

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 12/25 (Today) Solemn Christmas Mass at 10am. Mass Intention: For the families of our Parish!
- 12/27 (Sunday) Solemnity of Humble Shepherds. Holy Mass at 10am. No Mass intention so far!
- 01/10 (Sunday) ANNUAL PARISH MEETING after the Mass in the church hall. Chairman's report, Pastoral & Financial reports, Election of the Parish Committee for 2021.
- BIG THANK YOU goes to **Magda Piekarzewska, Magda Borcz, Diane & Ed Makles, Mitchell A. Bielenda** for decorating and preparing the church for Christmas celebrations. God bless you for your time and dedication!
 - 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. **Have a blessed Christmas time!**



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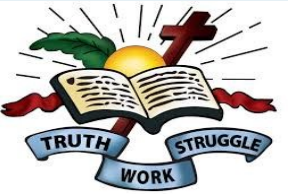
THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

MASS INTENTION - 10am

For MATTHEW & HELEN RUBACHA family, for the MAKLES & PHILLIPS families, for the GIROUARD & ROMAN families, for the WIERZBICKI family, For THOMAS & STELLA PODKULSKI family, for ROBERT & MAE BARRY family, for Mr. & Mrs. TIMOTHY BOYER family, for BARBARA & RONALD GUSTAFSON family, for BERNICE & ANTHONY PASTULA family, for GRZYB & WIERZBICKI families, for PETER F. SASIELA family.

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 62:11-12

A reading from the Book of the Prophet
Isaiah.

See, the LORD proclaims
to the ends of the earth:
say to daughter Zion,
your savior comes!
Here is his reward with him,
his recompense before him.
They shall be called the holy people,
the redeemed of the LORD,
and you shall be called "Frequented,"
a city that is not forsaken.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 97

"A light will shine on us this day: the Lord is born for us."

READING 2

TI 3:4-7

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

Beloved:
When the kindness and generous love
of God our savior appeared,
not because of any righteous deeds we had
done
but because of his mercy,
He saved us through the bath of rebirth
and renewal by the Holy Spirit,
whom he richly poured out on us
through Jesus Christ our savior,
so that we might be justified by his grace
and become heirs in hope of eternal life.

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

GOSPEL

LK 2:15-20

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory be to You, Lord.

When the angels went away from them to heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go, then, to Bethlehem to see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told to them.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Words cannot fully capture what the Word becoming Flesh means for us. GOD is truly Emmanuel ("GOD with us") in and through Jesus. Jesus is "GOD saving." He is the "Anointed One" (Messiah, Christ). We truly have become daughters and sons of GOD because GOD the Son has come to share our humanity with us and allow us to be gifted with divine life.

**My prayers and best wishes
for a blessed Christmas for you, your loved ones, and all the world.
May we continue to celebrate that the Love of GOD has taken flesh
and "pitched His tent" among us.**

The readings for the Mass at dawn begin with Isaiah telling the people to rejoice for the Savior comes. St. Paul, again writing to Titus, reminds us that we have been saved because the kindness/love of GOD has allowed the Savior to be born. The Gospel for this liturgy continues the infancy account according to Luke. The shepherds go to see the baby in the manger and believe. Mary reflects on the events that have happened.