



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – DECEMBER 1, 2024

1st Sunday of Advent I Niedziela Adwentu

December 1, 2024

Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 84.

First reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Psalm: 25:4-5,8-10,14

R. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 3:12—4:2

Gospel: Luke 21:25-28,34-36

Intention: 10am and Noon for all parishioners.

Celebrant: Rev. Jim Konicki.

Lector: 10am, Joe Kaczynski

- Matins, Holy Mass at 10am (Contemporary Rite, Pew Missal pg. 63).
- Coffee Hour, SOCL.
- Holy Mass at Noon (Traditional Rite, Pew Missal pg. 15)

THIS WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praise to Your name, Most High,

R. To proclaim Your love in the morning, Your faithfulness in the night.

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.

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Today's Music

- Entrance: R168, Come Thou Long Expected Jesus.
- Sacrament of the Word: R166, Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence.
- Offertory: B15, From Heaven A Voice.
- Communion: My Soul In Stillness Waits (instrumental)
- Communion Reflection: B19, Hail O Blessed Mary.
- Recessional: R169, O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.

+++ Reminders & Notes +++

- Please keep inviting people to meet the Lord and join in worship and fellowship.
- **EVENTS:** of various kinds are upon us as we approach the Winter. Please see Fr. Jim or Paul in relation to these events.
 - **Winter Clothing Drive**, now until January 6th. Count sheets are available.
 - **Food Collection for those in need in our community.** Please place your offerings by the Mary Altar.
 - **Fall Comfort Food Sale**, Sunday, December 8th from 1:30 until gone. 16oz. individual services with bread for \$10, 64oz. family size for \$30 (save \$10). Please pre-order if you can.
 - **Annual dues** of \$125 per individual are due by December 31st. Please get yours paid-in-full by then. It is no more than \$2.40 a week, less than a cost of a cup of coffee.
 - **Vigil / Wigilia Dinner**, Sunday, December 15. Only one Holy Mass that day.
 - **Greening of the Church**, Sunday, December 22nd.
- **Please continue to pray** for our six seminarians: Deacons Sean and Justin, David, Todd, Joel, and Jon. Pray for a continued increase in vocations to the priesthood and diaconate.
- **Raffles:** Please see Joe Kaczynski to get your tickets. They are \$50 each. See Linda for Valentine's Raffle tickets if you wish to give them as Christmas gifts.
- **Advent Begins.** We will bless the Oplátky (Christmas wafers) and Advent wreath today. Rorate Candlelight Holy Masses each Wednesday at 7:30am. Weekday Cyle I and Sunday Cycle C reading will be used.

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.

--- *And He said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation."* ---

“And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.”

Welcome and Happy Church New Year.

For months we have talked about our seven summer Sundays and Jesus’ instruction on how we, who receive Him, are to live out our lives.

Advent brings a change in direction and focus. We have four Sundays to contemplate the word Advent and all its implications.

Advent has several shades of meaning. It can mean beginning, revelation, expectation, dawning, and a start. Throughout this season we will be led through the various ways we will prepare for and encounter Jesus in this new year.

This week we focus on our Advent preparation for Jesus’ return. Jesus instructs us on how we are to act and react on that day.

Jesus tells us that our reaction to

His return in glory is to be assured, and confident. We are not to fear His return or the judgment He will impose. He tells us to *stand erect and raise our heads because our redemption is at hand*. That confidence comes from our preparation and active waiting.

Active waiting is something we engage in. We are not sitting idle nor are we being passive. Our faith tells us that preparation and active waiting require a constant state of action and movement - working and pushing the expected fulfillment of the Kingdom forward.

Jesus reminds us that engaging in preparation and active waiting will keep us from both drowsiness (i.e., sitting idle or just giving up) and anxiety (i.e., fear from dwelling on the wrong things and expecting the worst things).

So, He says: *“Be vigilant at all times and pray for strength.”*

St. Paul reminds us that our Christian family life centered on love will be the very thing that strengthens us. Think about that. When we actively love through words and deeds, through outreach, evangelism, and charity we have no time for drowsiness, no room for anxiety. It is key, as St. Paul says to *conduct ourselves to please God*.

Jesus is returning in glory. The preparation and active waiting of Advent urges us to participate purposefully in Jesus’ call to transformation, so we are ready for the day of His return. We must not be passive or drowsy or unfocused, but engaged, reflective, and growing in the waiting each and every moment.

Let us then prepare for Jesus’ return, the needed changes in our lives, growth in our evangelism and Jesus’ immediate immanence.

Memory Verse

Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

Psalm 27:14

Time to Study God’s Word

SUNDAY: Isaiah 40:31

MONDAY: Micah 7:7

TUESDAY: Habakkuk 2:3

WEDNESDAY: Titus 2:13

THURSDAY: Romans 8:25

FRIDAY: Galatians 6:9

SATURDAY: James 5:7

Pray the Week

Lord Jesus, grant me a spirit of active waiting in preparation for Your return. As I look to the East, for the new dawn of Your day, strengthen me and keep me from drowsiness and anxiety. Amen.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Laura Covari, Stan Podkulski, Kelly Noble, Elizabeth Węglinski, Curtis Szczepkowski, 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, Lyle, Ralph Zell, Phil Wielewinski, Brian Rohan, Tom Walters, Nedra Liebert, Dawn Main, Fran Muscatello, Zosia Wieczorek, Bob Giczkowski, Bishop John, Bishop Paul, Gordon Lamb, Aimee, Liz, Barbara VanShufflin, Dorothy Morrison, 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.
- All those in Public Service: Civil Servants, Police Officers, and Fire Fighters.
- All Active and Retired Clergy of the Holy Polish National Catholic 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 who have asked for our prayers for any need or intention.

This week we pray for the people and clergy of St. Mary’s parish, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

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

Upcoming

- **December 1: 1st Sunday of Advent. Holy Mass at 10am with Blessing of the Advent Wreath and Opłatki (Christmas Waffers) and Noon. Lector: Joe Kaczynski. SOCL.**
- **December 2: Food Pantry, 3 to 6pm.**
- **December 3: No Holy Mass.**
- **December 4: Rorate Holy Mass at 7:30am.**
- **December 5: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **December 6: Commemoration – St. Nicholas. Fr. Jim’s 10th Anniversary of Ordination to the Holy Priesthood. Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **December 8: 2nd Sunday of Advent. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Lauren DeBlois. SOCL.**
- **December 9: Solemnity – Conception of the BVM. Holy Mass at Noon. Food Pantry, 3 to 6pm.**
- **December 10: Holy Mass at Noon.**