



St. Mary's Church
Dalton, NE 69131



All Souls' Church
Bridgeport, NE 69336



Sacred Heart Church
Bayard, NE 69334

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Dear Sisters, Brothers, and Children in Jesus Christ,

Waiting is an irritating experience for many of us, most of the time. For example, we can't quite wait for the red light to turn green in the middle of the traffic. Waiting for even one minute is troublesome for us!

Yet, waiting is essentially a gospel principle. Waiting is also a universal phenomenon – the mothers who await their kids coming back from school, the audience that wait for the curtain to be drawn to start a play, the travelers who wait for the train or bus, the dear ones who await the coming of their beloved from military services – all are in a continuous stage of waiting of some sort or another.

The bible is ending with a word that expresses our lifelong waiting: *maranatha* – come, Lord Jesus. In some sense, all the prayers uttered by everyone in this world are expressions of the same desire – 'Come quickly, Oh Lord'. The guy who awaits his beloved one in a coffee bar and the social activist who works for justice to be meted out for the downtrodden and the marginalized in the society are in the same wavelength of this prayer – *maranatha*. Come with your peace, come with your joy, come with your justice and come with your love. What is prayer after all? In some sense it is just awaiting. We often misunderstand that our prayers have been denied due to our long waiting in prayer. But the fact is 'delayed' does not mean 'denied'.

In the words of St. Peter, "... With the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day. The Lord does not delay his promise, as some regard "delay," but he is patient with you, not wishing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance" (2 Pet 3:8-9). Let us take seriously the words of Jesus to be prepared and wait for his return. '*Maranatha* – come Lord Jesus, come.

Yours in Christ Jesus,

Fr. C. P. Varghese

Pastor

Kindly take note of the following:

- 1) The boxes containing envelopes for offerings during mass in 2018 will be reaching you soon. Thanks to everyone whose generosity is greatly appreciated. A special word of thanks to Ken Sestak, Annie Reilley & Cecilia Sanchez.
- 2) Please cooperate with all those who are taking leadership in Christmas decorations, liturgical ministries and other celebrations.
- 3) Let us all try to make a spiritual preparation to celebrate Christmas by making a good advent confession.

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

Date	Day	Time	Place	Intention
12/11	Monday	No Mass Today		
12/12	Tuesday	6.00 PM	Bridgeport	Chris Wise
12/13	Wednesday	6.30 PM	Bayard	Reconciliation Service
12/14	Thursday	6.00 PM	Dalton	Deceased of Kettler Family
12/15	Friday	6.00 PM	Bayard	Emery & Myrtle Gusman
12/16	Saturday	5.00 PM	Bridgeport	Christopher Wise
12/17	Sunday	8.00 AM	Bayard	Maxine Robert
12/17	Sunday	11.00 AM	Dalton	Deceased of Kettler Family

**ALL SOULS
701 P STREET
BRIDGEPORT NE 69336**

JAN/FEB/MAR - MASS TIME

Tuesday—6:00 PM
Sunday—8:00 PM

**Community Gathering
December 12
St. Michael
Zach & Amber Malcolm
202 E 11th St, Bridgeport
(308-778-6825)**

OUR GIFTS TO GOD & CHURCH

ADULTS	\$1152.00
CHILDREN	\$3.00
PLATE	\$803.01
SUBTOTAL	\$1958.01
MASS STIPEND	
RESALE REL. ART	
CAMP. FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT	\$5.00
CHRISTMAS FLOWERS	\$20.00
TOTAL	\$1983.01
BUILDING FUND	\$310.00
APPEAL	\$500.00

- A special Spanish mass on Sunday, Dec 10th at 6.00 PM to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.
- Christmas music practice has begun. It's on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm after CCD. Please join in.
- Prayer line requests may be made to Carolyn-262-0453 or Teresa 262-0439



**SACRED HEART
942 AVE B
BAYARD NE 69334**

JAN/FEB/MAR - MASS TIME

Friday – 6:00 PM
Sunday – 10:30 AM

**Community Gathering
December 15
St. George
Mary Hopkins
190043 CR 36, Bayard
(308-783-2656)**

OUR GIFTS TO GOD & CHURCH

ADULTS	\$600.00
CHILDREN	\$16.00
PLATE	\$493.00
SUBTOTAL	\$1009.00
MASS STIPEND	\$10.00
RESALE REL. ART.	
TOTAL	\$1019.00
BUILDING FUND	\$15.00
APPEAL	\$350.00

- Coffee & Rolls after Dec 24th Mass
- Carry in potluck after mass on Jan 14th, 2017.
- Prayer line requests may be made to Paula Contreras 308-586-2992.
- Cleaning for December: All Families



**SAINT MARY'S
EAST FRANCIS ST
DALTON NE 69131**

www.stmarysdalton.com

JAN/FEB/MAR - MASS TIME

Thursday – 6:00 PM
Saturday – 5:00 PM

**Community Gathering
December 14
St. Boniface
William & Rebecca Murray
7031 Road 123,
Broad Water
(308-377-2327)**

OUR GIFTS TO GOD & CHURCH

ADULT	\$765.00
CHILDREN	
PLATE	\$76.00
SUBTOTAL	\$841.00
MASS STIPEND	
RESALE REL. ART.	
TOTAL	\$841.00
BUILDING FUND	\$60.00
APPEAL	\$350.00

- Prayer line requests may be made to DeAnn Ernest – 249-1735.
- The rosary is prayed ½ hour before Mass. Please come early and pray.

