



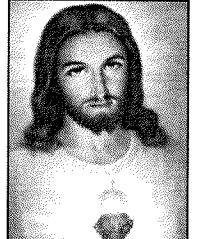
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The Road Home: Dr. Scott Hahn Reflects on the Second Sunday of Advent

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. 4	5:00 pm (Minto)	+ Ambrose H. "Amby" Wysocki by Carol Anne Walski.	
Sunday	Dec. 5	8:30 am (Minto)	For all parishioners of Minto & Warsaw.	Second Sunday of Advent
		10:30 am (Warsaw)	+ John & Johanna Paschke by Dorothy Plutowski.	
Monday	Dec. 6	_____	No Monday morning Masses in Minto.	<i>St. Nicholas, Bishop</i>
Tuesday	Dec. 7	8:00 am (Minto)	+ Alan Ebertowski by Scott Turner.	<i>St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church</i>
		7:00 pm (Minto)	+ John & Madeline Schanilec by Lenny Schanilec and family.	Vigil Mass for the Immaculate Conception
Wednesday	Dec. 8	7:30 am (Minto)	For all parishioners of Minto & Warsaw.	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
		7:00 pm (Warsaw)	+ Audrey Paschke by Duane & Perry Paschke and family.	A Holy Day of Obligation
Thursday	Dec. 9	8:00 am (Minto)	Living & deceased members of the Sacred Heart Altar Society.	<i>St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin</i>
Friday	Dec. 10	8:00 am (Minto)	+ Paul Spoonland by Merita & Edward Steinbrueck.	
Saturday	Dec. 11	8:00 am (Minto)	+ Mary Osowski by Sacred Heart Altar Society.	<i>St. Damasus I, Pope</i>
		5:00 pm (Minto)	+ Pete & Dorothy Kilichowski by Marvin & Sherrie Altendorf.	
Sunday	Dec. 12	8:30 am (Minto)	For all parishioners of Minto & Warsaw.	Third Sunday of Advent
		10:30 am (Warsaw)	+ Dawn Wosick by George Wosick.	
		4:00 pm (Warsaw)	Advent Reconciliation Service at St. Stanislaus Church, Warsaw, for Warsaw and Minto parishes together.	

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 November 28, 2021: Minto = \$2,618 Warsaw = \$2,332

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

MINTO: Saturday, December 11: Altar Servers: Jack Lane, Jacob Hefta, Kole Kittelson. **Lector:** Ann Mondry.

Sunday, December 12: Altar Servers: Eli & Ezra Robinson. **Lector:** Keith Zikmund.

WARSAW: Sun., Dec. 5: Altar Servers: Joseph Vandal, Jaxon Sands, Simon Plutowski, Ben Gudajtes. **Lector:** Trevor Slominski.

Sun., Dec. 12: Altar Servers: Simon Plutowski, Krystian Gudajtes, Blake Lizakowski, Gabe Gudajtes. **Lector:** Trevor Slominski.

ALL PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS YEAR CHRISTMAS, which is a Holy Day of Obligation, is on a Saturday. You will need to attend a Mass for Christmas and a Mass for Sunday. The 5pm Saturday evening Mass in Minto on Christmas Day does not fulfill both obligations at the same time.

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

CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH: For those people who have been preparing to make a Consecration to St. Joseph, Fr. Moen is providing Consecration Ceremonies after all of the Masses for the Immaculate Conception (**Dec. 7 – Minto 7pm, Dec. 8 – Minto 7:30am, and Dec. 8 – Warsaw 7pm**). Fr. Moen is preparing one of the Consecration Prayers for everyone one to use. You do not need to bring your books. You are also free to make your Consecration privately.

DONATIONS: Please make all 2021 donations for the church by **Dec. 31, 2021**. Donations must either be received or postmarked by Dec. 31 to be included as 2021 donations.

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 during the Christmas season!

ST. NICHOLAS DAY is on Sun., **Dec. 5**, in both parishes. St. Nick will be visiting at the end of Mass and will be handing out treats to children of all ages.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE will be on Sun., **Dec. 12**, 4:00 p.m. at St. Stanislaus Church, Warsaw, for both parishes together.

Other area Reconciliation Services are Sun., Dec. 5, at 7:00 pm at St. Edward's in Drayton. Sun., Dec. 12, at 12 noon at St. John Nepomucene in Pisek. Sun., Dec. 19, at 4:00 pm at St. John's in Grafton.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS COLLECTION ON DEC. 11 & 12: Give in gratitude. A donor to the Retirement Fund for Religious writes, "I still remember the lessons the sisters gave us and how they instilled in us the love of our faith." Show your thanks for the prayerful service of elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Your gift to next week's second collection helps provide care, medicine, and more. 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 for this collection next weekend.

