

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

12/07 (II Sunday of Advent) **Holy Mass** at 10am. **Catechism Class** for kids.
Coffee hour (fellowship hour) in the hall.

12/14 (III Sunday of Advent) **Holy Mass** at 10am. **Catechism Class** for kids.
Coffee hour (fellowship hour) in the hall. *No MASS INTENTION so far!*

- 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!

CHURCH MEMBERS

- Upcoming birthdays & anniversaries: TADEUSZ PILCH (12/11). Happy Anniversary! Happy Birthday!

*If you have any information for the „Church News Column”,
please inform Fr. Adam by email or phone no later than Friday afternoon.*

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PARISH BULLETIN

II SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS INTENTION

For + ANDREW C. LASEK on the 10th death anniversary
(req. by Janina Lasek)

INTROIT

C: A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through Him.

R: He was not the light, but came to testify to the light.

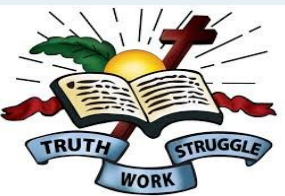
C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

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.

On that day, a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom. The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, a spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD, and his delight shall be the fear of the LORD. Not by appearance shall he judge, nor by hearsay shall he decide, but he shall judge the poor with justice, and decide aright for the land's afflicted. He shall strike the ruthless with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked. Justice shall be the band around his waist, and faithfulness a belt upon his hips. Then the wolf shall be a guest of

IS 11:1-10

the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the young lion shall browse together, with a little child to guide them. The cow and the bear shall be neighbors, together their young shall rest; the lion shall eat hay like the ox. The baby shall play by the cobra's den, and the child lay his hand on the adder's lair. There shall be no harm or ruin on all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be filled with knowledge of the LORD, as water covers the sea. On that day, the root of Jesse, set up as a signal for the nations, the Gentiles shall seek out, for his dwelling shall be glorious.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 72

„Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.”

READING 2

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

Brothers and sisters:
Whatever was written previously was written for our instruction, that by endurance and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus, that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ROM 15:4-9

Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I say that Christ became a minister of the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, to confirm the promises to the patriarchs, but so that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written:
Therefore, I will praise you among the Gentiles and sing praises to your name.

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.

John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said: A voice of one crying out in the desert, Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. At that time Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. When he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God can raise up children to Abraham from these stones. Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees. Therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand. He will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

This is the Gospel of the Lord. Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The Gospel gives us an image of the Coming Reign of God. It speaks of judgment of those who have not reformed their lives; they will face fire, wrath, and an ax. John the Baptist is a voice crying out in the desert. His voice is one of warning. He calls the people to repentance, in Greek, μετανοια - metanoia. Metanoia means a change of direction, a change of heart and mind. It requires people to change their lives and open their hearts to the One Who is Coming.

John says he is not the One Who is to come, he is only the pre-cursor (the one who runs in front) to clear the path for the One Who is Coming. He promises the Advent ("Coming") One will establish a reign which will be different. The waiting people, who are prepared and ready, will receive new life and joy, and will peacefully co-exist with their former foes.