

ST. CASIMIR'S PARISH

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December 11, 2022

Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m.

For Polish Masses, see Mass Intention schedule.

PASTOR'S REFLECTION

The third Sunday of Advent has been known as "Gaudete" Sunday. Mother Church calls us to rejoice because the One we are waiting for, the Messiah the Lord, is near. This Sunday calls us to consider whether we are happy and whether we have anything to rejoice about. The modern world forces us to live on the run. Every day we do not have time to enjoy the presence of Jesus in our lives. Consider the words of the prophet Zephaniah: "Rejoice and be glad with all your heart." What does God want to tell us with today's readings? In my opinion, he wants to tell us one truth: let's be happy that Jesus is with us, let's be glad that He loves us very much, let's be happy with our lives, and let's not complain about our fate, because it's a waste of time.

HALFWAY THROUGH ADVENT

It's halfway through Advent. From Saturday, December 17, we will enter the period of immediate preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Christ. Let's think about how we live this holy time? Maybe this is the right time to correct our behavior, to reconcile with God and our neighbors through a sincere confession.

MARTIAL LAW EXHIBITION

We invite you to the parish hall to see the exhibition entitled "Martial law 1981-1983". The exhibition in 14 boards shows the origins, repressions, effects and balance of martial law.

DEVOTION TO OUR LADY OF FATIMA

On December 13, at our parish, we will continue our devotion of Fatima. The service will begin at 6 p.m. with the Rosary followed by the Holy Mass. We invite you to pray!

DEVOTION TO DIVINE MERCY

We invite you to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy on Friday, December 16 at 6:30 p.m.

RORATY - MASSES IN ADVENT

In Advent, we invite you to the Holy Mass on Wednesdays and Saturdays at 8am, called Roraty Mass. The Advent masses celebrated in the morning emphasize the uniqueness of this period. The name "roraty" comes from the entrance song, beginning with the words "Rorate caeli" – "Drop the dew, heavens." The Roraty Mass is a votive Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary during Advent.

This mass is one of the signs of Mary's special presence during Advent, because she was waiting for the Messiah in a special way. We invite you to Roraty Masses with an interesting program for children. This year, children will be led by a unique figure: St. Joachim, father of Mary and grandfather of Jesus. Together with him, we will get to know the heroes of the history of salvation, people who have been waiting for the Messiah promised by the Lord God for centuries, and the prophets who announced his coming. Children will receive a special board with pictures to paste. Roraty Masses for children will be held:

December 14, 7pm, Wednesday

December 16, 7pm, Friday

ADVENT RETREAT

Next Sunday we start the Advent Retreat, which is our spiritual preparation for Christmas. The retreat will last until Wednesday inclusive. Teachings will be preached at Masses at 10:30 am and 7 pm. Confession every day takes place at 9:30 am. There will be no confessions in the evening, because our fathers will confess in other parishes.

Father Pawel Szlacheta OMI was born in Warsaw on June 9, 1985. In 2004, he joined the Congregation of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, beginning his novitiate at the Holy Cross. He was ordained a priest on May 21, 2013 and obedience to Turkmenistan, where he worked for 4 years. Then he started working in Ukraine, in Kiev in the parish of St. Nicholas for 3 years, then in Slavutych for a year and for the second year, he serves in Poltava.

ADVENT CONFESSION

Confession will be held on Sunday, December 18 from 3 pm to 5 pm in the parish halls. There will be 10 priests. Please take advantage of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

CHRISTMAS DINNER "OPLATEK"

The Parish Council invites you to the Christmas dinner "Oplatek" on Sunday, January 8 at 2:30 pm. Tickets, priced at \$25, can be purchased at the parish office. A hot dinner prepared by our ladies will be served. There will also be time to sing carols together.

INVITATION TO THE MOVIE SCREENING

We invite you to the screening of the film "Wyszynski - Revenge or Forgiveness" on Saturday, December 17 at 4 p.m. This film is a story about a man who, in the face of war, has to make difficult choices and answer the question "How to love our enemies when we have to shoot at them?" Director and screenwriter Tadeusz Syka wanted to explain in the film why Cardinal Wyszynski should be beatified. What has he done that deserves a place among the saints? After the film, there will be a meeting with the director, Tadeusz Syka.

THE NOBLE PARCEL

We would like to thank everyone who made donations for Christmas packages for children in orphanages in Poland. \$3,900 was contributed to this goal. All the money was sent to orphanages selected by the Parish Council.

YOUTH & ALTAR SERVERS MEETINGS

We encourage children and young people to join the groups of our parish: Altar Servers & Youth - older and younger. More information on the posters in the display in front of the church.

