



Our Saviour

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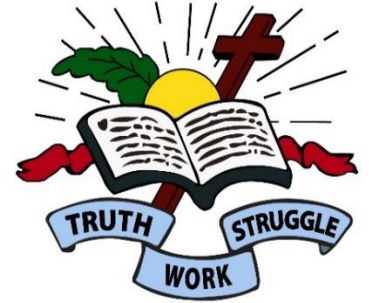
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The Third Sunday of Advent

A Sabbath Thought

To make our faith our own, we need to ask Jesus the questions in our hearts, and to listen with our hearts to his response.

About Today's Bible Readings

ISAIAH 35:1-6, 10

Isaiah echoes the deepest longing of the people: to be touched by their God with healing and joy.

Responsorial Psalm: 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10

R. Lord, come and save us.

JAMES 5:7-10

James exhorts us to patiently wait for the Lord's coming, demonstrating the paradox that Christ's healing of the world is both 'already' and 'not yet'.

MATTHEW 11:2-11

John the Baptist sends Jesus a piercing question: "Are you the one?" Jesus' response makes the connection between his unique ministry and the tradition that undergirds John.

ENTRANCE RITE – Isaiah 26:19b; 29:19

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.

THE GOSPEL – MATTHEW 11:2-11

When John the Baptist heard in prison of the works of the Christ, he sent his disciples to Jesus with this question, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" Jesus said to them in reply, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them. And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me."

As they were going off, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John, "What did you go out to the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind? Then what did you go out to see? Someone dressed in fine clothing? Those who wear fine clothing are in royal palaces. Then why did you go out? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you. Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

This is the Gospel of the Lord!

Worship Services

TODAY – Dec. 11th

**Third Sunday of Advent
Gaudete Sunday – Rejoice!**

9:00 AM – HOLY MASS

Intentions for the repose of the soul of Kari Lynn Lee offered by Peggy Kowalik

SUNDAY – Dec. 18th

Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:00 AM – HOLY MASS

Intentions for Frank and Helen Lonska in memory of their wedding anniversary offered by Robert Lonska

Decoration of the Parish

We will decorate our parish for the Christmas season next Sunday, December 18th at 12:00 noon. If you are able to help, please join us as we put on our best face to celebrate the birth of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

New Candles

The project to replace the altar candles with new, clean burning liquid candles continues. Today we will bless the two candles on the altar of Sacrifice. These were donated by Peggy Kowalik in memory of her dearly departed husband Joseph Kowalik, Jr. The candles for the Mary altar are coming, we have commitments for some of the ones on the Joseph altar and we are hoping for help with the rest.

Christmas Flower Memorials

If you would like to make a donation of flowers to adorn the altars for Christmas, envelopes are on the table in the narthex. These make a lovely memorial of departed loved ones.

The Sanctuary Lights

We have a quotation to replace the Sanctuary lights with energy efficient LED bulbs. The committee will consider it and make a decision soon. Hopefully this can be completed before Christmas.

ANS Christmas Luncheon

The Ladies Society for the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament (ANS) held their annual Christmas Luncheon yesterday at Palermo's Restaurant in Trenton. The ladies work hard for the benefit of the parish all year long and we hope that they had a great time as they truly deserve it and our gratitude.

Christmas Food Drive

If you have any donations of non-perishable food items that you might care to donate to help make Christmas a little brighter for someone in need, please leave them in the narthex and we will see to it that they are given to those most needful in this season of hope and joy.

Christmas Wafers – Oplatki

The Oplatki have arrived! If you are interested in obtaining them for your Christmas Dinner celebration, please see Peggy Kowalik. They are \$2.00 apiece. This is a beautiful tradition to maintain at your Christmas table.

INTENTIONS:

My Brothers and Sisters: Our prayers are needed: For the increase in men called to the priesthood and diaconate of the Polish National Catholic Church; For the health and growth of our Parish; For all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish; For the health and wellbeing of Jules Nagy, Raymond Priester, Bob Rush, Howard Friedman, Bernice Muha, Stella Surma, Stanley Sostak, Rose Kubik, Janet Caruso, Marie and Nunzie Sospetti, Robert Paterson, David Wunderlich, Michael Havrilla, Gerry Brunson, Frank Fisher, Anthony Tonzini, Erica Franta, Carol Parker, Gregg Smith, Clint Koch, Sally Urban, Duane Schulte, Ruth and Michael Pivovarnick, Tim Fischer, Bernice Biroscak, Douglas Lipton, Patrick Toner, Chris White and Florence Chamberlain. For the repose of the soul of Kari Lynn Lee.
Our Father...

Today's Hymns

Third Sunday of Advent

Please, join with the choir to make a beautiful noise unto the Lord!

The Hymns below can be found in the Blue Hymnal Books.

Opening Hymn

#32 – O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Verses 5 & 6)

Hymn to the Holy Spirit

#144 – Come, Thou Creator

Offertory Hymn

#16 – Send Forth, O Heavens

Post Communion Hymn

#18 – Advent Longing

Recessional Hymn

#30 – Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Christmas Worship Schedule

Saturday, December 24th, Christmas Eve

Choir Presentation at 8:30 PM

Shepherd's Mass, Pasterka at 9:00 PM

Sunday, December 25th, Christmas Day

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord, Mass at 9:00 AM

Please encourage all you know, family, friends and neighbors to join us as we celebrate the birth of Our Lord.
