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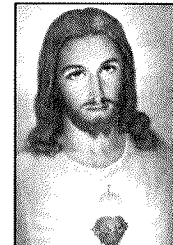
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Here is Your God: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Third Sunday of Advent

John questions Jesus from prison in today's Gospel—for his disciples' sake and for ours.

He knows that Jesus is doing "the works of the Messiah," foretold in today's First Reading and Psalm. But John wants his disciples—and us—to know that the Judge is at the gate, that in Jesus our God has come to save us.

The Liturgy of Advent takes us out into the desert to see and hear the marvelous works and words of God—the lame leaping like a stag, the dead raised, the good news preached to the poor.

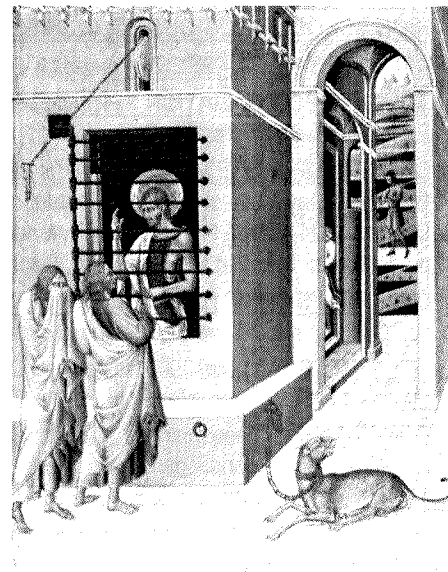
The Liturgy does this to give us courage, to strengthen our feeble hands and make firm our weak knees. Our hearts can easily become frightened and weighed down by the hardships we face. We can lose patience in our sufferings as we await the coming of the Lord.

As James advises in today's Epistle, we should take as our example the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Jesus also points us to a prophet—holding up John as a model. John knew that life was more than food, the body more than clothing. He sought the kingdom of God first, confident that God would provide. John did not complain. He did not lose faith. Even in chains in his prison cell, he was still sending his disciples—and us—to our Savior.

We come to Him again now in the Eucharist. Already He has caused the desert to bloom, the burning sands to become springs of living water. He has opened our ears to hear the words of the sacred book, freed our tongue to fill the air with songs of thanksgiving.

Once bowed down, captives to sin and death, we have been ransomed and returned to His Kingdom, crowned with everlasting joy. Raised up, we now stand before His altar to meet the One who is to come: "Here is your God."
<https://stpaulcenter.com/audio/sunday-bible-reflections/here-is-your-god-scott-hahn-reflects-on-the-third-sunday-of-advent/>



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	Dec. 10	5:00 pm (Minto)	+ Leona Schuster by Brian Schuster family. (Fr. McDermott)	
Sunday	Dec. 11	8:30 am (Minto)	+ Sylvester & Eleanor Grzadzilewski by Judy & Jerry Gray and family.	Third Sunday of Advent
		10:30 am (Warsaw)	For all parishioners of Warsaw & Minto.	Gaudete Sunday
Monday	Dec. 12	2:00 pm (Minto)	Funeral for Genevieve Klava.	<i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>
Tuesday	Dec. 13	7:30 am (Warsaw)	+ Jim Gudajtes by Mary A. Mondry.	<i>St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr</i>
Wednesday	Dec. 14	8:00 am (Minto)	+ Mark Tibert by Arnold & Mary Ann Barclay.	<i>St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church</i>
Thursday	Dec. 15	8:00 am (Minto)	+ Elmer Altendorf by Nick & Lynn Lane.	
Friday	Dec. 16	8:00 am (Minto)	For healing for Janelle Troth and family by John & Lynette Kennedy.	
Saturday	Dec. 17	8:00 am (Minto)	+ Fr. William Sherman.	
		5:00 pm (Minto)	+ John J. and Madeline Schanilec by Jim Schanilec family.	
Sunday	Dec. 18	8:30 am (Minto)	For all parishioners of Minto & Warsaw.	Fourth Sunday of Advent
		10:30 am (Warsaw)	+Dawn Wosick by George Wosick.	

