pamphlets with revised & updated information are in the back of each Church. This includes updated info on the St. Mother Teresa Homeless Center at CSS. Contact Lynn Nemeč (402-666-0799) or Patrice Hines (402-666-9292) if you have questions. Also, some member of the Sacred Heart Altar Society are making a special effort to assemble “care-packages” for the homeless, there is a round basket in back of Sacred Heart Church if you would like to donate supplies for care-packages (suggestions for care packages items are included in the new Pamphlets.)

**Post Prom Breakfast** Sunday, Dec. 8:30 – 12:00, St. Charles Parish Center, Nokrth Bend. Sponsored by Knights of Columbus #3736 and Post Prom Committee

**John's Holiday Fair and Soup Supper** Sunday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> 821  
Denver St., Schuyler, NE. All you can eat soup: 4 -7 pm  
Shopper's Mall, Bake Sale (10:30-7:00), Silent Auction

**Praying For Our Priests** [prayingforourpriests.org/free-prayer-resources](http://prayingforourpriests.org/free-prayer-resources)

"The priest is a gift from the Heart of Christ: a gift for the Church and for the world." - Pope Benedict XVI at the close of the Year for Priests

**Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House** - upcoming weekend retreats of interest to all men and women. Learn more at [goodcounselretreat.com](http://goodcounselretreat.com) or call 402-786-2705 **Dec. 14-16**, Bishop Conley and Fr. Coulter "The Mysteries of Christmas"

**Heads Up:** Scott Hahn Reflects on the First Sunday of Advent  
*Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:4-5,8-10,14; 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2; Luke 21:25-28, 34-36*

Every Advent, the Liturgy of the Word gives our sense of time a reorientation. There's a deliberate tension in the next four weeks' readings—between promise and fulfillment, expectation and deliverance, between looking forward and looking back.

In today's First Reading, the prophet Jeremiah focuses our gaze on the promise God made to David, some 1,000 years before Christ. God says through the prophet that He will fulfill this promise by raising up a "just shoot," a righteous offspring of David, who will rule Israel in justice (see 2 Samuel 7:16; Jeremiah 33:17; Psalm 89:4-5; 27-38).

Today's Psalm, too, sounds the theme of Israel's ancient expectation: "Guide me in Your truth and teach Me. For You are God my Savior and for You I will wait all day."

We look back on Israel's desire and anticipation knowing that God has already made good on those promises by sending His only Son into the world. Jesus is the "just shoot," the God and Savior for Whom Israel was waiting.

Knowing that He is a God who keeps His promises lends grave urgency to the words of Jesus in today's Gospel.

Urging us to keep watch for His return in glory, He draws on Old Testament images of chaos and instability—turmoil in the heavens (see Isaiah 13:11,13; Ezekiel 32:7-8; Joel 2:10); roaring seas (see Isaiah 5:30; 17:12); distress among the nations (see Isaiah 8:22/14:25) and terrified people (see Isaiah 13:6-11).

He evokes the prophet Daniel's image of the Son of Man coming on a cloud of glory to describe His return as a "theophany," a manifestation of God (see Daniel 7:13-14).

Many will cower and be literally scared to death. But Jesus says we should greet the end-times with heads raised high, confident that God keeps His promises, that our "redemption is at hand," that "the kingdom of God is near" (see Luke 21:31).

**Creighton Model NFP Introductory** Sessions held throughout the Diocese. Single women, engaged or married couples are welcome to attend to learn more about this revolutionary form of women's health tracking and natural family planning. Sessions meet Diocesan requirements for marriage prep. For more information visit [www.lincolndiocese.org/nfp](http://www.lincolndiocese.org/nfp)

**Smart Planning, Generous Giving** There are so many opportunities and ways to give to the organizations that are important to you. Our job is to make it easy for you to understand. Let The Catholic Foundation of Southern Nebraska show you how you can fulfill a dream to give and still provide for the financial needs of your family. Call 402.488.2142 to learn more. 3700 Sheridan Blvd, Ste. 9 | Lincoln, NE 68506 | [www.catholicgift.org](http://www.catholicgift.org)

**Marriage Help** – Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you too. For confidential information about or to register for the program being offered Feb 15- 17, 2019, in Schuyler, Nebraska call 1-800-470 -2230 or check the web site [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org). Feb 5<sup>th</sup> is the last day to sign up for Retrouvaille.

