



HIGHWAY 4 CATHOLICS

St. John the Evangelist Herington ✠ St. Phillip Hope ✠ St. Columba Elmo
Third Sunday of Advent • Three parishes • One family in Christ



Third Sunday of Advent - December 13, 2026

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Whether you're in Herington or Elmo, Hope is always on the horizon. Many of us have domicile near State Highway 4; hence the name of our website: highway4catholics.org

Rejoice*



Dear Parishioners,
This is Gaudete Sunday. The rose candle is lit. The second reading says it in a string of short commands: rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in every circumstance.

The response at Mass is Mary's own song, the Magnificat. She is close now. Christmas is less than two weeks away.

Please look over the Christmas Masses. Several times are still to be confirmed, and they are marked.

Fr. Saji*

* Tentative draft - replace with Fr. Saji's write-up.

SUNDAY READINGS

Reading I: Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11

Responsorial Psalm: Luke 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54

Reading II: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

MASS TIMES

Monday, December 14
St. John of the Cross
No Mass

Tuesday, December 15
Weekday
Hope 5:30 PM - TBD*

Wednesday, December 16
Weekday
Herington 7:30 AM - TBD*

Thursday, December 17
Late Advent
Elmo 5:30 PM - TBD*

Friday, December 18
Late Advent
Herington 5:30 PM - TBD*

Saturday, December 19
Vigil: 4th Advent
Herington 4:30 PM - TBD*
Elmo 6:30 PM - TBD*

Sunday, December 20
4th Sunday of Advent
Hope 8:30 AM - TBD*
Herington 10:30 AM - TBD*

* Mass intentions TBD - confirm with Deacon Dick.

CONFESSION TIMES

½ hour before weekend Masses or by

THIS WEEKEND'S LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS

Herington: 12/12, 4:30 PM
Lector: T. Hardwick
Usher: D. Matile
Altar Server: T. Hardwick
Rosary: T. Roth

Elmo: 12/13, 8:30 AM
Lector: L. Donnelly
Ushers: M. & N. Lorson
Cleaning: N. & A. Barten

Herington: 12/13, 10:30 AM
Lector: S. Stroda
Usher: L. Floyd
Rosary: M. Hardwick

Hope: 12/12, 6:30 PM
Lector: D. Lorson
Usher: R. Hoffman
Rosary: J. Rziha
Cleaning: C. Haslouer

NEXT WEEKEND'S LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS

Herington: 12/19, 4:30 PM
Lector: M. Stenstrom
Usher: D. Matile
Altar Server: M. Diekmann
Rosary: S. Wirtz

Hope: 12/20, 8:30 AM
Lector: J. Dillon
Usher: J. Lorson
Rosary: L. Morgan
Cleaning: D. Geisert

Herington: 12/20, 10:30 AM
Lector: E. Kickhaefer
Usher: M. Kickhaefer
Rosary: V. Hammersmith

Elmo: 12/19, 6:30 PM
Lector: M. Lorson
Ushers: K. & K. Kroupa
Cleaning: N. & A. Barten



Christmas Masses*

Elmo Thu 4:30 PM (J. Anderes; N. & A. Barten). Hope Thu 6:30 PM (E. Dillon; K. Stroda). Herington Thu and Fri: ministers are assigned, times are not.

WHEN Thu., Dec. 24 and Fri., Dec. 25

WHAT Herington times to be announced*



Saint of the Week

St. John of the Cross (Dec. 14): Carmelite priest and poet of the dark night.



Please Pray For

Our sick and deceased (names TBD*) and all the Holy Souls.



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Readings



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Stewardship of Treasure

* tentative - update from Deacon Dick



St. John

December so far **29%**



\$1,722* of \$6,000

Last weekend \$861*

Needed this weekend \$1,500



St. Phillip

December so far **85%**



\$1,702* of \$2,000

Last weekend \$851*

Needed this weekend \$500



St. Columba

December so far **64%**



\$1,023* of \$1,600

Last weekend \$512*

Needed this weekend \$400

Thank you for your generosity – every gift keeps our churches open!