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 4, 2022: **Minto** = \$3,191. **Warsaw** = \$2,462.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

MINTO: Saturday, December 17: Altar Servers: Kole & Jakob Kittelson. Lector: Ann Mondry.

Sunday, December 18: Altar Servers: Isaac & Liam Hefta. Lector: Keith Zikmund.

WARSAW: Sun., Dec. 11: Altar Servers: Joseph Vandal, Andrew Riske, Blake & Brayden Lizakowski. Lector: Trevor Slominski.

Sun., Dec. 18: Altar Servers: Damian Bushaw, James Vandal, Krystian Gudajtes, Julian Risky. Lector: Trevor Slominski.

ALL PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

HIGH SCHOOL RELIGIOUS ED. CLASSES for grades 9-12 on Wed., Dec. 14, 6:45-8:00pm, St. Gianna Home, Warsaw.

RELIGIOUS ED. CLASSES for grades K-8 on Wed., Dec. 14, 6:30 p.m. at St. Stanislaus Church in Warsaw.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE will be on Sun., Dec. 18, 4:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church, Minto, for both parishes together. Other area Reconciliation Services are Sun., Dec. 11, at 12 noon at St. John Nepomucene in Pisek and on Sun., Dec. 11, at 4:00 pm at St. John's in Grafton.

CHRISTMAS MASSES: St. Stanislaus, Warsaw: Christmas Eve Mass on Saturday, December 24, will be at 7:30 p.m. (Fr. Christensen) and the Christmas Day Mass on Sunday, December 25, will be at 10:30 a.m. (Fr. Moen). **Sacred Heart, Minto:** Christmas Eve Mass on Saturday, December 24, will be at 8:00 p.m. (Fr. Moen) and the Christmas Day Mass on Sunday, December 25, will be at 8:30 a.m. (Fr. Moen). **There will be no 5:00 p.m. Mass in Minto on Sat., Dec. 24.**

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE PROCESSION at Warsaw and at Minto on Saturday, December 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.

OPLATKI: PNA Lodge 3043 has placed OPLATKI wafers (the Polish tradition of Christmas sharing wafer) in the entrances of both parishes. They are free to take - an envelope per family. The OPLATKI have been blessed.

DONATIONS: Please make all 2022 donations for the church by Dec. 31, 2022. Donations must either be received or postmarked by Dec. 31 to be included as 2022 donations.

THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to last weekend's Special Collection for the recent weather-related disasters.

THANK YOU to St. Nicholas for visiting both our parishes last weekend. Thank you also to those who prepared the goodies that St. Nick handed out.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS COLLECTION ON DEC. 10 & 11: Your gift to this week's collection helps provide care, medicine, and more to elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Please be generous. Envelopes are in your boxed set of envelopes or use your own envelope marked Retirement Fund for Religious with your name on the envelope if you so wish.. A second basket will be set out this weekend.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: Envelopes for Christmas flowers were attached to last weekend's bulletins. Please return the envelope or use 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. 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!

THE ADVENT GIVING TREE will be up in Minto and in Warsaw from Nov. 19 through Dec. 19. Please take a tag and return a gift in a **gift bag**. Gifts must be new and will be taken to **Walsh County Social Services** to be distributed to those in need. Also there are tags for non-perishable food items and for non-food items for the **Walsh County Food Pantry** in Grafton. No outdated items or open packages please. Food pantry items do not have to be put into gift bags. Please help those in need during the Christmas season. The final batch of gifts & food will be taken to Grafton on Dec. 19.

SEARCH FOR CHRISTIAN MATURITY: Youth and Young Adults... Do you want to grow closer to God? Do you want to meet other like-minded young adults? Do you need a "retreat" from the world around you? Experience God in a personal and REAL way. SEARCH for Christian Maturity has a retreat coming up Jan. 6-8, 2023, Maryvale Retreat Center, Valley City, ND. Youth and young adults, 16 and older, are invited to attend. Details and application at <https://www.fargodiocese.org/search4cm> or call Dori at 952-210-2219. Applications are due no later than Mon., Dec. 19.