RELIGIOUS ED. CLASSES for **grades K-8** on Wed., **Dec. 15**, 6:30-7:45pm in Minto.

HIGH SCHOOL RELIGIOUS ED. CLASSES for **grades 9-12** on Wed., **Dec. 15**, at St. Stanislaus Church basement, Warsaw, from 6:45-8:00pm. A meal will be served. No class on Wed., **Dec. 8**, because of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation.

THE WORD AMONG US BOOKLETS FOR ADVENT AND THE 2022 CALENDARS 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 from **Nov. 13 through Dec. 12**. Please take a tag and return a gift in a **gift bag**.

Gifts must be new. There are tags for infants, children, & adults. These items will go to **Walsh County Social Services**. Also there are tags for non-perishable food items and for non-food items 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. Please help those in need during the Christmas season. The final batch of gifts and food will be taken to Grafton on **Dec. 13**.

FOR THOSE OF YOU who are able to make a weekly contribution to the church, please mail it to the parish office, PO Box 316, Minto ND 58261; drop it off at the parish office, or put it in the weekend collection basket.

GOD'S GIFT APPEAL UPDATE: The **2021 God's Gift Appeal** is still on-going until the end of this year. **Sacred Heart** has had **42.35%** of our registered families participate so far. Minto's parish goal is \$27,947.42 and is currently at **97.05%** of the goal. **St. Stanislaus** has had **48.91%** of registered families participate. Warsaw's parish goal is \$19,658.78 and is currently at **87.86%** of the goal. If you haven't participated in this year's appeal, there is still time to join. Please consider donating to the God's Gift Appeal if you haven't already done so. You may donate online at fargodiocese.org/godsgiftappeal or mail your gift to **God's Gift Appeal**, Diocese of Fargo, 5201 Bishops Blvd S, Suite A, Fargo ND 58104-7605.

BELL RINGING Sat., **Dec. 11**, at the Minto Post Office, for the benefit of the Walsh County Salvation Army. All donations made will stay within the county. Any questions or to make a donation, please contact Shannon Brazil 701-215-3420 or Lauren Wild 701-360-2041. Donations can also be mailed to the American Legion Post 41, PO Box 41, Grafton ND 58237.

THE GOLDEN AGE CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY will be Sun., **Dec. 12**. Potluck starting at 1:00 p.m.

MINTO

THANK YOU for the following donations: **Sacred Heart Cemetery:** In memory **Dale Niswonger** by Kim & Julie Lutovsky. In memory of **Matthew Gerszewski** by Anna Mae Gerszewski. **St. John the Baptist Cemetery:** In memory of **Theresa Mozinski** by JoAnn Riske. **Christmas Flowers:** In memory of **John H. Riske, Hilary Riske, Leona Riske, Jack Bellinger, and Beverly Goodman** by JoAnn Riske. In memory of **Rita Rudnik** by the Felix Rudnik family.

ROLLS AFTER MASS ON DEC. 5: Refreshments for everyone will be served in the church basement after the 8:30 a.m. Mass on Sun., **Dec. 5**. Menu includes caramel rolls, pastries, fruit, juice, and coffee. Sponsored by the Sacred Heart Altar Society. Free event. **All are invited to come downstairs after St. Nick's visit for some holiday cheer.**

SINGERS: As we approach Christmas, the choir is inviting more singers to join them. Singers in the 5th grade or older are asked to contact LaVerne Costello (218-779-6141) if you are interested or have questions.

GIVING TREE: Last Monday, 62 gift bags plus two sleds were taken to Walsh County Social Services in Grafton. Many of the bags had several items in them. The final delivery date of the gifts and food for the Food Pantry will be on Mon., Dec. 13. Thank you to everyone for your generosity.

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

WARSAW

ST. STANISLAUS: We are ready to invite additional singers to join the cantors and organists in singing for the Sunday Masses. You will need to be there for the rehearsals beginning at 9:30am each Sunday.

TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS ON FIRST FRIDAYS: Fr. Robert Wapenski, the pastor of St. Edward's Catholic Church in Drayton, will be offering the Traditional Latin Mass at St. Stanislaus Catholic Church on the First Friday of every month at 11:00am. Everyone is welcome to attend these Masses.

ADULT PRAYER GROUP at St. Stanislaus Church, Warsaw, meets usually every Monday at 8:00pm. Join us when you can. Questions, call Bethany Plutowski 701-520-1935. Also info is on Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Adult-Prayer-Group-St-Stanislaus>

DIVINE MERCY ADORATION CHAPEL

WELCOME to the Adoration Chapel sub list: BJ Nice at 701-360-0701; Sylvia Cortez at 956-775-2620! Both prefer evenings and weekends to substitute.