

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT—DECEMBER 13, 2020**

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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  
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  
SATURDAYS  
By Appointment Only

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION  
W/ BENEDICTION  
Tuesdays 12:00 to 1:00 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 12, 2020

5:00 pm + Cecile B. Kozak and Deceased Members of  
The Kozakiewicz Family  
+ Jeanette Swotkewicz  
The People of the Parish, Living and Deceased  
+ Barbara and Vincent Kobielski  
+ Zofia Czaplak

### 3RD SUN. IN ADVENT—DEC. 13, 2020

8:00 am + Frank, Jr., and Michael Bugdin and  
Ann Cummings  
9:15 am + William Hulse (3rd A)  
10:30 am + Tomasz & Zofia Czaplak /+ Zofia Andrychowski  
(POLISH) + Brie Redmond and Zenon Najdzion  
+ Genowefa Cwalina  
Good Vision for Jacob Zaniewski (St. Lucy Pray  
for Him) / + Zofia Mizinska  
+ Janina and Roman Talma  
12:00 pm + Deceased Members of the Wojewocki Family

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2020

7:00 am + Patricia Liebler  
+ Maria Chaplinska

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2020

7:00 am + Ryszard Miller (A)  
+ Leonard and Anelia Kobylenski

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2020

7:00 am + Mildred Gatz

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2020

7:00 am + Cynthia Piro

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2020

7:00 am + Jill Marie Czulada

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2020

8:00 am + Jean Tuthill  
+ Zofia Czaplak  
+ Maria, Edward, John, Anthony and Bernard  
Niecko  
Intentions of DeMarco and Goodale Family  
5:00 pm + Joseph Ruthinowski, Jr. (3rd A)  
+ Joseph & Tessie Karpinski  
+ Alex Sydlowski Sr.  
+ James Charles Werner  
+ Joseph Bobinski

### 4TH SUN. IN ADVENT—DEC. 20, 2020

8:00 am + Okula and Podlas Families  
9:15 am + George, Nettie and Dennis Gayda, Cornelius  
O'Neill and Janet Cox  
10:30 am + Brie Redmond and Zenon Najdzion  
(POLISH) + Jerzy, Irene and Malgorzata Aleksandrowicz  
and Family / + Stanislaw Tuminski  
The People of the Parish, Living and Deceased  
+ Jadwiga Bogdziun / Jadwiga Suchta  
12:00 pm + Joseph LaPurka

## IN LOVING MEMORY

### MISSALETTES

Massiello and Mader Families

### SANCTUARY LAMP

Brie Redmond and Zenon Najdzion

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — As a garden makes its growth spring up, so will God make justice spring up before all the nations (Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11).

**Psalm** — My soul rejoices in my God (Luke 1:46-50, 53-54).

**Second Reading** — Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good (1 Thessalonians 5:16-24).

**Gospel** — I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord (John 1:6-8, 19-28).

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9;  
Mt 21:23-27  
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19,  
23; Mt 21:28-32  
Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14;  
Lk 7:18b-23  
Thursday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17;  
Mt 1:1-17  
Friday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19;  
Mt 1:18-25  
Saturday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a;  
Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25  
Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27,  
29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

*He who loves the coming of the  
Lord is not he who affirms that it  
is far off, nor is it he who says it  
is near, but rather he who, whether  
it be far off or near, awaits it with  
sincere faith, steadfast hope,  
and fervent love.  
~ St. Augustine*

## PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Regina Semon	Baby Keira
Irene Monahan	Mark Weiss
Joyce Stehle	Christine Blasko
Thomas McEnany	Delberta Sprague
Robert Sproston	Gloria Keller
Mary Khulman	Grace Mary Schulteis
Claire Maffei	Victor Sechyshyn
Richard Okula	Philip Schmitt
Denise Babinski	Giuseppe Isgro
Michael Alperti	Wayne Rambo
Roseanne Murphy	Richard Fehr
Barbara Kozlowski	George Angle
Sr. Angelina Costano, O. Carm	Marta Andreotta
James West	Melissa Alexandra
Agnes Economos	Christian Vidal
Maurice Vianney Lauzier	Reilly Butler
Louise Lejay	Suzanne & Peter Thompson
Jimmy Blomberg	Anna Grefe
Tom & Elizabeth Farrugia	Joanne Iovino
Cecilia Murphy	Helen Condzella
Kelly Wine	Anthony Mannino
Jimmy Temperino	Chris & Susan Kane
Virginia Todd	The Curry Family
Karen Reilly	Marcella Frisen
Mary Van Duesen	Vera Doroski
Thomas DeGirolamo	Sister Margaret Alexius
William Berenger	George & Barbara Jaeger
Daria Quarlena	The Huntley Family
Eileen Borchart	Theresa Puglia
Sheila Nolan	Brian Darmody
Tom Wisniewski III	Greg Alty
Jean Reyes Carroll	Leigh Anne Brown
Lynn Markowski	Dan Modjeska
Corinne Clark	Judy Zakorski
Grzegorz Radziwonski	Marie & Greg Miley
James Patrick Jaeger	Marcjanna Stolarzewicz
Karen Payet	John Shuot
Ernest and Alex Aponte	Maureen Tighe
Helen Long	Gene Esposito
Michael Miglionico	Patrick Murphy
Wieslaw Luniewski	Mike Diem
Ralph Conforti	Brian Crowley
The Barauskus Family	Michael Barker
Hope & Brittany Williams	Louise Pampinello
John Marion	Jim DeRosa
Dan Massiello	Dee DeGirolamo
Emilia Andrychowski	Barbara Fenn
Joan & Fred Meister	Johanna Benthall
Linda & Marty Keller	Augie & Georgianna Lucente
Doris Donahue	Theresa Jacobs
Krzysztof Olszowski	Kevin Christopher Cook

