

# Our Saviour Parish of the Polish National Catholic Church

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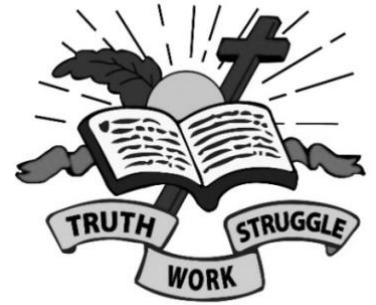
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**December 19, 2021**

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

### FAITH SHARING

Today's readings remind us that Jesus is reborn every day in ordinary people living ordinary lives, who have the willingness to respond to God's call and the openness to do God's will. They suggest that Christmas should inspire us to carry out God's word as Mary and Jesus did, in perfect, loving obedience to His will, with cheerful kindness and unselfish generosity.

In the first reading, the prophet Micah gives assurance to the Jews that God is faithful to His promises and that from the unimportant village of Bethlehem He will send them the long-expected ruler.

The second reading, taken from the Letter to the Hebrews, reminds us to be thankful for Jesus Christ's Self-offering, the perfect sacrifice of loving obedience that liberated us from sin.

In the Gospel, Luke tells us how two seemingly insignificant women met to celebrate the kindness and fidelity of God. We see here how sensitive Mary was to the needs of Elizabeth, her older cousin who had miraculously become pregnant in her old age. For Luke, discipleship consists in listening to God's word and then carrying it out, and Mary does both, to become the most perfect disciple.

### Responsorial Psalm

**R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.**

### ENTRANCE HYMN (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.**

### Gospel

**LK 1:39-45**

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke.

Mary set out  
and traveled to the hill country in haste  
to a town of Judah,  
where she entered the house of Zechariah  
and greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting,  
the infant leaped in her womb,  
and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit,  
cried out in a loud voice and said,  
"Blessed are you among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of your womb.  
And how does this happen to me,  
that the mother of my Lord should come to me?  
For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears,  
the infant in my womb leaped for joy.  
Blessed are you who believed  
that what was spoken to you by the Lord  
would be fulfilled."

The Gospel of the Lord.



## Today's Hymns

**Processional Hymn**  
Hymn of Faith

**Hymn to the Holy Spirit**  
144 Come, Thou Creator

**Offertory Hymn**  
O Come, Divine Messiah  
(Not in hymnal)

**Communion Hymn**  
021 On Jordan's Bank

**Recessional Hymn**  
026 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent

### WORSHIP SERVICES

**Sunday, December 19**

4 Sunday of Advent

**12:00 Noon – Holy Mass**

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**Saturday, December 25**

Solemnity – Nativity of the Lord

**12:00 Noon – Holy Mass**

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**Sunday, December 26**

Solemnity – Humble Shepherds

St. Stephen, Proto-Martyr

**12:00 Noon – Holy Mass**

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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.

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### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Let us pray for all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish, especially: Howard Friedman, Michael and Patricia Havrilla, Gerry Brunson, Frank and Shellie Fisher, Gregg Smith, Clint Koch, Duane Schulte, Bill and Bernice Biroscak, Stephanie Besterci, David Potts, Andrew Chernesky, Joan Piechota, John Smith, Ernie Hoffman, Peggy Harris, Ina Reese, Bob Stutz, Tom Goff, Donald Gavenda, Michelle Freer, Kay Stampone, Jan Cherneski, Ewelina Mendelewski-Filyushchenko, Richard Golazewski, Fr. Donald Wunderlich, Izabela Dryfik, Michal Mularczyk, Jane Aldorshoff

### ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Most loving Jesus, I adore You in the Most Blessed Sacrament, in Which You are truly present. I love You above all things and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot receive You sacramentally, I ask You to come spiritually into my heart and heal my soul. I embrace You and unite myself with You; may I never be separated from You. In flame my heart with the fire of Your love, my Lord and Savior.

### ADVENT CANDLES

The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent, and one candle is lit each Sunday. The first is called the "Candle of Hope." It symbolizes faith in God keeping his promises to humanity. The second is called the "Candle of Preparation," reminding Christians to "get ready" to receive God. The third candle is the "Candle of Joy." It recalls the angels joyfully singing about the birth of Christ. The fourth candle, the "Candle of Love," reminds Christians that God loves them enough to send his only Son to Earth.

Three of the candles are purple because the color violet is a liturgical color that signifies a time of prayer, penance, and sacrifice. And one is pink, this which we lit on the third Sunday of Advent. Sometimes a white candle is placed in the middle of the wreath; this is a beautiful modern adaptation. The white candle is lit on Christmas Eve. This candle is called the "Christ Candle" and represents the life of Christ. The color white is for purity—because Christ is our sinless, pure Savior.

### OPLATKI - CHRISTMAS WAFERS

Christmas wafers are in sale now at Our Saviour's.

### 2021 CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE AT ST. VALENTINE'S AND OUR SAVIOUR'S

**Friday, December 24, 2021**

St. Valentine's 10:00 PM

**Christmas Eve**

Shepherds' Mass – *Pasterka* – with the candle illumination (available on YouTube and Facebook)

**Saturday, December 25, 2021**

St. Valentine's 9:30 AM

Our Saviour's 12:00 Noon

**Christmas Day – Nativity of the Lord**

Christmas Mass (available on YouTube and Facebook)

Christmas Mass

**Sunday, December 26, 2021**

St. Valentine's 9:30 AM

Our Saviour's 12:00 Noon

**Solemnity – Humble Shepherds**

Holy Mass (available on YouTube and Facebook)

Holy Mass

**Friday, December 31, 2021**

St. Valentine's 9:30 AM

**Saturday, January 1, 2022**

St. Valentine's 9:30 AM

Our Saviour's 12:00 Noon

**New Year's Eve; Solemnity – Holy Family**

Holy Mass with the blessing of families (in person only)

**Solemnity – Circumcision of our Lord**

Holy Mass (available on YouTube and Facebook)

Holy Mass

**Sunday, January 2, 2022**

St. Valentine's 9:30 AM

Our Saviour's 12:00 Noon

**Solemnity – Holy Name of Jesus**

Holy Mass (available on YouTube and Facebook)

Holy Mass

**Thursday, January 6, 2022**

St. Valentine's 9:30 AM

Our Saviour's 12:00 Noon

**Sunday, January 9, 2022**

St. Valentine's 9:30 AM

Our Saviour's 12:00 Noon

**Solemnity – Epiphany of the Lord**

Holy Mass with the blessing of incense, charcoal & chalk (available on YouTube and Facebook)

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**Solemnity – Baptism of the Lord**

Holy Mass with the Renewal of the Baptismal Promises

(available on YouTube and Facebook)

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