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#### SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday 5:15 p.m.  
Sunday 9:00 , 11:30 a.m.  
Daily Monday and Wednesday 7:00 a.m.  
Tuesday and Thursday 12:00 Noon  
Holy Days 7:00 a.m., 12:00 Noon, 7:00 p.m.

#### SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Saturday 4:00 – 4:50 p.m.

#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Kindergarten thru 8<sup>th</sup> Grades  
Sunday 10:10 – 11:10 a.m.

#### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Baptisms: Scheduled by appointment

Marriages: Six Month Notice

#### LEGION OF MARY PRAYER GROUP:

For Information call: 321-4442 Debbie

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree 1st  
Wed 7:00 p.m.

#### MASS INTENTIONS

##### Dec 11 - 12

Sat 5:15 p.m. +Murry Family  
Sun 9:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. Joseph's  
Sun 11:30 a.m. +Luis and Lucy Lascano  
Sun 3:00 p.m. (Baggs) Parishioners of OLS

##### Dec 13 - 19

Mon 12:00 Noon (NO NOON MASS)  
7:00 p.m. +John and Mary Klitch  
  
Tues 12:00 Noon +Harold McKay  
  
Wed 12:00 Noon +Grace Michie  
  
Thurs 12:00 Noon +Mary Ott  
  
Fri (NO MASS SCHEDULED)  
  
Sat 5:15 p.m. +Matt Neuman  
Sun 9:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. Joseph's  
Sun 11:30 a.m. +Nabor & Anna Marie Rodarte  
  
Sun 3:00 p.m. (Baggs) Parishioners of OLS  
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The **third Sunday of Advent** is Gaudete Sunday and is meant to remind us of the joy that the world experienced at the birth of Jesus. Gaudete is Latin for Rejoice! The candle is pink because rose is a liturgical color for joy. It is often called the "Shepard's Candle".

## Third Sunday of Advent

"What should we do?" John the Baptist is asked repeatedly in today's Gospel (Luke 3:10, 12, 14). John responds with incredibly practical advice. Tax collectors, stop selfishly overcharging others. Soldiers, act justly and honestly. Everyone, give your spare cloak to someone without one. Ditto with your food. In other words, give what you have to your neighbor—your respect, your kindness, your material goods. In doing so, joy is spread. What better way do we have to prepare for Christ's coming? Truly, it's better to give than to receive. For when we give to someone in need, something that means more to them than it does to us, we share in the power of Christ's salvific mission.

## SYNOD NEWS

Thank you to those of you that attended the first meeting on November 30<sup>th</sup>. Please watch this space for news of the next steps in the Synod process... including the next meeting date. For diocesan updates and information --

<https://dioceseofcheyenne.org/synod-2021-2023>

*"God speaks in the silence of the heart. Listening is the beginning of Prayer."* Mother Teresa

**One hour of Adoration and private prayer time is held in Thursday's at 7:00 pm. What better way to celebrate the season of Advent.**

## Our Lady of Guadalupe:

Plan to join us as we  
celebrate the  
Feast of  
Our Lady of Guadalupe,  
Patroness of the Americas  
on Monday evening  
at 7:00 pm.  
All are welcome!  
(There will no Noon Mass)

St. Vincent de Paul will be distributing Christmas Day food baskets on Saturday Dec 18<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. You do not need to call in to reserve a Christmas Day basket. We are trying a drive-thru event this year. Regular monthly baskets will still be provided as usual until December 18<sup>th</sup>. Call 324-7002 or 321-0811 if you have any questions. In addition, if your child is in need of a Christmas gift, please call Mike Lujan at 307-321-6453.

When the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to Juan Diego Cuauhtlatzin in 1531, only a decade after Spain conquered Mexico, the relationship between the colonizers and the colonized was strained, to say the least. Into this atmosphere, Our Lady came to an ordinary peasant, speaking his Native Nahuatl language and looking like a native princess, but representing the faith that was unknown until the arrival of the Europeans, directing that a church be built for ALL people, uniting the cultures in her person and message. **We pray that Our Lady of Guadalupe continue to reconcile the tensions between people and cultures in this hemisphere.**

### A Note from the Pastor:

*As Christmas approaches I am deeply aware of the many difficulties people have experienced this past year, and at the same time the many blessings I have received. With this in mind, I would humbly ask, once again, that rather than giving me a Christmas gift, please remember those who are so much more deserving. Perhaps you can help others with a gift to your favorite charity.*