

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 17, 2023

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

SECOND & FOURTH SUNDAYS
1:15 PM ENG
2:15 POLISH

Please arrange the date of baptism through the Rectory office after the birth of your child.

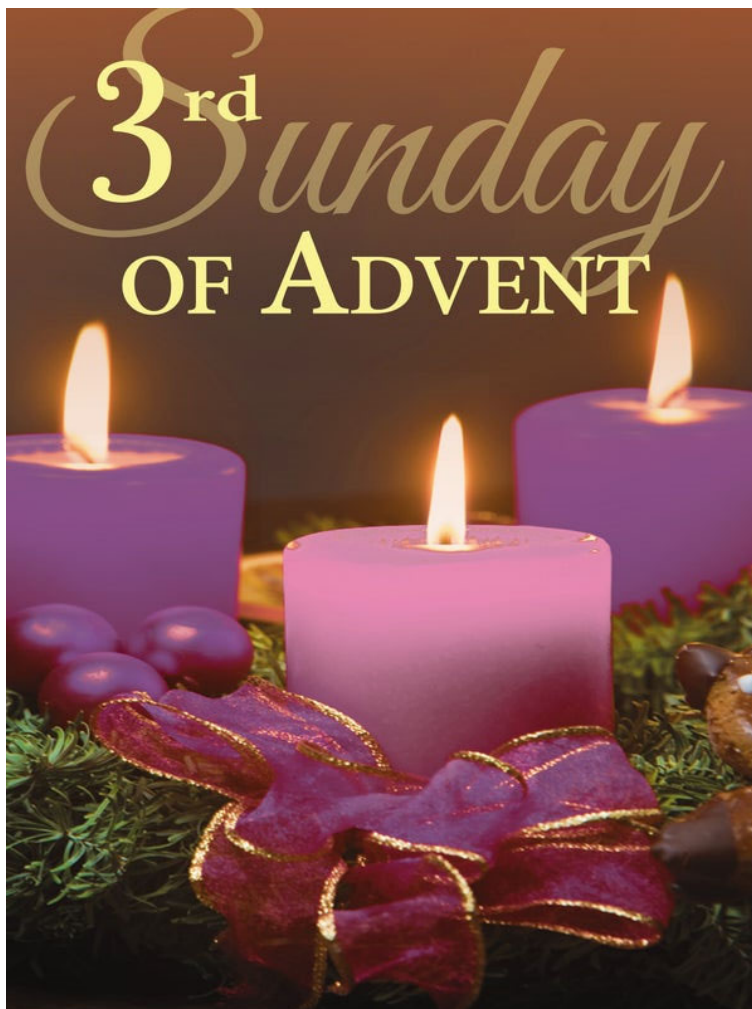
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please call the Rectory for an appointment at least six months prior to the desired date.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAYS
4:00 to 4:45 PM
and
THURSDAYS BEFORE
FIRST FRIDAYS
4:00 to 5:00 PM

Other times by appointment.



LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

WEEKDAYS
7:00 AM
SATURDAYS
8:00 AM
SATURDAY
EVENINGS
VIGIL MASS 5:00 PM
SUNDAYS
8:00 & 9:15 AM
10:30 AM (Polish)
12:00 Noon

RECTORY HOURS
WEEKDAYS
9 AM to 12 Noon
& 1 PM to 4 PM

EUCHARISTIC
ADORATION
W/ BENEDICTION
Tuesdays
12:00 to 1 PM

MILLIONS
OF MONICAS
Tuesdays 1 to 2 PM

PL PRAYER GROUP
W/ ADORATION
2ND THURSDAYS
7 PM

Our Mission Statement

Lord, God, all creation is yours, and you call us to serve you by caring for the gifts that surround us. May the example of St. Isidore urge us to share our food with the hungry and to work for the salvation of mankind. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

Saint Isidore, Pray for Us.

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2023

- 5:00 pm Healing for Kate Hanna
+ Janet, Dillon and Steven Perry
+ Nettie, George and Dennis Gayda, Cornelius
O'Neill and Lina Guardino
+ Robert D. Taylor
+ Domainski Family
+ Newman Dylan

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 17, 2023

- 8:00 am + Okula and Podlas Families
9:15 am + Living & Deceased Members of Bullock Fam.
10:30 am + Aurelia, Stanley, Ziggy & Roman Wilinski
PL + Bondarowicz Family
+ Jerzy, Irene, Margaret (5th A) and Zbigniew
Aleksandrowicz and Family
The People of the Parish, Living and Deceased
+ Jadwiga Zawadzka / + Wieslaw Luniewski
+ Zofia Czaplak / +Tadeusz Cichy
12 Noon + Stanley Sydlowski

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2023

- 7:00 am + Jill Czulada / + Jadwiga Kawa

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2023

- 7:00 am + Eugene Paterson
Healing for Any Saperstein

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2023

- 7:00 am + Alojzy Michalak
Healing for Jeff Tanklef

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2023

- 7:00 am + Joseph Czulada, Jr. (A)
+ Juliana Kulesa (A)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2023

