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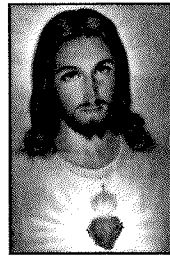
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**Second Sunday of Advent**

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## The Road Home: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Second Sunday of Advent

Today's Psalm paints a dreamlike scene—a road filled with liberated captives heading home to Zion (Jerusalem), mouths filled with laughter, tongues rejoicing.

It's a glorious picture from Israel's past, a "new exodus," the deliverance from exile in Babylon. It's being recalled in a moment of obvious uncertainty and anxiety. But the psalmist isn't waxing nostalgic.

Remembering "the Lord has done great things" in the past, he is making an act of faith and hope—that God will come to Israel in its present need, that He'll do even greater things in the future.

This is what the Advent readings are all about: We recall God's saving deeds—in the history of Israel and in the coming of Jesus. Our remembrance is meant to stir our faith, to fill us with confidence that, as today's Epistle puts it, "the one who began a good work in [us] will continue to complete it" until He comes again in glory.

Each of us, the Liturgy teaches, is like Israel in her exile—led into captivity by our sinfulness, in need of restoration and conversion by the Word of the Holy One. The lessons of salvation history should teach us that, as God again and again delivered Israel, in His mercy He will free us from our attachments to sin if we turn to Him in repentance. That's the message of John, introduced in today's Gospel as the last of the great prophets. But John is greater than the prophets. He's preparing the way not only for a new redemption of Israel but for the salvation of "all flesh".

John quotes Isaiah (40:3) to tell us he's come to build a road home for us, a way out of the wilderness of sin and alienation from God. It's a road we'll follow Jesus down, a journey we'll make, as today's First Reading puts it, "rejoicing that [we're] remembered by God."

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### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	Dec. 7	5:00 pm (Minto)	For all parishioners of Minto & Warsaw.	
Sunday	Dec. 8	8:30 am (Minto)	+ LaVerne Mahar Costello by Lucas Mondry.	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b>
		10:30 am (Warsaw)	+ Dawn Wosick by George Wosick.	
Vigil Mass—Immaculate Conception		7:00 pm (Minto)	For all parishioners of Minto & Warsaw.	<b>Vigil Mass for the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
Monday Immaculate Conception	Dec. 9	7:30 am (Minto)	+ Mary Ellen Kangas by Nick & Lynn Lane.	<b>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary – A Holy Day of Obligation</b>
		7:00 pm (Warsaw)	+ Leona Ebertowski by Norleen Lane.	<b>Our Lady of Loreto</b>
Tuesday	Dec. 10	7:30 am (Warsaw)	+ Fr. Joseph Gregory by Ernestine Ebertowski.	
Wednesday	Dec. 11	8:00 am (Minto)	+ Ken & Faye Barta by Jimmy & Breanna Barta family.	<i>St. Damasus I, Pope</i>
Thursday	Dec. 12	8:00 am (Minto)	+ Joyce Lutovsky by Kimball & Julie Lutovsky.	<i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>
Friday	Dec. 13	8:00 am (Minto)	+ Marilyn Gerszewski.	<i>St. Lucy, Virgin &amp; Martyr</i>
Saturday	Dec. 14	8:00 am (Minto)	+ Fr. Gerald Myers.	<i>St. John of the Cross, Priest &amp; Doctor of the Church</i>
		5:00 pm (Minto)	+ John J. & Madeline Schanilec by Jim Schanilec family.	
Sunday	Dec. 15	8:30 am (Minto)	For all parishioners of Minto & Warsaw.	<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b>
		10:30 am (Warsaw)	+ Roger Feltman by John & Kristine Risky.	

**CONFESSIONS** Sat. 3:45-4:55 pm (Minto), 1/2 hour before weekday Mass, & anytime... just call.  
Also Confession Time: 1/2 hour before Sunday Masses.

**WEEKLY OFFERING** December 1, 2024: **Minto** = \$2,389. **Warsaw** = \$2,557.

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

**MINTO: Saturday, December 14: Altar Servers:** Jacob Hefta, Kole Kittelson, Jack Lane. **Lector:** Stephanie Nice.

**Sunday, December 15: Altar Servers:** Isaac & Liam Hefta. **Lector:** Keith Zikmund

**WARSAW: Sun., Dec. 8: Altar Servers:** Krystian Gudajtes, James Vandal, Julian Risky, Joseph Sands. **Lector:** Trevor Slominski.

