

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 16, 2025

First reading: Mt 3:19-20a

Second reading: 2 Thes 3:7-12

Resp. 98: „The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.”

Gospel: Lk 21:5-19

Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m.

For Polish Masses, see Mass Intention schedule.

BAPTISM

Olivia Ciecko

THE PASTOR’S REFLECTION

The penultimate liturgy of the word concluding the liturgical church year, first introduced by the prophet Malachi, introduces us to a somewhat terrifying atmosphere, as in the first reading we hear the announcement of God's judgment, which will be as fiery as an oven. However, those who honor the name of the Lord have no reason to fear. Jesus' words, recorded by Saint Luke in today's Gospel, are also full of warnings. Christ warns us against deceivers and foretells dramatic scenes of the end, with earthquakes and famine. However, we find comfort and hope in the verse that concludes this pericope, for here we encounter the promise: not a hair of our head will perish, God will be with us, and we will gain salvation through perseverance.

THE SHEPHERDS’ TRUST

Today, there will be a second collection for The Shepherds' Trust. The mission of The Shepherds' Trust is to help ensure that elderly and disabled priests are provided with sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life after many years of ministry. Your generous gift will help our priests to maintain a modest but active and independent lifestyle in their retirement years. For priests who are ill or otherwise infirm, the Trust ensures they have access to nursing home facilities and medical care. Thank you for your support of this important work.

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

This Sunday is celebrated in the universal Church as World Day of the Poor. Pope Francis established this day in November 2016 with a special Apostolic Letter, “Misericordia et Misera”, written at the conclusion of the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy. Let us open our hearts to every human misery and willingly engage in the work of social and church organizations, such as ShareLife, assistance to Polish missionaries in Cuba, or our donation for packages for children in orphanages.

**THE PRESENTATION
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

On Friday, November 21, we commemorate the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the liturgy. When Mary was three years old, her parents, Saint Joachim and Saint Anne, entrusted her to the priest Zacharias, father of Saint John the

Baptist, for upbringing and education. Mary remained in the temple for approximately 12 years. To commemorate this mystery of her life, a special feast has been celebrated since the 8th century in the East, and since the 14th century in the West.

SAINT CECILIA, VIRGIN AND MARTYR

On Saturday, November 22, in the liturgy we commemorate St. Cecilia, virgin and martyr, patron saint of choristers, luthiers, musicians, organists, and church vocal and musical ensembles.

THE END OF THE LITURGICAL YEAR

We are approaching the end of the liturgical year. Next Sunday, November 23rd, is the Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, the last Sunday before Advent.

FRIENDS OF THE MISSIONS MEETING

The Friends of the Mission meeting will take place on Wednesday, November 26, after the evening Mass.

DEVOTIONS & MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS

A collective Mass will be celebrated next Wednesday. Intentions are posted in the office along with the offering. We encourage you to attend a collective Mass; this way, our intentions are celebrated quickly. We must remember that the power of the intentions, the power of the Mass, depends not on the number of priests, but on Christ, who offers himself to the Father for the intentions entrusted to him. His sacrifice always has infinite value and a power capable of encompassing all the intentions of the world. The devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help will begin at 6:30 p.m. The devotion to Divine Mercy will be celebrated on Friday at 6:30 p.m.

THE ADVENT RETREAT IN POLISH

The Advent retreat in our parish will be held from November 30 to December 2, at the very beginning of Advent. The retreat will be preached by Fr. Anton Litvinov, OMI, from Turkmenistan. Anton Litvinov was born on September 26, 1989, in Turkmenistan on the shores of the Caspian Sea to a family of Polish descent. As he says of himself, “My story of faith and vocation is the fruit of the proclamation of the Word of God by the Missionary Oblates.” He was baptized on Easter Eve, March 27, 2005. A year later, he was accepted into the Missionary Oblates' postulancy in Ukraine, where he also studied philosophy. He completed his novitiate and theological studies at the seminary in Obra. After ordination as a deacon, he was assigned to missionary service in Ukraine. After a year of pastoral internship in Kyiv, he was ordained a priest on May 7, 2016. He received the sacrament of Holy Orders from Bishop Radosław Zmitrowicz, OMI, at St. Nicholas Church in Kyiv. He has been preaching the Word of God in Ukraine for ten years. Within the delegation, he is responsible for vocations, altar servers, youth, and Friends of the Mission in Ukraine.