- 7:00 am + Susan Zak
+ Victoria Wojewocki (A)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2023

- 8:00 am Blessings for Leszek i Dawid Grodzik
+ Jadwiga Kawa
Intentions of the DeMarco and Goodale Fam.
Intentions of the Bealey Family
5:00 pm + Jacob, Mary and Stanley Zielinski & Family
+ Joseph and Tessie Karpinski
+ Eugene M. Breheny
+ Stanley Sydlowski
+ Andy Kohn / + Peter Kruszon

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 24, 2023

- 8:00 am + Anne, Michael and Frank Bugdin
9:15 am + Kathy McGrath
10:30 am + Mariusz and Tadeusz Borowski
PL + Jadwiga Suchta
+ Zofia Czaplak
The People of the Parish, Living and Deceased
+ Jean Stasiukiewicz
Health for Anna Jastrzebska
12 Noon + Frank Dusek

IN LOVING MEMORY

Missalettes

John B. and Helen Zilnicki

Bread and Wine

John B. and Helen Zilnicki

Sanctuary Lamp

George and Stella Bixby

THE WEEK AHEAD AND BEYOND

Saturday, December 16, 2023

Christmas Confessions 6 to 8 PM

Monday, December 18, 2023

Christmas Confessions 2 to 3 PM & 6 to 7 PM

Adoration 6 PM

Polish Retreat 2 PM and 7 PM

Tuesday, December 19, 2023

Adoration 12 to 1 PM / Millions of Monicas 1 to 2 PM

Polish Retreat: 2 PM and Mass 6 PM

Friday, December 22, 2023

Office Closed—Christmas Eve Observed

Saturday, December 23, 2023

Mass 8 AM / 5 PM

Sunday, December 24, 2023

Holy Day of Obligation

Masses: 8 AM, 9:15, 10:30 (PL), 12 Noon

Christmas (Holy Day of Obligation)

Christmas Eve: 5 PM, 10 PM (PL), Midnight

Christmas Day: 8 AM, 9:15, 10:30 (PL), 12 Noon

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 (Is 61:10b)/ 1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Monday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25

Tuesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/
Lk 1:5-25

Wednesday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12,
20-21/Lk 1:39-45

Fri.: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56

Saturday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/
Lk 1:57-66

Next Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5,
27, 29 (2a)/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38



PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Bozenna Komosa

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Corinne Clark * Madeline Galka * Stanislaw Andrzychowski * Grazyna Pawlak * Carol McKay * Gillen Family * Christina Donovan * Blythe Fickenwirth * Dan Massiello * Gilbert Lebron, Sr. * Irene Monahan * Richard, Joseph and Gerard Kane * Pat Rambo * Jody Breitfeller * Benjamin Gonzalez * Dominique Tirado * Diana Perniciaro * Sammy * Brodie * Bob Rozanski * Dolline Welch * Joe and William Hiskey * Sue Brooks * Cathleen Mickaliger * Joseph Stepnoski * James Kenna * Douglas Clark * Stasia Grabowski * Eleanor Nystrom * Margaret McCarthy * Jan Suchta * Justin * Mike Smithwick * Dakota Harmon * Courtney Altman * Gale Durney * Cole Fallor * Claire Latour * Halikias Family * Liana Forstein * Rosemary & Daniel Ambrosini * Thomas Ryall * Anne Marie Donlon * Dorothy Sousa * Joan Kielkowski * Anthony Naglieri * Thomas McEnany * Mary Khulman * Denise Babinski * Michael Alperti * Roseanne Murphy * Barbara Kozlowski * James West * Elizabeth Farruggia * Kelly Wine * Mary Van Duesen * Thomas DeGirolamo * William Berenger * Daria Quarlena * Eileen Borchart * Sheila Nolan * Tom Wisniewski III * Jean Reyes Carroll * Jeffrey Clark * James, George and Barbara Jaeger * Ernest and Alex Aponte * Helen Long * Michael Miglionico * Ralph Conforti * The Barauskus Family * Hope & Brittany Williams * John Marion * Emilia Andrzychowski * Augie & Georgianna Lucente * Johanna Benthall * Michelle Giaccone * Gloria Keller * Diana Metzger * Howard Seifert * Ed Kennedy * Kit Z. * Dolores Contino * Agnes Brown * Connie Giordano * Krzysztof Olszowski * Anders Ryden * Kevin C. Cook * Anita Costi * Doriane Bay * David Vallone * Brittany Schacor * Karen and Kim Finocchiaro * Eleanor Koller * Grace Mary Schulteis * Victor Sechyshyn * George Angle * Marta Andreotta * Melissa Alexandra * Christian Vidal * Suzanne Thompson * Anna Grefe * Helen Condzella * Anthony Mannino * Marcella Frisen * The Huntley Family * Theresa Puglia * Brian Darmody * Leigh Anne Brown * Dan Modjeska * Judy Zakorski * Marie Miley * Marcjanna Stolarzewicz * John Shuot * Patrick Murphy * Brian Crowley * Louise Pampinello * Jim DeRosa * Barbara Fenn