**Sunday, December 15: Altar Servers:** Andrew Riske and Blake, Brayden, & Bennett Lizakowski. **Lector:** Trevor Slominski.

## ALL PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION:** Since December 8 falls on a Sunday this year, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary has been transferred to Monday, **December 9**, and along with it, the obligation to attend Mass. Mass times for the Immaculate Conception are Sunday, Dec. 8, 7:00pm at Sacred Heart, Minto. Monday, Dec. 9, 7:30am at Sacred Heart, Minto, and 7:00pm at St. Stanislaus in Warsaw. The Sun., Dec. 8, 7:00pm Mass does **NOT** fulfill both your Sunday obligation and your holy day obligation to attend Mass.

**CHRISTMAS MASSES: St. Stanislaus, Warsaw:** Christmas Eve Mass on Tues., Dec. 24, will be at **7:30 p.m.** (Fr. Christensen) and the Christmas Day Mass on Wed., Dec. 25, will be at **10:30 a.m.** (Fr. Moen). **Sacred Heart, Minto:** Christmas Eve Mass on Tues., Dec. 24, will be at **10:00 p.m.** (Fr. Moen) and the Christmas Day Mass on Wed., Dec. 25, will be at **8:30 a.m.** (Fr. Moen).

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE PROCESSION** at **Warsaw** and at **Minto** on Tuesday, **Dec. 24**, at the beginning of the Christmas Eve Masses. Children should meet in the church basement 20 minutes before Mass to get into their costumes.

**ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE** will be on Sun., **Dec. 15, 4:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church, Minto**, for both parishes together. Other area Reconciliation Services will be Sun, **Dec. 8**, at 4:00 pm at St. John's in Grafton; Sun., **Dec. 15**, 12 noon at St. John Nepomucene, Pisek.

**WARSAW PNA LODGE** will distribute blessed Oplatek wafers ("sharing wafers" - Polish custom at Christmas time) at BOTH parishes. Look for them in the church entry on **Sunday, Dec. 15 & Dec. 22**. Please share with your family.

**DONATIONS:** Please make all 2024 donations for the church by **Dec. 31, 2024**. Donations must either be received or postmarked by Dec. 31 to be included as 2024 donations.

**RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS COLLECTION** on **December 7 & 8**. Please support those who have given a lifetime. Women and men religious have dedicated their lives to service—praying, teaching, and caring for those in need—usually for little to no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your donation provides for the essential care, medicine, and daily needs of thousands of senior women and men religious. Please give generously. Envelopes are in your boxed set of envelopes or use your own envelope marked Retirement Fund for Religious and include your name and parish if you so wish.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:** Envelopes for Christmas flowers were attached to a previous bulletin. Please return the envelope or your own plain white envelope clearly marked "Christmas Flowers" by putting it in the collection basket any time starting now. Donations can also be mailed to the parish office, PO Box 316, Minto ND 58261. Please indicate which parish your donation is for, your name if you so wish, and if it is a memorial, in whose memory your donation is given. If no parish is indicated, the donation will go to the parish (Minto or Warsaw) at which you are a registered member or to the parish at which it is received. Thank you for helping our churches look beautiful for Christmas!

**HIGH SCHOOL RELIGIOUS ED. CLASSES** for grades 9-12 will be on Wed., **Dec. 11**.

**RELIGIOUS ED. CLASSES** for grades **K-8** on Wed., **Dec. 18**, 6:30-7:45 p.m. at St. Stanislaus Church in Warsaw.

**SACRED HEART CHURCH, MINTO**, will be providing the entertainment and lunch for the **monthly birthday party at the Lutheran Sunset Home in Grafton**, on **Thurs., Dec. 12**. Program at **2:00pm** followed by a lunch of open-face sandwiches and Christmas goodies. All are welcome to attend this free event. If you would like to join the choir in singing Christmas carols (People of all ages are welcome.), please be at the Sunset Home dining room by 1:45pm. **Everyone is invited to watch the program or to sing**. If you have any questions, you may call the parish office at 248-3589.