HOLIDAY FOOD BASKETS are being prepared and are available for pickup from Nov. 14 through Dec. 29, 1:00pm-4:00pm, Monday through Thursday at the Walsh County Food Pantry, 344 West 15th St., Grafton. **Anyone in need is welcome to pick up a Holiday Food Basket.** Please bring a photo ID and proof of residency to get a food basket. The Food Pantry does not deliver baskets.

FAMILY ADVENT CALENDAR CHALLENGE FLYERS for the Walsh County Food Pantry were attached to a previous bulletin. For every day from Dec. 1 to Dec. 24, add an item to a box or bag for the Food Pantry. Substitute items as you see fit. Donate the contents to the Walsh County Food Pantry January 3-5, 2023. Monetary donations are welcome also. Mail them to Walsh County Food Pantry, 344 West 15th St., Grafton ND 58237.

Please note: If your bags or boxes are ready to go earlier than Dec. 24 and you prefer for them to be taken to the Food Pantry for you, please have them at Sacred Heart Church by Dec. 18 and they will be taken to the Food Pantry when Sacred Heart takes its final donations from the Giving Tree to the Food Pantry. Place them in the green, grassy area at the bottom of the ramp as you enter the church through the silver door on the west side of the church and please label them as Advent Calendar Challenge bags or boxes. Thank you for helping those in need.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS EVE PARTY: St. John the Evangelist Church, Grafton, is hosting the 36th Community Christmas Eve Party on Dec. 24, from 5:00-6:30pm. Free meal at 5pm. This celebration of the birth of Jesus is for people of all faiths. Many hands are needed to help make this event happen. Volunteers are needed and appreciated in all areas before and during the party. To volunteer your time and talents, please contact St. John's at 352-1648.

GOLDEN AGE CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY for members & guests Sun., Dec. 11, 1:00-5:30pm, Golden Age Club, Minto. Card-playing, Bingo, Potluck supper.

PNA LODGE 3043 will move their December meeting to **MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 6:30pm** at the Minto Community Center. **NOTE DATE CHANGE.** All active and social members are welcome. Events for 2023 will be discussed.

MINTO

THANK YOU to everyone who attended or worked at Rolls After Mass last Sunday. The attendance was great and the rolls were excellent!

GIVING TREE: Last Monday, 51 gift bags were taken to Walsh County Social Services in Grafton. Many of the gift bags had several items in them. Although all the gifts and toys are appreciated, the lady at Social Services specifically mentioned clothes, school supplies, candy, and gifts for the elderly. Also 175 food and non-food items were taken to the Walsh County Food Pantry in Grafton. The final delivery date of the Giving Tree gift bags and food will be on Mon., Dec. 19. Thank you to everyone for your generosity.

2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES have been set out in back of the church. Please pick up your boxed set. If you did not receive a box of envelopes and would like one or if you received a box of envelopes but no longer require it or if your child would like a box of envelopes, please contact the parish office at 248-3589 Tues.-Fri. from 9:00am to 5:00pm.

CHOIR MEMBERS NEEDED: Can you help us? You may sing just for Advent and the Christmas season or for a couple of Sundays a month or all the time. If someone is able to play the piano, organ, or any other musical instrument, your help is needed. Grade 5 and up. Please call LaVerne at 218-779-6141 if you would like to become a choir member.

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

WARSAW

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

DIVINE MERCY ADORATION CHAPEL

ADORER IS NEEDED for Sundays at 2:00pm. Please contact Joan 360-2499 if you are able to take this holy hour on a part-time or full-time basis.

THE DIVINE MERCY ADORATION CHAPEL will be closed all day on Sunday, Dec. 25. The Chapel will reopen at the regular time of 12 noon on Mon., Dec. 26. There will be regular chapel hours on Sunday, Jan. 1.