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December 8, 2024

Second Sunday of Advent

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m.

For Polish Masses, see Mass Intention schedule.

BAPTISM

Charlotte Rose Jurys

Lily Estelle Razzolini

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Stanisława Raciborski

Antonina Haydar

Gene Haydur

Eternal rest grant them, Lord

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Despite today being the second Sunday of Advent, in accordance with the decree of the Vatican Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which always falls on December 8. This Solemnity expresses the Church's belief that Mary, chosen to be the mother of the Son of God, was the only one of mankind to be conceived and born without the stain of original sin. This belief has always accompanied believers and has manifested itself in various ways, for example in our Polish tradition in the so eagerly sung “Hours of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary”.

ANNIVERSARIES

In these days we recall the painful experiences of our recent history (Martial Law was introduced on December 13, 1981, and the “Wujek” mine in Silesia was pacified on December 16 of that year). Saint John Paul II constantly reminded us: “the price paid by the Polish nation for independence, for the right to exist as a state, is enormous. Let us keep this awareness in our hearts and let it become an incentive for deep reflection on Poland, on what it was, what it is, and what it should be.”

ADVENT RETREAT

program can be found in the holiday program. At the end of the retreat on Tuesday, a collection will be collected to help missionaries working in Ukraine. The envelopes are at the back of the church.

OUR YOUTH INVITES

Today, young people invite you to a Christmas sale of pierogi (different kinds) and candles for the Christmas Eve table.

RORATE MASSES

During Advent, we invite you to the Rorate Masses on Wednesdays and Saturdays at 8 am. For children, the Rorate Masses will be held on Tuesdays at 7 pm. The Rorate Masses emphasize the uniqueness of Advent. The name “rorate” comes from the entrance hymn, which begins with the words “Rorate caeli” – “Cast down the dew of heaven”. The Rorate 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 it was Mary who awaited the Messiah in a special way.

DEVOTION TO OUR LADY OF FATIMA

December 13, at our parish, we will continue our devotion to Our Lady of Fatima. The service will begin at 6 pm with the Rosary followed by a Holy Mass at 7 pm. We invite you to pray!

DECORATING AND CLEANING OUR CHURCH

We invite you to help decorate the church for Christmas, on Wednesday, December 18 after the morning Mass. We will set up the Christmas trees and the nativity scene in the church. We need men in particular to set up and decorate the large Christmas trees. On Thursday, after the morning Mass, December 19, we invite women and men to clean the church for the holidays.

CONFESSION

We invite you to Advent confession before Christmas, with the participation of invited priests, Sunday, December 22, 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

DONATION FOR PARCELS FOR CHILDREN FROM ORPHANAGES

We would like to thank everyone who donated last Sunday to the Noble Parcel for children from orphanages in Poland, in areas affected by the flood disaster. We collected \$5,100. The money was sent to the following orphanages: Orphanage run by the Congregation of the Sisters Servants, Kłodzko - \$1,700 House run by the Congregation of the Sisters of Mary Immaculate, Piszkowice, \$1,700 Care Home run by the Teresian Sisters, Ścinawka Dolna, \$1,700. Each of these homes has 50 children under its care.

SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2025

**Sunday Offering Envelopes for 2025** may be picked up in the parish hall; they are arranged in alphabetical order. The parishioners, who until now have numbers above number **469**, 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 receipts will be sent in February.

CHRISTMAS DINNER “OPLATEK”

The Parish Council invites you to the “Oplatek” Christmas dinner on Sunday, January 5 at 2:30 pm. Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased at the parish office. Children under 12 receive a free ticket. A hot lunch prepared by our ladies will be served. It will also be a time to sing carols together. Mrs. Stefania Baran is responsible for the event.

