



**Our Saviour Parish
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3rd Sunday of Advent

FAITH SHARING

Today's readings invite us to rejoice at the rebirth of Jesus in our lives as we are preparing for our annual Christmas celebration. This day is called Gaudete Sunday, because today's Mass used to begin with the opening antiphon: "*Gaudete in Domino semper,*" i.e., "Rejoice in the Lord always." So, to express our joy in the coming of Jesus as our Savior into our hearts and lives, we light the rose candle in the Advent wreath, and the priest may wear rose vestments.

BIBLE READINGS

Isaiah 35:1-6, 10

The prophet Isaiah encourages the exiled Jews in Babylon to rejoice because their God is going to liberate them from slavery and lead them safely to their homeland

Responsorial Psalm

R. Lord, come and save us.

James 5:7-10

James the Apostle encourages the early Christians to rejoice and wait with patience for the imminent second coming of Jesus.

Matthew 11:2-11

Jesus encourages John the Baptist in prison to rejoice by casting away his wrong expectations about the Messiah and simply accepting Jesus' healing and preaching ministry as the fulfillment of the Messianic prophecy of Isaiah.

ENTRANCE HYMN (Isaiah 26:19b; 29:19)

V. Awake and sing, you who lie in the dust. For your dew is a dew of light, and the land of shades gives birth.

R. The lowly will ever find joy in the Lord, and the poor rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.

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

MT 11:2-11

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew.

R. Glory be to You, Lord.

When John the Baptist heard in prison of the works of the Christ, he sent his disciples to Jesus with this question, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?"

Jesus said to them in reply, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them.

And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me." As they were going off, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John, "What did you go out to the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind? Then what did you go out to see? Someone dressed in fine clothing? Those who wear fine clothing are in royal palaces. Then why did you go out? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written: *Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you.* Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.



Today's Hymns

Processional Hymn

#1 Hymn Of Faith (verses 1 & 4)

Hymn to the Holy Spirit

#144 Come, Thou Creator

Offertory Hymn

#21 On Jordan's Bank

Communion Hymn

#26 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Recessional Hymn

#32 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday, December 15

3rd Sunday of Advent

12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

Sunday, December 22

4th Sunday of Advent

12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

Tuesday, December 24

Christmas Eve

12:00 Midnight – Shepherds' Mass

Pasterka

Wednesday, December 25

Christmas Day

12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

PASTOR'S

DIRECT PHONE NUMBER

In case of all regular Parish issues please call Fr. Mariusz at 215-535-4978. This number is always linked to pastor's cell phone, so in case of real emergency please also use this 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...



CHRISTMAS WAFERS – OPLATEK

The Oplatek have arrived! If you are interested in obtaining them for your Christmas Dinner celebration, please see Peggy. This is a beautiful tradition to maintain at your Christmas table.



BOOK DRIVE

Our Used Book Drive continues to be quite successful. If you have books at home that you no longer need or want, please bring them in and we will find new homes for them. Please, no magazines, just hard and soft covered books. Thank you and God bless.



CHURCH DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS

This year we will be decorating our church for Christmas on **Sunday, December 22**, right after Mass. As always, we need you. Please stay after Mass to help us. Let's make our Lord's Birthday beautiful. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS DONATION

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.

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.

HOLY MASSES AT CHRISTMAS

Tuesday, December 24 – Christmas Eve – 12:00 Midnight – Shepherds' Mass "Pasterka"

Wednesday, December 25 – Christmas Day – 12:00 Noon – Holy Mass