

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 12/1 (Sunday)** First Sunday of Advent. Collection for Missions at the door. Blessing of the Christmas Wafers.
 - 12/5 (Thursday) PIEROGI WORKSHOP** at 10am. Come & give us a hand preparing pierogi for our next Sale. If you cannot come, you can always make a contribution to help us buy the ingredients we need for the workshop.
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- You should receive our December Calendar by mail together with the Pastoral Letter for Advent. Some spare copies of the calendar are still available in the back of the church.
 - THANK YOU **Magda Piekarzewska** for decorating our church for the Advent Season.
 - “POLISH CHRISTMAS CAROLS 2019” CD** with additional booklet is available in the back of the church. You can listen to the Polish carols and follow the text in the booklet along with English translation. All donations will be dedicated to developing the music service at St. John’s.
 - Today’s **THREE MINUTE LITURGICAL CATECHISM** about: “The Christmas Wafers”
 - We would like to remind you about the possibility to **offer a Holy Mass in your own, particular intention!** Take one of the envelopes from the back of the Church, write down your intention and return it to Fr. Adam. Please, consider this opportunity especially during the month of November when we think more about our beloved deceased family members and friends.
 - Please, pray for those who celebrate their Birthdays & Anniversaries in DECEMBER:
 - ⇒ Dec 3 - **Robert Bednarz** (birthday)
 - ⇒ Dec 5 - **Alex Zajac** (birthday) - our friend & co-worker

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PARISH BULLETIN

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS INTENTION - 10am

For ZUZANNA PIEKARZEWSKA - new christian child, new member of our parish family, baptized on Thanksgiving Day.

INTROIT

C: I wait for You, O Lord; I lift up my soul to my God. In You I trust; do not let me be disgraced; do not let my enemies gloat over me.

R: No one is disgraced who waits for You, but only those who lightly break faith.

C: 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.



HOLY MASS

. 10.00 am



MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like to have a Mass said for a particular intention, you must stop by the Parish Office or the sacristy in the Church before/after Sunday mass. Masses can be said for a deceased person or as a special intention for the living. You may reserve a Sunday of your choice, and your intention will be published in the parish bulletin.

We encourage you to offer a Mass on the occasion of a birthday, anniversary or special personal (family) need.

READING 1

A reading from the Book of the Prophet
Isaiah.

This is what Isaiah, son of Amoz,
saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.
In days to come,
the mountain of the LORD's house
shall be established as the highest mountain
and raised above the hills.
All nations shall stream toward it;
many peoples shall come and say:
"Come, let us climb the LORD's mountain,
to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may instruct us in his ways,
and we may walk in his paths."
For from Zion shall go forth instruction,

IS 2:1-5

and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.
He shall judge between the nations,
and impose terms on many peoples.
They shall beat their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks;
one nation shall not raise the sword against
another,
nor shall they train for war again.
O house of Jacob, come,
let us walk in the light of the Lord!

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 122

„Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.“

READING 2

A reading from the Letter of St. Paul
to the Romans.

Brothers and sisters:
You know the time;
it is the hour now for you to awake from
sleep.
For our salvation is nearer now than when
we first believed;
the night is advanced, the day is at hand.
Let us then throw off the works of darkness
and put on the armor of light;
let us conduct ourselves properly as in the
day,
not in orgies and drunkenness,

not in promiscuity and lust,
not in rivalry and jealousy.
But put on the Lord Jesus Christ,
and make no provision for the desires of the
flesh.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ROM 13:11-14

GOSPEL

MT 24:37-44

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory be to You, Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: "As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. In those days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day that Noah entered the ark. They did not know until the flood came and carried them all away. So will it be also at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be out in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken, and one will be left. Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come. Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and not let his house be broken into. So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Advent, which we begin today, comes from the Latin *adventus* meaning “coming.” The “Coming” of our GOD will have different results. The First Reading envisions the new world order that will be established when the LORD “comes.” The Responsorial Psalm describes the joy of those “coming” into the house of the LORD. In the Second Reading, St. Paul reminds his readers that they must be prepared for the time is at hand when the darkness will be turned into light as the Lord Jesus “comes” again. In the Gospel, Jesus foretells that the time of the “coming” of the Son of Man will catch some people off guard and some will be left behind while others will move on to be with the Lord Jesus and His Abba-Father.