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MASS SCHEDULE:

SUN. DEC. 22, 2013 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
7:15 AM - LAUDES/PRIME
*7:45 AM - HOLY MASS (ENLGISH)

* 9:00AM - HOLY MASS (ENGLISH) - +Mark Mechowski - by Elizabeth & Victor McAlanis 12:00 NOON - MIDDAY PRAYER 4:30 PM - VESPERS/ADORATION/COMPLINE

MON. DEC. 23, 2013 - WEEKDAY MASS of ADVENT - 9:00AM

WED. DEC. 25, 2013 - MASS OF CHRISTMAS DAY - 9:00AM

THU. DEC. 26, 2013 - **FEAST** ST. STEPHEN - PROTO-MARTYR (Red) - MASS - 9AM

FRI. DEC. 27, 2013 - **FEAST** ST. JOHN the APOSTLE (White) - MASS -9AM

SAT. DEC. 28, 2013 - HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS (Red) - HOLY MASS - 9:00AM

SUN. DEC. 29, 2013 - **SOLEMNITY** HUMBLE SHEPHERDS - HOLY MASS - 9:00AM (Prayer schedule as above)

9:00AM - + Gladys Campbell Moss - by the Women's Adoration Society

TODAY'S ENTRANCE RITES LITANY (Sung) - pg. 64 in the Mass Booklets LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE HIGH MASS - RITE I - pg 15 in the Mass Booklets

TODAY'S READINGS:

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET ISAIAH

The Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying: Ask for a sign from the Lord, your God; let it be deep as the netherworld, or high as the sky! But Ahaz answered, "I will not ask! I will not tempt the Lord!" Then Isaiah said: Listen, O house of David! Is it not enough for you to weary people, must you also weary my God! Therefore the Lord himself will give you this sign: the virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel.

READER - THIS IS THE WORD OF THE LORD! PEOPLE - THANKS BE TO GOD!

THE GRADUAL:

PRIEST - Awesome indeed is the Lord's majesty, and wonderful is his power! PEOPLE - More than this we need not add; let the last word be, He is all in all!

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF ST. PAUL TO THE ROMANS

Paul, a slave of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised previously through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, the gospel about his Son, descended from David according to the flesh, but established as Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness through resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ out Lord.

Through him we have received the grace of apostleship, to bring about the obedience of faith, for the sake of his name, among he Gentiles, among whom are you also, who are called to belong to Jesus Christ; to all the beloved of God in Rome, called to be holy. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

READER - THIS IS THE WORD OF THE LORD! PEOPLE - THANKS BE TO GOD!

+ A READING FROM THE HOY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW + This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the Holy Spirit. Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly. Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that his child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means "God with us." When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.

PRIEST - THIS IS THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD! PEOPLE - PRAISE BE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST!

ANNNOUNCEMENTS:

THE CHRISTMAS FOOD COLLECTION is continuing. Please remember the needy during the upcoming Christmas Season. Non-perishable items may be left at the Mary Altar at the entryway of the Church. May God bless you for your donations.

Opłatki (Christmas wafers) are available at the entryway of the church.

Our PARISH CARD EXCHANGE is still going on at the entry - way of the church. A great way to wish fellow parishioners a Blessed Christmas.

This Tuesday marks the beginning of the FEAST OF THE NATIVITY of OUR LORD and the TRUE CHRISTMAS SEASON. Please consult the Mass Schedule for Mass times. Let's be sure to put God and our parish first as we celebrate Christmas. If you are having guests on Christmas Eve... why not invite them along to Midnight Mass?...one of the most beautiful Masses of the Liturgical year.

Cleaning and decorating of the Church for Christmas will take place after the lunch hour today. Many thanks for all those who will help in the endeavor.