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

1st Lt. Nicholas Santorelli, Christopher Drowns, Thomas Gallo, Jeffrey Heppner, James Fleming, Justin Kruehl, Peter and Shawna Marie Clark, Cole Lamond, Jonathan Jacobs, Brendan Fitzgerald, Thomas V. D'Auria, Mateusz Marzec and Andre DeRosa

## DONATIONS

Sunday, December 13th—Sunday Weekly and Religious Retirement

Sunday, December 20th—Sunday Weekly and Christmas Flowers

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

## THE WEEK AHEAD

**Monday, December 14, 2020**

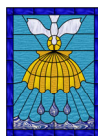
Christmas Confessions 3 to 9 PM

**Tuesday, December 15, 2020**

ADORATION from 12 to 1 PM

**Wednesday, December 16, 2020**

Christmas Confessions 6 PM



## BAPTISMS

**We welcome:**

*Philip Charles Swotkewicz*

## CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

### **2020 Totals To Date**

Our Goal For the Year \$ 54,800

**Pledged \$ 27,113 / 49.48 % of Goal**

111 Donors out of 1,500 families registered responded to the works that the ministries provide.

Average Gift \$ 244.26

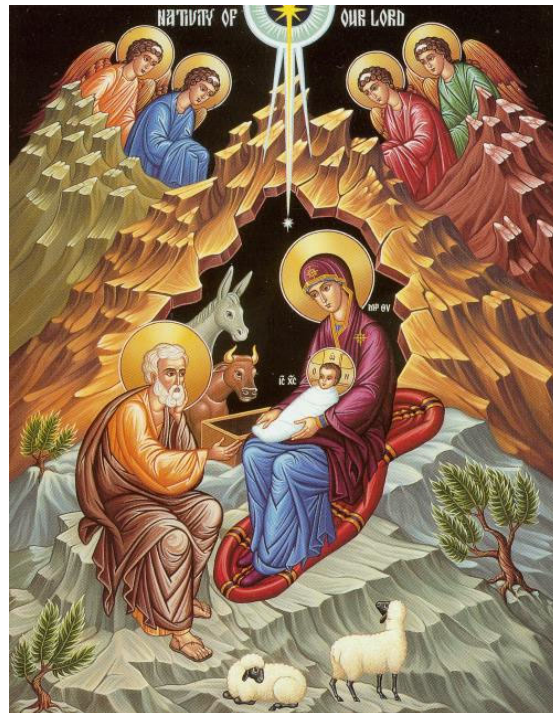


## FOR OUR ALTAR ROSARIANS...



Decals have been placed by the side exits as a Christmas gift for you. Please take one on your way out of Church today.

**2020**  
**Christmas Schedule**



**Vigil of Christmas**  
**Thursday, December 24th**

No 7 AM Mass  
**NEWLY ADDED!** 2:00 PM  
**NEWLY ADDED!** 3:30 PM  
5:00 PM  
10:00 PM (Polish)  
12:00 Midnight

**Christmas Day**  
**Friday, December 25th**

8:00 AM  
9:15 AM  
10:30 AM (Polish)  
12:00 Noon

**Confessions**

Monday, December 14th 3 PM to 9 PM  
Wednesday, December 16th 6 PM

## ATTENTION ALL ACTIVE VOLUNTEERS

### *Important Background Screening Update The Office for the Protection of Children and Young People:*

The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People (The Charter) promulgated by the Bishops of the United States in 2002 outlines specific practices and guidelines providing standards of safety in parishes and dioceses throughout the United States. As directed in The Charter, the Diocese of Rockville Centre requires all employees, clergy, and volunteers to complete three requirements within thirty days of employment or volunteering:

Attend **Protecting God's Children Program (Virtus)**

Sign the Codes of Conduct;

Complete a background screen application. The Diocese requires all those who remain in active ministry be rescreened at 5 yr. intervals. volunteers/employees.

