

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 12/23** (Monday) Decorating the church for Christmas time at 10am. All parishioners are invited to give a hand.
- 12/24** (Tuesday) **SHEPHERDS' MASS at 10pm.** After the Mass in the Church Hall we will share Opłatek (Christmas Wafer) along with Christmas wishes followed by mulled wine, cheese & crackers.
- 12/25** (Wednesday) **NATIVITY OF OUR LORD.** Solemn Holy Mass offered for the families of our parish community & friends will be celebrated at 10am.
- 12/29** (Sunday) **Holy Mass at 10am.** Mass intention: "For IRENE OBZUT (req. by the family)"

- **THANK YOU** to all parishioners & friends who participated in this year's Advent retreat and ALL DAY ADORATION. I hope that this time was very fruitful for our spiritual life as we are now approaching the Christmas mystery!
- Today's **THREE MINUTE LITURGICAL CATECHISM** about: "Nativity Scene & Christmas celebrations"
- 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 Christmas season.

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PARISH BULLETIN

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS INTENTION - 10am

For MAUREEN & RICHARD JEPEAL
(req. by Walter Motulski)

INTROIT

C: 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.

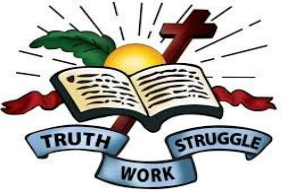
C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

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

IS 7:10-14

A reading from the Book of the Prophet
Isaiah.

The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying:
Ask for a sign from the LORD, your God;
let it be deep as the netherworld, or high as the
sky!
But Ahaz answered,
"I will not ask! I will not tempt the LORD!"
Then Isaiah said:
Listen, O house of David!
Is it not enough for you to weary people,
must you also weary my God?
Therefore the Lord himself will give you this sign:
the virgin shall conceive, and bear a son,
and shall name him Emmanuel.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 24

„Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.”

READING 2

ROM 1:1-7

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

Paul, a slave of Christ Jesus,
called to be an apostle and set apart for the
gospel of God,
which he promised previously through his
prophets in the holy Scriptures,
the gospel about his Son, descended from
David according to the flesh,
but established as Son of God in power
according to the Spirit of holiness
through resurrection from the dead, Jesus
Christ our Lord.
Through him we have received the grace of

apostleship,
to bring about the obedience of faith,
for the sake of his name, among all the Gen-
tiles, among whom are you also, who are
called to belong to Jesus Christ;
to all the beloved of God in Rome, called to
be holy.
Grace to you and peace from God our Fa-
ther and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

GOSPEL

MT 1:18-24

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory be to You, Lord.

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was be-
trothed 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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Here we are three days before Christmas. The scripture readings call to mind the
mystery of the Incarnation – GOD becoming human. In the First Reading we hear a
promise of a son born to a woman (thus human) who would be called
“Emmanuel” (alternate spelling Immanuel) – “GOD-with-us.” St. Paul begins his
letter to the Romans by speaking of the fulfillment of the promises of the prophets
in Jesus, descended from David (human) yet “Son of GOD” (divine). In the Gospel
we hear the story of Joseph being informed that the child of Mary was conceived by
the Holy Spirit and is the fulfillment of the passage of Isaiah which we heard in the
First Reading. Thus the child would be “Emmanuel” – “GOD-with-us.”