

Our Lady of Hope Parish

December 20, 2020

Fourth Sunday of Advent



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Events & Happenings

Mass Intentions

Week of December 21—December 27

Monday, Dec 21	5:30 p.m.	Aurora
†Marietta Bol By Don & Linda Lucachick		
Tuesday, Dec 22	9:00 a.m.	Hoyt Lakes
†Tom Ferris By Bill & Kathy Lesar		
Wednesday, Dec 23	9:00 a.m.	Biwabik
†Pat Krize By Marilyn Smith		
Thursday, Dec 24	6:30 p.m.	Hoyt Lakes
†Margaret Holter By the Family		
Friday, Dec 25	8:30 a.m.	Biwabik
†Lloyd Stanaway By Carol Stanaway		
Friday, Dec 25	10:30 a.m.	Aurora
†Kylene Antilla By the Antilla Family		
Confession Saturday	12:00 p.m.	Aurora
Saturday, Dec 26	4:30 p.m.	Hoyt Lakes
†Daryl Lien By Sue Lien & Family		
Sunday, Dec 27	8:30 a.m.	Biwabik
†For the People		
Sunday, Dec 27	10.:30 a.m.	Aurora
†Henry Tayne By Marie Hughes		

The **Virtual Cookie and Ethnic Bake** was a very successful Project. We thank everyone for your generous donations.

Thank you to all of the individuals who have been giving contributions to the Sunshine Fund. This is the time of year we need it the most. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

O Come Let Us Adore Him. Please come and enjoy the Spirit of Christmas with us. Join us and walk through our Nativity Scene Displays, spend time with our Lord in reflection of the Season. This will take place at Our Lady of Hope Parish in Aurora.

December 21, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

6:00-6:30 p.m.

December 22, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

December 23, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Please use the front entrance near the school parking lot.



We are receiving **special prayer intentions** for this holiday season. If you have some special prayers that you would like to request please deliver them to the parish office or you can mail them. We will have the prayers put in the baskets during the holiday masses in each parish location.

Finance Council Meeting on Tuesday, December 15 at 1:30 p.m. in Aurora.

Letter from Fr. Peter

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This week's message from John's Gospel is almost identical to what we heard last week from Mark. It was important for the Gospel writers to clearly emphasize that John the Baptist was not the Messiah.

At

the time of Jesus, at the times of the Gospel writers and even beyond, various sects claimed that John the Baptist, not Jesus, was the Messiah.

Last Thursday we read from Matthew's Gospel. In it, Jesus proclaimed that John the Baptist was Elijah.

Today we read in John the Evangelist's Gospel that John the Baptist denied that he was Elijah, or the Messiah, or the Prophet. (Whenever you hear Jews refer to "the Prophet", with a capital P, they are referring to Moses.) Different writings and beliefs proclaimed that Elijah and/or Moses would return prior to the Messiah.

Clearly, there are discrepancies, even contradictions, in the writings we accept as sacred texts. They are

due to the different writers, different audiences with different backgrounds, and different sources that the writers had. While it is important that we not gloss over the differences, neither should we become so lost in explanations and arguments that we lose sight of the Gospel message.

There are a few words that keep repeating themselves during Advent, and indeed throughout the Sacred Scriptures. One of them is "justice". Justice is the center of all prophetic utterances about God and God's will. Everything about salvation, about the kingdom of God and about eternal life stands on the pillar of justice. If we want to understand how crucial justice is to our own salvation, we need look no further than Matthew 25:31-46 – Jesus' description of the final judgment.

Another word we keep hearing during this time is "rejoice". Today is "Gaudete Sunday". That word means "rejoice". Like the messages from Isaiah, Paul, and John the Evangelist, this day calls us, as children of God, to rejoice in all things.

Right now it seems hard to do much rejoicing. I have shared with family and friends and with many of you how difficult it is to be separated from family, especially children and grandchildren. Many of us fear what this pandemic can do to our loved ones or to us. We're tired of the situation and many of us are experiencing frustration and anger.

I recently spoke with someone who told me how, amid all this sadness and frustration, she realized how

good her husband and she have it. Despite the many difficulties with which they struggle, they have everything they need to survive. They are comfortable. They are secure in their home. They have decided to recognize what they have and do a little more rejoicing.

I was reminded of the immense poverty and destruction I have witnessed in my life. How incredibly blessed, how deeply spoiled I have been. I really don't have much to complain about. But I complain, anyway. I need to do more rejoicing.

Who are your prophets? Where is your John the Baptist? Mine is a woman in Duluth, a Catholic Worker

who often confronts me about my attitudes and ideas. Even without her incredible insight and intelligence, her work among the poor and the oppressed confronts me. She fulfills the Catholic Worker

motto: To comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable.

Once again, who is your prophet? Who calls you to rejoice in justice?

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