#### **A Word on Background Screening of Volunteers:**

The Office for the Protection of Children and Young People (OFPCYP) has streamlined the volunteer application process enabling volunteers to complete the three safe environment requirements in one step. Individuals wishing to volunteer in a parish or school:

Register to attend a Protecting God's Children class and create a Virtus account on the Virtus website:

[www.Virtus.org](http://www.Virtus.org)

Electronically acknowledge the Diocesan Code of Conduct- provided during the Virtus registration process.

Follow the instructions to complete the Sterling Volunteers background screening application background offered during the Virtus registration process.

#### **Active Volunteers:**

If you are active in a parish ministry, have already attended Virtus and have been background screened you may be at – or beyond- the **5yr. rescreening requirement**. If this is the case, you will receive an email from **Sterling Volunteers** asking you to complete the background screening application on-line. You may access the background screening application by following the prompt in the email or logging into your Virtus account. **Please be aware-this is not a scam nor has your e-mail been hacked.** The OFPCYP has been working with your parish to update the Safe Environment records and noted it is time for you to be rescreened. You may also be prompted to electronically resign the Code of Conduct when you log into your Virtus account.

#### **Edit Your Virtus Account:**

To access your Virtus account: [www.Virtus.org](http://www.Virtus.org) You will need your Username and Password. If you need assistance, please contact Virtus: 1-888-847-8870 or [helpdesk@virtus.org](mailto:helpdesk@virtus.org). Once in your account, review your account information-particularly your e-mail address. If your account requires updating, please hit the TOOLBOX tab at the top of the screen. On the left side of your screen in the green column click "Update My Account" You will be able to make the necessary changes-please remember to hit the SAVE button at the bottom of the screen.

Questions or concerns: [mmcmahon@drvc.org](mailto:mmcmahon@drvc.org); [amendoza-cantos@drvc.org](mailto:amendoza-cantos@drvc.org); [jwinter@drvc.org](mailto:jwinter@drvc.org);

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Thank you to all who continue to serve in a ministry during these extremely challenging days.

**MOJE RORATY** - W dzienniczku Jasia Meli, zamieszczonym w książce Marka Kamińskiego „Razem na biegun”, pod datą 23 grudnia 2003 r., znajduje się krótki wpis. *„Dzisiaj się nie wyspałem, ponieważ poszedłem na 6:30 do kościoła na roraty. Na dworze jest pełno śniegu, a temperatura nie przekracza zera.”* Czytając tę notatkę nasuwa się refleksja. Te roraty musiały być czymś ważnym, skoro znalazły się również w programie przygotowań do wyprawy na biegun.

Wielu z was, odwiedzających serwis „Liturgia”, przeżyło kiedyś lub przeżyje w tym roku takie „ważne roraty”. Coś, co w sposób trwały naznaczyło lub naznaczy Wasze życie. Błysk światła, przywracającego nadzieję. Słowo pociechy i umocnienia. Czy po prostu piękna liturgia. Napiszcie o tym i przyslijcie na adres: [liturgia@wiara.pl](mailto:liturgia@wiara.pl) Te strony czekają na Wasze świadectwa.



### **Jezu, przyjdź również do mnie!**

Roraty... Jeszcze wtedy nie bardzo wiedziałam, co to słowo oznacza. Wiedziałałam jedynie, że oczekujemy Zbawiciela. I jeszcze pani katecheta powierzyła nam ważne zadanie - każdy ma zrobić piękny lampion i przyjść z nim do kościoła.

Wreszcie nadszedł ten długo oczekiwany wieczór (bo w mojej parafii Roraty były wieczorem). Szliśmy więc wszyscy nocą (tak się nam wówczas wydawało) z misternie wykonanymi lampionami.

Były przeróżne: ze świeczką w środku (dla tych rozsądniejszych raczej), z żaróweczką i płaską baterijką (na te nie trzeba było tak uważać) i te, które sprytni tatusiowie zamontowali w tajemniczy dla nas sposób na latarkach - ale wszystkie piękne, niepowtarzalne.

Szczególny moment następował jednak w kościele, kiedy w mroku - tylko przy świetle naszych lampionów - wchodziliśmy do świątyni. Jak straszne wydawały nam się ciemności, te, o których śpiewaliśmy „...świat przez grzechy nieszczęśliwy wołał w nocy głębokiej...” Jak bardzo czuliśmy ogrom naszych dziecięcych grzechów, które „zamkły bramy zbawienia”.

