

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT—DECEMBER 20, 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 19, 2020

5:00 pm + Joseph Ruthinowski, Jr. (3rd A)
+ Joseph & Tessie Karpinski
+ Joseph Bobinski
+ Alex Sydlowski Sr. / + James Charles Werner

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2020

7:00 am + Juliana Kulesa (8th A)
Blessings and Healing for the Columbus Family

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2020

7:00 am + William Hulse

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2020

7:00 am + Edward Swiatkowski

CHRISTMAS EVE, DECEMBER 24, 2020

2:00 pm + Julie and Philip Zotos
3:30 pm + Maria, Edward, John, Anthony & Bernard Niecko
5:00 pm + Adam & Helen Trubish / + Ed & Connie Bilski
+ Raymond and Cecelia Zaleski
Special Intentions of the Stepnoski Families
+ Frank and Olga Zawieski
10:00 pm Anniversary Blessings for Monika and Marcin
(POLISH) and Juli i Sary Koziol
+ Jan Harasimowicz / + Zofia Czaplak
+ Zygmunt Grabowski / + Barbara Floryanczyk
12:00 am Intentions of Massiello and Mader Families

CHRISTMAS DAY DECEMBER 25, 2020

8 am, 9:15 am, 10:30 am (Polish) and 12 pm
The People of the Parish, Living and Deceased

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2020

8:00 am + Sophie Aschenbach / + Pat Liebler
5:00 pm + John B. & Helen Zilnicki / + Edna Sydlowski
Intentions of Massiello and Mader Families
+ Fran Alec / + Patryk Rus
The People of the Parish, Living and Deceased

THE HOLY FAMILY, DEC. 27, 2020

8:00 am + Jacob, Mary & Stanley Zielinski and Family
9:15 am + Lee Schoen
10:30 am + Mariusz i Tadeusz Borowski i Rodz. Rogalski
(POLISH) + Feliksa Sawicka / + Zymunt Grabowski
Wed. Anniv. Blessings for Beata i Slawek Siemieniczuk
+ Zofia Andrychowski / + Barbara Floryanczyk
12:00 pm Intentions of the Bonocore Family

IN LOVING MEMORY

MISSALETTES

Massiello and Mader Families

BREAD AND WINE

Frank L., Bertha M. and Frank L., Jr., Ostroski

SANCTUARY LAMP

Vincent A. Doroszka, MD

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I will fix a place for my people.
(2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16).

Psalm — For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord
(Psalm 89).

Second Reading — To the only wise God, through Jesus
Christ, be glory forever and ever (Romans 16:25-27).

Gospel — Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May
it be done to me according to your word (Luke 1:26-38).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14;
Lk 1:57-66

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27,
29; Lk 1:67-79

Friday: **Vigil:** Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29;
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14;
Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12;
Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6;
Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

Saturday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab,
16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 128:1-5
or Ps 105:1-6, 8-9; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or
Hb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]

Let Mary's soul be in each of you to
proclaim the greatness of the Lord.
Let her spirit be in each to rejoice in
the Lord. Christ has only one mother
in the flesh, but we all bring forth
Christ in faith. Every soul receives
the Word of God if only it keeps
chaste, remaining pure and free from
sin, its modesty undefiled. The soul
that succeeds in this proclaims the
greatness of the Lord, just as Mary's
soul magnified the Lord and her
spirit rejoiced in God her Savior.

St. Ambrose



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 20th—Sunday Weekly and Christmas Flowers

Sunday, December 27th—Sunday Weekly and Debt Reduction

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday, December 22, 2020

ADORATION from 12 to 1 PM

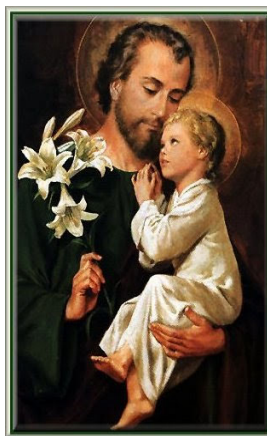
Christmas Eve—Thursday, December 24, 2020

