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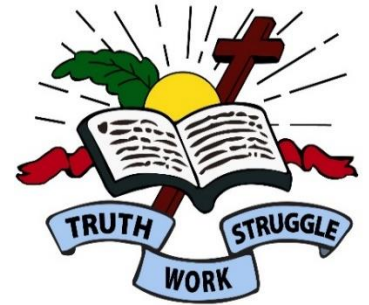
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The Third Sunday of Advent

A Sabbath Thought

Advent is a time of expectation that teaches us to look forward to Christ's coming. But it is not in the spectacular that we will find him. He comes in the midst of our daily routine, calling us to live after his example.

About Today's Bible Readings

ISAIAH 61:1-2, 10-11

The prophet describes the mission and the mandate the Lord has given him.

Responsorial Psalm: Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54

R. My soul rejoices in my God.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-24

Paul urges Christian integrity and perseverance in the anticipation of the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

JOHN 1:6-8, 19-28

Because the task of John the Baptist is to announce the coming of Jesus, he does not draw attention to himself but points directly to the one he heralds, Jesus Christ himself.

ENTRANCE HYMN – Philippians 4:4-5; Palms 119:151,162

*V. Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice!
Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near.*

R. You are near, O Lord; by Your edict give me life. I rejoice at Your promise, as one who has found rich spoil.

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 – JOHN 1:6-8, 19-28

A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light.

And this is the testimony of John.

When the Jews from Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to him to ask him, "Who are you?" He admitted and did not deny it, but admitted, "I am not the Christ." So they asked him, "What are you then? Are you Elijah?" And he said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" He answered, "No." So they said to him, "Who are you, so we can give an answer to those who sent us? What do you have to say for yourself?" He said: "I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, 'make straight the way of the Lord,'" as Isaiah the prophet said." Some Pharisees were also sent. They asked him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ or Elijah or the Prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." This happened in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

This is the Gospel of the Lord!

Worship Services

TODAY – Dec. 17th

**Third Sunday of Advent
Gaudete Sunday**

9:00 AM – HOLY MASS

Intentions for the health and wellbeing of Joan Piechota.

SUNDAY – Dec. 24th

**Fourth Sunday of Advent
and Christmas Eve**

9:00 AM – HOLY MASS

**9:00 PM – Pasterka
Shepherds' Mass**

Christmas Food Drive

Please open your hearts and your wallets as the birth of our Savior approaches. Donations of food, clothing or cash can be made in the Narthex or by seeing Peggy Kawalik. As Christ said, "Whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do it for me."

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 or honor living loved ones as well.

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.

Christmas Worship

Please plan to be with us Christmas Eve as we celebrate the birth of Our Savior. If you are uncomfortable driving after dark or need any other assistance, please let us know and we will arrange a ride for you to and from church.

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, Tom Goff, June Didun, Stefan Revesz, Stephanie Besterci, David Potts, Johnny Mularczyk, Bishop Thaddeus Peplowski, Andrew Czarnetski, Kayne Finley and Joan Piechota. For the repose of the souls of Charles Cinkay and John Cinkay. **Our Father...**

Today's Hymns

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

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

**Sunday, December 24th, Christmas Eve
Choir Presentation at 8:30 PM
Shepherds' 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.**
