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4th 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.

In the first reading, 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). Matthew considers this prophecy as one of the most descriptive and definite prophecies foretelling the future Messianic King, the Christ, who is to be born as a descendant of David.

In the second reading, Paul asserts that Jesus was a descendant of David and thus the Messiah: "*from David according to the flesh,*" become Incarnate as Jesus, but was revealed and established by the Father as Son of God in power by his Resurrection from the dead. Then Paul provides a sweeping summary of God's mighty acts in history through Jesus Christ.

Today's Gospel, from Matthew, focuses on the person and role of Joseph. For Jesus to fulfill the Messianic prophecy given by Isaiah, 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. Hence, Matthew makes it clear that Jesus was not the biological child of Joseph. But 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.

Responsorial Psalm

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

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.

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.



Today's Hymns

Processional Hymn
001 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 18
4 Sunday of Advent

12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

Sunday, December 25
Solemnity – Nativity of our Lord

12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

Sunday, January 1
New Year

Circumcision of our Lord
12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

Sunday, January 8
Solemnity – Humble Shepherds

12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

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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 Besterce, David Potts, Andrew Chernesky, Joan Piechota, John Smith, Ernie Hoffman, Peggy Harris, Ina Reese, Tom Goff, Donald Gavenda, Michelle Freer, Kay Stampone, Jan Cherneski, Ewelina Mendelewski-Filyushchenko, Richard Golazewski, Jane Aldorshoff, Elizabeth McAlanis, Dolores McGlone, Marianna Pelka

Please keep us informed that we might minister to those who are ill at home, in the hospital or nursing home.

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.

NATIONAL SAMBS CONVENTION SCHEDULED – SAVE THE DATE

Holy Trinity Parish, Plantsville, CT, The Eastern Diocese (ED) Society for the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament (SAMBS), aka ANS (Adoracja Najświętszego Sakramentu), will host the National SAMBS convention on Friday and Saturday, May 19 and 20, 2023 at Holy Trinity Parish in Plantsville, CT. An exciting program is planned with a dynamic local speaker, Rev. Vicki Triano of Christ Community Church. Our theme and activities are still being planned. For questions or more information contact Marilyn Folcik at 860-584-4606 or marilyn4412@comcast.net . Please put these dates on your calendar to spend some time in prayer and fun with the good sisters of the SAMBS.



OPLATKI - CHRISTMAS WAFERS

The Christmas Wafers (Oplatki) are blessed and available at for your Christmas table. Peggy distributes them.

CHURCH DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS

We always appreciate your help in decorating our church for Christmas. This year please help us today after Mass to bring all decorating items from the storage to the sanctuary.



MASS INTENTION REQUEST FORM

Mass for _____

Date requested _____

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Address _____

Phone Number _____ Mass stipend \$ _____

Please mail this form and the Mass stipend to *Rev. Mariusz Mularczyk, 2330 Margaret St, Philadelphia, PA 19137*