Please keep all those serving in the military and their families in your thoughts and prayers especially:

1st Lt. Nicholas Santorelli,
Christopher Drowns, Jeffrey Heppner, James Fleming,
Brendan Fitzgerald, Thomas V. D'Auria, Mateusz Marzec, Andre DeRosa and Garrett Bracht

POLISH ADVENT RETREAT

Begins this Sunday at the 10:30 Mass

Monday: 2 PM Retreat
6 PM Adoration
7 PM Retreat

Confession 2 to 3 PM and 6 to 7 PM

Tuesday: 2 PM Retreat
6 PM Mass

The Little Way for Every Day

Thoughts from Thérèse of Lisieux



Dec. 17: “The only grace I ask, O Jesus, is never to offend You.”

Dec. 18: “My deeds, my little sufferings, can make God loved all over the world.”

Dec. 19: “If the great shadows come and hide the Star of Love; if I seem not to believe in anything but the existence of the night of this life—then shall be the moment of perfect joy, knowing that behind the dark clouds my beloved Sun still shines.”

Dec. 20: “My Well-Beloved, O Beauty Supreme, You have given Yourself to me. In return, O Jesus, I love You. Make of my life one single act of love.”

Dec. 21: “What I value, what alone I wish for, is to give pleasure to Jesus.”

Dec. 22: “My heaven is to smile at the God I adore, when He wishes to hide in order to try my faith, to smile until He will again look down on me.”

Dec. 23: “Ah, I know well, joy is not in the things that surround us; it dwells in the innermost soul.”

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Christmas Reflection

By Fr. Mark Zittle, O. Carm.

As long as I can remember, Christmas Eve has been one of the most sacred nights of the year. Long after our noisy party had ended, our family would gather in front of the Christmas tree in silence to turn our gaze upon Bethlehem. It's a reminder that Jesus came among us in silence in the dark of night...in a manger for animals...far from the twinkling lights and melodious carols.

**For unto us a child is born.
Unto us a son is given.
—Isaiah 9:6**

We enjoy the delight of exchanging gifts at Christmas; but Jesus is, for us, the true gift. He brings to our lives endless joy, peace of heart, inner strength, and support.

By allowing ourselves to enter into the silence of this sacred season, we will feel the gift of Christmas — the presence of Jesus and His peace, love, and joy — come alive in our hearts.

God, Jesus, and Our Lady of Mount Carmel commune with us in the silence of prayer. The gift of Christmas comes to us silently; through it, we once again experience the childlike joy of mindfully appreciating the spiritual bounty we already have.

The holiday season also finds families joining together; the joy of seeing each other creates happy memories that will last long after the tree is taken down and all of the wrappings are gone. For others, though, holidays may trigger melancholy along with nostalgia. We pray that the joy of Christmas will overpower sad feelings. Counting our blessings and doing good works for others—often helps us feel better. Be sure to share the joy of the season with anyone you may encounter—a smile is the easiest gift to share!

May God and Our Lady keep and protect you, your family, and your friends this blessed Christmas season!



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What are the "O Antiphons?"

The **O Antiphons** refer to the seven verses that are recited (or chanted) preceding the *Magnificat* during Evening Prayer (Vespers) of the Liturgy of the Hours. They cover the special period of Advent preparation known as the Octave before Christmas, December 17-23. These Antiphons form the basis of the Advent hymn, "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel," put to music in the 15th Century France. They are a magnificent theology that uses ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming Christ as the fulfillment not only of Old Testament hopes, but present ones as well. Their repeated use of the imperative "Come!" embodies the longing of all for the Divine Messiah.

December 17

O Wisdom, O holy Word of God, you govern all creation with your strong yet tender care. Come and show your people the way to salvation.

O Wisdom of our God Most High, guiding creation with power and love: come to teach us the path of knowledge!

December 18

O Sacred Lord of ancient Israel, who showed yourself to Moses in the burning bush, who gave him the holy law on Sinai mountain: come, stretch out your mighty hand to set us free.

O Sacred Lord of the House of Israel, giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai: come to rescue us with your mighty power!

December 19

O Flower of Jesse's stem, you have been raised up as a sign for all peoples; kings stand silent in your presence; the nations bow down in worship before you. Come let nothing keep you from coming to our aid.

O Root of Jesse's stem, sign of God's love for all his people: come to save us without delay!

December 20

O King of David, O royal Power of Israel controlling at your will the gate of heaven: come, break down the prison walls of death for those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and lead your captive people into freedom.

O Key of David, opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom: come and free the prisoners of darkness!

December 21

O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice: come, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.

December 22

O King of all the nations, the only joy of every human heart; O Keystone of the mighty arch of man, come and save the creature you fashioned from the dust.

O King of all nations and keystone of the Church: come and save man, whom you formed from the dust!

December 23

O Emmanuel, king and lawgiver, desire of the nations, Savior of all people, come and set us free, Lord our God.

O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law: come to save us, Lord our God!