



**Our Saviour Parish
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January 1, 2020

Solemnity – Circumcision of our Lord

FAITH SHARING

Today’s Gospel selection ends with a one-sentence summary of Feast this day, the eighth after the birth of the Child, which commemorates, His Circumcision and His naming. The Son of God and Son of Mary is given the Name chosen for Him by God before His conception - **Yeshua** (Jesus) which means, “The Lord saves.” The rite of Circumcision unites Mary’s Child with the chosen people and makes him an heir to the promises God made to Abraham - promises to be fulfilled in the Child himself.

BIBLE READINGS

NM 6:22-27

In the first reading, taken from the book of Numbers, God gives Moses and Aaron the formula they should use while conferring the Divine blessing upon the Israelites.

Responsorial Psalm

R. May God bless us in his mercy.

GAL 4:4-7

In the second reading, Paul reminds the Galatians that God’s Son has become one of us through Mary and that it was through Him that they have become the children of God.

LK 2:16-21

The Gospel recounts that on the day of His Circumcision, the Child was given the name Jesus that was chosen by God Himself.

ENTRANCE HYMN (Genesis 17:10; Psalm 89:35-36a)

V. This is My covenant with you and your descendants after you that you must keep: every male among you shall be circumcised.

R. I will not violate My covenant; the promise of My lips I will not alter. By My holiness, I swore once for all.

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.

Gospel

LK 2:16-21

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke.

R. Glory be to You, Lord.

The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child.

All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.

Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told to them.

When eight days were completed for his circumcision, he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

WHY DID THEY CIRCUMCISE JESUS?

On the eighth day after His Nativity, our Lord Jesus Christ was circumcised in accordance with the Old Testament Law. All male infants underwent circumcision as a sign of God’s Covenant with Abraham and his descendants [Genesis 17:10-14, Leviticus 12:3].

After this ritual, the Divine Infant was given the name Jesus, as the Archangel Gabriel declared on the day of the Annunciation to the Most Holy Mother of God [Luke 1:31-33, 2:21].

The Fathers of the Church explain that the Lord, the Creator of the Law, underwent circumcision in order to give people an example of how faithfully the divine ordinances ought to be fulfilled. The Lord was circumcised so that later no one would doubt that He had truly assumed human flesh, and that His Incarnation was not merely an illusion, as certain heretics had taught.

These two events -- the Lord’s Circumcision and Naming -- remind Christians that they have entered into a New Covenant with God.

**2020
HAPPY NEW YEAR**

Today's Hymns

Processional Hymn

#57 O Come, All Ye Faithful

Hymn to the Holy Spirit

#144 Come, Thou Creator

Offertory Hymn

#79 O Little Town of Bethlehem

Communion Hymn

#77 Away in a Manger

Recessional Hymn

#42 Silent Night

WORSHIP SERVICES

Wednesday, January 1

Solemnity – Circumcision of our Lord

12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

Sunday, January 5

Solemnity – Holy Family

& Epiphany of the Lord

12:00 Noon – Holy Mass with

the blessing of families, and the

blessing of incense, charcoal &

chalk

Sunday, January 12

Solemnity – Baptism of the Lord

12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

Sunday, January 19

2 Ordinary Sunday

12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

PASTOR'S

DIRECT PHONE NUMBER

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BULLETIN INFORMATION

If you have any information which supposed to be in our parish bulletin, please call or email Fr. Mariusz.

Due date for each bulletin is always Friday, 4:00 p.m.

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, Bill and Bernice Biroscak, Stefan Revesz, Stephanie Besterce, David Potts, Andrew Chernesky, Joan Piechota, John Smith, Ernie Hoffman, John and Jane Aldershoff, Peggy Harris, Ina Reese, Bob Stutz, Tom Goff, Milton Keiles, David Gavenda, Michelle Freer, Kay Stampone, James Stenz, Dorothy Nabinger, John Russell, Ronald Brower, Dorothy Zyteczk. Jan Cherneski, Beverly Wunderlich, Peggy Kowalik, Thomas Oliver, Sally Bisch, Bea and Stan Sub, Ruth Mechowski, Ewelina Mendelewski-Filyushchenko.

For the repose of the soul of all our parishioners who passed away.

Our Father...

HOLY MASSES AT CHRISTMAS TIME AT OUR SAVIOUR PARISH

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