HELP FOR MISSIONARIES IN CUBA

We are organizing a parish dinner to help missionaries in Cuba. Two Polish Oblate missionaries are working in Havana. The needs are enormous, and we can help. On Sunday, December 7, we invite you to the parish hall for a meal. You can purchase and eat items such as cabbage rolls, pierogi, sausages, and salads.

SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES 2026

The Sunday Offering Envelopes for 2026 are available at the parish hall. Registered parishioners who do not currently use weekly donation envelopes but would like to, may contact the parish office. Parishioners using envelopes for their donations are eligible to receive a tax receipt at the beginning of February.

RENOVATION OF THE PEWS

The church pews are being renovated. We are slowly approaching completion. We sincerely thank everyone who financially supported this project. God bless you!

THANKS & GRATITUDE

We thank Marian Turczynski, the electrician, who is working tirelessly to complete the replacement of the old (72-year-old) electrical wiring. We sincerely thank Mr. Turczynski for the tremendous amount of work he has put into caring for our parish, and Jozef Stepien for his assistance.

PARISH DINNER OPLATEK

The parish Oplatek, along with a delicious dinner, will take place on Sunday, January 4, at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the parish office.

CHRISTAMS OPLATKI & CARDS

Christmas Eve wafers can be purchased at the parish office. I also have Christmas cards. Calendars will be available soon.

MASS INTENSIONS

We inform you about possibility of ordering Mass intentions at the Oblate Missions in the parish office. All mission intentions that were given in the parish office have already been fulfilled. We encourage you to give intentions that help missionaries in their work of evangelization.

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 + Stanislaw Kotwas – W.W. Jankowski

MASS INTENSIONS AND DEVOTIONS

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, November 16

- 8:00 For the members of the Divine Mercy Society
9:30 For + Stanislaw
11:00 For parishioners
13:00 For + health, God's blessing & gift of the Holy Spirit for Stasia Kolpak - mother
19:00 For + Janina & Andrzej Gal, Bogdan Chodynski & deceased from the Luberdia & Gal families

MONDAY, November 17 – St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

- 8:00 For + Tadeusz Andryskiewicz – daughter with family
19:00 For + Karol Jankowski – W.W. Jankowski

TUESDAY, November 18

- 8:00 For souls in purgatory
19:00 For + Marianna & Wladyslaw Wicik – daughter-in-law Janina with family

WEDNESDAY, November 19

- 8:00 For + Agnieszka
18:30 Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
19:00 Multiple Intensions Mass

THURSDAY, November 20 – Bl. Rafal Kalinowski, presbiter

- 8:00 For + Jadwiga
19:00 For deceased from the Sepczynski family, Barbara Zabawska & Wojciech Rozanski

FRIDAY, November 21 – The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 8:00 For + Wladyslaw
18:30 Chaplet to Divine Mercy
19:00 For + Zofia Sienko - sons

SATURDAY, November 22 – St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr

- 8:00 For + Zofia
19:00 For souls in purgatory

Our Lord Christ, King of the Universe Sunday, November 23

- 8:00 For + Halina & Krzysztof Irla – sister Janina Wicik with family
9:30 For deceased from the Zdulski family – daughters, grandchildren & great grandson
11:00 For parishioners
13:00 In thanksgiving asking for God's blessing & care of the Blessed Virgin Mary for Krzysztof Jakub on his 15th birthday - parents
19:00 For + Rozalia Bodzon & deceased from the family – Wieslawa with family