



# Our Saviour Parish of the Polish National Catholic Church

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December 22, 2019

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

### FAITH SHARING

Loving, responsive obedience to God, as modeled for us in the Gospel by St. Joseph, is the central theme of today's readings, with special emphasis on the Virgin Birth of Jesus.

### BIBLE READINGS

#### Isaiah 7:10-14

The prophet Isaiah gives a sign from God to King Ahaz of Judah: "*Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel*" (Is 7:14).

#### Responsorial Psalm

R. **Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.**

#### Romans 1:1-7

Paul asserts that Jesus was a descendant of David and thus the Messiah: "*from David according to the flesh*" (Rom 1:3). Paul explains that the only begotten Son of God, become Incarnate as Jesus, was revealed and established by the Father as Son of God in power by his Resurrection from the dead.

#### Matthew 1:18-24

Joseph had to, and freely did, accept Jesus as his son, making Jesus a legal descendant of David because Joseph was a descendant of David. Because Joseph was the husband of Mary at the time Jesus was born, Jesus was legally the son of Joseph and thus a descendant of David.

### ENTRANCE HYMN (John 11:27; Psalm 90:2)

V. Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that You are the Messiah, the Son of God, the One Who is coming into the world.

R. **Before the mountains were born, the earth and the world brought forth, from eternity to eternity You are God.**

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.**

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### Gospel

#### MT 1:18-24

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew.

R. **Glory be to You, Lord.**

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about.

When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the Holy Spirit.

Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly.

Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her.

She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: *Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel*, which means "God is with us."

When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. **Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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## Today's Hymns

### Processional Hymn

#1 Hymn Of Faith (verses 1 & 4)

### Hymn to the Holy Spirit

#144 Come, Thou Creator

### Offertory Hymn

#26 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

### Communion Hymn

#21 On Jordan's Bank

### Recessional Hymn

#32 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

## WORSHIP SERVICES

### Sunday, December 22

4th Sunday of Advent

#### 12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

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### Tuesday, December 24

Christmas Eve

#### 12:00 Midnight – Shepherds' Mass

Pasterka

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### Wednesday, December 25

Christmas Day

#### 12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

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### Sunday, December 29

Solemnity – Humble Shepherds

#### 12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

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## 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...

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## CHRISTMAS WAFERS – OPLATEK

If you are interested in obtaining Oplatek 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

Today, right after Mass we will be decorating our church for Christmas celebration. 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 AT OUR SAVIOUR PARISH

### Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24, 2019

- 12:00 Midnight The Traditional Shepherds' Mass – *Pasterka*

### Christmas Day

Wednesday, December 25, 2019 – Nativity of our Lord

- 12:00 Noon Christmas Mass

### Sunday after Christmas

Sunday, December 29, 2019 – Solemnity – Humble Shepherds

- 12:00 Noon Holy Mass

### New Year

Wednesday, January 1, 2020 – Solemnity – Circumcision of our Lord

- 12:00 Noon Holy Mass

Sunday, January 5, 2020 – 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, 2020 – Solemnity – Baptism of our Lord

- 12:00 Noon Holy Mass