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December 4, 2022

Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m.

For Polish Masses, see Mass Intention schedule.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Mirosław SZCZEK

Eternal rest grant him, Lord

THE PASTOR'S REFLECTION

We hear the shocking words of St. John the Baptist from today's Gospel. Thrilling and ... not listened to. John still cries out in the wilderness and no one wants to hear him. "Repent ... prepare the ways of the Lord ... make straight paths for him." I have heard these words many times, even in today's Gospel ... and what? It went in one ear and out the other. There have been so many Advents in my life and so many chances given to me by God to change my life, to convert, and what? John's call is still a cry in the wilderness of the modern world. No one takes his words and admonitions seriously. No one wants to admit that he has something to straighten out in his life, to fix, to change, to purify ... John calls out, and the world looks at him as a freak, a recluse and a catastrophist.

THE RELICS OF ST. RITA

From today in our parish we have the relics of St. Rita, patroness of hopeless cases. In the last days of her life, something happened that embellished and enriched the legend of her life. In the midst of a harsh winter, when everything was covered with snow, a relative came to visit her. And when she said goodbye to Rita before leaving, she asked what she could bring her as a gift. Rita replied that she would like a rose and two figs from her garden. The woman smiled, thinking she was delirious with pain. Returning home, however, she walked to the edge of the garden, and saw on the branches without leaves and covered with snow a beautiful rose in bloom, and on a bare tree two ripe figs. She plucked the miraculous flower and fruit and brought them to Rita. It is this episode that explains where the custom of blessing roses came from. At the moment of Rita's death, "immediately the convent bells rang by themselves." Crowds of people, who knew and revered Rita, began to flow in a steady stream.

CHRISTMAS SALE OF PIEROGIES,
COFFEE & DONUTS

Today, young people will conduct a Christmas sale of various kinds of dumplings and candles for the Christmas Eve table. The Mission Group invite all parishioners for coffee and donuts.

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED
VIRGIN MARY

Next Thursday, December 8, is the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Immaculately Conception. The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary recalls the truth that Mary from the moment of her conception was free from original sin. The dogma of the Immaculate Conception was promulgated in 1854 by Pius IX with the bull "Ineffabilis Deus".

The parish office will be closed that day.

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 6, 7pm, Tuesday

December 7, 7pm, Wednesday

December 9, 7pm, Friday

December 14, 7pm, Wednesday

December 16, 7pm, Friday

ADVENT RETREAT & CONFESSION

The Advent retreat in our parish will take place from December 18 - 21. The retreat will be preached by a missionary from Ukraine, Father Pawel Szlacheta OMI. Christmas Confession will be held on Sunday, December 18 from 3 pm to 5 pm in the parish halls, and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in the church at this time.

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". The film will be screened 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.

THANKS AND GRATITUDE...

We would like to thank Edward Milewski for refurbishing the meeting room of the Knights of Columbus; after 20 years of use, the room looks beautiful again. We would also like to thank Zbigniew Musial for modifying the lower parish hall for the use of altar boys. We also thank Jozef Stepien and Stanislaw Roszak for their comprehensive help for the parish.

THE NOBLE PARCEL

We invite you to join "The Noble Parcel" action and sponsorship of St. Casimir's Parish of parcels for children in an orphanage in Poland, which has been run by nuns. The Parish Council will choose orphanages that are rather poor and are located in poor parts of Poland. It will be possible to make donations for parcels for children on Sunday, December 4, to the treasury located at the entrance to the church. Last year, our parish sent parcels for children for the following homes: Educational Facility in Laka (Rzeszow Voivodeship), Facility in Krasnystaw (Lubelskie Voivodeship), Facility in Jaslo (Przemyskie Voivodeship), Facility in Braniewo and in Rudnik at San. According to statistical data from December 31, 2021, there are 72,288 children in foster care in Poland, and there are 1,260 orphanages, i.e. care and educational institutions.

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.

THANK YOU FROM THE SISTER'S OF LIFE
& KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Thank you to the parishioners of St. Casimir's Parish. On October 22nd, as you enjoyed coffee and paczki after Mass, you made donations to the "Roses For Life" campaign being run by Cardinal Wyszynski Council 9296 of the Knights of Columbus. The \$500 raised has been donated to the **Sister's of Life Toronto**. The nuns' mission includes serving women who are vulnerable to abortion, giving them the support and resources to be able to choose life for themselves and their children and helping women who have suffered after abortion to encounter the mercy and healing of Jesus Christ. For more information, please visit <https://sistersoflife.org/where-we-are/toronto/>

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, OPLATEK & 2023 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 INTENTIONS AT THE OBLATE MISSIONS

For + Teresa Wojtowicz on the 1st anniversary of death - family

GREGORIAN MASS 28.11 - 27.12

For + Andrzej Kusmierek - son Andrzej with family

MASS INTENTIONS AND DEVOTIONS

2nd Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 4

8:00 For the members of the Holy Rosary Society

9:30 For + son Michal Kic, parents & brother Henryk Czarnecki - parents, daughter & sister with family

11:00 For parishioners

13:00 For + sisters-in-law Ludwina & Maria Warmuz - Maria Boksa with family

19:00 For + Wladyslawa & Jan Przybycien - daughter Stasia

MONDAY, December 5

8:00 For + Julian Kos - wife with family

19:00 For + Sofia Robertson on the 1st anniversary of death - son & daughter

TUESDAY, December 6 - St. Nicholas, bishop

8:00 For + Anna & Jozef Bembenek - Stanislaw & Jozef Ciezadlo

19:00 For deceased parents Roman & Elzbieta, brother Jan, nephew Michal Kic & grandparents Jan & Anna Ozga - Kic family

WEDNESDAY, December 7 - St. Ambrose, bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:00 For + Janina Sosiewicz - son Richard

18:30 Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

19:00 Multiple Intentions Mass

THURSDAY, December 8 - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 For successful operation for 9th months old Augustyn Pio

19:00 For deceased from Modlinski family - own

FRIDAY, December 9

8:00 1. For + Wiktoria Lotycz - Beata Gluszek with family
2. In thanksgiving asking for health & God's blessing in Regina family - own

19:00 For love & peace in the family

SATURDAY, December 10 - Our Lady of Loretto

8:00 For deceased from Wilk & Panek families - daughter with family

19:00 For deceased Andrzej Przychocko, parents from both sides, Janina Kobialko with husband & Wladyslaw Sobolewski - Helena Przychocka

3rd 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