CHRISTMAS DINNER WITH RADIO MARYJA

“Radio Maryja” invites you to a Christmas banquet on Sunday, January 12, 2025: 11 am solemn Mass with the participation of guests from Poland at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church in Mississauga, 1:30 pm banquet and concert performed by Kinga Mitrowska at the Polish Cultural Center. Tickets at \$75 are available at “Health from Nature” Store 47 Roncesvalles, tel. 416 532 9805; Polish Cultural Center tel. 905 306 9900 ext 22; Joanna Szydłowska, tel. 905 819 1040. For information, contact the president of Family of Radio Maria Canada, Joanna Strzezek, tel. 905 845 3553.

CHRISTMAS WAFER & OBLATE CALENDAR FOR 2025

Christmas wafers, Christmas cards and calendars for next year are available in the parish hall.

MASS INTENSIONS

**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 please contact the parish office.

MASS INTENTIONS AT THE OBLATE MISSIONS

For + Jozef Tobola – brother Stanislaw with wife  
For + Jozef Tobola – friends from the choir  
For + Jozef Tobola x3 – family  
In thanksgiving asking for God’s blessing for Karolina Zasowski on her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday – Holy Rosary Society  
For + Zdzislaw Liszega on the 1<sup>st</sup> death anniversary – Jadwiga  
For + Zdzisław Liszega on the 1<sup>st</sup> death anniversary – Ewa & Slawek Boduga  
For health & care of the Blessed Virgin Mary for Regina – Posluszny family  
For + Suzy Magda – Posluszny family  
For + Bernadette Magda - Posluszny family

GREGORIAN MASS

01.04-30.04 For + Jozef Tobola – wife with family

MASS INTENSIONS AND DEVOTIONS

**Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Sunday, December 8**  
8:00 For members of the Holy Name of Jesus Society  
9:30 In thanksgiving asking for God’s blessing & health in the Hyc family - own  
11:00 For parishioners  
13:00 For + Czeslaw (anniversary) & Helena Kosicki – Fr. Kazimierz  
19:00 In thanksgiving asking for health & God’s blessing for Diane & Hubert & their children Natalia & Dominica – mother & grandmother

**MONDAY, December 9**  
8:00 For + Monika Tuzel – Bronia Sapkowska  
10:00 Rosary  
10:30 For + Kazimierz Czuchraj & deceased from family – son Boguslaw with family  
18:15 Rosary  
19:00 For deceased from the Krolewicz & Madon families - family

**TUESDAY, December 10**  
8:00 For + Jerzy Kwaczek – wife with family  
10:00 Rosary  
10:30 In thanksgiving asking for God’s care on the 50<sup>th</sup> birthday – own  
18:15 Rosary  
19:00 For + Bronislawa Majewska & Franciszek Pekalski - Montrose Miazga

**WEDNESDAY, December 11**  
8:00 For + Alicja & Stanislaw Solecki – daughter with family  
19:00 For + Leokadia Lisowska - Piotr

**THURSDAY, December 12**  
8:00 In thanksgiving asking for God’s care on the 50<sup>th</sup> birthday – own  
19:00 For + Roman Gutowski – Roman Raymar

**FRIDAY, December 13 – St. Lucy, virgin & martyr**  
8:00 For + Franciszek & Daniela Konopka – family  
18:00 Devotion to Our Lady of Fatima  
19:00 For + Anna & Tadeusz Wolny – daughter Ewa

**SATURDAY, December 14**  
8:00 For + Wiktoria & Henryk Senkowski, Krystyna & Ryszard Nosowicz, Ryszard, Włodzimierz Walter & Helena Uglik, Lila & Bronislaw Kosiba & deceased from family – Bozena Senkowska-Zuchowska  
19:00 In thanksgiving asking for God’s blessing for Piotr & Sara Jankowski & their children on their 10<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary - parents

**Third Sunday of Advent Sunday, December 15**  
8:00 For members of Divinr Mercy Society  
9:30 For + Eugeniusz Ofiara - family  
11:00 For parishioners  
13:00 For + Stanisława & Bolesaw Grzyb – daughter with family  
19:00 For + Mirosława Gasior - family