Masses: 2 PM, 3:30, 5 and 10 (Polish)
12:00 AM

Christmas Day—Friday, December 25, 2020

Masses: 8 AM, 9:15, 10:30 (Polish)
12:00 PM

Pope Francis Proclaims Year of St. Joseph



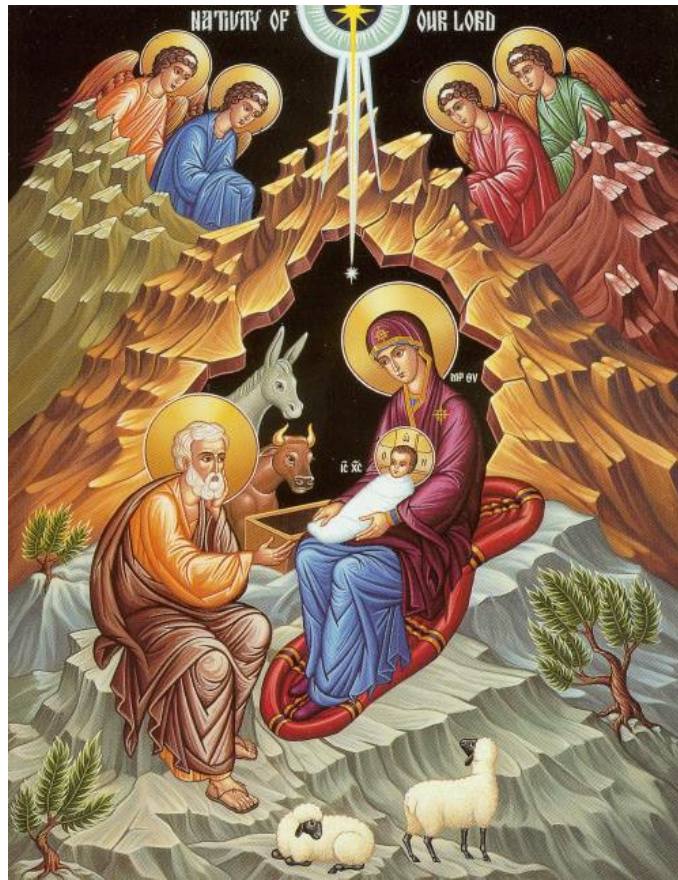
Pope Francis announced a Year of St. Joseph in honor of the 150th Anniversary of the Saint's proclamation as Patron of the Universal Church. The year began Dec. 8, 2020, and concludes on Dec. 8, 2021.

Pope Francis had established a Year of St. Joseph so that "every member of the faithful, following his example, may strengthen their life of faith daily in the complete fulfillment of God's will."

The Pope also added that special indulgences will also be granted to mark the year. The Apostolic Penitentiary said that, "to reaffirm the universality of St. Joseph's patronage in the Church," it would grant a plenary indulgence to Catholics who recite any approved prayer or act of piety in honor of St. Joseph, especially on March 19, the saint's solemnity, and May 1, the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker. Other notable days for the plenary indulgence are the Feast of the Holy Family on Dec. 29 and St. Joseph's Sunday in the Byzantine tradition, as well as the 19th of each month and every Wednesday, a day dedicated to the saint in the Latin tradition.

The three conditions for receiving a plenary indulgence are Sacramental Confession, the reception of Holy Communion and prayer for the Pope's intentions.

2020
Christmas Schedule



Vigil of Christmas
Thursday, December 24th

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

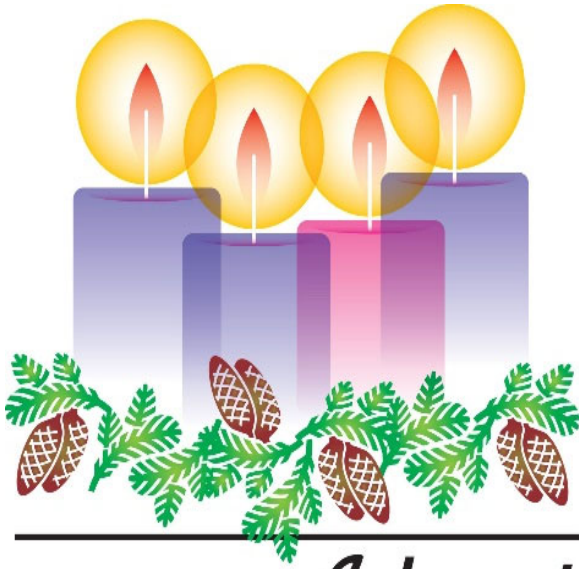
Christmas Day
Friday, December 25th

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

Fourth Sunday of Advent

An Advent Prayer

By: *Bobbie Schaeperkoetter*



The whole meaning of Christmas can be explained in one little four letter word...**LOVE**. You sent your gift of pure love to us that first Christmas. Love descended from heaven to be born of a virgin. Love lay in the scratchy hay of a manger in a meager barn in Bethlehem. All of your love, God, was robed in the delicate skin of a baby and wrapped in swaddling clothes. This final week of Advent, help us to reflect on the magnitude of love that was made manifest in Jesus.