**2025 CALENDARS** have been set out in back of both churches. Please pick them up.

**THE WORD AMONG US BOOKLETS FOR ADVENT** have been set out in back of our churches. Please pick up a copy.

**THE ADVENT GIVING TREE** will be up in Minto and in Warsaw **through Dec. 15**. Please take a tag and return a gift in a gift bag. Gifts must be new. These gifts will go to **Walsh County Social Services** to be distributed to those in need. Also there are tags for the **Walsh County Food Pantry** at St. John's Church in Grafton. No outdated items or open packages please. Food pantry items do not have to be put into gift bags. **Needed are all types of soups, bar soap, dish soap, shampoo, deodorant, canned meats, canned vegetables, Jello, pudding, pasta, women's hygiene products.** The final batch of gifts and food pantry items will be taken to Grafton on **Dec. 16**. On Mon., Dec. 2, 75 gift bags were taken to Walsh County Social Services from Sacred Heart and St. Stanislaus Parishes. Many of the gift bags had several items in them. Thank you to all for your generosity.

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN—Living Our Faith, Building Our Future:** It is not too late to make a donation or a pledge. As of Dec. 5, Sacred Heart was 65.64% towards its goal of \$157,089. with 25.90% participation. St. Stanislaus was 119.68% towards its goal of \$121,884. with 31.82% participation. Please make checks payable to Living Our Faith, Building Our Future. You may mail your donation directly to the Diocese of Fargo or you may put your Living Our Faith envelope into the collection basket.

**CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA** Sun., **Dec 8**, 10:30am-2:00pm, St. John the Evangelist Church, Grafton. Lunch of pulled pork sandwiches & French fries (free will donation), Mini-affle, Silent Auction, Bake Sale, Ice Cream Sundaes, and Santa too. Everyone is welcome!

**GOLDEN AGE CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY** Sun., **Dec. 8**, 1:00-5:00pm, Golden Age Club house, Minto. Bingo at 3:00pm. Potluck supper at 4:00pm.

**THE SALVATION ARMY** will be accepting donations at the Forest River Café, Friday, **December 13**, from 7:00am – 1:00pm and at the Minto Post Office, Saturday, **December 14**, from 7:00am – 1:00pm.

**CHRISTMAS COOKIE WALK** Sat., **December 14**, 9:30am-11:00am, St. Mary's Catholic Church basement, 216 Belmont Road, Grand Forks. All of your Christmas cookie baking done for you. All homemade. \$9.00/lb. Containers are provided. Breads & specialty items sold separately. Enjoy cider and coffee! Sponsored by St. Mary's Social Concerns.

## MINTO

**THANK YOU** for the following donations: **St. Patrick's Cemetery:** In memory of **Eugene & Arlene Mach** by Kimball & Julie Lutovsky.

**ST. NICHOLAS DAY** is on Sun., **Dec. 8**. St. Nick will be visiting at the end of the 8:30am Mass and will be handing out treats to children of all ages.

**A LIGHT BREAKFAST** will be served after the 8:30am Mass on Sunday, **Dec. 8**, Sacred Heart Church basement, Minto. Menu: breakfast sandwiches, tater tots, fruit, quick breads, muffins, juice, coffee. All are invited to come downstairs after St. Nick's visit and **enjoy some Christmas cheer**. Sponsored by the Sacred Heart Altar Society. This is a **FREE event**. Everyone is welcome!!

**2025 OFFERING ENVELOPES** have been set out in the entry of the church. Please pick up your boxed set of envelopes for 2025.

**DECEMBER CHURCH CLEANING:** **Lead person: Peggy Lutovsky.** Jason & Jodi Hefta, Layne & Traci Kittelson, Nick & Lynn Lane, Scott & Peggy Lutovsky, Mary A. Mondry, Suzie Nelson, Mark & Michele Spale.

## WARSAW

**ST. NICHOLAS DAY** is on Sun., **Dec. 8**. St. Nick will be visiting at the end of the 10:30am Mass and will be handing out treats to children of all ages.

**DECEMBER CHURCH CLEANING:** **Lead family: Greg & Rondee Feltman.** Carol Gerszewski, Dale & Anne Gerszewski, Brian & Mary Schuster.

## DIVINE MERCY ADORATION CHAPEL

**THE DIVINE MERCY ADORATION CHAPEL** will be closed all day on Christmas Eve, **Tues., Dec. 24**, and all day on Christmas Day, **Wed., Dec. 25**. The Chapel will **reopen** at the regular time of 12 noon on **Thurs., Dec. 26**. There will be regular chapel hours on **Tues, Dec. 31**, and on **Wed., Jan. 1**.