FLOWERS TO THE NATIVITY SCENE

As every year, we ask for flowers for the crib of the Lord Jesus. Flowers can be brought to the parish office or to the church, preferably red Stars of Bethlehem – Poinsettias.

SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2023

Sunday Offering Envelopes for 2023 may be picked up in the parish hall; they are arranged in alphabetical order. The parishioners, who until now have numbers above number 525, receive the new number. Parishioners using envelopes for their donations are eligible to receive a tax receipt at the end of the year. The tax receipt will be sent in February 2023.

CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE

Cardinal Wyszynski Council of Knights of Columbus of St. Casimir's Parish are running a Christmas Food Drive during Advent to help the needy and are asking parishioners for their help. If you are able to donate any food that is "shelf-stable" or non-perishable, you can drop off your donations in the container in the Parish Hall on your way in to Sunday Mass with your family. Please remember; only donate food that has not reached its "sell-by" date yet like peanut butter, canned products like soup, fruit, vegetables, stew or fish, and beans, pasta, rice.

CHRISTMAS CARDS, OPLATKI & CALENDARS

Christmas cards are available for purchase in the parish hall - a pack of 8 for only \$10, oplatek (Christmas Eve Wafers) – a pack of 3 \$3, Oblate calendars \$5.

MASS INTENSIONS

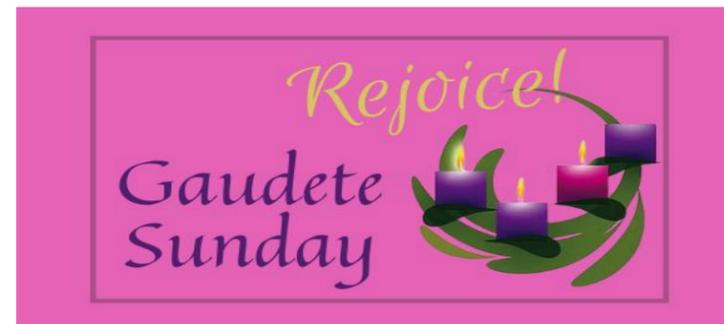
The Mass intentions for 2023 may be requested in person only at the parish office.

We inform you about possibility of ordering Mass intentions at the Oblate Missions in the parish office.

We thank you for ordering the Gregorian Masses. Anyone who wants to order Gregorian Mass is asked to contact the parish office.

GREGORIAN MASS 28.11 – 27.12

For + Andrzej Kusmierik – son Andrzej with family



MASS INTENSIONS AND DEVOTIONS

Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 11

- 8:00 For the members of the Holy Name of Jesus Society
9:30 For + Edna Kedzior & deceased from Sajdak & Kobak families – daughters with families
11:00 For parishioners
13:00 For + Eugeniusz Ofiara – Ofiara family
19:00 For health & God's blessing for Bozena, Ryszard & Mateusz Kuzminski - own

MONDAY, December 12 – Our Lady of Guadalupe

- 8:00 For + Anna & Jozef Bembenek – Lectors & Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Communion
19:00 For + Anna & Jozef Bembenek – Gal-Jagielski family

TUESDAY, December 13 – St. Lucy, virgin & martyr

- 8:00 For + Franciszek Konopka – wife with family
18:00 Devotion to Our Lady of Fatima
19:00 For + Janina Sosiewicz – brother Edward Dzida with family

WEDNESDAY, December 14 – St. John of the Cross, priest, Doctor of the Church

- 8:00 In thanksgiving asking for God's blessing & care of our Blessed Mother for Leokadia - daughter
19:00 For deceased parents from both sides & sister Mary – Ewa & Marek

THURSDAY, December 15

- 8:00 For + Anna & Jozef Bembenek – Walentyna & Zygmunt Osiecki
19:00 For + Anna & Jozef Bembenek – Teixeira & Cacaj Family

FRIDAY, December 16

- 8:00 For deceased from Lipiec & Paruch families – Regina Kos
18:30 Devotion to the Divine Mercy
19:00 For + Genowefa Grela – son Lucjan with family

SATURDAY, December 17 -

- 8:00 For deceased from Tobola & Biernat families – son with family
19:00 In thanksgiving asking for God's blessing for Rebeka & Thomas

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 18

- 8:00 For the members of the Divine Mercy Society
9:30 For + parents Antonina & Bronislaw Hyc, Karol & Maria Iglar, Danuta & Wladyslaw Majka - children
11:00 For parishioners
13:00 For + Benedykt Czechrynski & deceased from Nawar & Wandowicz families - Maria
19:00 For + Sabina & Stanislaw – daughter with family