Your word became flesh and you made your dwelling among us when Jesus was born. You set aside all of the glory and splendor of heaven and chose the most humble way to enter into your kingdom. Beneath the stars, surrounded by all of the hosts of heaven, Love came. Welcomed by an earthly mother and father, shepherds and wise men, Love came.

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You are King and King and Lord of Lords, Messiah and Ruler of All, yet you came not as a lion but as a lamb. You came as an innocent baby whose purpose was walk this earth in complete love, and then to sacrificially give his life as an atonement for the sins of His children. Emmanuel. God with us. Love in the form of a man.

That was your plan. From beginning to end, you knew every minute of Jesus life. You knew that the cross of Calvary was waiting for Jesus, yet you still sent your only Son so that our sin debt could be paid and we could walk blameless because of the shed blood of Jesus.

There is no greater gift then this, that a man should lay down his life for his friends. You willing gave the gift of your life because of your love. Your righteous blood covered our sin. You redeem and restore us when we confess you as Lord and Savior of our life. In that moment you give us the gift of your love for all eternity. We receive grace upon grace and mercy upon mercy in that moment.

The greatest gift of all came that first Christmas. It wasn't wrapped in a beautiful package and set under a decorated tree. The greatest gift came wrapped in the flesh of baby Jesus and laid in the rough wood of a manger. Our perfect gift would later be rewrapped in the scars of our sin and nailed to the rugged wood of a cross on Calvary, all because of love.

Father, this final week of Advent, fill our hearts and minds with the significance of that truth. Thank you, Lord, for loving us enough to send Jesus.

In Jesus' precious name we pray.
Amen

Christmas 2020

Drogie Siostry i Bracia Parafii p.w. Św. Izydora,

Niechaj Święta Narodzenia Zbawiciela Jezusa Chrystusa wraz z całym okresem Bożego Narodzenia obfitują we wszelkie Błogosławieństwo a Laska, Pokój i Radość, niech znajdą swoje miejsce w Naszych sercach i w sercach Naszych Najbliższych. Niechaj Radosna Nowina, że *Słowo Boże stało się Ciałem i zamieszkało między Nami* inspiruje Nasze życie i przemienia Naszą codzienność, abyśmy stali się godnymi udziału w rzeczywistości Królestwa Bożego objawionego Nam przez przychodzącego Emmanuela - Boga obecnego wśród Nas.

Serdeczne życzenia radosnych i pogodnych Świąt Bożego Narodzenia przekazują:

ks. Robert

wraz z całym zespołem pracowników parafii p.w. Św. Izydora.



Dear Parishioners of St. Isidore Church,

May the feast of Christmas and its beautiful season shower you and your families with the gift of Peace. Rejoice! That God came to live among us, for through Him we see and walk again, for through Him we are cleansed and raised to new life and the Kingdom of God is being proclaimed to us.

Yes! Emmanuel – God is with us.

Merry Christmas,

Fr. Robert, Deacon Mike and the Staff of our Parish

The Meaning of Christmas

Heather Riggelman



Christmas is one of the most important Christian and cultural holidays of the year, but what is the true meaning of Christmas? For Christians, the true meaning of Christmas is the celebration of the Savior, Jesus Christ.

The Christmas season, especially in the West, is a mix of pre-Christian, Christian, and secular traditions. What's interesting is the etymology of the word Christmas. It literally means Christian Mass. It's a shortened form of Christ's Mass.

Christmas is a time of spiritual reflection on the important foundations of the Christian faith. It's also a celebration. It's when Christians celebrate God's love for the world through the birth of the Christ child: Jesus. The Bible tells of his birth hundreds of years before, fulfilling prophecies.

The Christmas Story in the Bible

The Christmas story is recorded in Luke 2:4-19.

"So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

"And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.'

"Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.'

"When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.' So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart." (Luke 2:4-19)

True Meaning of Christmas: Celebrating the Savior

Jesus was born in order to pay the price for the things we have done wrong: sin. God sent his only son to be the atonement for all our sins so that we would not be separated from God. Without Jesus, we would all die for our sins. We inherited our sin nature from the first human beings God created, Adam and Eve. While being fully God and yet fully man, Jesus came into the world as an infant to save us all.



A heartfelt thank you to all no matter the size of the donation. I cannot do what I do without the help of all who so generously donated to support the food pantry and purchased gifts from the Advent Giving Tree.

~Dianne, Parish Social Ministry

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