**National Suicide Prevention Lifeline** We can all help prevent suicide. The Lifeline provides 24/7, free and confidential support for people in distress, prevention and crisis resources for you or your loved ones, and best practices for professionals.

1-800-273-8255 --- <https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org>

# Encounter Jesus

## This Advent, Be Shaken Awake

*User's Guide to Sunday, Dec. 2, the First Sunday of Advent, By Claire Dwyer, Sunday, Dec. 2, is the First Sunday of Advent. Mass Readings: Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14; 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2; Luke 21:25-28, 34-36.*

"Advent is a time of being deeply shaken, so that man will wake up to himself." — Alfred Delp, Jesuit priest and martyr

This week we enter into Advent, the season anticipating the birth of Christ. As the world bursts into a flurry of celebratory activity, however, the Church gives us a Gospel not of a joyful Annunciation of a virgin birth, but a warning of the earth-shattering Second Coming.

Jesus has just foretold the destruction of the Temple, the crushing of Jerusalem as God's judgment upon Israel, and the definitive end of the Old Covenant. Everything the Jews have known, even the glory of the Temple, will crumble and collapse.

And now in the Gospel Jesus prophesies further, telling of his second coming, when the "powers of the heavens will be shaken." This time — the end of time — is something to watch for with close attention. "Be vigilant at all times," Jesus warns his disciples, and "pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man."

It's a sobering thought. And it begs the question: What is Advent for, really? Is it a kind of pre-Christmas? Party after party tells us Yes. No, we are told by our faith, even as the culture breaks into Christmas carols. It is a time of keeping our heads up and our eyes on the East, even while allowing our inner temples to tremble. It's actually a penitential time to reset and rewind our interior clocks to the holy reality of wait, even as the world has fast-forwarded to the feast. We do this "so as to strengthen your hearts, to be blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones," Paul prays in the second reading.

It's a time for quiet attention, and if we "become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life," we might miss Jesus altogether. While not begrudging the giddy excitement of the season, there simply must be attentiveness to the work of God in the soul as he plants his seeds of promise. "Guide me in your truth, and teach me," we might say under our breaths with the psalmist, even while wrapping and baking, "for you are God my savior, and for you I wait all the day."

After centuries of expectation, even after Scripture after Scripture foretold him, even after Gentile scholars knew to look for this King from the East, still, Jesus slipped into the world with such gentleness that most missed him. He won't crash our parties. He waits for us as much as we wait for him. And in that expectant hush of Advent, we will find him, even if the quiet is only in our hearts.

Even more, the leaning towers of the cities of our souls must sometimes be leveled in order to see him in the sky, just as in Jerusalem the old makes way for the new.

Every temple we've built around sin must be torn down for the coming of Christ. We allow ourselves to be conquered by love and submit to the sufferings such surrender brings. It's beautiful, this season of waiting, but it's meant to sting a little, too. Waiting and longing is meant to be a type of purifying. The entire feast of Christmas itself will be that much sweeter after a bit of sacrifice — when our senses aren't dulled and drowsy by months of merry-making.

Christ came to us, emptying himself. We must come to Christmas the same way. Lord, help us live Advent with hearts alert, quiet and expectant.

*Claire Dwyer blogs about saints, spirituality and the sacred every day at [EventheSparrow.com](http://EventheSparrow.com) and contributes regularly to [WomenofGrace.com](http://WomenofGrace.com), [CatholicMom.com](http://CatholicMom.com) and [EndowGroups.org](http://EndowGroups.org). She is editor of [SpiritualDirection.com](http://SpiritualDirection.com) and coordinates adult faith formation at her parish in Phoenix, where she lives with her husband and their six children.*

**The Annual Mass of the Holy Innocents** - celebrated on Friday, December 28th. All are invited to attend this Memorial Mass, especially those families who have suffered the loss of a baby through miscarriage, stillbirth, infant death or abortion. Reading of names will begin at 6:30 p.m. with Mass at 7:00 p.m. at John XXIII Diocesan Center Chapel, 3700 Sheridan Blvd., Lincoln. If you would like your child's name to be remembered & placed on the banner for this year, please call the Office of Family Life at 473-0620 before 5:00 p.m. on Dec. 19th. If you placed your child's name previously, it will remain on the list.