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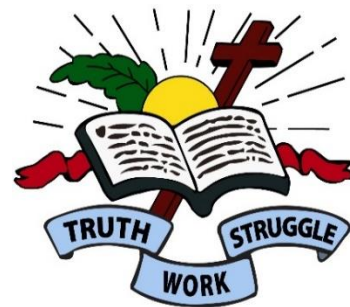
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The Fourth Sunday of Advent

A Sabbath Thought

By our openness to the action of the Spirit, we Christians serve to bring Jesus into the world. In this, we follow the example of Mary whose humble assent to the Spirit was a means of giving glory to God.

About Today's Bible Readings

2 SAMUEL 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a-16

David wants to prove his love for God by building a temple to house the ark of the covenant. But God speaks through the prophet Nathan and points David in a different direction.

**Responsorial Psalm:
89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29**

**R. For ever I will sing
the goodness of the
Lord.**

ROMANS 16:25-27

Giving glory to God is not just a matter of saying prayers or singing. The greater glory is to surrender ourselves to his love in all that we are and do.

LUKE 1:26-38

There are different ways to bring God into the world. Mary gave birth to the historical Jesus. We members of his body bring Jesus to new birth by allowing his Spirit to work through us.

ENTRANCE HYMN – Luke 1:28-42; Judith 15:9b

V. Hail favored one! The Lord is with you. Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!

R. You are the glory of Jerusalem, the surpassing joy of Israel! You are the splendid boast of our people.

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 – Luke 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.

"Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." But Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?" And the angel said to her in reply, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God." Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

This is the Gospel of the Lord!

Worship Services

TODAY – Dec. 24th

**Fourth Sunday of Advent
and Christmas Eve**

9:00 AM – HOLY MASS

**CHOIR PRESENTATION
8:30 PM**

**CHRISTMAS EVE – PASTERKA
(SHEPHERD'S MASS)**

9:00 PM HOLY MASS

TOMORROW – Dec. 25th

**SOLEMNITY
NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

9:00 AM – HOLY 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, it is not too late. Envelopes are on the table in the narthex. These make a lovely memorial of departed loved ones or honor living loved ones as well.

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, 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, Stefan Revesz, Stephanie Besterce, David Potts, Johnny Mularczyk, Bishop Thaddeus Peplowski, Andrew Czarnetski, Joan Piechota and Teresa Vista Gumiran. For the repose of the soul of Kayne Finley.

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 1 & 7)

Hymn to the Holy Spirit

#144 – Come, Thou Creator

Offertory Hymn

#25 – Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding

Post Communion Hymn

SOLO – Janet Ewaskiewicz

" I Wonder As I Wander"

Recessional Hymn

#31 – Watchman, Tell Us Of The Night

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.**
