



# Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – DECEMBER 14, 2025

## 3rd Sunday of Advent

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Entrance Hymn: V. Awake and sing, you who lie in the dust. For your dew is a dew of light, and the land of shades gives birth. **R. The lowly will ever find joy in the Lord, and the poor rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.** V. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. **R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

First reading: Isaiah 35:1-6, 10

Psalm: Ps 146:6-10

**Lord, come and save us.**

Epistle: James 5:7-10

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

Intention: For all parishioners.

Celebrant: Rev. Jim Konicki.

Lector: 10am, Lauren DeBlois.

- Matins, Holy Mass at 10am (Contemporary Rite, Pew Missal pg. 63).
- Vigil / Wigilia Dinner

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## Today's Music

- Entrance: B18, Advent Longing.
- Word of God: R166, Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence.
- Offertory: B19, Hail O Blessed Mary.
- Communion: My Soul In Stillness Waits (instrumental).
- Communion Reflection: B24, There's A Voice.
- Recessional: R168, Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus.

R=Red Hymnal, B=Blue Hymnal

## +++ Reminders & Notes +++

- **Please keep inviting people to meet the Lord and join in worship and fellowship.**
- **Continued Seminary Support:** We ask you to please be generous in supporting the work of the Savonarola Theological Seminary and our seminarians. Some of them are with us for the consecration of the altar. There is a basket on the back table.
- **Clothing Donations:** Branch 56 of the YMSofR is once again collecting clothing donations to help those in need locally. Please take a form to report what you donated. Turn in the form by January 11th. If you need help, the men will help.
- **Vigil / Wigilia Dinner is today.** We thank you for joining us today and for celebrating our expectation for Jesus.
- **Other reminders:** Greening of the Church, Sunday, December 21st. Rorate Holy Mass Wednesdays in December at 8:30am.
- **Attention:** Parish membership dues of \$125 per individual are due by Sunday, December 28th.

We invite all who believe in the true presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist to partake. It is our practice to distribute the Holy Eucharist, the Body and Blood of Christ, by placing the elements on the tongue, never in the hand.

*--- Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed ---*

*Those whom the LORD has ransomed will return and enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy; they will meet with joy and gladness, sorrow and mourning will flee.*

We are focusing during this Advent time on the glorious House of the Lord for in the House of the Lord, which is the Holy Church, we are formed and prepared for Jesus' return.

As Noah entered the ark, so we enter the House of the Lord, where we prepare for life everlasting, saved from the flood.

Last week we encountered John the Baptist appearing on the scene and making a scene. He called people out of their complacency. We were reminded to shake off any remaining complacency in our lives so that we may greet the Lord ready to enter His Holy City with the House of the Lord

at its center.

Today we encounter John again, this time imprisoned. As we mentioned, he made a scene and there were those among the powerful that did not like his proclamation.

John sends messengers to the Messiah, Jesus, so that they might see the fulfillment of all he had been proclaiming.

John's proclamation was motivated by the promises Isaiah speaks of. He foresaw and foreknew the fulfillment of those promises and the nearness of that fulfillment with Jesus' arrival. That is why his imprisonment was not important to him. It is why he sacrificed so much to be the Messiah's forerunner.

For John, his entire life was an advent, the immediate preparation for the Messiah's coming. Like him, our lives must be a perpetual advent, staying prepared for that day when we will enter the City of God and the House of the Lord.

Our knowledge and what we see is the promise we have been given by God Himself. Jesus told us about all that awaits us. He speaks to us throughout the Scriptures. His message is one of great peace and reassurance.

With Jesus, all that is needful in us is brought to fulfillment for the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor hear the good news.

### Memory Verse

*And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.*

John 17:3

### Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: 1 John 2:3

MONDAY: Psalm 37:5

TUESDAY: 2 Peter 1:3

WEDNESDAY: Romans 10:17

THURSDAY: Revelation 3:20

FRIDAY: Acts 4:12

SATURDAY: John 1:18

### Pray the Week:

Lord Jesus, You have prepared us by Your word and knowledge of the great promise of Your House. Grant that I may live an advent life, preparing constantly for Your return. Amen.

### PRAYER INTENTIONS

Laura Covari, Stan Podkulski, Kelly Noble, Curtis Sczepakowski, Joshua Moraski, Tom Abbot, Karen Kisch, Gregory Henderson, Theresa Ordon, Michelle Zawistowski, Susan Jones, Garry Packer, Gary & Sandra Tatlock, Fred Hendricks, Theresa, Carla, Francine, Eileen, Joyce Colson, Helen Spencer, Michael Clough, Frances Gary, Dan Crawley, Bob Chelkowski, Brian Rohan, Tom Walters, Dawn Main, Fran Muscatello, Zosia Wiczorek, Bob Giczkowski, Bishop John, Bishop Paul, Gordon Lamb, Aimee, Liz, Dorothy Morrison, Jennifer, Daniel & Julia Byrnes, Steve Snyder, Susan D'Ameco, Ed Sargalis, and all needing God's healing grace.

- All those who serve in the Armed Forces of the United States esp. Michael Angehr, Mark Collins, Patric Jones, Timothy Olsen, Charlie Prothero, Fr. Joseph Kolek, Fr. Andrew Bilinski, Fr. Stan Jasiurkowski, Fr. Andrew Tenus, Fr. Nadeem Yaqoob, Fr. Mariusz Mularczyk.
- All those in Public Service: Civil Servants, Police Officers, and Fire Fighters.
- All Active and Retired Clergy of the Holy Church.
- All Students and Teachers at Mont Pleasant Middle School
- The residents and staff of City Mission of Schenectady
- The residents and staff of Pathways.
- All members of the Civil Air Patrol.
- All who have asked for our prayers for any need or intention.

This week we pray for the people and clergy of All Saints Cathedral parish, Chicago, IL.

Bless them, O Lord! Pobłogosław im, O Boże!

### Upcoming

- **December 14: 3rd Sunday of Advent. Holy Mass at 10am ONLY. Lector: Lauren DeBlois. Parish Vigil Dinner / Wigilia to follow.**
- December 15. Food Pantry, 3 until 6pm.
- December 16: Holy Mass at Noon.
- December 17: Rorate Holy Mass at 8:30am.
- December 18 – 19: Holy Mass at Noon.
- **December 21: 4th Sunday of Advent. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Larry Panfil.**
- December 22: Feast – St. Thomas the Apostle. Holy Mass at Noon. NO Food Pantry.
- December 23: Holy Mass at Noon.
- December 24: Vigil of the Nativity.
- **December 25: Shepherd's Mass/Pasterka at Midnight. Holy Mass of the Day at 10am.**
- December 26: Feast – St. Stephen the Protomartyr. Holy Mass at Noon.
- December 27: Feast – St. John the Apostle and Evangelist. Holy Mass with Blessing of Wine at Noon.