A Zbawiciel był jeszcze tak daleko... Codziennie Dzieciątko zbliżało się o 1 szczebel drabiny łączącej Niebo ze żłóbkim - tak obrazowo było to przedstawione w naszym kościele.

Jeśli już mowa o Dzieciątku, to muszę wspomnieć, że również codziennie każdy obecny na Roratach miał szansę wziąć Pana Jezusa do siebie, do domu. Najpierw składaliśmy na tacy karteczki z imieniem i nazwiskiem, a później ksiądz losował jedną, a my przeżywaliśmy kolejny wybuch nadziei - może tym razem to będę ja... Cóż, dzisiaj nie...nie udało się...

Ale nadzieja nie umierała - jutro przecież nadchodziła kolejna szansa. Aż pewnego dnia ksiądz wyczytał imię mojego sąsiada - ministranta. Ale szczęściarz!!! Jakże mu wtedy zazdrościliśmy... Jednak była to, że się ośmielę tak wyrazić, błogosławiona zazdrość, bo każdy chyba modlił się wtedy w swym sercu: Jezu, przyjdź również do mnie!

Każdy, do kogo trafiło Dzieciątko, wydawał się kimś wyróżnionym, wyjątkowym i ważnym, gdy niósł niemal 50 centymetrową figurkę Jezuska na aksamitnej czerwonej poduszce, pośród tłumu rozbrykanych dzieci wracających z kościoła do domów.

Tak to każdy z nas (ja i moi rówieśnicy) przeżywał to oczekiwanie na Sprawiedliwego, którego miały wylać chmury. Jeszcze czuję, jak wraz z Maryją lękaliśmy się w czasie Zwiastowania, ale i jak to wraz z Nią mówiliśmy Bogu przez Archaniola Gabriela swoje własne "Fiat", czekając niecierpliwie, aż zabrmi tak długo oczekiwane "Gloria in excelsis Deo".

*Owieczka*



# *Gaudete Sunday*

## **Third Sunday in Advent**

Violet is the liturgical color of Lent and Advent. Yet, in both holy seasons, over half way through, we discover the bright color of *rose* in the liturgy... but only for one Sunday. The Sunday in Lent is called *Laetare* Sunday, in Advent *Gaudete* Sunday. Both these Latin words (*Gaudete* and *Laetare*, from the Entrance Antiphons at Mass) are translated, "Rejoice!" But why the color rose, and why "rejoice"?

Holy Mother Church knows that it is easy for us to get distracted by "the cares of the world," and overly sorrowful due to the trials of life. That is why she rouses us to joy in the Entrance Antiphon of *Gaudete* Sunday, which comes from Paul's letter to the Philippians: "*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near.*" This text in Scripture continues: "*Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. And the peace of God that passes all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.*" We can all reflect: in what ways am I overly anxious about the cares of life? In what ways have I let despair and self-pity conquer my hope? Jesus revealed the ways of the kingdom to us in his words, so that, as He said, "*my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.*" As He approached the Passion and Resurrection, He also said, "*So you have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.*" Even further, He reassures us: "*In the world you have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.*" *Gaudete* Sunday is an opportune time to examine how free we are to embrace the joy of the Lord's coming into our lives more completely.

But where will we find strength to embrace this joy? In the Mass Readings for *Gaudete* Sunday this year, two virtues in particular are extolled for us to possess the Lord's joy more fully. In the first reading, Isaiah urges us on to *fortitude*: "*Strengthen the hands that are feeble, make firm the knees that are weak... Be strong, fear not!*" In the second reading, St. James exhorts us to *patience*: "*Be patient... until the coming of the Lord.*"

Fortitude and patience together are antidotes against apathy and anxiety. They enable us to have joy in the cross. We don't have the ability to give ourselves these graced virtues. But just as in the Gospel the Messiah is identified precisely as the One who can open the eyes of the blind and cleanse lepers, so He is the One Who can heal our own complacency and impatience and give us the strength to wait for Him in times of trial. In this fashion, the Lord heals us of our dependency and opens up to us the joy of His advent.

As the darkness augments at the close of this year, we know the light will prevail. Christ has come. And Christ is coming. With joy, fortitude, and patience, we keep watch for the approaching light. **In rose vestments and with the rose candle of the Advent wreath, we rejoice in anticipation of the Day of our Redemption.** What are we anxious about? St. Peter exhorts us, "*Cast all your anxieties on him, for he cares about you. Be sober, be watchful.*" Let us cast them thus, so that the "Dawn from on High will break upon us" and saturate our hearts more completely. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us. Help us to receive Him. Maranatha! "Come Lord Jesus!"

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