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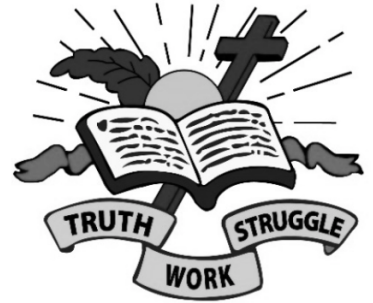
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**December 29, 2019**

**Solemnity – Humble Shepherds**

**FAITH SHARING**

God shows His love for sinful man by sharing His love with us in the form of Jesus in Bethlehem. Jesus, in turn, saves us by His suffering, death and Resurrection.

**BIBLE READINGS**

**Isaiah 62:11-12**

In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah shows the Jews their God as a saving God Who will extend His redemption to His holy city.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**R. A light will shine on us this day;  
The Lord is born for us.**

**Titus 3:4-7**

In the second reading, St. Paul tells Titus that God saves us through His Son Jesus, not because we have deserved it by our good deeds, but because of His mercy. Jesus continues His saving mission by allowing us to be reborn by water and the Holy Spirit, thus enabling us to become God's children and heirs of everlasting life.

**Luke 2:15-20**

Describing the response of the shepherds to the angelic message, today's Gospel invites us to offer ourselves as a gift to Jesus, our Lord and Savior and to bear witness to Him through our lives, by sharing love with others.

**ENTRANCE HYMN** (Wisdom 18:14-15a; Psalm 93:2)

V. For when peaceful stillness compassed everything and the night in its swift course was half spent, Your all-powerful Word from heaven's royal throne bounded, a fierce warrior, into the doomed land.

**R. Your throne stands firm from of old; You are from everlasting, Lord.**

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**

**Lk 2:15-20**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke.

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

When the angels went away from them to heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go, then, to Bethlehem to see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went in haste 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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**FIRST READING, ISAIAH 62:11-12 EXPLAINED**

Around 600 BC, the Babylonians took the Jews out of the Promised Land and kept them in exile (the Babylonian Captivity), for about 70 years. When Cyrus, a new Persian emperor, conquered Babylon, he sent the Jews home. This reading is set in that troubled period, when Judah was trying to put herself back together after returning from Exile. *Daughter Zion* means (the people of) the city Jerusalem. This was Judah's capital, in the center of which stands Mount Zion where the Temple had been built. The gist of this short passage is that the people should keep up their spirits because soon they and their city will enjoy prosperity and international renown again, and their city will frequently be visited by tourists instead of remaining a ghost city. In other words, God's own people will experience the saving and providing love of their God.

## Today's Hymns

### Processional Hymn

#57 O Come, All Ye Faithful

### Hymn to the Holy Spirit

#144 Come, Thou Creator

### Offertory Hymn

# 76 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

### Communion Hymn

#75 It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

### Recessional Hymn

#77 Away in a Manger

## WORSHIP SERVICES

### Sunday, December 29

Solemnity – Humble Shepherds

12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

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### Wednesday, January 1

Solemnity – Circumcision of our Lord

12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

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### 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

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### Sunday, January 12

Solemnity – Baptism of the Lord

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.

### PASTOR'S ADDRESS

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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 Besterici, 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 Zytczk. 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 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.

## HOLY MASSES AT CHRISTMAS TIME AT OUR SAVIOUR PARISH

### Sunday, December 29, 2019 – Solemnity – Humble Shepherds

- 12:00 Noon Holy Mass

### New Year

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