

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 11/30 (I Sunday of Advent) **Holy Mass** at 10am. All children in our Catechism program will receive Advent calendars. **Catechism Class** for kids. Coffee hour (fellowship hour) in the hall. *No MASS INTENTION so far!*
- 12/01 (Monday) Parish Committee budget meeting at 5.30pm.
- 12/07 (II Sunday of Advent) **Holy Mass** at 10am. with a blessing of Advent Wreath. All children in our Catechism program will receive Advent calendars. **Catechism Class** for kids. Coffee hour (fellowship hour) in the hall. *MASS INTENTION: For + ANDREW LASEK.*

- This year, we would like to invite everyone to join us for our traditional **Wigilia Dinner on Wednesday, December 24 (Christmas Vigil)**. The dinner will feature traditional Polish dishes and will take place just before the Vigil (Shepherd's) Mass — so that after the meal, we can all celebrate together in the church.

A \$20 donation per adult will be collected at the dinner (children eat free).

If you are interested in participating, please add your name to the sign-up list located in the church vestibule. Let's share this beautiful tradition and the joy of Christmas Eve as one parish family!

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PARISH BULLETIN

I SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS INTENTION

For the benefactors of St. John's Church - both living and deceased.

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."

IS 2:1-5

For from Zion shall go forth instruction, 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

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

PS 122

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,

ROM 13:11-14

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.

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

Today we celebrate the beginning of a new year. Many people make resolutions around December 31 and January 1 of each year. They strive to be better persons and live more resolute lives. Yet for the Church, we begin our new year today. We look forward with great expectation and hope as we realize we are about to celebrate the “coming” (adventus) of the Lord Jesus. And the “coming” of the Lord Jesus is multi-faceted. Yes, we are looking forward to celebrating Jesus’ first “coming” on Christmas, in 28 days. But we are also being challenged to prepare for Jesus’ Final “Coming” when He returns at the end of the world as we know it. People will be spending a lot of time in the next four weeks in preparation for Christmas (a celebration which will soon pass). But how much time are we spending in preparing to celebrate with the “Coming” Lord Jesus Who will be leading those who are ready for an eternity with Him and His Abba-Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit? I will be particularly praying for you that you are preparing yourselves to welcome the Lord Jesus when He “comes” again.