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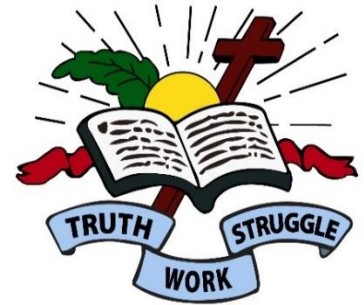
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The Second Sunday of Advent

A Sabbath Thought

Today we continue our Advent journey. The path we travel is easy because it leads straight to Christ.

About Today's Bible Readings

ISAIAH 40:1-5, 9-11

The prophet announces that the exile would soon end and the people are to prepare for a new exodus - just as we are preparing for our final liberation by Christ.

Responsorial Psalm: 85:9-10-11-12, 13-14

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

2 PETER 3:8-14

We do not know the exact time of the Lord's coming, but he will come. Our only concern should be how prepared we are to meet the Lord.

MARK 1:1-8

Mark begins his gospel with John the Baptist's preparation for Christ's coming. By opening their hearts, John hoped to prepare them for faith in the one who was to come.

ENTRANCE RITE – John 1:6-8

V. A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him.

R. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light.

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 – MARK 1:1-8

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God.

As it is written in Isaiah the prophet:

Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you;
he will prepare your way.

A voice of one crying out in the desert:

"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths."

John the Baptist appeared in the desert

proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

People of the whole Judean countryside

and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem

were going out to him

and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River

as they acknowledged their sins.

John was clothed in camel's hair,

with a leather belt around his waist.

He fed on locusts and wild honey.

And this is what he proclaimed:

"One mightier than I is coming after me.

I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals.

I have baptized you with water;

he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

This is the Gospel of the Lord!

Worship Services

TODAY – Dec. 10th

Second Sunday of Advent

9:00 AM – HOLY MASS

Intentions for the repose of the souls of Charles Cinkay and John Cinkay. Offered by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sub.

SUNDAY – Dec. 17th

**Third Sunday of Advent
Gaudete Sunday**

9:00 AM – HOLY MASS

Christmas Food Drive

Our Thanksgiving Food drive was a success and the donated items have been delivered to those less blessed in our community. Since some donations were received after we delivered the food, we decided to roll this over into a Christmas Food Drive. So 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. This is a beautiful tradition to maintain at your Christmas table.

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.

Cleaning the Church for Christmas

The Ladies of the ANS will be cleaning the church for Christmas on Saturday, December 23rd. If you are willing and able to help, please talk to Loretta Mikovsky to volunteer.

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, Howard Friedman, Bernice Muha, Stanley Sostak, Rose Kubik, Janet Caruso, Nunzie Sospetti, Robert Paterson, Michael Havrilla, Patricia Havrilla, Gerry Brunson, Frank Fisher, Shellie Fisher, Anthony Tonzini, Carol Parker, Gregg Smith, Clint Koch, Sally Urban, Duane Schulte, Ruth and Michael Pivovarnick, Bernice Biroscak, Patrick Toner, Frank Gonzales, Gary Graham, Jackie Bayak, Berne Bloom, Joan Mainzer, Bob Agans, Victor McAlanis, Tom Goff, June Didun, Stefan Revesz, Stephanie Besterci, David Potts, Johnny Mularczyk, Bishop Thaddeus Peplowski, Andrew Czarnetski and Kayne Finley. For the repose of the souls of Charles Cinkay and John Cinkay. **Our Father...**

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Today's Hymns

Second 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 3 & 4)

Hymn to the Holy Spirit

#144 – Come, Thou Creator

Offertory Hymn

#21 – On Jordan's Bank

Post Communion Hymn

#15 – From Heav'n A Voice

Recessional Hymn

#30 – Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Christmas Worship Schedule

**Sunday, December 24th, Fourth Sunday of Advent
Holy Mass at 9:00 AM**

**Sunday, December 24th, Christmas Eve
Choir Presentation at 8:30 PM
Shepherd's Mass, Pasterka at 9:00 PM**

Monday, December 25th, Christmas Day

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord, Holy 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.**