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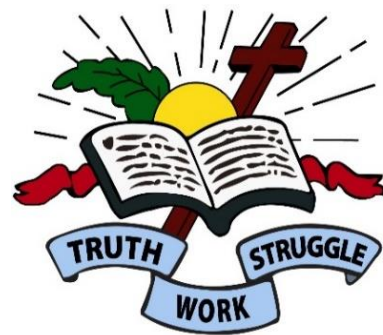
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## Third Sunday of Advent – Gaudete Sunday

### A Sabbath Thought

We are preparing ourselves to celebrate the feast of Christmas. But what is the point of what we are doing? If we are to enter into the real meaning of the feast, we must get back to basics, like love and joy.

### About Today's Bible Readings

#### ZEPHANIAH 3:14-18

The prophet urges us to rejoice because the Lord's presence is a guarantee of deliverance.

#### Responsorial Psalm: IS 12:2-3, 4, 5-6

**R. Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.**

#### PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7

Clear your minds of anxiety, urges the apostle, and fill your hearts with joy.

#### LUKE 3:10-18

Even now says John the Baptist, you can prepare the way of the Lord by righting wrongs.

### ENTRANCE RITE – Psalm 85:6-7; 90:14

*V. Will You be angry with us forever, drag out Your anger for all generations? Please give us life again, that Your people may rejoice in You.*

**R. Fill us at daybreak with Your love, that all our days we may sing for joy.**

*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 3:10-18

The crowds asked John the Baptist, "What should we do?" He said to them in reply, "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized and they said to him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He answered them, "Stop collecting more than what is prescribed." Soldiers also asked him, "And what is it that we should do?" He told them, "Do not practice extortion, do not falsely accuse anyone, and be satisfied with your wages." Now the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Exhorting them in many other ways, he preached good news to the people.

**This is the Gospel of the Lord!**

## Worship Services

**TODAY – Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>**

*Third Sunday of Advent*  
*Gaudete Sunday*

**9:00 AM – HOLY MASS**

**SUNDAY – Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>**

*Fourth Sunday of Advent*

**9:00 AM – HOLY MASS**

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### *Parish Committee Meeting*

There will be a brief special meeting of the Parish Committee following Mass. I hope that all committee members will be able to attend.

### **ADVENT**

As the end of our Advent journey draws near, I urge you to spend a few minutes each day in prayer and reflection. Try to imagine and appreciate the incredible gift that God is about to give mankind, His only begotten Son, freely given in expiation for our sins.

### **Christmas Wafers**

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 Flowers**

Envelopes for donations for flowers to adorn the Christmas altars are on the table in the Narthex. This is a beautiful way show your love in honor of family, friends or loved ones.

### **Holiday Generosity**

And let's not forget about those individuals in our community who are less blessed than ourselves. If you are able to donate non-perishable food, clothing, money or other items to help them as the holiday season begins, please do so. *We have received a special request for winter coats, from infant to adult sizes. They do not need to be new, just clean and in good condition.* Donations may be left in the Narthex or given to Peggy Kowalik. May God bless you all.

### **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 Howard Friedman, Michael and Bernice Muha, Stanley Sostak, Janet Caruso, Michael and Patricia Havrilla, Gerry Brunson, Frank and Shellie Fisher, Anthony Tonzini, Gregg Smith, Clint Koch, Duane Schulte, Ruth Pivovarnick, Bill and Bernice Biroscak, Stefan Revesz, Stephanie Besterci, David Potts, Andrew Chernesky, Joan Piechota, John Smith, Ernie Hoffman, John and Jane Aldershoff, Garrett Aldershoff, Father Senior Gregory Mludzik, Peggy Harris, Ina Reese, Bob Stutz, Father Senior Ed Ratajack, Tom Goff, Anni Greif, Jamie Watson, Nancy Eaton and Fred Rast. **Our Father...**

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## *Today's Hymns*

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

### **Processional Hymn**

#32 – O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Verses 1 & 2)

### **Hymn to the Holy Spirit**

#144 – Come, Thou Creator

### **Offertory Hymn**

#28 - O Come, Divine Messiah

### **Communion Hymn**

#30 - Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

### **Recessional Hymn**

#25 - Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding

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## **Christmas Worship Schedule**

**Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Eve**

**Choir Presentation at 11:30 PM**

**Shepherd's Mass, "Pasterka" at 12:00 Midnight**

**Tuesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, 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.***